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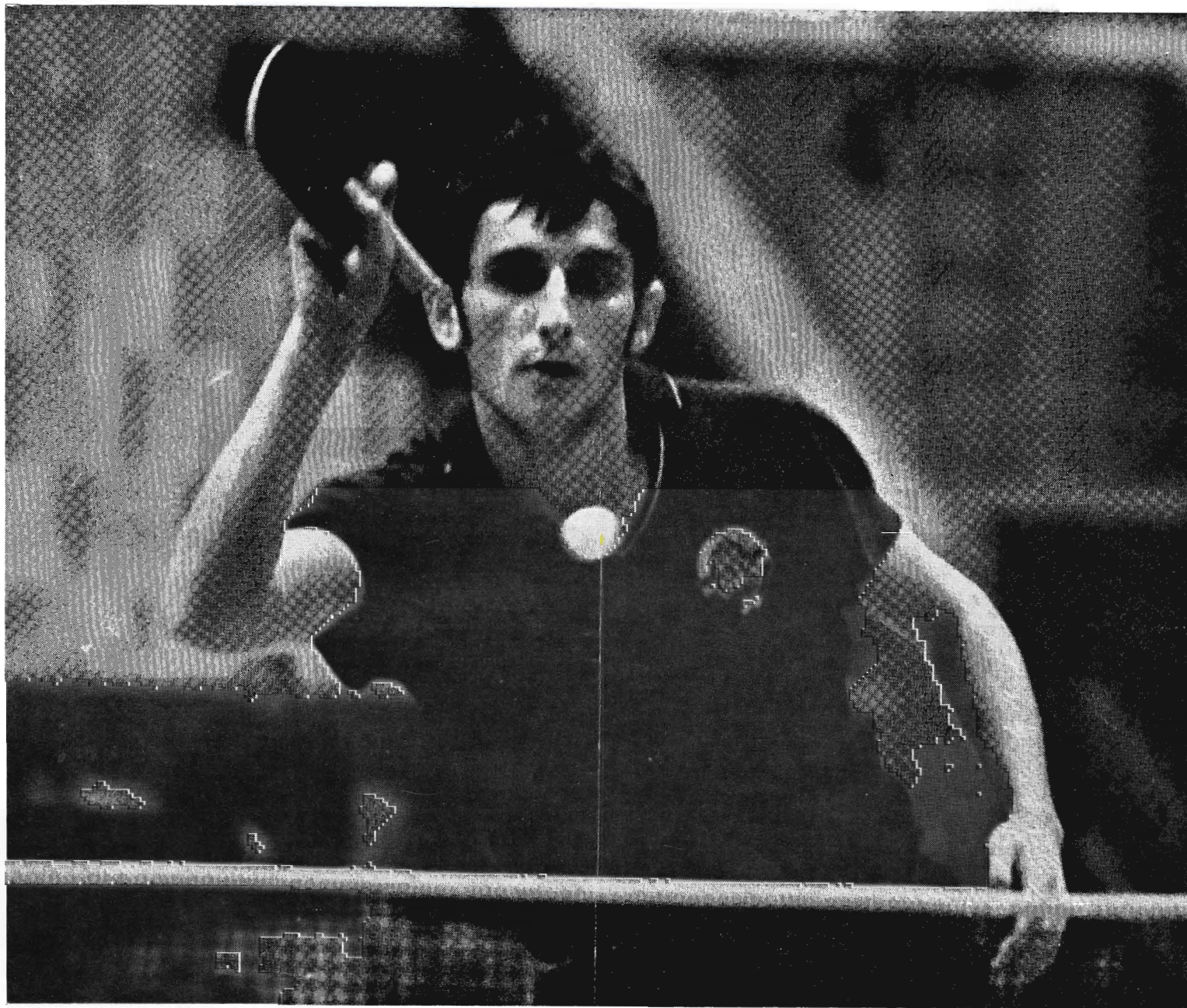
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OPERATION BACKLOG

Pity the poor match secretary when, because of industrial disputes—and there have been more than enough in recent seasons—cancellations, in addition to normal postponement of matches, become the order of the day and a backlog of unplayed fixtures reaches mountainous proportions.

It would appear the simplest operation in the world to cancel a fixture but getting it re-dated is a most frustrating business except when teams in line for championship honours are concerned.

