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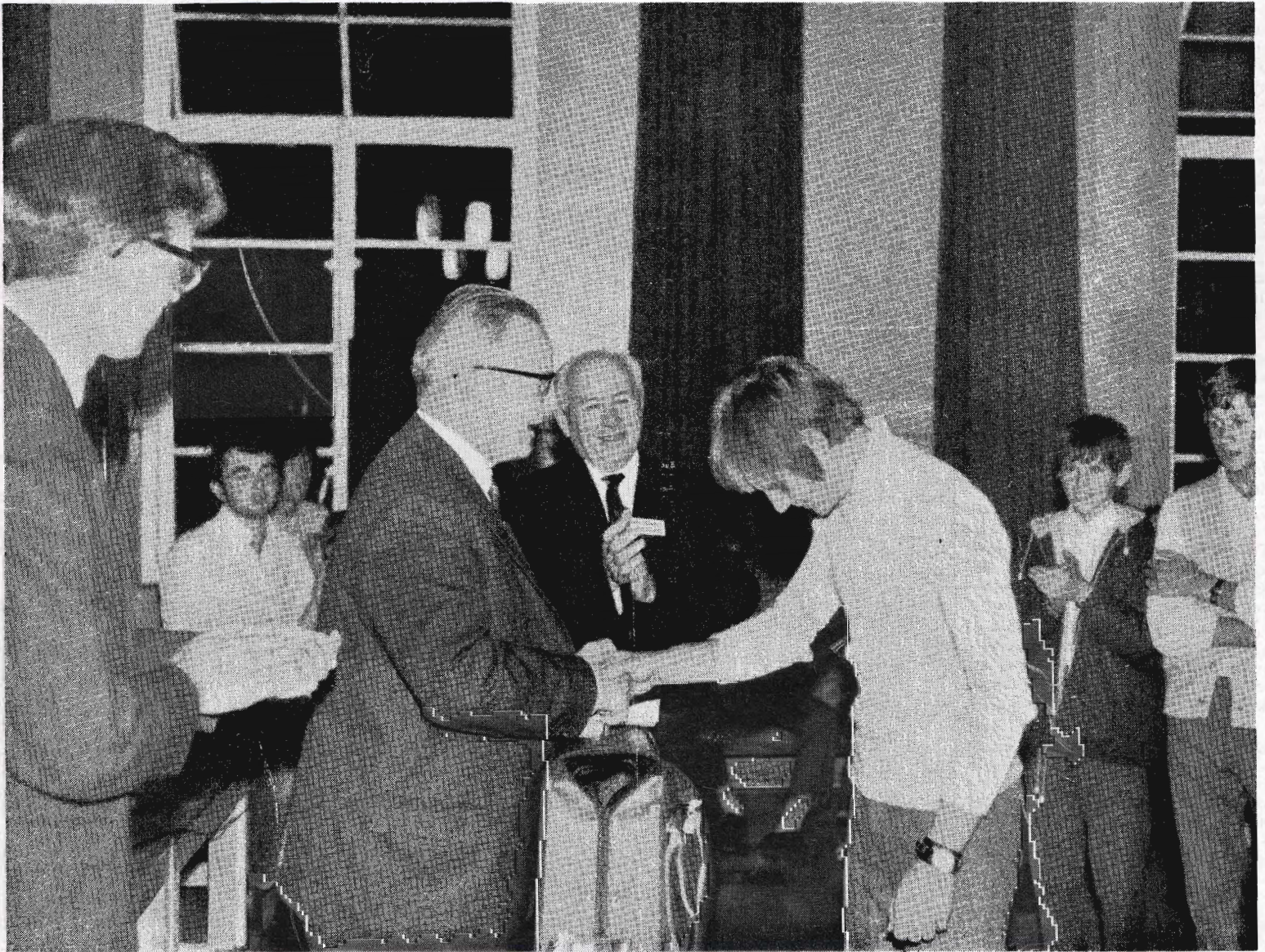


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Once more unto the breach

Once again, as in the senior European Championships in Moscow, England's efforts fell lamentably short in the more recent European Youth Championships played at Thornaby in August.

As host country, on Teesside, our representation was such that both in the individual and team events our numbers were legion as compared with those of other competing nations.

And yet, it was only in the boys' Cadet event that domination and eventual victory came when Cheshire's Simon Heaps beat Paul Guttormsen of Kent.

Small wonder then that the newly introduced system of junior training camps, brought into being in this country by Brian Wright, is to be furthered. But it is to be hoped, with a good deal more preparation—as in Sweden who have produced yet another European champion in Stellan Bengtsson—than hitherto!

Whilst on the subject of training, a corrective to a negative attitude of mind coupled with a greater degree of self discipline must also figure prominently in all subsequent programmes to be embarked upon.

Nervousness is a natural state of mind which goes hand in glove with any performance of note—not to the point of inhibition, but more to be likened to a springboard to success.

So let the term "suffered from nerves" figure less frequently as an excuse for a below par performance and allow temperament to be the dominant feature in providing the will to win.

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13th EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

by **TONY ROSS**

Czech Double Success—but Bengtsson Steals Thunder.

TO the pounding beat of a seven-strong group called Harvest, the 13th European Youth Championships were noisily concluded in the early hours of Monday, August 10, at the finals night party at Middleton St. George Training College, adjacent to Teesside Airport. Here it was that the young players from all corners of Europe celebrated their release from disciplined training, playing and sleeping schedules and some new international relationships were assuredly established.

In the previous week, a different "harvest" had been reaped by Czechoslovakia, whose double triumph in the team events was a repeat of a like success in Leningrad in 1968. Well merited as this achievement was, it was overshadowed by the outstanding individual performance of one player—Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson—whose right to claim the Hungary Cup for the boys' singles title could hardly have been more emphatic.

Throughout the Championships, including both team and individual events, this boy's fierce, almost frightening, determination took him through a total of 44 games without conceding one of them. In partnership with Hungary's Tibor Klampar, he acquired the boys' doubles trophy in similar fashion, and it was not until the semi-final of the mixed that, with Lena Andersson, he lost a game. In the end, the triple crown was denied him by Czechoslovakia's Milan Orlowski and Ilona Vostova.

An aggressive left-hander from Falkenberg, Bengtsson was 18 on the weekend the Swedish party left home to join the England juniors at Lea Green Sports Centre in Derbyshire for a special joint training session prior to the Championships. His youthful appearance and small stature contrast his high ability, since recognised by the ETTU by his inclusion at No. 6 in the European Men's Ranking List and by the imminent marketing by the Stiga firm of a bat bearing his name. Off the table, he is a modest individual, quick to point out the merits of the opposition, likes progressive modern pop music and appreciated the group thoughtfully provided at the finals night party, even if the majority of team captains, umpires and officials did NOT! He is now a full-time player, having left school last year.

Record Entry

With a record entry of 25 countries, superb playing conditions and the luxury of accommodation in single study-bedrooms, the general consensus of opinion seemed to be that the Championships were one of the best ever. A maximum of 334 players and officials was accommodated at the hostel, which served up no less than 2,259 breakfasts. Even this statistic was bettered by the Thornaby Pavilion snack-bar, which claimed to have served 5,918 persons, many with cooked meals.

Lunches and teas were served to players and officials in a school adjacent to Thornaby Pavilion, where appetites seemed to take the caterers by surprise. The colourful procession of track-suited players between the Pavilion and the school must have been one of the most notable features to the local populace, whose support of the event was conspicuous by its absence.

Referee John Wright's suggestion of the pure single notes of the opening bars of the fourth movement of Dvorak's 4th Symphony in G, to herald the start of each playing session was well liked, and further music was provided at the colourful opening ceremony by the local firm of Head Wrightson, whose Brass Band performed with aplomb. Ian Crickmer successfully marshalled into order the throng of players and the Ormesby Pathfinder Cub Scouts, who carried the countries' name-boards.

In short, a memorable week, with the parting message to the players—"See you all in Ostend next year"—reflecting the friendly spirit in which the Championships were played.

Team Competitions

CZECH DOMINATION

ENGLAND'S party arrived on Teesside with high hopes of improving on last year's third (girls) and seventh (boys) positions. Alas, they crumbled and fell before opposition whose forces collectively were more effective than England's isolated pockets of resistance. The boys managed to retain their seventh position but the girls slipped back to fifth place. Our second teams (which the host country is allowed to enter) finished 10th (boys) and 12th (girls).

The girls opened their account with 3-0 victories over Luxembourg and Poland. The second team went down by a similar score to Russia after Susan Beckwith had raised brief hopes by taking the first

game 21-11 against the hard-hitting 14-year-old Elmira Antonjan.

The top teams from each of the six first stage groups were divided in two, and our girls found themselves having to beat Czechoslovakia and Rumania for a place in the final. Rumania had previously beaten Sweden 3-2 in their first stage group, with the 15-year-old Lidia Ilie regis'ering a no'able win over the No. 2 seed in the girls' singles, Lena Andersson. Susan Howard found herself 16-19, then 18-20, in arrears in the opening game against Rumania's Nicoletta Spiridon, but fought back admirably to win 22-20. The second game was equally close, but again Susan triumphed, 26-24. Susan Lisle was unable to penetrate Lidia Ilie's Alexandru-like defence, and with the Howard sisters going down 2-1 in the doubles, it was left to Susan Howard to save the match against Ilie. Although Sue fought hard and won the second game 21-9, having lost the first 19-21, the Rumanian girl got home 17 in the third.

HAMMERED

For the match against Czechoslovakia, Linda Howard played in the singles with sister Susan, but not until the doubles (-19 in the third) did the English pair look like holding up Ilona Vostova's and Jana Kettnerova's progression to the final. The Czechs had previously hammered Rumania 3-0 without conceding a game.

In the play-off for fifth and sixth positions, the two Susans found the Federal German opposition of Sigrud Hans and Monika Kneip more to their liking, although in combination the German girls proved to be too much of a handful for the Howard sisters.

Having finished second in their first stage group, England's second team of Susan Beckwith and Janet Hellaby, slumped to disappointing defeats by Netherlands and Austria.



Double triumph for Czechoslovakia, seen here with the Girls' and Boys' team event trophies. The players (from left): Jara Kettnerova (17), Ludmila Smidova (12), Ilona Vostova (16), Pavel Pospiech (17), Milan Orlowski (17) and Pavel Ovcarik (16).

Photo by Tony Ross.

In the play-off for 11th and 12th places against Luxembourg, Susan Beckwith's win over Bethy Krier was the only bright spot.

Czechoslovakia's opposition in the final was Russia, last year's winners. The holders had previously been given a fright by Hungary, who led 2-1 after the doubles, only to concede the remaining singles, and this sequence was almost repeated in the final.

Vostova first easily despatched the Russian No. 1 Victoria Volkova, and then pulled her side through in the crucial doubles, 19 in the third, after Jana Kettnerova had been unable to hold the fiery Elmira Antonjan. Volkova then beat Kettnerova to square the match at 2-all and so all depended on the final set between Vostova and Antonjan. The Czech girl won the first 21-12, but was given an amazing shock in the second when she was completely out-hit by the 14-year-old Russian, whose game suddenly reached inspired heights. The decider went neck-and-neck to 15-all, but Vostova finally pulled away to win 21-18.

RESISTANCE

For the third successive year, Czechoslovakia won the boys team event, beating Sweden in the final 5-3, whose resistance almost wholly stemmed from the lethal bat of Stellan Bengtsson.

Sweden never really recovered from the loss of the opening set between a nervous Anders Johansson and the agile Czech No. 3, 16-year-old Pavel Ovcarik. The 17-year-old Swedish No. 2, who up to that point had lost only one set out of eight, could do nothing right and his despairing glances to his team's corner yielded no inspiration. Bengtsson quickly equalised the score at the expense of the Czech No. 2, Pavel Pospiech, but Milan Orlowski restored his team's lead by an expected win over Ingemar Wikström.

Back into the area stepped the determined Bengtsson to face Ovcarik, and easily took the first, 21-9. The second game coincided with the start of the girls' team event final on the adjacent table, and for the first and

only time in the Championships the Swedish No. 1 lost his concentration and look of impregnability. The Czech boy, realising he was in with a chance, tried all he could, but the Swede held on grimly to edge home 22-20. Orlowski was too good for Johansson and the Czechs again went into the lead, 3-2.

The sixth set was the only one to go to three, and it was Wikström who raised Swedish hopes when, having lost the first against Pospiech, he ran away with the second 21-8. But he could not do it again and the Czech No. 2 took command to make the match score 4-2.

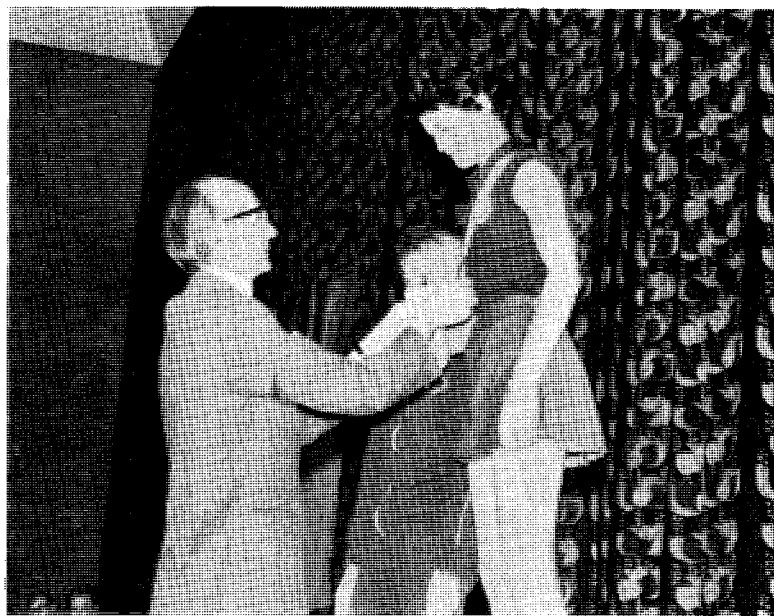
The next game was what promised to be the battle of the giants, with both Bengtsson and Orlowski hitherto unbeaten. But it was no contest. The Swedish left-hander was in the sort of form which took him to the semi-final of the European Championships in April, and Orlowski did not have a chance. With a superb display of controlled and accurate hitting, Bengtsson sent the reigning boys' singles holder tumbling to defeat, 21-11, 21-12.

However, the Czechs' success was not to be denied, and it was Ovcarik, who sealed their victory with a two-straight win over the luckless Wikström.

WELL MERITED

The Czech success was well merited, for in their second stage group match against Rumania, the score had stood 4-2 in the latter's favour, both Pospiech and Ovcarik having lost two sets. In an amazing recovery, the last three sets all went to Czechoslovakia. Orlowski retained his 100% record by beating opposing No. 1 Teodor Gheorghe, Ovcarik successfully levelled the score against the Rumanian No. 3, Aurel Ovanez, and then Pospiech got home 13 in the third against Stelian Nicolae. Czechoslovakia's other second stage successes were against Federal Germany 5-1 and Russia 5-2. Sweden's progress to the final was more assured, with second stage group wins over France, England 1 and Hungary, all by 5 sets to 2.

England's first team, selected from Jarvis, Dabin, Hellaby and Heaps,



E.T.T.A. Treasurer Tom Blunn makes the presentation of a ribboned medallion to Rumania's Lidia Iliu, winner of the Girls' Cadet event. Photo by Cliff Darley.

TOP FORM

In the play-off for 7th and 8th position, England engaged Federal Germany. With Jarvis at last in top form, winning all his three, the final score was 5-3 to England.

A strong England second team, comprising Fletcher, Taylor and Horsham, were in Rumania's first stage group, and the match against Rumania was a real thriller, going to the limit of the third game in the ninth set! Taylor was in great form and won his three. Fletcher began by beating the opposing No. 1, Gheorghe, but was unable to maintain the same form in his remaining two sets, and Horsham was left with the difficult task of beating Nicolae for the match. Although the Essex boy won the first game, the Rumanian stepped up the pressure and took the next two.

Thus banished from the first eight places by the narrowest of margins, England II won their second stage group with successes over Norway (5-3), Italy (5-0) and Austria (5-0). Final opposition for 9th place was provided by Poland. Here Taylor suffered one of those lapses to which too many England juniors seem prone and lost all his three sets. Fletcher and Horsham each beat the Polish Nos. 2 and 3, Chozanski and Wroniecki. Again, Horsham had to go on for a deciding set, this time against the Polish No. 1, Stanislaw Fraczyk, and again the Essex boy found himself on the wrong end of a 3-game set.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

A. K. "Bill" Vint, O.B.E., newly elected President of the English Table Tennis Association, congratulates Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson on his outstanding success in the European Youth Championships whilst handing over a travelling wardrobe. Charles Wyles, E.T.T.A. Chairman (centre) looks benignly on.



A word of commiseration from E.T.T.U. President, Jupp Schlaf for beaten finalist Milan Orlowski (Czechoslovakia) who lost his title to Bengtsson. Photo by Cliff Darley.

began their campaign with a 3-0 start against Netherlands. Then, amidst Dutch jubilation, their No. 2, Hans van der Broek, gained their first success against a Jarvis whose timing suddenly deserted him but there were no further shocks.

Belgium was also defeated 5-1, Hellaby dropping the set to Bruno Gilon.

Our opening match in the second stage groups was against Hungary, and we set off to an excellent 2-0 start, with Heaps fighting back from trailing positions to beat Gabor Gergely 22-20 in the third, and Jarvis gaining a third game victory over Janos Takacs. But not one more set did we take! Tibor Klampar won his three in straight games, and Jarvis and Hellaby lost also to Gergely and Takacs respectively, both in the third.

Next we faced Sweden, who played their No. 4, Lars Afrell, instead of Wikström. Immediately, we were in trouble as Jarvis was outmanouevred 17-21, 22-24 by Anders Johnsson. Bengtsson summarily despatched Heaps 5 and 11, but Dabin pulled one back by beating Afrell. Bengtsson cruised home against Jarvis (13, 13) and Dabin found Johansson not unduly troubled by chop defence. Heaps beat Afrell, but Bengtsson made it 5-2 for Sweden with a crushing 21-4, 21-11 win over the unfortunate Dabin.