Granted one can do very little during a week when black-outs prevail but the daylight hours of a week-end could well be utilised in getting those matches in hand played off.

On behalf of the legion of match secretaries intent on keeping their league tables up to date, an appeal is hereby lodged for the utmost co-operation in shedding this particular load from an already onerous undertaking.

Pre-arranged presentation nights need not be affected if, other than by the light of the silvery moon, Saturday or Sunday daylight matches can be arranged to make inroads into those missing results.

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The International Front



EUROPEAN LEAGUE

DISASTROUS indeed were the happenings to England's fortunes, in Troyes on February 23, when the permutation of our top players failed to stop France from inflicting a humiliating 6-1 Premier Division defeat on us.

Following Jacques Secretin's opening win over Trevor Taylor, the match score was predictably levelled when Denis Neale 'pecked off' the head of Jean-Paul Weber. But from then on it was the French cockerel that really set the roost awake to the tune of five successive victories.

Claude Bergeret was the player to set the rot in when, over three games, she beat Jill Hammersly, on expedite in the 3rd, and Secretin, partnered by Danny Dhondt, just made it 22-20 in the decider after Neale and Taylor had led 20-19.

Even the inclusion of Chester Barnes, paired with Karenza Mathews, failed to stem the tide and France were home, 4-1, with the two subsequent sets also going their way, the last to Weber who, although 3-11 down in the 3rd, even climbed out of that particular hole! Scores:—

- J. Secretin bt T. Taylor 19, 16.
- J. P. Weber lost to D. Neale -15, -6.
- Miss C. Bergeret bt Mrs. J. Hammersley 17, -15, 19.
- D. Dhondt/Secretin bt Neale/Taylor 19, -20, 20.
- Secretin/Bergeret bt C. Barnes/K. Mathews -18, 10, 15.
- Secretin bt Neale 18, 13.
- Weber bt Taylor 16, -16, 16.

As a result of this sad reversal, England's prospects of remaining with the elite must now be regarded as wafer thin even allowing for their two remaining matches being at home. Change is not likely to be easily extracted from the pockets of Czechoslovakia, at Norwich on March 9, or at Southend on April 24, against Hungary.

These two teams met, in Prague, on January 27 when Hungary, the reigning champions, were surprisingly beaten 5-2 and neither Istvan Jonyer or Tibor Klampar could manage a singles win between them! Scores:—

- M. Orlowski bt I Jonyer 17, -18, 19.
- J. Kunz bt T. Klampar 19, -16, 19.
- Miss I Vostova lost to Miss B. Kishazi -16, -10.
- Orlowski/J. Turai lost to Jonyer/Klampar -12, -15.
- Orlowski/Vostova bt Jonyer/Miss J. Magos 13, -16, 19.
- Orlowski bt Klampar 16, 13.
- Kunz bt Jonyer 16, 18.

Sweden, at home to France in Halmstad on February 25, won 5-2. Kjell Johansson losing to both Secretin and Weber. Results:—

- K. Johansson lost to J. P. Weber -18, 14, -17.
- S. Bengtsson bt J. Secretin 16, -20, 13.

- Mrs. B. Radberg bt Miss C. Berg 15, 14.
- Bengtsson/Johansson bt Secretin/J. L. Walczak 13, 9.
- Bengtsson/Miss L. Andersson bt Secretin/Bergeret 17, 10.
- Johansson lost to Secretin -11, -15.
- Bengtsson bt Weber 10, 9.

Individual scores are not to hand in respect of Czechoslovakia's 5-2 win over France scheduled to have been played in Prague on February 2.

Current positions:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	4	3	1	18	10	3
Czechoslovakia	3	3	0	14	7	3
Sweden	4	2	2	15	13	2
Soviet Union	3	2	1	11	10	2
Fed. Germany	3	2	1	9	12	2
France	5	1	4	14	21	1
ENGLAND	4	0	4	10	18	0

A three-cornered fight is nicely developing in Division Two wherein the Netherlands, Austria and Denmark are all unbeaten. At the foot of this table Ireland would appear to be in sore straits with Greece and Belgium also lagging. Results:—