NOT TO BE

Nevertheless, the chance of 5th place was possible, and to challenge for that right, we had to beat France. Alas, even this was not to be. The first three sets went to France, a team of left-handers. Two more from the French No. 1, 17-year-old Regis Canor, gave France the match, Jarvis and Dabin registering our only successes against Martin and Constant respectively. Canor was the driving force behind France's much improved showing, from No. 11 last year to No. 6. Although his team was defeated by Rumania in the play-off for 5th and 6th positions, the French No. 1 was unbeaten in this match, and lost only three sets out of 19 in the team event.

**LEADING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS
—FIRST EIGHT COUNTRIES.**

Boys	%
1. S. Bengtsson (Swe.), 16-0	100
2. T. Klampar (Hu.) 15-1	94
3. M. Orlovski (Cz.), 14-1	93
4. R. Canor (Fr.), 16-3	84
5. R. Erentjuk (USSR), 11-3	79
6. M. Baum (FG.), 12-4	75
7. A. Johansson (Swe.), 7-3	70
8. S. Nicolae (Ru.), 11-5	69
9. G. Gergely (Ru.), 9-4	69
10. P. Ovcarik (Cz.), 8-4	67

Girls	%
1. I. Vostova (Cz.), 6-0	100
2. L. Andersson (Swe.), 7-1	87
3. V. Volkova (USSR), 6-1	86
4. L. Ilie (Ru.), 6-2	75
5. E. Antonjan (USSR), 3-1	75
5i. S. Howard (Eng.), 5-2	71
7. J. Kettnerova (Cz.), 4-2	67
8. A. C. Hellman (Swe.), 4-2	67
9. S. Lisle (Eng.), 2-1	67
10. M. Kneip (FG.), 5-4	56

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS—
ENGLAND**

Boys	%
England I	
1. J. Dabin, 4-3	57
2. N. Jarvis, 8-7	53
3. R. Hellaby, 4-4	50
4. S. Heaps, 5-6	45
England II	
1. A. Fletcher, 10-4	71
P. Taylor, 10-4	71
3. I. Horsham, 8-5	61

Girls	%
England I	
1. S. Howard, 5-2	71
2. S. Lisle, 2-1	67
3. L. Howard, 1-1	50
England II	
1. S. Beckwith, 2-4	33
2. J. Hellaby, 1-5	17

**FINAL POSITIONS
(previous positions in brackets)**

BOYS—	
1. Czechoslovakia (1).	
2. Sweden (3).	
3. Hungary (2).	
4. U.S.S.R. (3).	
5. Rumania (6).	
6. France (11).	
7. England I (7).	
8. Federal Germany (9).	
9. Poland (7).	
10. England II (—).	
11. Netherlands (—).	
12. Italy (—).	
13. Denmark (15).	
14. Norway (17).	
15. Austria (10).	
16. Greece (15).	
17. Luxembourg (14).	
18. Belgium (11).	
19. Wales (—).	
20. Spain (—).	
21. Turkey (—).	
22. Ireland (—).	
23. Finland (—).	
24. Switzerland (17).	
25. Scotland (—).	
26. Jersey (—).	

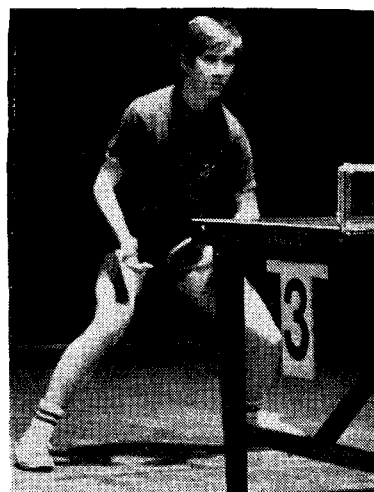
%	GIRLS—
1.	Czechoslovakia (2).
2.	U.S.S.R. (1).
3.	Hungary (5).
4.	Rumania (7).
5.	England I (3).
6.	Federal Germany (6).
7.	Sweden (7).
8.	Austria (10).
9.	Netherlands (9).
10.	France (11).
11.	Luxembourg (15).
12.	England II.
13.	Denmark (15).
14.	Switzerland (—).
15.	Spain (—).
16.	Belgium (—).
17.	Greece (13).
18.	Poland (11).
19.	Ireland (—).
20.	Scotland (—).
21.	Wales (—).

**Individual Events
by LAURIE LANDRY**

BENGTSSON THE MACHINE

AFTER the conclusion of the team events, there were not many followers of these championships, who were prepared to look further than Tibor Klampar of Hungary, Milan Orlovski, the holder from Czechoslovakia and Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden for the eventual winner. In fact not many would even look beyond Bengtsson who, with straight wins in all his 16 sets became the hottest favourite ever in these championships.

And so it was to be as Bengtsson, with machine-like precision cut his way to the final beating Verstraete (Belgium) 5, 8; Hellaby (England) 2, 11; Pospiech (Czechoslovakia) 13, 14; Gergely (Hungary) 7, 16 and Leshev (USSR) 18, 12. In the final the same treatment was administered to Orlovski, the holder, who just could not get through the constant stream of hits coming from Bengtsson's bat.



**STELLAN BENGTSSON
(Sweden)
Photo by Tony Ross.**

Soon after these championships Bengtsson was made European senior No. 6 with Klampar No. 7. But Klampar did not play up to this rating however even though he was not troubled by anyone except Bengtsson in the team event and Orlovski in the semi-final. This was expected to be a wonderful game but Klampar was far too erratic to make it so and Orlovski came through an easy winner.

In the girls' event Ilona Vostova was the obvious winner but, as in the team event where she dropped a game in the semi to the Russian Goar Khandratian, the final was a really good match with surprise finalist Eszter Juhos very nearly upsetting the Czech girl with her consistency. But it was Vostova's greater power that clinched the second game and the title.

The doubles events did not quite have the interest of the singles particularly the Boys' and mixed events where Bengtsson and Klampar in one, and Orlovski and Vostova in the other, were almost automatic winners. In the girls' doubles, however, unseeded Germans Sigrid Hans and Monika Kneip beat our own Howard girls and then third seeds Antonjan and Volkova. And, in the semi-final they ousted top-seeded Kettnerova and Vostova all in straight games!

It was 4th seeded Juhos partnered by Henriette Lotaller who won the event having overhit 2nd seeds Lena Andersson and Yiva Guntzsch before hitting too wide for the close-to-the-table game of Hans and Kneip.

ENGLISH SUCCESS

Consolation for England came in the Cadet Boys' (Under 14) event where both Simon Heaps and Guttormsen reached the final, Heaps winning. Hardest match for Heaps had been against French boy Constant to whom he has lost. Two very close games decided it. Guttormsen, likewise, was pushed hard by another French boy Birocheau to 23-21 in the 3rd! What a match an U-14 between England and France would be!

What of England's players in the main events? Peter Taylor, after one win, went out narrowly to Gara of Hungary after holding match points. Alan Fletcher was worn down by Rodelis (USSR) after winning the first, and Nicky Jarvis, after beating Hellstrom (Sweden), persisted in running round his backhand to leave himself wide open for a comfortable win to the credit of Pavel Ovcarik (Czechoslovakia). Whatever happened to our No. 1's backhand with which he had beaten Barnes last May?

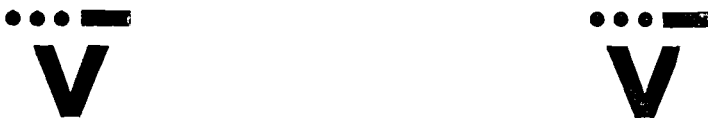
Robert Hellaby won two 3-gamers against lesser opponents and then was submerged 2 and 11 by Bengtsson without actually taking part in the match!

John Dabin was the player that saved our reputation. The Kent boy wore down Wikström (Sweden) after losing the first and then played Sergei Leshev, the No. 4 seed from Russia, for a place in the quarters. This was the best match of the tournament.

Dabin showed himself to be a real player. Losing the first, he got down to it getting back some excellent hits and then came in himself picking out some chances. The decider was anybody's and it was a couple of mishits from Dabin at 17-14 that brought the Russian back into the game. But Leshev was a worthy winner and he did not disgrace himself against Bengtsson.

NATURAL GAME

The girls were quite disappointing except for Susan Howard who, like Dabin, played her natural game with a nice win over Julie Khjuva (USSR) for a place in the quarters. And so Susan played unseeded Juhos for a semi-final place for the first time since 1965 when Pauline Hemmings reached this stage.



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After a really wonderful match, with the Hungarian girl hitting all over the table and Susan getting them all back, and picking out some lovely hits, the red-headed Eszter won 18 in the 3rd. What a second game which Susan won at 30-28!

Both Susan and John Dabin impressed the visiting countries with their fight and determination.

Results:

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

M. Orlovski (Cz.) bt A. Johansson (Swed.) 10, 7;

T. Klampar (Hu.) bt S. Nicolae (Ru.) 19, 12;

S. Leshev (USSR) bt R. Lindmea (USSR) 16, 10;

S. Bengtsson (Swed.) bt G. Gergely (Hu.) 7, 16.

Semi-finals:

ORLOWSKI bt Klampar 17, 12; BENGTTSSON bt Leshev 18, 12.

Final:

BENGTTSSON bt Orlovski 9, 13.

Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

I. Vostova (Cz.) bt V. Volkova (USSR) 17, 14;

G. Khandratian (USSR) bt C. Bergeret (Fr.) 19, 13;

E. Johos (Hu.) bt S. Howard (Eng.) 18, -28, 18;

L. Andersson (Sw.) bt J. Kettnerova (Cz.) 21, 17.

Semi-finals:

VOSTOVA bt Khandratian -15, 14, 7. JUHOS bt Andersson 22, 16.

Final:

VOSTOVA bt Juhos 13, 19.

Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

BENGTTSSON/KLAMPAR bt V.

Fursov/A. Stokatov (USSR) 14, 20; R. ERENTJUK (USSR)/LESHEV bt Orlovski/P. Pospiech (Cz.) -18, 20, 21.

Final:

BENGTTSSON / KLAMPAR bt Erentjuk/Leshev 14, 19.

Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

S. HANS/M. KNEIP (Fed. Ger.) bt Kettnerova/Vostova 18, 18;

JUHOS/H. LOTALLER (Hu.) bt Andersson/Y. Guntsch (Sw.) 17, 18;

Final:

JUHOS/LOTALLER bt Hans/Kneip 11, 14.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

ORLOWSKI/VOSTOVA bt Klampar/Juhos 9, 18;

BENGTTSSON / ANDERSSON bt Gergely/Lotaller 19, -16, 20.

Final:

ORLOWSKI/VOSTOVA bt Bengtsson /Andersson 15, 18.

Cadet (U-14) Boys' Singles:

Semi-finals:

S. HEAPS (Eng.) bt R. Giontella (Italy) 12, 8;

P. GUTTORMSEN (Eng.) bt V. Baranov (USSR) 19, 17.

Final:

HEAPS bt Guttormsen 14, 16.

Cadet (U-14) Girls' Singles:

Semi-finals:

L. ILIE (Ru.) bt E. Antonjan (USSR) 18, 12;

A-C. HELLMAN (Swed.) bt L. Parelmuter (USSR) 12, -18, 11.

Final:

ILIE bt Hellman 11, 18.

Boys' Consolation: Final:

R. CZOCHANSKI (Pol.) bt G. Wollnik (Fed. Ger.) 9, 21.

Girls' Consolation: Final:

G. PUHR (Aus.) bt S. Lisle (Eng.) 20, 14.

ENGLISH RESULTS

Boys' Singles:

P. Taylor bt O. Hatlebakk (Nor.) 14, -15, 18; lost to R. Gara (Hu.) 16, -14, -22.

A. Fletcher lost to A. Rodelis (USSR) 20, -15, -12.

P. Bishop bt A. Nussbaumer (Aus.) 15, 23; lost to M. Scheibel (Lux.) 14, -17, -14.

N. Jarvis bt K. Hellstrom (Swed.) 16, 16; lost to P. Ovcarik (Cz.) -15, -14.

J. Walker bt M. Viney (Jer.) 14, 11; lost to S. Nicolae (Ru.) -16, -19.

A. Boasman lost to T. Heckwolf (Fed. Ger.) -17, -14.

J. Dabin bt S. Bosi (It.) 8, 10; bt I Wikström (Swed.) -19, 18, 10; lost to Leshev -17, 11, -24.

R. Broadmore bt S. Nessoy (Nor.) 19, -16, 16; lost to B. Gilon (Bel.) 16, -12, -11.

I. Horsham lost to R. Lindmea (USSR) -12, 20, -14.

M. Read bt H. Nilsen (Nor.) -18, 10, 14; lost to Gergely -18, -13.

N. Fulstow lost to H. Van der Broek (Neths.) -8, -8.

R. Hellaby bt E. Heri (Swz.) -12, 12, 14; bt L. Briedahl (Den.) -17, 11, 11; lost to Bengtsson -2, -11.

Girls' Singles:

S. Lisle bt L. Chassaigne (Fr.) 14, 17; lost to R. Richter (Fed. Ger.) -13, -18.

S. Hamilton lost to A. van Moorst (Neths.) 16, -18, -18.

C. Randall lost to Kneip -10, 16, -13.

S. Beckwith bt K. Stewart (Ire.) 12, 14; lost to Bergeret -17, -10.

C. Mann lost to U. Scholer (Fed. Ger.) 19, -13, 1-7.

S. Howard bt J. Khjuva (USSR) -19, 16, 12; bt L. Vaesson (Neths.) 9, 12; lost to Juhos -18, 28, -18.

J. Hellaby lost to M. Kasparova (USSR) -18, -18.

P. Brenchley lost to Hans -12, -12.

Cadet (Boys):

K. James lost to V. Aleksandis (Tur.) -15, 14, -15.

D. Parker bt G. Roussopoulos (Gr.) 19, -11, 18; bt R. Hijne (Neths.) -16, 15, 17; lost to Baranov -17, -20.

P. Day lost to Hijne -9, -15.

D. Dino-Smith lost to P. Birocheau (Fr.) -7, -8.

P. Guttormsen bt A-G. Grung (Nor.) 17, 16; bt J. Felio (Sp.) 15, 19; bt P. Birocheau (Fr.) -18, 15, 21.

J. Kitchener lost to P. Vihko (Fin.) -9, -17.

D. Alderson bt B. van der Ham (Ne.) -15, 18, 16; lost to Vihko -10, -21.

R. Wiley lost to W. van der Poort (Ne.) 20, -17, -18.

S. Heaps bt J-D. Constant (Fr.) 23, 19; bt J. Cloos (Lux.) 10, 18.

Cadet (Girls):

G. Macrea lost to B. Thiriet (Fr.) -9, 19, -16.

E. Tarten lost to A. Przygoda (Po.) -13, -15.

J. Walker bt E. Bogner (Aus.) 18, 11; lost to A-C. Hellman (Swe.) -19, -8.

L. Howard lost to L. Parelmuter (USSR) -13, -22.

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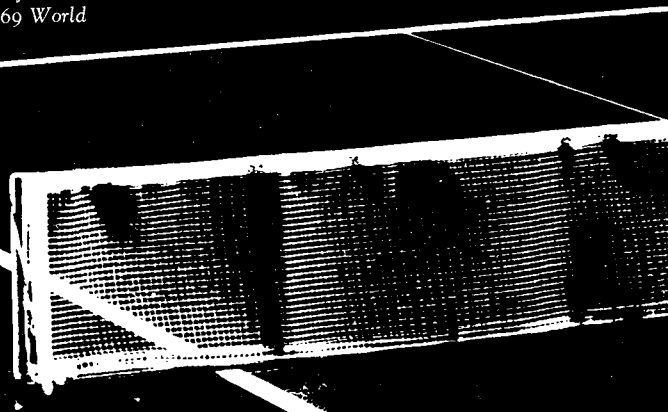
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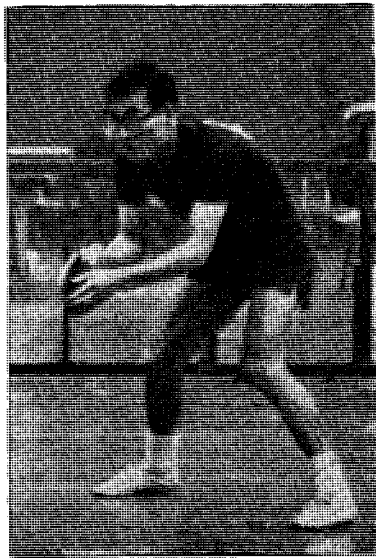
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Japanese Tour



SHIGEO ITOH

What better way to herald the new season than a four match tour of this country by the reigning World Champions, Japan, beginning on Monday, October 19th at the Royal Albert Hall, London, at 7.30 p.m.

Next port of call on the Japanese whistle stop will be Exeter University Sports Hall on the following night, Tuesday, October 20 (7.15 p.m.).

A free day on Wednesday is followed by a third match at the Central Hall, Birmingham, on Thursday, October 22 (7 p.m.) and the final match will be staged on Teesside on Friday, October 23 (7 p.m.) at Thornaby Pavilion.

Applications for tickets should be addressed as follows:—

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Tuesday, October 20 at Exeter

Mrs. Valerie Addicott,
7 Exwick Road,
Exeter, Devon.
Phone: Exeter 73421.

Prices: £1, 16s. and 12s.

Thursday, October 22 at Birmingham

Mr. M. Goldstein,
415 Moseley Road,
Birmingham 12.
Phone: 021-440 2739.

Prices: £1 10s. 0d., £1 and 10s.

Friday, October 23 at Teesside

Mr. J. V. Lake,
Recreation Manager,
Teesside C.B.C.,
Municipal Buildings,
Church Road,
Stockton, Teesside.
Phone: Stockton 62200.

Prices: 15s. for surround seating.
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At the time of going to press it is understood that the Japanese party will include the current World Champions, Shigeo Itoh and Miss Toshiko Kowada, together with Nobuhiko Hasegawa, a former World Champion and present Asian and Japanese champion.

From England, the Japanese tourists will fly out for a 5-match tour of Federal Germany beginning in Frankfurt (October 25), Berlin (October 27), Kleve (October 28) Saarbrücken (October 30) and finally in Köndrzig (October 31).

Final touch-down before returning home will be in Belgrade for a short tour of Yugoslavia.



TOSHIKO KOWADA

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1971

The Japan Table Tennis Association announced on August 19 that they had invited 92 nations, including the People's Republic of China and North Korea, to take part in the next world championships to be held in Nagoya from March 28 to April 7, 1971.

The association added that no invitation had been sent to South Africa because the International Table Tennis Federation had suspended that country.

PUBLICATION DATE

As from the November, 1970 issue, the publication date of TABLE TENNIS NEWS will revert to the 10th of the month. Correspondents are asked to submit copy no later than the 20th of the month preceding that of publication.

BRADFORD HOLD TRUMP HAND

by Malcolm Hartley
of the Telegraph & Argus

THE new rage in Bradford is table tennis whist. It's the brain-child of Steve Nunn, Bradford and Yorkshire coaching secretary, and two tournaments held during the summer have been a tremendous success.

Both were staged at Parkside Sports Centre, known to many northern players as a coaching venue.

The competition consists of a series of one-game mixed doubles.

The pattern of play follows progressive whist. The tables are numbered and partners change after each game. The winning man moves up a table, the winning woman moves down; the losers stay at the same table but the man goes to the other end and starts the next game by serving to the winning man who has come from the neighbouring table. The receiving pair change at ten.

Each player has a progressive whist card, pink for women and white for men, on which his or her pair's score (but not the opponents') is recorded after each game and the man and woman with the highest total at the interval and finish win prizes.

The first tournament was by invitation and 18 men and 18 women competed on nine tables.

There was an entry fee for the second but there were three women short—and that was because of holidays—so three men filled in, as happens in whist.

One result was the first appearance in table tennis of a "bearded lady"!

Another was a tie for the women's interval prize between one male and one female. On hearing that it was a canister of hair lacquer the man withdrew his claim and commented that if he qualified for the major women's prize at the finish he declined to contemplate what he might end up with!

The first tournament ended in a tie with two players on 238, Bradford match secretary Colin Webster taking the prize from city junior Ray Moorhouse on the spin of a coin.

The winner of the second event, Mick Holt, also scored 238, with runner-up Mike Smith (Halifax) only a point behind.

It can readily be seen, then, that every point counts; but there was some discussion about what happens beyond 20-all. Games were played to a finish but under this system it's better to lose 24-26 than win 21-0 (because you get 24 points on your total instead of only 21) and several believe it would be better to stop at 21, even allowing a 21-20 victory.

The tournaments showed that the best player does not necessarily win and neither does the player who gains most victories. Holt won only six of his 12 sets but earned the prize because he scored never less than 16 points. Smith had nine victories but collected only 11 points in one set which in the end cost him first place.

Other leagues are already making inquiries about the rules. Among those interested have been French players from Roubaix who visited Bradford in July and were beaten 7-2 in a twin town challenge.

TEAM MANAGER

The National Council of the E.T.T.A. have appointed Bryan Merrett as England's Team Manager for the 1970-71 season.

Bryan, at present an E.T.T.A. Staff Coach, has represented England and Gloucestershire on many occasions in the past, thus making him a worthy successor to Johnny Leach.

TEAM SELECTION

The following team was chosen to represent England in the Netherlands Open in Rotterdam on September 25-27:—

Denis Neale, Trevor Taylor, Alan Hydes, Jill Shirley, Karenza Mathews and Pauline Piddock. NPC: B. Merrett.

Chosen to represent England in the Spanish Open taking place in Madrid on October 10-12:—D. Neale, A. Hydes, K. Mathews and P. Piddock. NPC: R. Crayden.

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SOMERSET NOTES

by Ray Philpott

DEPARTURE LAMENTED

A blow to Somerset's hopes of 2nd Division (West) Championship honours was the departure to Chesterfield of No. 1 Eric Hall who was unbeaten in the County Championships last season. Eric, whose sportsmanship and behaviour at the table should have served as a model for all young players, had proved a tower of strength to the County and he and wife, Rusty, will be missed as players and friends. Best of luck in your new county Eric.

However, with stalwarts Tony Kinsey, John Hartry and Doreen Henderson still available and with young players like Brian Reeves, Jimmy Andrews, Pat Beazer, Rebecca Bryant and Sue Beazer all fighting for places Somerset should still be able to look forward to a successful season.

Senior Selection Committee: Ray Philpott, Mike Baker and Tony Kinsey.

Following the Junior Trial held at Worle School the Junior Selection Committee announced the following Junior Ranking List:—

Boys:

1. J. Pratlett
2. M. Williams
3. D. Newport
4. R. Andrews
5. M. Rugman
6. M. Hickley

Girls:

1. R. Bryant
2. S. Beazer
3. P. Beazer
4. A. Wilson
5. J. Wilson

The Somerset League programme should now have commenced and the teams taking part this season are:—
Division I: Bath, Chard, Failand, Taunton and Weston-super-Mare.
Division II: Bath, Bridgewater, Failand, North East Somerset 'A', North East Somerset 'B', Portishead, Taunton, Weston-super-Mare and Yeovil.

Junior Division: Bath, Bridgewater, Chard and Taunton.

Please note that the new Somerset League Secretary is M. J. Baker, 22, Riverside Gardens, Midsomer Norton, Somerset.

Also please note the amended League Rules.

As these notes are being written during the cricket season they must obviously deal more with players than play but it is intended in the future to include both items of interest and details of play within the county. To this end I would be grateful if items suitable for publication were forwarded to me at 33 Palmer Street, Weston-super-Mare.

Congratulations to . . .

Eric and Rusty Hall on the birth of a son Tony.

Tony and Mary Kinsey on the birth of a son Christopher Anthony.

Alan and Josi Fisher on the birth of a son Stephen Richard.

Graham Gear on his recent marriage in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Sandra Pentland. Former Somerset No. 1, Graham is at the time of writing these

notes preparing for the Canadian Open and Closed Championships and also looking forward to renewing old acquaintances at Christmas.

Doreen Henderson, a tireless worker, on her appointment to the National Coaching and Schools Sub-committee (Midlands & S.W. Panel).

June Watts (Failand's No. 1 lady player) on her appointment as a Justice of the Peace for Bristol. June is also the very efficient secretary of the Bristol and District T.T. Association.

Dates for the Diary

The three home county matches this season are:

Oct. 10—v. Cornwall at Weston-super-Mare Y.M.C.A.

Nov. 14—v. Wiltshire at Taunton Y.M.C.A.

Feb. 13—v. Monmouthshire at Percy Boys' Club, Bath.

Please make every effort to support your county team at all of their home games. A little encouragement goes a long way.

Three local tournament dates are:
Nov. 7—Bristol Restricted.

Feb. 20—Bristol Closed.

Mar. 13—Somerset Closed at Weston-super-Mare Y.M.C.A.

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

TWO NEWCOMERS

Saturday, Oct. 3 will see the opening matches in the Western Counties League with newcomers Weymouth and West Wilts. joining the fold. Regrettably Salisbury have had to withdraw.

Composition of the two divisions:—

MEN:

Bristol, Exeter, Newbury, Newport, Plymouth, Swindon I, Swindon II, Taunton, West Wilts., Weston-super-Mare and Weymouth.

WOMEN:

Bristol, Devizes, Exeter, Newbury, Newport, Swindon and Weymouth.

The men play home and away in alternate seasons whilst the women will be engaged both home and away in the same season.

At the A.G.M., held in Bristol, the officers returned were:—President: J. Ford, Chairman: Reg Salway, Sec./Treas.: Grove Motlow.

Mr. John Ford presented trophies and awards to last season's winners Bristol (men) and Newbury (women).

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Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Oct. 2/3	North of England 2-Star Open Mather & Platt Ltd., Park Works, Newton Heath Manchester 10.	VS, JBS, JGS	Mr. L. W. Jones, 261, Mauldeth Road, Burnage, Manchester M19 1EH
3/4	Newbury Junior 2-Star Open The Corn Exchange, Newbury.	U-11, -13 & -15 BS, GS, U-15, BD, GD, XD	Mrs. G. M. Smith, "Greenacres", Pinchington Lane, Newbury, Berks.
11	North Bournemouth Restricted 1-Star Open The Town Hall, Bournemouth.	JS	Mr. C. J. Buck, 18, Sherwood Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.
17/18	Sussex 2-Star Open Sea-End Pavilion, Hastings Pier, Hastings.	VMS	Mr. D. N. Tyler, Prudential Chambers, 1, York Buildings, Hastings, Sussex.
17/18	North Herts. 2-Star Open British Aircraft Corporation Canteen, Stevenage.	U-11, -13 BS, GS, U-15, BS, GS, BD, GD.	Mr. J. Jermyn, 191, Baldock Road, Letchworth, Herts.
25	Merton Restricted 1-Star Open Winton Y.M.C.A., Bournemouth.	JS (Separate if sufficient entries)	Mr. C. Fuggat, 33, Whitehayes Road, Burton, Nr. Christchurch, Hants.
30/31	THE MERSEYSIDE 3-STAR OPEN Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd. Canteen, Speke, Liverpool 24.	VS, JBS, JGS	Mr. B. A. Leeson, 16, Avolon Road, Liverpool L12 9ER. Closing Date: 17.10.70.
Nov. 1	Humberston 2-Star Open Young People's Institute, Ferens Recreation Centre, Hull.	VS, JBS, JGS	Mr. J. H. Popham, The Kennels, Hotham Park, York YO4 3UN.
7/8	Woolwich 2-Star Open Greenwich Baths.	JBS	Mr. M. R. Ellis, 13, The Links, Downsview Estate, Chatham, Kent.
14/15	Kent Junior 2-Star Open Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.	U-11, -13, -15 BS, GS, U-13 BD, GD, U-15 BD, GD, XD.	Mr. G. H. Daniels, 89, Harvey Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.
15	Hastings Tigers Restricted 1-Star Open Bcxhill Youth Centre.		Mr. J. F. Wyles, 48a, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.
21/22	MIDLAND COUNTIES 3-STAR OPEN Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre, Warley, Staffs.	VS, JBS, JGS, JD	Mr. M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.
IRELAND			
Oct. 23/24	Munster Open (Limerick)		Mr. C. A. Moore, 78, Orby Drive, Belfast BT5 6AG.
Nov. 7	Ulster Open (Lisburn)		
14	Leix/Offaly Open (Tullamore)		
SCOTLAND			
Oct. 24	North of Scotland Open (Aberdeen)		Mr. N. Davidson, 107, Walker Road, Torry, Aberdeen.
Nov. 14	Midlands Open (Dundee)		Mr. I. A. Dunbar, 5, Montrave Place, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
22	East of Scotland (Edinburgh)		Mr. J. M. McCormack, 2, Bramdean Place, Edinburgh EH10 6JS.
WALES			
Oct. 17	Aberdare Open	JBS, JGS	Mr. E. J. Thomas, 63, Ynys Llwyd Street, Aberdare, Glamorgan.
Nov. 7	Swansea Open	JBS, JGS	Mr. D. Nelson, 4, The Promenade, Mount Pleasant, Swansea, Glamorgan.

Note: Closing dates approximately 14 days prior to event.



PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT AND COACHES COURSES

LILLESHALL '1970'

by Susan Kavallierou

Realising that the "Golden Gates" of Lilleshall National Recreation Centre were at least two miles away from the actual building, made me rather wary of what was in store for us all. But on passing through the great portals I was taken aback by the broad acres of land and the wild-life that existed in the vicinity. Rabbits, squirrels, feathered friends and, not forgetting, the "one and only" peacock all stood and stared as if to welcome all newcomers.

The building itself was large with an air of mystery about it. "Fred", the stuffed deer, with his life-like glass eyes, stood to attention in the entrance hall waiting for his usual pat on the back. The winding wooden staircase creaked as people slowly but nervously made their way up, in the hope of not attracting too much attention to themselves.

At last I reached my dormitory, only to find five other beds occupied by fellow table tennis players and this obvious mistake of putting six bouncing girls in one room was soon realised!

The bell went at 7 p.m. for our first meal. And, all at once, the whole building came to life with people running, talking and shouting in the hope of reaching and occupying a table for the rest of the week.

One soon discovered who the table tennis fanatics were—their meal was finished within fifteen minutes and they were playing within the next five!

Twelve beautifully conditioned tables, adequately spaced, were there to be taken advantage of, and we practised fiercely until 10 o'clock that first evening in the hope of polishing up the finer points for the week's sessions that lay ahead.

The comfort and cheerfulness of the bar proved a life saver and soon every-

one had been introduced and instead of arranging ourselves into small groups we all ended up together.

We were all reminded of the early morning run, in which we could participate, but due to the conviviality of a midnight chat it proved difficult to waken ourselves for the stated time.

Our daily routine consisted of seven hours play, broken up by lunch and tea breaks, which concluded at 7 o'clock in the evening. And it was surprising how, after three days, each player's consistency had improved.

Hans Soova, one of our appointed coaches, managed exceedingly well by organising set play for both the coaches and personal improvement courses prior to the delayed arrival of Staff Coach Bryan Merrett.

Just how keen and enthusiastic we were, was shown by the interest taken by people from other courses who stopped to watch and soon realised that table tennis was not the "ping pong" they knew. They would creep in after our day's play and practise themselves what they had seen us do previously.

Even Mr. Lane, the C.C.P.R. Chairman himself, couldn't resist the temptation of peering into our hall from time to time and seemed positively amazed at our keenness. So too were the Judo course whom we challenged to a game of football, but our 13-4 success was not achieved without escaping bruises.

Not only did we discover table tennis talent, but also some writing and singing talent in the persons of Don Davies and the irrepressible Steve "Daft Bat" Phillips who would have put Lennon and McCartney to shame!

To finish off our most enjoyable week, we engaged in an exciting doubles tournament which was narrowly won by Paddy Shepherd and Alan Woolven, who beat Hans Soova and Alec Webster, 19 in the third.

Achievements:—

Mrs. B. Russell—1-Star Diploma Coach.

Don Davies and Paddy Shepherd—Club Coaches.

Gold Awards:—

Sylvia Broadbent, Suzanna Kavallierou, Roger Barnicle and Paul Byrne.

On behalf of us all at Lilleshall, I would like to thank Frank Brown, Clive Kendall, Alan Woolven and Bernard Rowley for assisting Hans Soova with the coaching. And to Hans Soova and Bryan Merrett for all the time they spent with us. The departing words of almost everybody were "see you next year".

The Editor would like to thank Alec Webster for a similar feature, not used for obvious reasons, but whose off-beat reference to Steve Phillips was incorporated with Susan's report.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

"TON UP" IN CAMBS. LEAGUE

One hundred teams in nine divisions will this season comprise the Cambs. League made up of players from all over the county with the lower

divisions being zoned to reduce travelling to a minimum.

Champions, University Press, with closed title holder Tony Littlechild and Keith Chapman will again be a hard team to beat, their most likely challengers being deposed New Chesterton Institute spearheaded by John Thurston and Stephen Andrews.

Soham too will provide a hard nut to crack with Brian Jones, Eddie Sharpe and John Ashman. All-in-all the division will provide little in the way of easy pickings for newly promoted St. George's and Cambridge Evening News.

Henceforward the league will be officially titled "The Cambridge and District League" as this body was formed during the close season. Previously the Cambs. County administered the affairs of the League but now both have independent officials but representatives of the League, together with those from the Wisbech and Ely Leagues will attend County meetings.

Cambridge and District League officials are:—President: W. J. Rogerson, Sec.: L. R. J. Constable, Comps. Sec. and Treas.: G. Waters, Chairman: K. Winterbottom, Match Sec.: J. A. Thurston, and Coaching Sec.: K. Chapman.

Margaret Cornwell has again been elected Hon. Secretary of the Cambs. Association, a position which she has successfully held for many years. The "News Letter" will again be edited by Roger Wilson who made such a good job of it last season.

It is most encouraging to follow the amazing record of 12-years-old Paul Day of Soham who will surely represent Cambs. Junior this season. Denis Neale has regarded Paul as a future England player which is praise indeed.

Congratulations to Carol Chapman on her marriage to local soccer star Alan Payne.

And congratulations Leslie on your marriage to Margaret Roser, which took place at Wesley Church, Cambridge in August—the weekend after Carol Chapman's at the same church. Leslie's new address is 6, Pentlands Court, Pentlands Close, Cambridge. Ed.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

ACTIVITY PLUS

During the summer, Middlesex have been even more active than usual. As always, the weekly coaching for leading juniors in the County has been undertaken by Leo Thompson and myself. In addition there have been three County Coaching Rallies at the new Barnets T.T. Centre.

These, with an average of 50 players and 10 coaches each time, were a real success. Following them, it is now proposed to have monthly sessions throughout the season for promising players with three or more years as juniors.

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A number of arguments can be used in support of this motion, I have chosen just three:

- (a) The more we read and hear of the success of the Japanese in the game the more obvious it becomes that as soon as they spot really promising "mini-juniors" they are not allowed to frolic for long amongst their own age-group; instead they are brought forward rapidly and if their progress is fast enough soon find themselves up against the best players in the land.
- (b) You need only read as far as the second page of Denis Neale's new

book 'The Way to the Top' to see, "I was dropped in at the deep end at the youth club against much tougher lads". One wonders if Dennis is not a prime example of a player now just in world class but who might now have been *right* at the top if he had been discovered earlier and developed as quickly as we see young foreign players advance up the international ladder.

- (c) Heaven knows how many potential world class prospects are lost in this country at the point where a junior player (boys far more than girls) wins and wins more and more games in junior events and becomes more and more conceited. Praise is heaped on him from all quarters and in no time at all his interests and skills are diverted to other sports from tennis to the pursuit of the opposite sex.