- Greece 5 Belgium 2
- IRELAND 1 Austria 6
- Greece 3 Denmark 4
- Switzerland 5 IRELAND 2
- Denmark 6 SCOTLAND 1
- Austria 5 Greece 2
- Netherlands 5 Belgium 2
- SCOTLAND 2 Austria 5

Positions:—

Netherlands	5	5	0	26	9	5
Austria	4	4	0	22	6	4
Denmark	4	4	0	20	8	4
Switzerland	5	2	3	16	19	2
SCOTLAND	6	2	4	16	26	2
Greece	5	1	4	16	19	1
Belgium	4	1	3	10	18	1
IRELAND	5	0	5	7	28	0

NEW ZEALAND WEDDING

1970 New Zealand champion, Gary Murphy, and his wife are pictured leaving St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin after their wedding early this year.



Photo by Daphne Studios, Dunedin, N.Z.

Gary, who was a member of the 1971 New Zealand team to the 1st Commonwealth Championships and the 31st World's in Nagoya, is the son of former British Empire Boxing middleweight champion "Bos" Murphy who won his title from Britain's Vince Hawkins, in London in January 1948.

His wife, the former Maree Fogarty, is the second daughter of the 1948 N.Z. table tennis champion W. J. Fogarty, who represented N.Z. against England's Victor Barna and the late Richard Bergmann in New Zealand in 1949.

Maree's younger sister, Yvonne, the 1969 N.Z. champion, toured England and Scotland with the 1967 N.Z. team on the way to Stockholm. Yvonne was a member of the N.Z. women's team which collected the silver medal, behind England, in the Singapore Commonwealth tourney.

Yvonne was chief bridesmaid — shown on the other side of Gary. The two younger Fogarty girls, Catherine and Barbara (as flower girls) are to the right of Maree and near to older brother Terence who watches the camera.

"Bos" Murphy is just to the left and slightly behind Yvonne. 1971 N.Z. team member, Kathy Fraser, is on the left, very front, and N.Z. veteran campaigner Frank O'Gorman — who supplied the photograph — watches to see if the cameraman knows what to do.

Gary, with his Diploma of Physical Education, and Maree, with her Bachelor of Science Degree, take up teaching appointments at Hamilton in N.Z.'s North Island.

Gary, Yvonne and Kathy are strong candidates for the 1973 N.Z. team to the Commonwealth tourney next year and to the 1973 world championships in Sarajevo.

1966-68 N.Z. champion, Bryan Foster, who was in England and

Scotland in 1967 with the N.Z. team, leaves N.Z. very soon and hopes to be in England later this year. He is due in Durban, South Africa and hopes to motor through Africa on his way north to England. He too was at the Murphy-Fogarty wedding but missed the photo.

The 1973 N.Z. team for Wales and Yugoslavia will be announced at the conclusion of the 1972 N.Z. championships at Christchurch (South Island) on "finals day" Saturday, September 2, 1972.

SOVIET TOP TENS

The Presidium of the U.S.S.R. Table Tennis Federation announced, on January 26, the ten best men and women players on the strength of their performances in 1971. Indicated in parenthesis is the place held in last year's classification.

Men

1. Sarkis Sarkhayan (3)
2. Anatoly Amelin (1)
3. Anatoli Strokotov (47)
4. Stanislav Gomozkov (2)
5. Georgi Strelnikov (4)
6. Yevgeny Birkovskiy (-)
7. Gegam Vardanyan (9)
8. Valery Markin (37)
9. Oleg Andrianov (13)
10. Alexander Saprykin (-)

Women

1. Zoya Rudnova (2)
2. Laima Amelina (-)
3. Asta Gedraitite (7)
4. Bella Anisimova (4)
5. Svetlana Federova (1)
6. Rita Pogosoova (3)
7. Evdokiya Golubkova (5)
8. Semela Parfinidi (12)
9. Valentina Zbrodova (10)
10. Lyubov Grishina (6)

Whereas there was only a reshufflement among the best women players, the list of men was renovated by a half. David Brodsky, Uldis Eglitis, Jaan Hjarns, Vladimir Vorobyov and Yakov Kaplun were dropped from the list because of a poor showing last year.

U.S.S.R. CHAMPIONSHIPS

EUROPEAN women's champion Zoya Rudnova, a Moscow student, became the overall winner of the U.S.S.R. championships that ended in Voroshilovgrad on February 22. She won three gold medals in three events.

In the singles finals she defeated Muscovite Laima Amelina 3-0. The bronze medal went to Rita Pogosoova of Yerevan. In the women's doubles Rudnova was paired with Svetlana Federova of Moscow, and they retained their title by defeating Amelina and Yevdokiya Golubkova (Moscow) 3-0. In the mixed doubles Rudnova and her partner Stanislav Gomozkov (Moscow) defeated Pogosoova and Sarkis Sarkhoyan (Batumi) 3-1.

The men's singles went to Sarkhoyan who beat Gomozkov in the semi-final 3-2 and in the final outplayed the young Muscovite Victor Fursov 3-0.

The fifth set of gold medals went to Sarkhoyan and Gegam Vardanyan (Kirovakan) after they defeated in the finals the men's doubles defending champions Gomozkov and Anatoli Amelin (both Moscow) 3-1.

Bronze medals went to Pogosoova and Elvira Antonyan of Yerevan (women's doubles), Federova and Anatoli Strokotov of Lvov (mixed doubles) and Uldis Eglitis of Riga and Georgi Strelkikov of Omsk (men's doubles).

The championship attracted over 120 players from all the Union republics, Moscow and Leningrad.

EUROPE CLUB CUP

Ormesby's semi-final match in the European Club Cup competition, against Yugoslavia's Olimpija Ljubljana, is due to take place on Teesside on March 5, the visitors having beaten Olympiakos, Athens 5-1 in the previous round.

In the other semi-final Sweden's Falkenbergs BTF beat VZKG, Ostrava of Czechoslovakia 5-1.

EUROPEAN RANKING TOURNAMENT

Europe's top-ranked players produced some fine play in Zagreb, (writes Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans), with Yugoslav Anton Stipancic winning the men's event, and Hungary's Beatriz Kishazi repeating her last season's success in the women's.



Anton Stipancic (Yugoslavia) who topped the men's section of the European Ranking List tournament in his native Zagreb.

Photo by Cliff Darley.

Hans Alser, who is not now playing competitively, allowed No. 13-ranked Stanislav Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.) to participate and, owing to the illness of Ilcna Vostova (Czechoslovakia), Lena Andersson of Sweden deputised. Unfortunately, Sweden's Kjell Johansson was taken ill in Zagreb and could not compete.

Significant in the men's results was the bottom two places being occupied by Jacques Secretin and Ebby Schöler, neither of whom approved of the lighting which certainly handicapped their game. Strangely enough, Milivoj Karakasevic, who did so well last year, had a poor tournament.

Stipancic was in great form and deserved his victory, although he was hard pressed by world champion, Stellan Bengtsson, who seems to be getting some maturity into his play. Yet he must have cursed an inexplicable loss to the off-form Schöler.

Both reserves took their chances, Gomozkov looking much more like a fighter than hitherto, and taking fifth place, whilst Lena Andersson had some good wins to get her the same position in the women's.

Kishazi was head and shoulders above the others, having a splendid temperament which remained unshakable even when trailing badly to

Alica Grofova. Andersson took the only other game from Kishazi, but England's Jill Hammersley looked at one time as if she would go to three against the Champion.

Indeed, at one time Jill was all set for a joint fourth position, which would have been a splendid performance for the only player there without a Captain! She led Maria Alexandru 18-12 in the third on expedite, only to lose, mainly by succumbing to a temptation to hit one off just when Maria was on her last stroke to make a winner! That was a rush of blood to the head that cost her six places!

Jill's losses otherwise were to Federova (0-2), Hovestadt (0-2), Di Schöler (0-2) and Resler (0-2).