I wince when I see senior opens clashing with junior events. How misguided are the juniors who flock to the junior tournament in search of temporary glory when they might gain so much more with the chances of spiking the big guns at the other venue. Think also of the vast amount of time and money spent on juniors by officials who imagine they are helping the game by organising more and more all-junior functions. This energy should be diverted to organising more senior tournaments which would gain bigger entries.

The years are now beginning to pile up since England won any world titles; never shall we need world-class players more than in 1973 when we hope to stage the championships. Unless we cancel all junior events with the two exceptions of county and international matches (barring miracles) we shall be just another mediocre table tennis nation, even if we are the hosts, in 1973! Throw *all* the juniors in *every* deep end we can find—and get ready to count the English world titles!

WILTSHIRE NOTES

by Ken Bostock

NO FLUKE

At the Swindon Closed Championships held at Park Sports Hall on May 10, Mick Andrews, Wilts. county champion and seeded No. 2, proved that his form at the County Championships wasn't a fluke, by beating No. 1 seed Tony Wolff (Jnr.) in the men's singles final.

Other surprises in the men's singles included the exit of Brian Leakey, the No. 4 seed, in the first round, and the promising form of junior Ken Harrison who, unseeded, reached the last four.

Individual and League trophies were presented by Mr. Tom Sears, Vice-President of the Association.

Results:

M.S.: *Semi-finals:*

M. Andrews bt F. Bailey -9, 10, 14;

A. Wolff (Jnr.) bt K. Harrison 14, 14.

Final:

ANDREWS bt Wolff 14, 20.

W.S.:

K. LESLIE bt G. Hazel 18, -16, 18.

M.D.:

BAILEY/WOLFF (Jnr.) bt J. Clifford/
L. Hughes 11, 18.

X.D.:

WOLFF (Jnr.)/M. WOLFF bt B.
Leakey/Hazel 10, 19.

W.D.:

B. MOODY/D. ONSLOW bt F. Hinder
/B. Stillman 11, 14.

V.S.:

L. HUGHES bt G. Townsend 15, 17.

Team entries for the Wiltshire League are down this season, but the divisions will continue the same, with six teams in Div. 1 and four each in the Mixed and Junior.

County rankings are:—

Men

1. W. Moulding
2. R. Arney
3. F. Bailey
4. R. Smith
5. B. Leakey
6. G. Turnbull
7. J. Candy
8. T. Vance

Women

1. A. Boyce
2. G. Hazel
3. M. Alexander
4. K. Leslie
5. K. Waters



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Coca Cola Award

In July, the E.T.T.A. announced the result of the Coca Cola Award Scheme won, in its inaugural season, by England's No. 1, Denis Neale.

The Award is worth £300 to the winner, but Denis agreed to accept £100 and nominated two up-and-coming players to benefit from the remaining £200. This will be administered by the E.T.T.A., and it is appropriate that the two beneficiaries come from Denis's home area of Teesside.

Denis points out in his new book, "The Way to the Top" that he had to learn his table tennis the hard way and had to travel outside Middlesbrough to develop his game, although Teesside now is a hive of table tennis activity.

The two players who have developed from this activity and who are to benefit are Linda Bashford (No. 10 senior) and Nicky Jarvis (No. 1 Junior and No. 10 senior).

The Award Scheme has proved to be very popular amongst English players and has, and will continue, and is to be, used as a guide in preparing ranking lists.

Our picture shows Mr. P. Anderson, of Coca Cola Southern Bottlers Ltd., making the presentation of the Award to Denis Neale.

Points as at the end of last season were:—

Men	
D. Neale (Yorks.)	3405
C. Barnes (Essex)	2460
T. Taylor (Herts.)	1615
A. Hydes (Yorks.)	1560
R. Penfold (Surrey)	340
M. Johns (Ches.)	320
B. Burn (Northld.)	235
O. Haslam (Midddx.)	155
A. Ransome (Northld.)	155
N. Jarvis (Yorks.)	125
A. Piddock (Kent)	125
P. Taylor (Beds.)	120
R. Gunnion (Warwks.)	110
Women	
M. Wright (Surrey)	1945
J. Shirley (Bucks.)	1540
K. Mathews (Midddx.)	775

P. Piddock (Kent)	610
J. Williams (Sussex)	420
S. Hession (Essex)	375
L. Bashford (Yorks.)	340
L. Radford (Essex)	265
M. Robson (Northld.)	150
S. Howard (Surrey)	145
L. Howard (Surrey)	135
S. Beckwith (Surrey)	105
S. Lisle (Lancs.)	100
D. Simpson (Essex)	100

COCA COLA POINTS SYSTEM

Revised by a specially appointed committee, points for the 1970-71 season will be awarded for the following:—

- 1 European League.
- 2 World and European Championships.
- 3 International Open Tournaments.
- 4 International Matches.
- 5 English Tournaments.
- 6 County Matches.
- 7 National Cups.
- 8 Bonus Points.
- 9 European Club Championships.

Irish, Scottish, Welsh Tournaments will NOT be included. Invitation tournaments will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

- 1 EUROPEAN LEAGUE MATCHES
25 points per singles won, plus bonus points when appropriate.
- 2 (a) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Points awarded as follows:—
Individual: Winner: 1,000; Runner-Up: 500; Semi-Finalists: 250; Quarter-Finalists: 150; Last 16: 75.
Team Events: 25 points per singles won, plus bonus points when appropriate.
(b) EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
Points awarded as follows:—
Individual: Winner: 500; Runner-Up: 250; Semi-Finalists: 125; Quarter-Finalists: 75; Last 16: 35.
Team Events: 25 points per singles won, plus bonus points when appropriate.

INTERNATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENTS

These are divided into four grades.

1st Grade must contain 6 or more of Europe's top 12 ranked players.

2nd Grade must contain 4/5 of Europe's top 12 ranked players.

3rd Grade must contain 2/3 of Europe's top 12 ranked players.

4th Grade must contain 0/1 of Europe's top 12 ranked players.

Points are awarded as follows:—

1st Grade: Winner: 250; Runner-Up: 125; Semi-Finalists: 75; Quarter-Finalists: 50.

2nd Grade: Winner: 200; Runner-Up: 100; Semi-Finalists: 50; Quarter-Finalists: 25.

3rd Grade: Winner: 100; Runner-Up: 50; Semi-Finalists: 25; Quarter-Finalists: 10.

4th Grade: Winner: 50; Runner-Up: 25; Semi-Finalists: 15.

During the rounds of International or English Tournaments, English players will be awarded points if they beat a foreign player who is in the first FIVE of his/her respective country's ranking list. Points shall be as follows:

15 points per singles won, plus bonus points when appropriate.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

25 points per singles won, plus bonus points when appropriate.

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

These are divided into five grades:—

Grade 1: 3 of England's top 4, or 8 of the top 12.

Grade 2: 2 of England's top 4, or 6/7 of the top 12.

Grade 3: 0 of England's top 4, or 4/5 of the top 12.

Grade 4: 0 of England's top 4, or 2/3 of the top 12.

Grade 5: 0 of England's top 4, or 0/1 of the top 12.

Points awarded

Grade 1: Winner: 100; Runner-Up: 50; Semi-Finalists: 25; Quarter-Finalists: 10.

Grade 2: Winner: 75; Runner-Up: 40; Semi-Finalists: 20.

Grade 3: Winner: 50; Runner-Up: 25; Semi-Finalists: 15.

Grade 4: Winner: 25; Runner-Up: 15; Semi-Finalists: 10.

Grade 5: Winner: 10; Runner-Up: 5.

ENGLISH CLOSED: 50% up on above scales.

The grade depends on the actual playing in the Tournament of the ranked players. If a player enters but scratches, this does not count in the grading.

COUNTY MATCHES

For winning a singles in the Premier Division—15 points.

For winning a singles in other Divisions—5 points.

Bonus points to be included.

NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

Bonus points only to apply.

BONUS POINTS

World and European ranked players are graded as follows:—

World:
100 points for beating players ranked 1-10.
50 points for beating other ranked players.

European:
50 points for beating players ranked 1-8.
25 points for beating other ranked players.

Home Ranking List Bonus Points

No. 1	50 points
No. 2	45 points
No. 3	40 points
No. 4	35 points
No. 5	30 points
No. 6	25 points
No. 7	20 points
No. 8	15 points
No. 9/10	10 points
No. 11/12	5 points

In Invitation Tournaments, bonus points only to apply.

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bonus points only to apply.

CORNWALL NOTES

by Tom Honey

ROGER TAKES THE CHAIR

After serving as County Treasurer for nineteen years, the last ten as Secretary as well, Roger Bunt has now taken over the Chair. He succeeds Bob Charlesworth—now departed for Lincolnshire—who was made a Life Member in recognition and appreciation of his work for the Association. It was mainly due to the efforts of Bob that the Association was formed in 1951. Other officers elected at the A.G.M. were:—President: Mrs. M. T. R. Pearce, Hon. Treasurer: J. Lawer and Hon. Secretary: T. M. Honey.

Cornwall, who have failed to score a single victory for three years, are determined to improve their record this season in Div. 2 West. A squad of twelve players has already been selected and met for the first time on Sept. 13 under the expert guidance of Laurie Landry.

All of last season's players are available with the addition of Judy Chinn who returns after a season's absence having been a regular team member in 1968-69. Pending his move to St. Austell, Colin Monson of Eastbourne has been invited to join the squad. This season Cornwall has registered new colours and will be playing in traditional amber (shirts) and black (shorts).

Emphasis is very much on coaching at present and Laurie Landry has already made two visits. In addition to his County Squad session, Laurie was also in charge of a very successful weekend course on May 30-31 which was attended by 24 juniors. On Oct. 28-30, Bryan Merrett makes his first visit to Cornwall and will be coaching young players of the St. Austell Youth Council Leaders' League and the Cornwall Schools' Association, as well as the top county juniors.

The Cornwall Schools T.T.A., formed 3 years ago by the initiative and enthusiasm of their present chairman, David Blackford, has 25 affiliated Secondary, Grammar and Comprehensive schools playing in four area leagues. All girls play against the boys with 5 points start. Area winners play off at the end of each season to determine the County champions and reigning are Humphrey Davy Grammar School for Boys (Penzance).

Individual championships for boys and girls are also held and last season's Girls' final was played between Anna Lanyon and Gloria Wotton, both having represented the County. Anna was the winner.

'MAYFLOWER 70'

by D. A. BAZELL

SUGDEN SCUTTLED BY BARNES

WHEN Malcolm Sugden, the Scottish No. 1, defeated Trevor Taylor to reach the final of the Plymouth 'Mayflower 70' tournament, at H.M.S. Drake on September 12, it seemed that the crippling attack with which the England No. 3 had suffered might be too much to tame—even for Chester Barnes!

But it was not so. Barnes was the master and rarely did it look like being otherwise. Sugden was not allowed the scope for his vicious left hand, as had occurred against Taylor, and victory for the England No. 2 became almost a formality after the opening exchanges.

Alan Hydes had given Barnes his toughest fight in the other semi-final. Indeed, Hydes was a little unlucky not to force his opponent to a deciding game. The Yorkshire left hander was menacing and often gave as good as he received in an unrelenting struggle. But Barnes made it 18 and 22.

There were just over 100 entries for the men's singles event and one of the best local performances was put up by Plymouth's Adrian Wright

against the all-conquering Barnes who won 14 in the third. A big disappointment was the non-appearance of England's top player Denis Neale, who was unwell.

Most disappointed of the top players there was probably No. 1 women's seed Jill Shirley, who was completely out of touch in her final engagement against Pauline Piddock. The two internationals were ill-matched on this occasion and Jill made an astonishing number of un-enforced errors and looked near to tears at the end.

Jill had better luck in the women's doubles final in which she and Shelagh Hession got the better of Lesley Radford and Susan Lisle.

The men's doubles final was less exciting than it might have been. Barnes and Tony Piddock defeated Hydes and Mike Johns and never looked particularly pressed.

Devon's top junior, Keith James, put up a spirited fight against Graham Bloomfield but lost to his more experienced opponent. Chard's Pat Beazer duly won the counterpart girls' event with a final victory over Gill Wetmore.

Although the tournament was staged as part of the 350th anniversary celebrations of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers, it is possible that the event may become an annual one.

"We would very much like to

establish this as a big tournament in the West Country. It just depends on what financial backing may be forthcoming", said organising and Plymouth secretary, Roger Jacobs.

Plymouth Corporation underwrote the 'Mayflower 70' tournament with £300 of which £120 went in prize money. Referee was Mrs. Pat Archdale.

Results—

Men's Singles:

C. BARNES (Essex) beat M. Sugden (Scotland) 15, 13.

Women's Singles:

P. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt J. Shirley (Bucks.) 10, 17.

Men's Doubles:

BARNES/A. PIDDOCK (Kent) bt A. Hydes (Yorks.)/M. Johns (Ches.) 18, 19.

Women's Doubles:

S. HESSION (Essex)/SHIRLEY bt S. Lisle (Lancs.)/L. Radford (Essex) 20, 12.

Mixed Doubles:

JOHNS/LISLE bt D. Munt (War-wicks.)/Hession 14, 16.

Boys' Singles:

G. BLOOMFIELD (Essex) bt K. James (Devon) 18, 12.

Girls' Singles:

P. BEAZER (Somerset) bt G. Wetmore (Gloucs.) 18, 13.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

RARE HONOUR

At Norwich and District League's A.G.M., Harold Betts' 32-year term as Hon. Secretary came to an end. He was the second longest serving Secretary in the country. Now is the time to pay tribute to this great figure in Norwich Table Tennis.

Harold E. Betts, B.Sc.(Econ.) London M.R.S.T. (these letters always appeared in the Handbook) took over from Mr. R. E. Durrant during the course of the 1938-39 season. He was previously that season Hon. Press Secretary, and he continued to contribute notes to the Eastern Evening News from that date for 32 years, only missing once. "Flight's" notes were always eagerly read and discussed. During the last war, he was away, of course, and achieved commissioned rank, in the Army.

Harold will be remembered by those outside Norwich as the organiser of several international matches, such as the Rest of England v. Rumania (1955), England v. Yugoslavia (1958), England v. Sweden (1962) and again v. Sweden in the European League in 1968. All these were held at Norwich Lads' Club, the last becoming famous as the "beer-crate international". Harold also organised several exhibitions, the first at Norwich Lido on Feb. 22, 1939, when Barna, Bergmann, Bellak and Vana gave Norwich an idea of what an exciting game Table Tennis could be. I also remember Leach, Carrington and the Rowe twins at the Lads' Club, after the War.

As a player, Harold started with Angel Road School Staff in 1936-37, when Norwich League had only two divisions. About 1953 he joined Roberts Printers, later renamed Norfolk Dumplings. In 1952-53 he became Norwich Veterans' Champion and last season he received a Division 1 Winners' plaque when the league had grown to some 120 clubs and 800 players. A splendid record!

Always helping with the constant calls and telephone messages of a busy Secretary was Harold's Mother, Mrs. Daisy Betts, to whom is owed a debt of gratitude, not only for this but for the way in which she dispensed hospitality on many occasions to Table Tennis guests.

Both Harold and Mrs. Betts were elected Vice-Presidents of Norwich League, a sufficiently rare honour in these parts.

To succeed Harold Betts, the League elected Lennie Miller, a Divisional Secretary since 1953-54. He umpired at the England v. Sweden European League match in 1968 and in the more recent Hungary match at Felixtowe. He was donor of the League's Team Handicap Cup. Full of enthusiasm and ideas, especially for the new Amenities Fund, which is going from strength to strength, Lennie played first for Gasworks Social Club, and from 1960-61 for Norwich Y.M.C.A. We wish him every success with the heavy task before him!

Finally, congratulations to Ken Edwards and his journal "Monthly Mardle" for giving the playing record last season of every regular player in every team in the nine divisions of Norwich League, together with a "computer" assessment of performance plus a handicap figure. Such thoroughness has never been seen here before!

OXFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Cecil W. Jackson

BURN JOINS THE "DONS"

The Oxford and District League again have by far the strongest interest within the County with 138 teams competing in 12 divisions this season. This number is slightly down on last season's record breaking numbers but interest still runs high.

A most intriguing struggle is going to take place for the first division championship with all the top players playing with different clubs. New-comers Culham College will have the services of Brian Burn which will no doubt ensure their initial season is spent providing a strong challenge to last season's top two teams, Oxonians and Morris Motors.

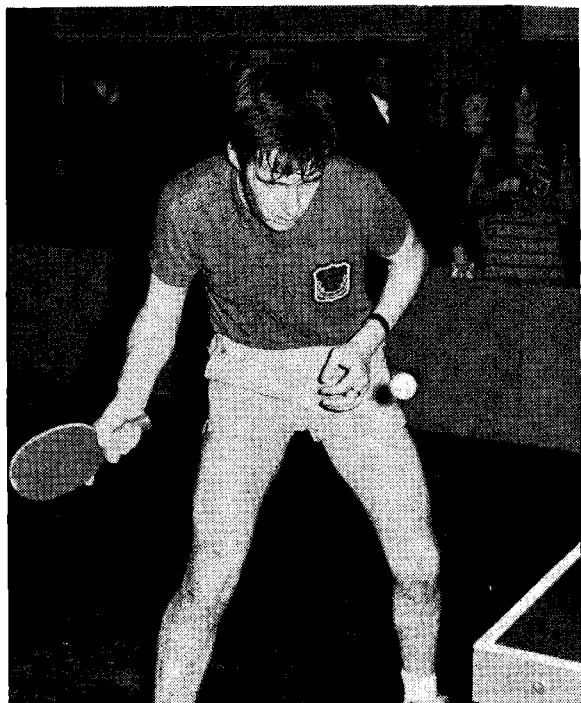
The Oxford and District men's team will be competing in Div. 1 of the Midlands League where they should put up a strong challenge for the championship. All of last season's team which won the Div. 2 title and reached the semi-final of the Wilmott Cup will again be available.

Prospects for the Oxfordshire team competing in the Southern Division would appear to hinge on coach Norman McKenzie being able to strengthen the women's department of the team.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS

The current handbook of the English Schools' T.T.A. is now available and can be had from the Hon. Gen. Sec., Gerald Gurney, Guildhall Orchard, Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex (Phone: Ardleigh 330). Newly-appointed Press Officer David Lomas will be contributing a feature in the November issue.

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Honorary Life Member

AT the AGM of the ETTA on July 4, chairman Charles Wyles proposed, on behalf of the National Council, the recommendation of the Life Members and Vice-Presidents Committee, that Geoffrey Harrower be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association. It was a proposition that was carried unanimously and newly elected President A. K. "Bill" Vint, O.B.E., made the presentation.

The President spoke of the tremendous amount of time and effort that Geoffrey Harrower had devoted to the cause of table tennis, especially in the post-war years. He was a founder member of the Middlesex T.T.A. and of the County Championships, originator of the Master Points Scheme and an organiser of World Championships.

As a journalist, and table tennis correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, his advice and wise counsel was always readily given. Mr. Vint stated that it was a privilege to present the Life Member's badge to Geoffrey Harrower and this he did to prolonged acclaim from the meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, the Chairman asked for acceptance of the nomination of "Bill" Vint as President of the Association, in succession to the late T. Austin Harrison, recalling Mr. Vint's services to table tennis dating back to 1927. The nomination was carried unanimously and Charles Wyles invested Mr. Vint with the badge of office whilst the meeting gave a standing ovation.

Four Vice-Presidents duly elected were Mrs. Ann Jones, Mr. W. Evans, Mr. C. Jaques and Mr. E. Mynn.

The Chairman also proposed the election of the Hon. Ivor Montagu as the first Life Vice-President of the Association, an office open only to past Presidents. This was the unanimous wish of the meeting and so a message of good wishes was read out from Mr. Montagu, who was unable to be present.

Letters to the Editor

EUROPEAN JUNIOR OPEN

What a well run tournament and praise be that at least English organisation is the greatest. Just a minor point missing was an up-to-date published results sheet service. All those who attended I am sure would like to thank the whole organising committee for a job excellently done.

I do hope from the playing point of view that much has been learned. Our most successful players were those who were capable of producing more than a one-shot game, indeed, I have heard it said that to learn to "push" is unimportant.

Just in case the advocates of these tactics were not around when the boys' final was taking place, I would just mention that when the score stood at 9-all in the second game Bengtsson produced five backhand "pushes" and those who bothered to analyse the game will find that these produced no less than four winning points and indeed put the game beyond the reach of the defending champion.

Why do we in England not get down to brass tacks in Junior play? Surely the following are the points for success which have been evident for some time.

- (a) Dedication to succeed
- (b) Natural ball sense and ball control (ability)
- (c) Individuality
- (d) Fitness

There is certainly very little point in trying for success unless it is in the foregoing order. Surely (d) is the last resort when all the first three points have been well satisfied. Then, and only then, do I believe is seriously the time to get down to item (d) which is physical fitness. We seem in England at the moment to be obsessed with physical fitness and of producing one-shot players.

You only need to ask unbiased spectators and coaches if the observations I have made are not correct. There is room for all types of play, but at the top the truth is you must be consistent with such variation of shot to produce havoc in top class opposition.

I am sure that our friends in Belgium will find it difficult to reach our ability in organisation, but I wonder whether their extra players will feel so unwanted as our young extras did recently? Selectors, managers and officials should never forget that anybody who is playing for England is their responsibility.

Maybe we can expect better results next year, I for one sincerely hope so.

BERNARD MANN

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London, N.W.5.

POT PINCHERS

The lot of a tournament organiser gets more complex each year and one frustrating task which seems to be getting increasingly harder is the collection of trophies from the previous year's holders. Holders are supposed to return their trophies at least 14 days before a tournament commences. How many do? Remarkably few without a letter of reminder, and some not even then.

The E.T.T.A. has powers to suspend players from Open Tournaments for not complying with this regulation. It seems ridiculous to have to ask for enforcement of this law but it would appear that we are approaching a time when we shall have to.

Surely winners don't keep the trophies because they want them permanently, it's just the bother of having to wrap them up and send them back. If you don't want this bother leave the trophy with the organisers instead of taking it home. There is at least a chance it will then get engraved before the next year's event.

To all of you who have not returned trophies—can we have them back? If not, Tournament Organisers will be compelled to take the requisite action—and I, for one, won't blame them having written many letters asking for trophies to be returned.

OFFICIAL POT COLLECTOR
(Tournament Organiser).

IS THIS A RECORD?

Recently four members of the Eltham Table Tennis Club—Graham, Jeffrey and Mervyn Leigh, and Dennis Walker, set out to establish a new world record for continuous Table Tennis singles play.

The singles play commenced at 6 p.m., Friday, 29 May last, and continued until 4.05 p.m. Monday, 1 June. Total duration of continuous games played was 70 hours 5 minutes, during which time 692 games were completed. Play did not cease at any time during the record attempt. The relieving players took over while the ball was still in play. The attempt was supervised at all times by officials and certification is available.

There seems to be some doubt as to the present longest time for continuous single games Table Tennis play. Can you please advise whether this effort has any record qualification and if not what in your opinion is the current longest time of continuous single games Table Tennis play?

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Over to you, Brian Worts.—Ed.

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BERGMANN MEMORIAL TROPHY?

Richard Bergmann richly deserved and received moving and eloquent tributes from Mr. Montagu, Victor Barna and Johnny Leach, in one of the best ever issues of the Association's magazine.

Richard was matchless and is irreplaceable, but his immortality is assured. The memories of those of us who saw him near the end are already being assisted by time to only remember the great, exciting and happy moments he brought to World and English table tennis.

He had a tremendous sense of fun and showed it on many occasions; for instance, livening up a particularly dull night in a Caribbean hotel by connecting firecrackers to guest's shoes neatly lined up along a corridor and by his rejection of balls as unsuitable. At the 1957 English Open—his last English tournament appearance—he rejected 100 or was it 200? balls personally selected (according to the Referee) by Leach and Barna before playing me.

Richard, too, had an amazing gift for bringing drama and interest to even his matches against markedly inferior opponents.

His record and services to table tennis warrant a large gesture. May I suggest the E.T.T.A. hold a Bergmann Memorial Tournament in 1971? It would be pleasant if, in addition to the best of the current players, as many of those who had the privilege of playing in teams with him in the past were invited to compete.

A. R. Miller.

Braywick House,
Maidenhead, Berks.

Tony Miller was named No. 5 (not to travel) for England's winning Swaythling Cup team of 1952-53. In Tony's words "They 'couldn't afford' to send more than four but as first reserve my bag was ready and my visa too! What a missed opportunity! Will we ever win it again?" Ed.

APPRECIATION

The family of the late Richard Bergmann wishes to express its sincere appreciation to those in the Table Tennis community whose messages of condolence and sympathy may have gone astray, or, were inadvertently not acknowledged.

F. Nurick.

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HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

TWINS CALL IT A DAY

What a strange look the Hampshire first team will have without the "Holes" twins! Both girls will be missing from the local scene this season. Pauline Edwards and Christine Davies have filled the women's spots for so many years that it is difficult to imagine a Hants. team without them.

If only they had lived nearer the hub of table tennis, surely they would have become full internationals. Both have won the City and County Championships, both were junior internationals, reaching second and fifth rankings in England.

It will now be the job of the selection committee to try and fill the gaps. Likely contenders are Portsmouth's Sheila Foster and Daphna Gray, or the up-and-coming Angeline Gilbert, Julie Hudson, Janet Woolff or Julie Daniels.

On the men's side, the first team will be without David Davies who is also giving the sport a rest. Chris and Brian Pickard, with Derek Holman from Bournemouth, Ray Lush from Portsmouth and Southampton's Phil Brown and Chris Shetler are all again available. In addition Chris Edwards returns after a successful "retirement" to qualify as an accountant.

One assumes the County's under-23 policy will be adhered to in respect of the second team with Keith Summerfield and Stuart Tannahill from Southampton as favourites, and Shetler if he does not make the first team.

In the junior ranks, the Basingstoke boys, Colin Sargeant, Skip Iacona and Mike Caudrey, together with Phil Crane of Bournemouth and Chris Wilshere and Jamie Potheary of Southampton provide strength in reserve. But where are the girls to replace Janet Woolff and Julie Hudson — both now seniors?

Despite the intensive coaching now going on in the County, very few girls have come through, and one wonders whether the emphasis has been placed too much on quantity rather than quality.

The first tournament of the season locally, the Four T's Restricted, takes place for the first time in Southampton University Sports Hall. Despite concerted efforts, no local concern could be found to fully sponsor the event but two local firms, Snows Office Supplies and Warner Hudnut have, however, donated individual prizes for the two singles winners.

It seems a pity that the tournament cannot go above local level. Top players these days, quite understandably, will only enter tournaments where the prize money makes it worth their while.

'NEWS OF THE WORLD' COACHING SCHEME



by Johnny Leach

A Family Affair

Janet, 15 and Robert Hellaby, 17, from West Ham, achieved a unique 'family double' by winning the top prizes in our sixteenth annual Table Tennis Coaching Scheme which reached its finale at Butlin's Bognor Camp last month.

It was the first time that a sister and brother have captured our "Girl, and Boy of the Year" Awards, and they did it in a record-breaking year, for the entry figure of 38,928 and the standard of play were both the highest yet.

In selecting the Hellabys for our finals last July, Alan Hydes, resident coach at Bognor, said of them: "They both have fantastic potential and must be rated certain international stars of the future." Both favour attacking style, and can hit from either wing.

Left-handed, auburn haired Janet, who looks and plays remarkably like Diane Rowe did at the same age, was the unanimous choice of our team of coaches who adjudicated at the Finals. Right-handed Robert, however, the tall, slim Grammar schoolboy, who celebrated his 17th birthday on September 5th, the day of his arrival at Bognor for the Finals, had a much tougher battle. He was challenged very closely indeed by 17-year-old Tony Boasman of Manchester, and also by 11-year-old Paul Edwin Day, a pocket-rocket from Soham, Cambridgeshire, who, with due allowance made for his tender years, scored only marginally less points than his elder rivals in the final check-up. Without doubt we shall be hearing a great deal from Paul in years to come.

The runners-up were Judith Walker of Sheffield and Tony Boasman of Manchester.

It was indeed a week of triumph for Robert Hellaby, since in partnership with his coach, Alan Hydes, he also captured our coveted Coach and Pupil Challenge Cup. In the final Hydes and Hellaby beat Mike Johns and Roger Dawkins, 21-13, 21-13.

The full line-up at Bognor shows Johnny Leach (front centre) flanked by his coaches (from l. to r.) Mike Johns, Colin Deaton, Brian Burn, Denis Neale, Alan Hydes, Helen Elliot, Chester Barnes and Graham Davies. Brother and sister winners Robert and Janet Hellaby are located on back row (second in from right) and centre row (first on left).



'OUT-TWIDDLED'

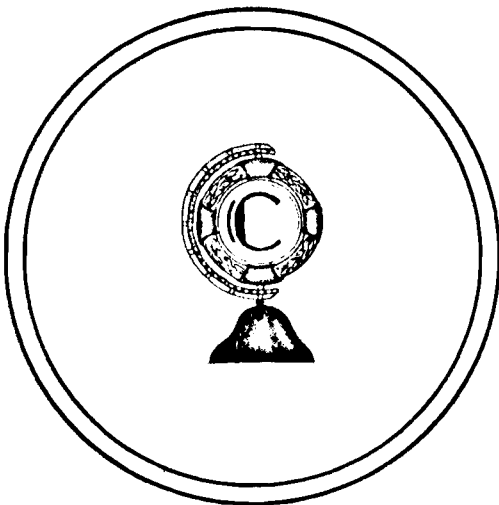
After a fiasco contest on TV last month, Mrs. Marie Know of Romford, Essex was announced winner of the Post Office "Telephone Personality Girl 1970". It was a title she eventually had to share with a Wolverhampton telephonist, both girls aggregating 73 points on a recount! Their reward was £100 each and a Continental holiday.

Mrs. Know, a Supervisor, has been with the Telephone Service for 21 years. But to "non-viewers" she is better known in the world of table tennis as the triple title holder of the East London League. She also holds three titles in the London Telecommunications Region and is a Civil Service champion.

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JACK LIVINGSTONE

Lancashire County and the Manchester League suffered a great loss with the death of their President, Jack Livingstone, following a short illness.

Jack, who had been described as the "Peter Pan of Table Tennis", admirably fitted this description, for his looks, agility and outlook belied his 76 years.

He was one of the enthusiasts, who in 1927 founded the Manchester League, and since that time has been closely connected with the League both as player and official, and there never has been, or will be, a more conscientious or loyal member. He was a player of no mean ability in spite of the fact that in World War One he was severely wounded in the left leg, which became useless from the knee downwards. This necessitated the wearing of a support, and although he was in constant pain, one never heard him complain, for he was always cheerful.

Mr. Livingstone was elected President of the Manchester League in 1945, and of the Lancashire Association in 1953, succeeding H. Oldroyd, Esq., and remained in both positions until his death. One looks for Presidents on the big occasions, and Jack was always there gracing the occasion and never failing to give all a warm welcome, but it was at the small events that he proved his great love for the game, and for the office he held.

He would travel miles to attend some minor match where there may be only a handful of spectators, and would never turn down an invitation, however small the occasion, if he felt that his presence would encourage and help.

He attended all the Executive Committee Meetings of the Lancashire Association, and the Management Committee of the Manchester League, and always did his share of preparation for the Manchester Tournaments, and many will have seen this genial gentleman keeping the Wall Charts up-to-date at the North of England Open Championships.

Mr. Livingstone leaves a widow, with whom he celebrated 45 years of marriage in March, a son, who lives in London, and two grandchildren, and was the Uncle of International Jeff Ingber.

So the President extraordinary, a great sportsman and gentleman, has left us, but his spirit and example lives on and will do so for many a long day—thank you Jack for all you did, it was an honour to have known and worked with you.

Leslie W. Jones.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

MIXED FEELINGS

The decision of the County Championships A.G.M. to transfer Worcestershire from Division Two West to Division Two Midlands was received with mixed feelings—it should go without saying that a journey into the industrial Midlands does not compare favourably with a week-end visit to Devon or Cornwall as a mid-season pleasure! However, a saving on travelling expenses was essential after a heavy financial outing in 1969/70, so the move should prove beneficial in this way, as will the second team's allocation to the Midland Division.

A particularly significant appointment is that of John Heathcote as non-playing captain of the County second team: although he has every intention of holding his Worcestershire No. 1 ranking, John has very definite views on the development of young players. Among the contestants for second team places will probably be Dudley's Trevor Washington, Derek Aston and Clive Kendall of Worcester, and Hereford pen-holder Trevor Davies, who has now left the junior ranks. However, it may be difficult to apply the same youth policy in the ladies' events, and the County teams are now paying the penalty for lack of girls' coaching in the past.

A changed picture looks likely here also, and for the first time the junior selectors may have problems in deciding their choices for the two girls' places. Wendy Salter and Pat Woodward, who played in all five matches during 1969/70, are facing a considerable challenge from Sheila Foley, Jane Evans and Julie Bearcroft. Reward for those successful in the pre-season trials will be selection for the journey to Exeter on October 17, when Worcestershire provide the opposition for Devon's County Championships debut in the Junior Division West.

Warndon Social Club, newcomers to Worcester League, are showing commendable enterprise by planning an exhibition to show all their members table tennis at its best. On a large modern estate of over 10,000 population, this will be an important publicity activity, with England's new team manager Bryan Merrett leading the way on November 25.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

COUNTY "OPEN"

A Leicestershire Open is the big news from the hunting county this month. Several times people have said to me 'Why don't you have a Leicestershire Open?'. Well, thanks to the Loughborough League this year we shall have one. April 3rd and 4th will be the dates, and the venue will be that used at the English Junior Closed last season. There is also the probability of a European League match with Austria in Loughborough on Oct. 16. Reg Billson, 20, Gracedieu Road, Loughborough (Phone Loughborough 4356) is the man to contact about these events.

The highlight of the Summer was a visit by Denis Neale and Trevor Taylor to Loughborough and Leicester, with Trevor staying on for the whole of the week. Both these players gave their services free of charge. Trevor's week included visits to Leicester, Coalville, Loughborough (twice), Melton Mowbray and Barwell. Besides winning all of the 90 odd games he played during the week against Leicestershire players, Trevor also showed himself a more than useful performer at tennis, snooker, badminton and football!

Both the Leicester League and the Loughborough League have gone back to numbering their divisions straight down instead of "A" and "B" sections. General opinion is that this will make for a more even standard of play.

Knighton Park have held their annual pre-season Handicap Tournament and the winner was David Lever over fellow Y.M.C.A. player David Barry. Barry is new to table tennis—he had only a handful of games in the league last season—but he performed well enough at the Town trials to clinch a place in the junior side.

Leicestershire players have already made their mark on the tournament scene this season. Janet Billson and Anita Stevenson won the Girls' Team event at the Tecesside Junior Open and Chris Rogers followed this by winning the Under-11 and Under-13 Boys' Singles at the Essex Junior Open.

Leicestershire have entered a team in the Veterans' Midland Division of the county championships this season and there is sure to be keen competition for places. With a senior team and a junior team also competing Leicestershire will have their biggest programme ever in the County sphere.

It is contemplated running the Leicestershire Town's League over two weekends this season and the idea appears to have been popularly received.

Everything points then to a very successful season in the county with everything well in hand at Coalville, Hinckley and Melton Mowbray.

**Permit Members—
A Reminder**

from Harry Walker

The National Council are very concerned at the low number of Permit Members throughout the country, and the purpose of this article is to give a few facts for the benefit of all who may be concerned.

The Association is proud of the fact that it has led the field in the matter of amateur/professional status by regarding all participants as players but a person capitalising on his skill or knowledge of the game must hold a licence to receive money, i.e. a Permit Member.

There are without doubt a very large number of our members who are either unaware or who are evading the regulations covering remunerations made to them for coaching, writing, Exhibitions, etc., in consideration of their skills at Table Tennis.

These Regulations are shown in the E.T.T.A. Handbook (Part I), (which is issued to all League and Club Secretaries) in the Appendix "A" to Rules (under Rule 37A) and the full details are set out very clearly.

The fee for registration as a Permit Member is £2 per season Applications should be made on a form which can be obtained from your local League Secretary or County Secretary, or from the headquarters office of the E.T.T.A. Affiliated Clubs should also make themselves aware of these Regulations and when any affiliated player is remunerated by them for Exhibitions or coaching, etc., they should ensure that the individual concerned has been registered as a Permit Member and should verify this by requesting to see their official membership card.

At the end of last season, only an approximate total of 150 members had complied with the Regulations. Whilst it is appreciated that a large number of players give their services voluntarily to the game, there are many who do not, and one can only assume that they are unaware of the Regulations that they may be breaking.

In order that League and County Secretaries are aware of the members who have been registered, a complete list is shown in the E.T.T.A. Handbook Supplement each season. It has now been decided to give a list of registrations received after the publication of the Supplement, in "Table Tennis News" each month. It is hoped that this information will enable Secretaries to know who are actually registered as Permit Members and so be able to act accordingly.

Any further information can be obtained by contacting the E.T.T.A. at 26-29, Park Crescent, London W1N 4HA. Phone: 01-580 6312.

**NATIONAL CUP
COMPETITIONS 1969-70**

WILMOTT CUP

East London 3 North Yorkshire 5 R. Stevens bt A. Ransome 11, 14; C. Barnes lost to N. Jarvis -18, -15; D. Brown lost to D. Neale -8, -16; Barnes bt Ransome 14, 16; Stevens lost to Neale -10, -15; Brown bt Jarvis 20, -15, 18; Barnes lost to Neale -16, -18; Brown lost to Ransome 9, -19, -20.

ROSE BOWL

Central (London) 7 Lowestoft 2 S. Hession lost to D. Youngs -15, -17; K. Mathews bt L. Woodcock 17, 13; H. Cathcart bt J. Youngs 16, 17; Mathews bt D. Young 7, 7; Hession bt J. Youngs 11, 17; Cathcart lost to Woodcock -9, -10; Mathews bt J. Youngs -18, 10, 15; Cathcart bt D. Youngs 9, 14; Hession bt Woodcock 8, 13.

CARTER CUP

Bromley 5 Manchester 2 P. Guttormsen bt P. Bowen 17, 17; J. Dabin bt A. Chesworth 12, 8; C. Jones lost to A. Boasman -9, -22; Dabin bt Bowen 9, 10; Guttormsen lost to Boasman -12, -8, Jones bt Chesworth 11, 8; Dabin bt Boasman -17, 18, 17.

BROMFIELD TROPHY

Manchester 3 Sittingbourne 5 J. Green lost to L. Chesson -10, -8; S. Lisle bt E. Mannering 8, 19; J. Dyer lost to P. Brenchley -15, -14; Lisle bt Chesson 14, 15; Green lost to Brenchley -7, -11; Dyer lost to Mannering -10, -11; Lisle bt Brenchley 15, 11; Dyer lost to Chesson -16, -18.

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE SEVENTIES



By RON CRAYDEN

(Chairman of the National Selection Committee)

A new season has brought its winds of change and the National Selection Committee has been noticeably affected by them. Tom Blunn, after many years of yeoman service, has vacated the chair and I have been appointed to fill his shoes. My colleagues in the challenge are George Yates (Deputy Chairman), Bryan Merrett (Team Manager), Brian Wright (Junior Captain), Derek Schofield (Players' Representative), Peter Simpson (Staff Coach) with Albert Shipley (Secretary).

The challenge of the 'seventies', almost certainly, will be more demanding than that of any period especially as more and more Countries are embarked on concentrated training programmes. We must keep abreast of all developments and programme ahead so as to give our players an equal chance in the competitive arenas of the world. Our plans and policies are, therefore, as follows:

(1) TRAINING CAMPS

One of the most progressive schemes to have emerged from the 'sixties' was the introduction of Training Camps, pioneered so successfully by China and Japan. It is our intention to pursue this form of training to the limits of our financial resources. Limited funds may curb us sending players abroad for training purposes only, but when the opportunity arises every effort will be made to exchange ideas and to train and practise with the top foreign teams.

Special attention will be given to the development of Junior players and it is planned to arrange separate training rallies for them throughout the season.

(2) JUNIOR TRIALS

It is the considered opinion of the Committee that if we were to progress in the International field and our players are to receive maximum benefit, it is necessary to conduct these Trials on a Camp basis. In the past season the methods of nomination and selection left something to be desired, these have now been reviewed, and revised. It is hoped in the future to run 5 Area Assessment Camps with nominations from Counties, culminating in a National Assessment Camp.

(3) SELECTION

The selection of International teams for this season will be made by a panel of three selectors and not solely by the Team Manager as was the case previously. The nominated three are Bryan Merrett, Brian Wright and myself.

(4) INTERNATIONAL BADGES

To represent one's Country is a special honour, perhaps the highest honour that can be gained and although young players will be encouraged with an eye to the future, full International badges will not be given lightly they will have to be earned.

(5) SQUADS

The existing SQUADS system will be maintained, whereby teams for European League matches and top events will be chosen from the "A" Squad and teams for other matches will be chosen from both the "A" and "B" Squads. The results achieved by the "B" Squad players will determine their promotion to the "A" Squad.

To speed development of younger players, places will be found for selected Juniors in the "A" Squad so that they may enjoy the privilege of training and practising with the seniors. This will be known as ENGLAND'S ELITE SQUAD.

(6) COCA COLA SCHEME

The Coca Cola points scheme will operate again this season, having been revised by a Special Committee set up for this purpose. It is published in detail elsewhere in this Magazine.

(7) RANKING LISTS

It is intended to publish three Senior Ranking Lists during the Season for the guidance of Tournament Organisers. These will be made as near possible at the end of October, the end of January and at the end of the Season. In addition, it is planned to shorten the Junior ranking list and to incorporate a Group "A".

(8) TOURNAMENT COVERAGE

A glance at the Tournament calendar, which now stretches over ten months of the year and has a number of events overlapping, makes one realise that it is completely impossible for the selectors to cover all Tournaments. It is hoped, however, to cover all the major ones.

A few seasons ago, players were expected to play in at least six tournaments to qualify for selection, I am therefore asking each member of my Committee to attend a minimum of six tournaments plus other important events. All results will be tabulated and circulated to the Selectors so that they may be fully aware of what is going on in the Country and abroad.

CONCLUSION

Perhaps the greatest problem that faces us is the financial one, it will obviously hinder us in many ways but it must never deter us from striving for higher standards of performance.

By seeking to improve, players may be faced with many problems: if it is felt that we could help in overcoming them, then please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of my Committee. You have my assurance that you will receive fair and wherever possible, helpful advice or action.

CANCELLATION

Some of the Championships mail for Saturday, August 8, did not receive the special cancellation, due to an error of franking at Teesside Post Office. Anyone who did not obtain the correct hand stamp on items posted on August 8 should contact Mr. A. Rogers, Mail Section, Teesside Head Post Office, 6, Marton Road, Middlesbrough, Teesside TS1 1AA.

COACHING AND SCHOOLS

by Philip Reid

FIRST PRESIDENT

It might be appropriate to start this season's notes by referring to a man who has done much to promote Schools Table Tennis—Jack Carrington. Jack started the Essex Schools Team Championships in 1965-6 with an entry of 500 (two in a team). This was handed over to Gerald Gurney in 1967-8 at which time Jack took over the organisation of the English Schools Team Championships—with 2,000 teams of four players! Two years later Gerald Gurney took over the reins as National Secretary and Jack took the chair at the inaugural meeting of the English Schools T.T.A.

Now the English Schools have rewarded Jack in a most appropriate way and one I know he appreciates—they have made him the first President of the English Schools Table Tennis Association.

Jack has worked hard for table tennis over the years—perhaps harder than most of us know—and I am sure all will rejoice in Jack's acceptance of the Presidency.

There is, of course, no 'close season' for coaching and there has been much activity throughout the Summer months. However, a big event to open

the Winter season is the first Annual Coaching Conference in Cheltenham on Sunday, Oct. 11. Bryan Merrett is the guiding light behind this and it promises to be a most interesting day, for Midlands and South-West coaches.

In the Midlands and South West Region, each committee member has been given a specific area to cover—Wiltshire and Oxfordshire — John Burtenshaw. Staffs. and Shropshire — R. Harvey. Warwicks., Leics., and Rutland—Barry Hayward. Gloucester, Worcs., and Hereford—Peter Cruwys. Somerset—Doreen Henderson. Bucks. and Berkshire—Leo Thompson. Dorset and Hants.—John Waterhouse. Only Devon and Cornwall now need covering, and it is hoped Brian Worts will look after this area.

I have received the programme of coaching at Northampton Y.M.C.A., under the leadership of Leicester League Chairman, John Ellis. Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apl. 17, and May 15 are the dates, 11-0 to 1-0 p.m. and 2-0 to 4-0 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact K. Billington, Y.M.C.A., Cheyne Walk, Northampton NN1 5QF.

Finally—if you have anything which you think would be of interest to other readers in the coaching line—do please let me know. My address is 47, New Fields Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester LE3 1ET.



'On the Nineteenth Green'

Here seen taking the air as guests at the 25th Dunlop Masters Golf Tournament, at Royal Lytham and St. Annes on September 12, are ETTA officials (front: l. to r.) Albert Shipley (Assistant Secretary), Norman Reeve (Chairman, Publicity Committee), the Editor, and hosts Bill Evans (Supplies Manager) and John Cooper of Dunlop Sports Co. Back row (l. to r.) Mrs. Betty Shipley, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Doreen Yates and Mrs. Alma Reeve.

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A further addition to the range of new-style blazer badges is one for all members of the E.T.T.A. The design comprises three leopards in red on a navy-blue background and is similar to the badge for County and National Umpires. Price 10/- each they are available from the E.T.T.A. office.

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E.T.T.A. SALES SERVICE

In addition to score pads, pens, ties and various badges, we have two books on table tennis in stock at the moment. One, "Better Table Tennis" by Johnny Leach is mainly instructional and costs 17/6d., plus 1/6d. postage. The other is the story of the table tennis life of Chester Barnes entitled "More than a Match" which costs 25/- plus 1/6d. postage. During the course of the season we hope to have available books by Victor Barna, Jack Carrington and a new one by Johnny Leach.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A copy of the revised Tournament Regulations, which have been approved by the National Council and form Appendix "B" to the Rules, is available on request.

SENIOR RANKINGS

JARVIS AND HEAPS JOIN "ELITE" AS MARY WRIGHT BOWS OUT

Meeting in London on September 18/19, the National Selection Committee added juniors Nicky Jarvis and Simon Heaps to the existing Elite Squad, which now numbers 6 men and 3 women as follows:—Denis Neale, Chester Barnes, Trevor Taylor, Alan Hydes, N. Jarvis, S. Heaps, Jill Shirley, Karenza Mathews and Pauline Piddock.

Expecting an addition to her family early in the new year, Mary Wright has retired from International play. A tribute to Mary will appear in the

November issue of Table Tennis News written by Ron Crayden.

Currently operative as a guide to Tournament Organisers is the following ranking list:—

- MEN**
- "A"**
- 1 D. Neale (Yorks.)
 - 2 C. Barnes (Essex)
 - 3 T. Taylor (Herts.)
 - 4 A. Hydes (Yorks.)
- "B"**
- 5 M. Johns (Ches.)
 - 6 R. Penfold (Surrey)
 - 7 O. Haslam (Middx.)
 - 8 A. Piddock (Kent)
 - 9 B. Burn (Northld.)
 - 10 N. Jarvis (Yorks.)
 - 11 C. Warren (Surrey)
 - 12 D. Brown (Essex)

- A. Clayton (Yorks.)
- R. Gunnion (Warwks.)
- A. Ransome (Northld.)

WOMEN

- "A"**
- 1 M. Wright (Surrey)
 - 2 J. Shirley (Bucks.)
 - 3 K. Mathews (Middx.)
 - 4 P. Piddock (Kent)
- "B"**
- 5 J. Williams (Sussex)
 - 6 S. Hession (Essex)
 - 7 L. Radford (Essex)
 - 8 M. Robson (Northld.)
 - 9 S. Howard (Surrey)
 - 10 L. Bashford (Yorks.)
 - 11 L. Howard (Surrey)
 - 12 S. Lisle (Lancs.)
 - 13 D. Simpson (Essex)

Players Nos. 1 to 4 in the men's list will constitute the "A" Squad, and Nos. 5 to 9 the "B" Squad. In the women's list, players Nos. 1 to 4 make up the "A" Squad and Nos. 4 to 8 to "B" Squad.

JUNIOR RANKINGS

WALKER JOINS JARVIS AT THE TOP

Taking into account the results of the Final Junior Trials at Crystal Palace and of the season's opening tournaments, the following ranking list became operable in mid-September (previous positions in brackets):—

BOYS

- 1 N. Jarvis (Yorks.) (1)
- 2 J. Walker (Yorks.)
- 3 S. Heaps (Ches.) (6)
- 4 I. Horsham (Essex) (7)
- 5 M. Harper (Herts.)
- 6 P. Taylor (Beds.) (5)
- 7 P. Bishop (Surrey) (10)
- 8 R. Hellaby (Essex) (3)

Group "A"

- D. Alderson (Yorks.)
- R. Aldrich (Middx.)
- A. Boasman (Lancs.) (8)
- R. Broadmore (Warwks.)
- N. Fulstow (Yorks.) (11)
- P. Guttormsen (Kent) (12)
- B. Johns (Ches.)
- J. Nix (Warwks.)
- D. Parker (Lancs.)
- D. Rayner (Yorks.)

GIRLS

- 1 L. Howard (Surrey) (3)
- 2 L. Chesson (Kent) (10)
- 3 J. Hellaby (Essex) (5)
- 4 S. Hamilton (Middx.) (9)
- 5 L. Sutton (Yorks.)
- 6 A. Painter (Middx.)

Group "A"

- P. Beazer (Somerset)
- S. Beckwith (Essex) (4)
- R. Bryant (Somerset)
- G. Locke (Essex)
- S. Manning (Lancs.)
- J. Walker (Yorks.)

Missing from the previous list because of now being over the age limit are:—(Boys) J. Dabin (Kent) (2); A. Fletcher (Yorks.) (4); and M. Read (Essex) (9). (Girls): S. Howard (Surrey) (1); S. Lisle (Lancs.) (2); C. Mann (Middx.) (6); and C. Randall (Sussex) (8).

With a trial return of 10 wins and 4 losses and the Teesside Junior Open boys' singles title under his belt Jimmie Walker has rocketed his way to No. 2 in the boys' list.

AWARD WINNERS

National Under-13 girl champion, Karen Rogers of Leicester, was adjudged the winner of the East Midlands and East Anglia area final of the £3,000 Robinson's Barley Water Sporting awards.

Karen appeared before a panel of judges comprising Mike Turner, Leicestershire County Cricket Secretary; Bob Taylor, English rugger international; and Douglas Johnson, Sports Editor of the Leicester Mercury.

Karen's £50 Award will be administered by the E.T.T.A. as well as a like sum won by Lancashire's Susan Lisle, of Culcheth, Warrington, in the north-west area final.

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ESSEX NOTES

by Harry Walker

PAT DUKES — POPULAR CHOICE

Before writing on the new season, a few items held over from the end of last. Our Juniors must be congratulated on their fine performance in winning the Junior play-off at Loughborough and becoming the National champions. Final victory over their keenest but friendly rivals, Yorkshire, was well deserved. Since then Robert and Janet Hellaby, and Ian Horsham, have been awarded their English Junior "Caps". Well done.

The Bernard Crouch team retained the trophy in this competition and also deserve congratulations. The recipient of the coveted "Corti Woodcock Award" last season was Pat Dukes, Chairman of Chelmsford League. It was a popular choice as Pat has been the guiding influence in the development of this league, particularly in the Junior field. Coupled with this, his sound advice and guidance on the County Executive has proved very useful.

Looking at the coming season, the regaining of the Premier Division title seems to be the first objective. The return to England of Stuart Gibbs, who is raring to go, and the transfer to Essex of Trevor Taylor, make for bright prospects. With Chester Barnes, David Brown and stalwart Bobby Stevens, plus Lesley Radford, Shelagh Hession and Diane Simpson, on the distaff staff, the selection committee could find themselves embarrassed with riches.

Entry has also been made in 2nd South and the newly-formed Veterans Division. Guiding influence here will be a team manager, the evergreen Percy Curtis! The Bernard Crouch Trophy competition this season will take the form of a play-off in one day on a tournament basis with points being awarded progressively. It is hoped that our friends from Kent will rejoin the competition.

Intensive preparations are being made for the Juniors with the advent of the Junior Premier Division. Only one member of last season's team will be missing—Mickie Read—who is past the age limit. Ranking trials were arranged for Sept. 26, and 56 boys and 24 girls were invited. Every League in the County were given the opportunity to nominate promising players.

Derek Dunand tells me that the entries in the Inter-league competition are still increasing, and this season there will be 90 teams—an increase of 6. Club affiliations show Southend have increased by 7 teams and Chelmsford now have a total of 104!

Father Goose, the ever popular Secretary of Newham Youth League, and Barking Treasurer, will be honoured on Sept. 12 when he will be inducted by the Bishop of Chelmsford as the Vicar of St. Luke's, Victoria Docks, after being a curate at the church for the last 37 years. We sincerely hope that his new appointment will not lessen his great interest in table tennis. I don't think it will!

Heard recently that Brian Brumwell is cut of action with arthritis and is far from well. I know that all his numerous friends will wish this great player a speedy recovery so that he can resume the game he just lives for.

Maldon Wanderers Club in the Chelmsford league will be celebrating their 21st anniversary later this year and it is hoped that three of the original members of the team will be able to turn out in a match against the International Club. It is interesting to recall that in the old days they always had an exhibition and on several occasions they were fortunate to have the services at that time of two Junior Internationals—Laurie Landry and Eddie Hodson, and Laurie is hoping to persuade Eddie to play in the match. At the time they were the most popular juniors in the country and although Laurie is still very much active, it will be interesting to see Eddie once again in Maldon. They will both have a great welcome.

KENT NOTES

by Allen Fisher

NEW FACES ON COMMITTEE

At the County A.G.M. held in July, two of the key posts were taken over by keen, young men with Geoff Daniels of Ashford, who previously worked on the Tournaments Committee, taking over the chairmanship from Charles Wyles who is busy putting a "Smile" on the face of the E.T.T.A. Pat Baker, last season's secretary, actually married a cricketer! So Bill Pegram of Sidcup takes over her place. Bill may not be as attractive but hopes to overcome this handicap with his infectious enthusiasm and drive. It was this drive which brought together the administrative talents of the four metropolitan leagues in Kent, plus the Sports staff of the Kentish Times, to run a very successful Summer league. Altogether 79 teams played a 14-week season in 10 divisions. The other key post of treasurer is held by Bob Groves of Crayford, for the third year running.

The Junior Selection Committee had all four Sundays in September well and truly booked. Four separate trials were needed to sort out the 110 boys and girls nominated by 14 of the 17 member leagues. Eleven of the 22 girls, and 31 of the 88 boys were under 14. As the Junior team is in the new Premier division, an Under-14 team is being organised, as well as an Under-14 ranking list.

The Kent League starts off with a bang! All 17 leagues are represented in the three Senior Divisions in which 32 teams play. The women have an easier time with two divisions of 7 teams, with 3 new ones. The juniors have three divisions of eight teams, an increase of seven over last season. Cyril Burden, the Match Secretary, has extended the season to thirty weeks.

Congratulations to Pauline Piddock on her selection for England at the Netherlands Open. Last season Pauline had a good tournament there, let's hope she can repeat it.

The secretaries of the 17 leagues have been bombarded by questionnaires from the County Committee. Ted Inge, the Coaching Liaison Officer, has appealed for more coaches and helpers, the Secretary has exhorted them to find more potential administrators and I have asked for items of news and interest. The answers have not come in thick and fast, but one answer to Ted Inge's enormous blurb has got the Coaching and Tournament Committees on edge, a hall, with room for 50 tables!

National Under 13 Competition

by John Pike

Stars in Miniature

This year's event, held at the Woodfield club, Wolverhampton, back in May, proved a very successful affair for players and officials alike.

At the end of the tournament, Jack Carrington was delighted with the high standard reached by some of these youngsters.

With David Alderson from Teesside winning the Boys' group and Karen Rogers from Leicester taking the Girls', it meant a blank day for those players who had made the long journey from the South. Having said that, I am sure all the youngsters taking part enjoyed a good day's table tennis.

In the group placings, and I am taking the boys' section first, Dean Dino-Smith finished at the top of group "A" by winning his three singles against J. Brixton, K. James, and I. Schofield.

In group "B", David Alderson led the way with wins over P. Day, P. Hunt, and J. Avey. The other two sections involved the girls, and here Karen Rogers headed group "C" as a result of her wins over N. Leslie, G. Taylor, and Sandra Harding.

Elaine Tarten came out on top of group "D", proving too good for J. Walker, A. Terry, and Susan Harding.

So much for the groups, now a closer look at the two finals and first the girls. Both the finalists, Karen Rogers and Elaine Tarten, were well matched for concentration, but with Elaine's slightly more inventive style leaving her more open to errors, it left Karen to step in and win with something to spare.

To quote Jack Carrington, the boys' final between Alderson and Dino-Smith "Was top class table tennis in miniature". Both players showed a wide range of strokes and had the sort of footwork and balance that is the prime make up of today's leading players. Dean made a good start by winning the first game 13, but then David, from Alan Ransome's stable, changed all this by winning the next two 13 and 11. I am sure both these names will come more to the fore as these two lads mature.

Thanks are due to Messrs. A. S. Spalding & Brothers Inc., for a generous grant towards the running costs of this competition. The Woodfield club also handled this event very well and playing no small part in this was Colin Pearse.

The prizes were presented by Gordon Steggall and Malcolm Scott, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the National Coaching Committee.

The final placings were as follows:

BOYS' GROUPS:

Section 'A'—1. D. Dino-Smith (Folkestone); 2. K. James (Plymouth); 3. I. Schofield (Worcester); 4. J. Brixton (Southampton).

Section 'B'—1. D. Alderson (Teesside); 2. J. Avey (S.W. Sussex); 3. P. Hunt (Barking); 4. P. Day (Ely).

GIRLS' GROUPS:

Section 'C'—1. K. Rogers (Leicester); 2. G. Taylor (Barking); 3. N. Leslie

(Guildford); 4. S. Harding (Letchworth).

Section 'D'—1. E. Tarten (Dagenham); 2. J. Walker (Sheffield); 3. S. Harding (Bristol); 4. A. Terry (Crawley).

FINALS:

ALDERSON bt Dino-Smith -13, 13, 11.

KAREN ROGERS bt Elaine Tarten 9, 14.

E.T.T.A. GENERAL SECRETARY, DEREK R. TREMAYNE WRITES . . .

. . . 81 Leagues entered a boy and 38 a girl: in many cases a qualifying competition had been arranged to select the representative. E.T.T.A. Local Groups were then played at Crystal Palace (2); Maidstone; Exeter; Newbury; Cambridge; Wolverhampton and Bradford, producing 8 Finalists.

The event is designed to bring young players to the notice of the Coaching Committee and Staff Coaches in particular, and the Committee feel it has a great value in this respect. The support from Leagues compared favourably with that received last year, although the support from some areas was most disappointing. The Coaching Committee feel that a great deal more can be done to publicise this event and this will certainly be their aim this season.

OFFICIAL NEWS

The election of National Councillors for the season 1970-71 resulted:—

Beds.: P. E. Harmer; Berks.: A. M. Lijinsky; Bucks.: L. Thompson; Cambs.: J. D. Cornwell; Ches.: J. K. Kennerley; Cornwall: L. F. Landry; Cumb.: R. Rigg; Derbys.: P. Norman; Devon: K. T. O. Ponting; Durham: F. J. Inch; *Essex: P. Dukes; Gloucs.: L. C. T. Davis; Hants.: M. S. Greatrex; Herts.: H. G. Stevens; Hunts.: S. E. Roberts; *Kent: D. N. Mitchell; Lancs.: A. E. Upton; Leics.: P. Reid; Lincs.: Mrs. J. Robinson, Middx.: L. Hoffman; Norfolk: E. J. Fairhead; Northants.: K. J. Marchant; Northumb.: H. S. Lawson; Notts.: E. Taylor; Oxon: A. J. Hobday; Salop: A. J. Cavell; Somerset: D. Pope; Staffs: M. E. Scott; Suffolk: D. J. Barrett; Surrey: J. Zenthon; Sussex: K. Watts; Warwks.: M. Goldstein; Wilts: Miss K. Waters; Worcs.: I. R. Crickmer and Yorks.: F. Briggs.

* Ballots resulted:

Essex: P. Dukes, 17 votes, *Elected* (possible 44) A. Shepherd 7 votes, not elected.

Kent: D. N. Mitchell, 13 votes, *Elected* (possible 33) C. A. Burden 12 votes, not elected

Dorset is the only county without an elected representative. No County Associations are located in Herefordshire, Rutland and Westmorland.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the first meeting of the National Council, held in London on July 18, the election of the Management Committee resulted:—

M. GOLDSTEIN— 27 votes
K. WATTS— 24 votes
L. HOFFMAN— 20 votes
I. R. CRICKMER— 12 votes

Unsuccessful in the ballot were:—
A. E. Upton (10 votes), L. F. Landry (8), P. Reid (6), M. E. Scott (5), and L. C. T. Davis (5).

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Walter Reeves

TRAGIC LOSS

It is on a sad note that I commence my writings for the new season for, in the early hours of Sunday, Sept. 6, Chris Jones was tragically killed in a car accident.

Chris was Derby's men's singles champion in 1965, following which success he left the game, only to return fully last season. He did enough to lead everyone into thinking that this season would see his return to the County team. Sadly this will not now be.

As a player, Chris was often in trouble with local officials, but much of what happened was due, I am sure, to the high spirits of a growing youngster. He was only 23 when he was killed.

In his short career he won our Junior and Senior titles and, with his friend and partner Malcolm Allsop attended many open tournaments. He was also chosen "Boy of the Week" at a Butlin Camp but failed to make top grade at the Bognor finals.

The Derbyshire Championships, run by a committee, made a handsome profit last season, much more in fact than when organised by a member league. This has caused the County Executive to look again into promoting the event themselves.

Derby, who ran the successful Midland Closed which attracted a record entry, are prepared to stage the event but cannot guarantee a profit.

Congratulations to Doug Foulds who, I am given to understand, has now become our first League Master. Doug and his wife Kath, who has herself just been accepted as a Club Coach, do much to further the game in Derbyshire.

I am told that Eric Hall has moved up from the west country and is now employed in Chesterfield and has already notched up victories over County players John Wallhead and D. Marples. It seems that he is prepared to play for Derbyshire but, if he does, who drops out? Wallhead, Tony Hunt and Colin Deaton are the men in possession.

Not since 1949-50 have Derby entered the National Team competitions. But this season not only have the league entered the Wilmott Cup, but the Rose Bowl and Carter Cup competitions as well! Back in 1949-50 a team from the Railway Institute paid their own to represent the league.

SURREY NOTES

by John Zenthon

FAREWELL MARY

So it's farewell to Mary Wright who has now, to all intents and purposes, retired from competitive play. But congratulations too on the happy event due next February.

Susan Howard, no longer a Junior, is expected to take Mary's place in the first team who will have their work cut out in the premier division.

More trouble for Surrey with the departure of Stan Buchan. Stan, one of those stalwarts too many of which we have lost over the last few years, has moved to Glasgow, to take up a

new hospital appointment. With no new faces appearing, his jobs have been shared out amongst other committee members. Percy Lawes (Chairman) takes over as secretary as well, Miss Allison (assistant secretary) will be doing the inter-league competitions and yours truly will be running the Closed.

The Closed, this season, will be run on two Saturdays, 9th and 16th January 1971, at Crystal Palace in the Indoor Cricket School. The Association has been very grateful to Goblins for providing facilities in the past but regrettably playing space has been a little too cramped for the County's senior event and eight tables with plenty of room at Crystal Palace should be great. No matter what you do you cannot please everyone, but I hope the

tournament will be supported by the more distant leagues.

Four new events have been introduced—Veteran Singles, Boys' and Girls' Singles (under-15) and Junior Boys' Doubles (under-17). We should be able to cope with an increase of up to 50% in entries but this will depend on how things work out and it may be necessary to restrict entries on a last in first out basis.

The senior trials will have been held by the time you read this and an expected participant is Geoff Salter just back from India. It will be interesting to see what sort of showing Geoff, who a few years ago was one of the County's most promising juniors, makes.

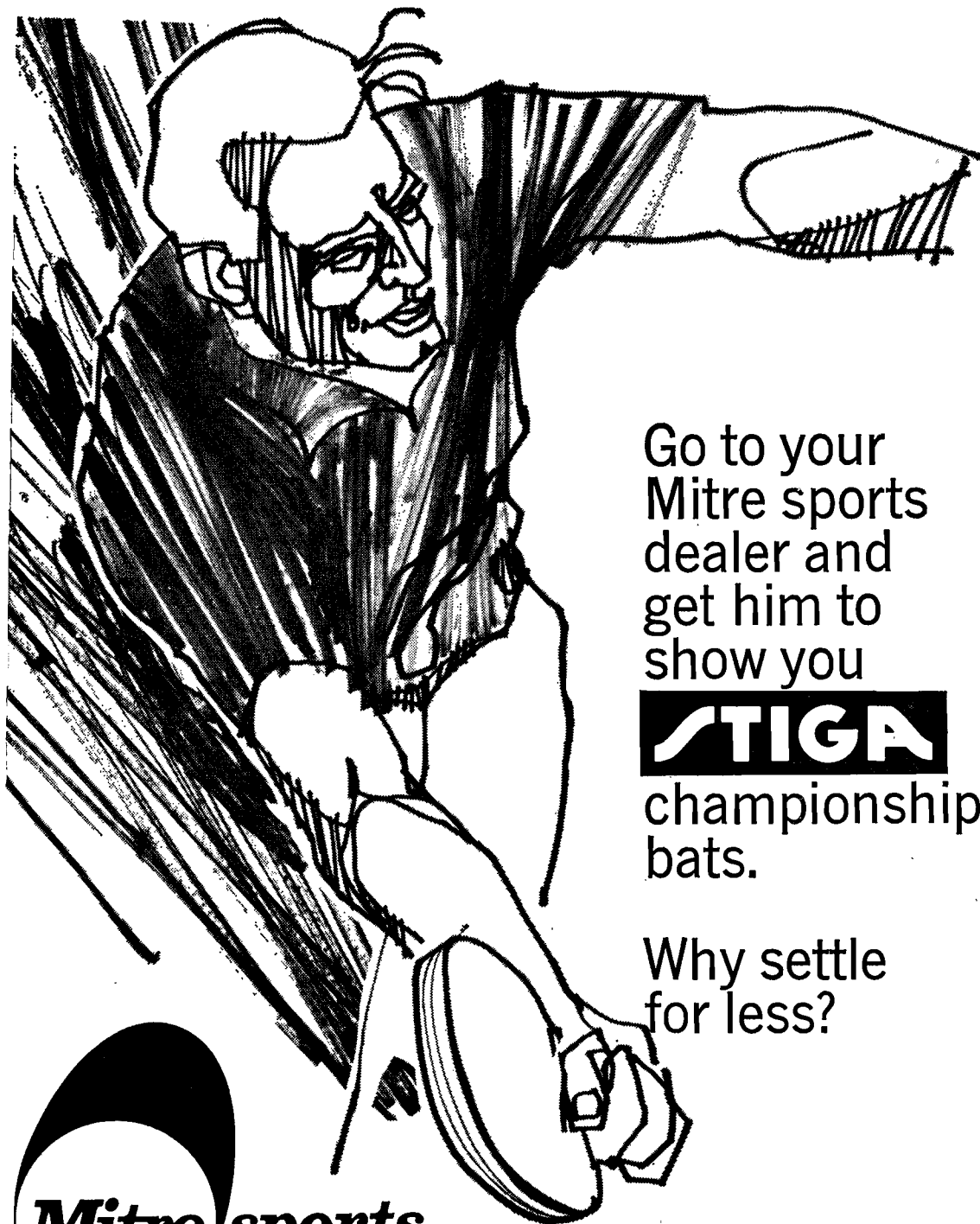
In the Junior trials, Linda Howard was ranked No. 1, with Paul Bishop

being her opposite number. Leslie Parodi was ranked No. 2 and a further trial will be held to sort out the next six who are all much of a muchness.

Congratulations to our former secretary Colin Clemmett — now in America (although he seems to spend quite a lot of his time over here)—on being awarded the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy for administrative services. We now have two recipients, Fred Joyce being the first in 1961-62.

Congratulations too, and good luck because he'll certainly need it, to Ron Crayden who has taken over the hot seat as Chairman of the E.T.T.A. Selection Committee.

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ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED

by **TONY ROSS**

Great Fight-Back by Nicky Jarvis

Held at the Loughborough College P.E. Centre on the 16th/17th May in weather more suited to the busy adjacent tennis courts, the first English Junior Closed attracted almost all the England ranked juniors and a good number of other young hopefuls. No. 3 boy Peter Taylor had to withdraw on medical advice, the only other missing ranked player being No. 10 girl Lesley Pacitto. Eight players were seeded in each singles event, based on the January ranking list, which was something of a joke as far as the boys were concerned, leaving as it did inform players Tony Boasman, Robert Hellaby and Ian Horsham as dangerous floaters. By strange coincidence, these three players were all drawn into what would have been Peter Taylor's quarter.

In the event, it was Essex No. 3 Horsham who blasted his way into the semi-finals past, in succession,

Boasman, Jimmy Walker (but 19 in the third), No. 8 seed Neil Fulstow, and his own county No. 1 Hellaby in the quarters. However, he was unable to mete out the same treatment to No. 2 seed John Dabin in the semi-final. The latter won comfortably in straight games and in time to contemplate the other semi-final battle on the adjacent table, where Yorkshire's Nos. 1 and 2, Nicky Jarvis and Alan Fletcher, were still locked in fierce combat.

Top seed Jarvis had won the first 21-16. But in the second, Fletcher (seeded 4) parried the Teessider's heavy topspin drives with increasing ease to win 21-11, and went out to a 12-7 lead in the decider. However, an amazingly sustained all-out effort from Jarvis, encouraged by vociferous support from no less a personage than Denis Neale, took 14 of the next 16 points, leaving the defeated Hull boy shaking his head in disbelief.

Almost tame by comparison, the final held no terrors for Jarvis, who hit easily through Dabin's chop defence and occasional counter-hitting forays to win in two straight. Of the remaining seeds, Michael Read (5) and Simon Heaps (7) reached their allotted quarter-finals, losing to Jarvis and Fletcher respectively, but unhappy Paul Bishop (6) made an undignified



NICKY JARVIS
Photo by Cliff Darley

Round 2 exit to young Martin Davis (Warwicks.).

Davis went out to David Rayner, Dabin's quarter-final victim, but scaled further heights by reaching the Boys' Doubles in partnership with county team-mate Robert Broadmore. However, the Warwicks. pair were unable to extend their finals opposition, the long established and successful Red/White Rose combination of Boasman and Fletcher. One Round 3 surprise was the defeat of regular Essex pair Horsham and Read by Heaps and Donald Parker (Lancs.).

The finals of the girls' events were dominated by the Howard sisters. Susan beat Linda in the singles, and in partnership, the two took the doubles. Two seeded girls fell en route to the singles quarter-finals, Christine Mann (5) to county colleague Anne Painter in Round 3, and Carol Randall (8) to Lynda Sutton, also in Round 3.

All the quarters except that between Susan Howard and Anne Painter went to the third game, with Janet Hellaby (6) shading home against Susan Lisle (1), Linda Howard (3) just having the edge on Paula Brenchley (7), and Susan Beckwith (2) fairly racing away with the third against Lynda Sutton ("A"). Surprises in the semis, though, with Susan Howard pushed to the third by Janet Hellaby, and Susan Beckwith outgunned by Linda Howard two straight.

Surprise also in the Mixed, where Boasman and Susan Lisle toppled top seeds Jarvis and Susan Howard in the semis, the Lancashire combination going on to a 3-games finals win over the Essex brother and sister pairing Robert and Janet Hellaby.

Results:

Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals: N. Jarvis (Yorks.) bt M. Read (Essex) 18, 17; A. Fletcher (Yorks.) bt S. Heaps (Ches.) 22, 13; I. Horsham (Essex) bt R. Hellaby (Essex) 9, 20, 14; J. Dabin (Kent) bt D. Rayner (Yorks.) 9, 16.

Semi-finals: JARVIS bt Fletcher 16, -11, 14; DABIN bt Horsham 16, 15.

Final: JARVIS bt Dabin 13, 13.

Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals: S. Howard (Surrey) bt A. Painter (Middx.) 6, 7; J. Hellaby (Essex) bt S. Lisle (Lancs.) -14, 19, 18; L. Howard (Surrey) bt P. Brenchley (Kent) -16, 14, 16; S. Beckwith (Essex) bt L. Sutton (Yorks.) -14, 17, 6.

Semi-finals: S. HOWARD bt Hellaby 10, -18, 17; L. HOWARD bt Beckwith 19, 7.

Final: S. HOWARD bt L. Howard 11, 16.

Boys' Doubles: Quarter-finals: A. Boasman (Lancs.)/Fletcher bt R. Aldrich/D. Jemmett (Middx.) -18, 8, 16; Dabin/Hellaby bt P. Crane (Hants.)/L. Parodi (Surrey) 14, 21; R. Broadmore/M. Davis (Warwks.) bt Heaps/D. Parker (Lancs.) -18, 15, 12; Jarvis/D. Morris (Warwks.) bt P. Bishop (Surrey)/B. Johns (Ches.) 13, 18.

Semi-finals: BOASMAN/FLETCHER bt Dabin/Hellaby -18, 18, 13; BROADMORE/DAVIS bt Jarvis/Morris 19, -20, 19.

Final: BOASMAN/FLETCHER bt Broadmore/Davis 17, 17.

Girls' Doubles: Quarter-finals: Howard/Howard bt J. Billson/A. Stevenson (Leics.) 16, 13; Brenchley/C. Randall (Sussex) bt G. Macrea (Surrey) K. Mashford (Bucks.) 23, 12; L. Chesson (Kent)/Lisle bt J. Hartwell (Herts.)/Ch. Randall (Sussex) 16, 12; Beckwith/C. Mann (Middx.) bt Sutton J. Walker (Yorks.) 18, 15.

Semi-finals: HOWARD/HOWARD bt Brenchley/Randall 17, 18; BECKWITH/MANN bt Chesson/Lisle -19, 17, 12.

Final: HOWARD/HOWARD bt Beckwith/Mann 11, 9.

Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals: Jarvis/S. Howard bt M. Locke (Essex)/Beckwith 14, 12; Boasman/Lisle bt P. Guttormsen (Kent)/Chesson 9, 16; Hellaby/Hellaby bt Heaps/J. Dyer (Ches.) 18, -10, 6; Dabin/Brenchley bt Fletcher/S. Howard 18, -21, 17.

Semi-finals: BOASMAN/LISLE bt Jarvis/Howard 22, -10, 16; HELLABY/HELLABY bt Dabin/Brenchley 14, 15.

Final: BOASMAN/LISLE bt Hellaby/Hellaby 19, -22, 11.



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Front row—Mrs. Thompson, the Mayor of Sunderland (Ald. Mrs. Mary Miller), Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Clifford.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Cliff Darley

A CHANGE OF PUDDING I

Bound for Chichester, Alan Hydes is the latest of our County Championships squad to go to college, following in the footsteps of Tony Clayton—in his second year at Liverpool—and John Kedge. John has completed his studies but has yet to take up an appointment.

Graham Carr (Harrogate) is the new Competition Secretary of the Yorkshire T.T.A.

At Crystal Palace, in the final Junior trials, Nicky Jarvis lost only two games and those to northern rivals, Jimmie Walker and Tony Boasman. Walker had 10 wins and 4 losses but both Neil Fulstow and David Rayner had disappointing results with returns of 6-8 and 4-10 respectively. An off colour Lynda Sutton played well but could only manage 3 of her 8 sets losing narrowly to Linda Howard -23, 20, -19.

Sad news from Bradford was the announcement of the death of Mr. Harold Armitage, president of the league for the past 25 years, and of Peter Smith (aged 35). Bradford's Colin Webster, a policeman, has emigrated to Canada to take up a position with the London, Ontario police force.

Teams from the Disabled Miners, W. R. Wilkinson's, Garforth and two from Pontefract Police are newly entered in the Castleford and Pontefract League who will be organising two new competitions this season. They are a Team Handicap competition and a Draw Doubles.

A record number of 139 teams have been entered in the Hull and East Riding T.T.A. For an experimental period of two years the Y.P.I. Club, the largest and most successful in Hull, has barred from membership players who are registered with other clubs.

Hitherto, a number of players from other clubs have joined the Y.P.I. to use the continuously available practice facilities. The Club committee considers the new rule essential in order to improve loyalty and to prevent the poaching of players.

Non-members will be allowed to use the club on payment of a fee and at the discretion of the committee each time the facilities are used.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

ALAN HYDES "RETAINED" BY SUSSEX I

That distinguished Yorkshireman from Barnsley Alan Hydes, who has been coaching all summer at Butlins, Bognor, has decided he enjoys the Sussex air, and will study and coach in the county this winter—but to save too many heart attacks from Yorkshire fans—he will still play for Yorkshire in the premier division! By an odd coincidence one of the first premier division fixtures is Sussex v. Yorkshire at Littlehampton, that's five minutes round the corner for Alan!

Once again Peter Williams, Roger Chandler, Sam Ogundipe and Judy Williams are expected to save Sussex from relegation. Whilst the "old

firm" will be trying to keep out of Division 2 (South), the new Sussex second team (Sussex II) will be trying hard to break into Division 2 through the promotion gate from the Southern Division.

Competition for places in this revived team will be extremely keen.

Great things will be expected of ex-Lancashireman John Clarke, the probable No. 1. Robin Stace, Arthur Downer, Suzanna Kavallierou, Diane Gaf and Carol Randall will be fighting hard at the trials for their places in the first match at home to Oxfordshire.

Even more action has taken place in the Sussex junior camp. Three preliminary trials sessions were held during the summer and two new appointments made—Ken Merrett is the new n.p. captain, and John Peake has taken over the team organisation. At the final trials on Sept. 13, Stephen Marley (Bognor) and Pauline Murrell (Hailsham) came out on top and are now the two No. 1 players on the new ranking lists.

Sussex have rarely had strength in depth in the junior field but the advance to the No. 2 ranking for Littlehampton's John Avey who is just 14 plus a No. 4 rating for 11-year-old Linda Wales makes the future look even better.

For the first time for many years great progress is being made with coaching. More coaches, the formation of Sussex Coaching Committee and additional venues in the east and centre of the county—it's all happening in Sussex.

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JUNIOR SOUTH

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Staffordshire

County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR OCTOBER, 1970

PREMIER		
Oct. 10	Bucks. v. Sussex. Kent v. Middlesex, Eastry Children's Home, Eastry.	7-00 p.m.
	Surrey v. Essex, Park House School, Pepper Harrow, Nr. Godalming.	7-00 p.m.
	Warwickshire v. Yorkshire, Friary Youth Club, Abbey Street, Nuneaton.	7-00 p.m.
" 24	Essex v. Buckinghamshire, Y.M.C.A., Rush Green Road, Romford.	7-00 p.m.
	Kent v. Warwickshire. Middlesex v. Surrey, Southall Grammar-Technical School, Boyd Avenue, Southall.	7-30 p.m.
	Sussex v. Yorkshire, Holy Family Convent, Beach Road, Littlehampton.	7-30 p.m.
SECOND SOUTH		
Oct. 10	Middlesex II v. Buckinghamshire II, East Finchley Table Tennis Centre, 142, High Road, Finchley, N2.	7-30 p.m.
	Essex II v. Kent II, Brays Grove School, Traceys Road, Harlow.	7-00 p.m.
" 24	Buckinghamshire II v. Hants.	
SECOND NORTH		
Oct. 10	Durham v. Northumberland, St. Joseph's School of the Sacred Heart, Hart Lane, Hartlepool.	7-00 p.m.
	Derbyshire v. Cheshire, Rolls Royce Welfare Sports Ground, off Osmaston Park Road, Derby.	6-30 p.m.
	Lancashire v. Lincolnshire, Alfred Turner Secondary School, Prospect Road, off Liverpool Road, Cadishead.	6-45 p.m.
" 24	Lancashire v. Durham, Montague Burton's Halliwell Clothing Works, Bolton	7-00 p.m.
SECOND MIDLAND		
Oct. 10	Leicestershire v. Worcestershire, Knighton Park T.T.C., Avenue Road Extension, Leicester.	7-00 p.m.
	Nottinghamshire v. Staffordshire. Warwickshire II v. Gloucestershire.	
" 11	Gloucestershire v. Nottinghamshire, New Ramblers Boys Club, Milton Ave., Podmead Road, Gloucester.	7-15 p.m.
" 24	Staffordshire v. Leicestershire, Shelton Iron and Steel Works Canteen, Stoke-on-Trent.	7-30 p.m.
" 25	Bedfordshire v. Warwickshire II, Vauxhall Motors Canteen, Dunstable.	4-00 p.m.
SECOND WEST		
Oct. 10	Glamorgan v. Wiltshire, Aberaman Y.M.C.A., Aberaman, Aberdare.	7-15 p.m.
	Somerset v. Cornwall, Y.M.C.A., High Street, Weston-Super-Mare.	7-00 p.m.
" 24	Cornwall v. Glamorgan. Wiltshire v. Monmouthshire.	
" 25	Devon v. Glamorgan, Devonport Guildhall, Plymouth.	3-00 p.m.
SOUTHERN		
Oct. 10	Sussex II v. Oxfordshire, Holy Family Convent, Beach Road, Littlehampton.	7-30 p.m.
EASTERN		
Oct. 10	Norfolk v. Cambridgeshire, National Dock Labour Board, Social Club, Kings Lynn.	7-30 p.m.
	Northants. v. Hertfordshire II, Falconer's Hill Mixed Youth Club, Daventry.	7-00 p.m.
" 24	Hunts. v. Northants., Eaton Socon Institute, Eaton Socon.	7-30 p.m.
	Suffolk v. Norfolk, Britannia Club, Ipswich.	7-00 p.m.
MIDLAND		
Oct. 24	Glamorgan II v. Denbighshire, Thorn Electrical Industries, Swansea Road, Merthyr Tydfil.	7-00 p.m.
	Worcestershire II v. Shropshire, Cripplegate Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester.	7-00 p.m.
JUNIOR PREMIER		
Oct. 10	Glamorgan v. Essex, Wales Gas Board, Oystermouth Rd., Swansea.	7-15 p.m.
	Hertfordshire v. Kent, Brookside Boys' Club, Buckton Road, Boreham Wood.	3-00 p.m.
	Lancashire v. Warwickshire, Alfred Turner Secondary School, Prospect Road, off Liverpool Rd., Cadishead.	2-30 p.m.
" 24	Kent v. Glamorgan, Woolwich Recreation Inst. (King's Park), Eltham Palace Road, Eltham.	3-00 p.m.
	Warwickshire v. Hertfordshire, Colebridge Boys' Club, Colebrook Road, Shirley, Solihull.	6-30 p.m.
	Yorkshire v. Lancashire. Middlesex v. Glamorgan.	
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JUNIOR SOUTH		
Oct. 10	Berkshire v. Surrey. Buckinghamshire v. Hants.	
" 24	Berkshire v. Hants. Sussex v. Buckinghamshire.	
" 31	Hants. v. Sussex.	
Nov. 1	Surrey v. Buckinghamshire.	
JUNIOR NORTH		
Oct. 10	Cheshire v. Derbyshire. Durham v. Northumberland, St. Joseph's School of the Sacred Heart, Hart Lane, Hartlepool.	3-00 p.m.
JUNIOR MIDLAND		
Oct. 24	Bedfordshire v. Leicestershire. Nottinghamshire v. Staffordshire.	
" 25	Warwickshire II v. Leicestershire, Colebridge Boys' Club, Colebridge Road, Shirley, Solihull.	3-30 p.m.
JUNIOR EAST		
Oct. 24	Hunts. v. Suffolk, St. Neots T.T. Club, St. Neots.	3-00 p.m.
	Norfolk v. Essex II, N.C.C. Sports and Social Club, Martineau Lane, Norwich.	2-30 p.m.
" 31	Hertfordshire II v. Cambridgeshire, Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth.	3-00 p.m.
JUNIOR WEST		
Oct. 17	Devon v. Worcestershire, E.C.C., Exeter.	7-00 p.m.
" 24	Somerset v. Wiltshire, Oriol Hall, Upper Swainswick, Bath.	2-30 p.m.
" 25	Monmouthshire v. Gloucestershire, Standard Telephones, Newport.	3-30 p.m.
VETERAN MIDLAND		
Oct. 24	Staffordshire v. Nottinghamshire, Birmingham Road Lawn Tennis Club, Birmingham Road, Walsall.	7-15 p.m.
" 25	Leicestershire v. Cheshire, Knighton Park T.T.C., Avenue Road Extension, Leicester.	3-30 p.m.

PREMIER DIVISION FOR JUNIORS

A season's canvassing by Essex Junior Match Secretary Alan Shepherd had its reward when the C.T.T.C. A.G.M. decided with few voices against to form a Premier Division for Juniors. Not surprisingly, Junior Champions Essex compete in this division, as do the four other participants in the 1969-70 Junior Challenge: Yorkshire, Kent, Glamorgan and Warwickshire. The division is completed by Hertfordshire, Lancashire and Middlesex. The new competition will have problems, but with goodwill and co-operation between the Counties these should be few and a very interesting season should be in store for the players lucky enough to make the grade.

With the best teams from last season missing from the Regional Junior Divisions, the standard here is likely to be lower than for several seasons, but this will not necessarily be to the disadvantage of those Counties left as the matches should be a good deal more even. Essex, Herts., and Warwicks. have all taken the opportunity of entering and Junior teams, and it is nice to see Lincolnshire and Devon adding Junior teams. Less pleasing is the withdrawal of Cumberland Juniors through a dispute not directly concerning that side.

The other main development is one which I personally do not welcome: the introduction of a competition for Veterans. Teams will consist of three men and one woman and eight Counties have entered teams which will form two divisions with Essex, Hants., Herts., and Oxon forming a Southern Division and Cheshire, Leics., Notts., and Staffs. a Midland. Comments at the A.G.M. show me to be in a minority in disapproving of the competition, and I would not be surprised to see an entry next season of 20 teams.

Despite a disappointing finish to last season (their 3rd position was their lowest since '62-'63) Essex look likely to challenge strongly again for the title especially if they have Trevor Taylor. Newly promoted Bucks. and Warwicks. will find the going tough, but at least one of these should be able to maintain Premier status. Bucks. II have an interesting season ahead of them in 2nd South but it is sad to relate that this County appears to have serious difficulties with officials to run the teams. 2nd North promises to be the closest fought of the four 2nd Divisions, with delegated Northumberland and Cheshire both placed here, plus Lancashire and the transferred Derbyshire (this move made to make the 2nd Divisions of equal number). Monmouths. and Glamorgan move into 2nd West while Gloucs. and Worcs. go to 2nd Midland with the promoted Bedfordshire.

In the Regional Divisions, the relegation of Northumberland and consequent demotion of their 2nd team brought back the Northern Division

into which Cumberland were placed with Derbys II and the new Notts. II. Rather than face the expense of this travelling, Cumberland withdrew which leaves this Division with a mere three teams playing home and away. Southern Division also plays home and away, with Sussex II playing again (a pity the Bedfords. II idea fell through) and Glamorgan II come into Midland. Lastly we have Eastern which promises a good fight with Suffolk hoping to bounce straight back to higher things.

The full line-up is:—

PREMIER	
	Buckinghamshire
	Essex
	Kent
	Middlesex
	Surrey
	Sussex
	Warwickshire
	Yorkshire
2nd	SOUTH
	Buckinghamshire II
	Essex II
	Hampshire
	Hertfordshire
	Kent II
	Middlesex II
	Surrey II
2nd	NORTH
	Cheshire
	Derbyshire
	Durham
	Lancashire
	Lincolnshire
	Northumberland
	Yorkshire II
2nd	MIDLAND
	Bedfordshire
	Gloucestershire
	Leicestershire
	Nottinghamshire
	Staffordshire
	Warwickshire II
	Worcestershire
2nd	WEST
	Cornwall
	Devon
	Dorset
	Glamorgan
	Monmouthshire
	Somerset
	Wiltshire
SOUTHERN	
	Berkshire
	Hampshire II
	Oxfordshire
NORTHERN	
	Derbyshire II
	Northumberland II
	Nottinghamshire II
MIDLAND	
	Denbighshire
	Glamorgan II
	Shropshire
	Staffordshire II
	Worcestershire II
EASTERN	
	Cambridgeshire
	Hertfordshire II
	Huntingdonshire
	Norfolk
	Northamptonshire
	Suffolk
JUNIOR PREMIER	
	Essex
	Glamorgan
	Hertfordshire
	Kent
	Lancashire
	Middlesex
	Warwickshire
	Yorkshire

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