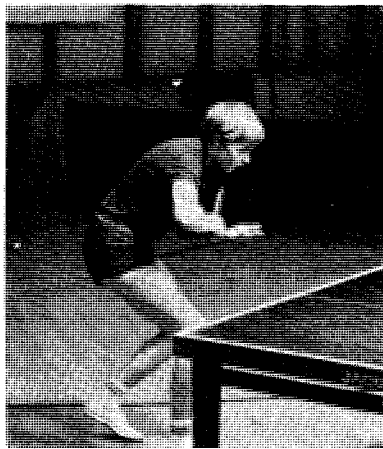
Results:—

MEN

	W	L	F	A
	(Games)			
1. A. Stipancic (Yugo.) ...	8	2	18	6
2. S. Bengtsson (Sweden) ..	8	2	16	9
3. D. Surbek (Yugo.)	7	3	16	8
4. I. Jonyer (Hungary) ...	6	4	15	10
5. S. Gomozkov (USSR) ...	5	5	13	11
6. T. Klampar (Hungary) 5	5	5	11	11
7. I. Korpa (Yugo.)	5	5	11	14
8. M. Orlovski (Czecho) . 4	6	10	12	
9. M. Karakasevic (Yugo.) 3	7	7	14	
10. J. Secretin (France) ...	2	8	6	17
11. E. Schöler (Fed. Ger.) . 2	8	5	16	

WOMEN

	W	L	F	A
	(Games)			
1. B. Kishazi (Hungary) ... 11	0	22	2	
2. M. Alexandru (Rum.) ..	8	3	17	9
3. Z. Rudnova (USSR) ...	7	4	16	13
4. M. Resler (Yugo.)	6	5	15	12
5. L. Andersson (Sweden) . 5	6	14	14	
6. S. Federova (USSR) ...	5	6	13	14
7. D. Hovestadt (DDR) ...	5	6	14	16
8. D. Schöler (Fed. Ger.) ...	5	6	13	15
9. A. Grofova (Czecho.) ...	5	6	13	16
10. J. Hammersley (Eng.) 5	6	11	14	
11. A. Simón (Fed. Ger.) 2	9	9	20	
12. E. Vlaicov (Rumania) 2	9	8	20	



Lena Andersson, Sweden's up-and-coming young lady who finished in fifth position in the women's section at Zagreb.

FOREIGN OPENS

From January 23-25, at Cluj, Yugoslavia's Milivoj Karakasevic brought off his first major tournament success in winning the men's singles event of the Rumanian Open, in which England's Peter Taylor lost, in Round 2, to China's Li Ching-kuang (16, 13, -11, -17, -19).

England's other male representative, Nicky Jarvis, went one round further before losing to Stipancic, the beaten finalist, -16, -13, 20, 10, -13.

Linda Howard had an exceptional run in the counterpart women's event losing to Hungary's Henrietta Lotaller -7, -9, -10 in the quarters after accounting for such notables as China's Huang Hshi-ping and the East German No. 1 Doris Hovestadt.

Karenza Mathews lost, as she had done in the preceding team championships, to Rumania's second string player, Leszey, in Round 1.

In the team events, England's pairs took a first round knock-out administered by Woznica and Fraczyk of Poland (men) and Ilie and Leszey of Rumania II (women). Results:—

M.S.: Quarter-finals:

Li Ching-kuang (China) bt P. Rozsas (Hungary) -13, 19, 12, -19, 14.
M. Karakasevic (Yugo.) bt Liang Ko-liang (China) -18, -10, 10, 16, 18.

A. Stipancic (Yugo.) bt Tiso Ven-yuan (China) 14, 14, -11, 18;

Hsi En-ting (China) bt Dobosi (Rumania) 13, 11, -19, 20.

Semi-finals:

Karakasevic bt Li Ching-kuang 16, 18, 13.

Stipancic bt Hsi En-ting 18, 14, 15.

Final:

KARAKASEVIC bt Stipancic -11, 20, 9, 18.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

M. Alexandru (Rumania) bt H. Lotaller (Hungary) 23, -12, 16, 10.

Hu Yu-lan (China) bt C. Crisan (Rumania) 16, 14, -16, 16.

Final:

ALEXANDRU bt Hu Yu-lan -8, 19, 22, 14.

M.D.: Final:

KARAKASEVIC / STIPANCIC bt M. Beleznai (Hungary)/Rozsas -11, 20, 9, 18.

W.D.: Final:

ALEXANDRU/CRISAN bt Cheng Huai-ying/Li Li (China) 9, 19, 13.

X.D.: Final:

LIANG/KO-LIANG/LI LI bt Rozsas/Lotaller 11, -20, 17, -21, 19.

Men's Team Final:

CHINA II (Li Ching-kuang, Tiso Ven-yuan) bt Rumania I (Dobosi, Luchian) 3-1.

Women's Team Final:

CHINA I (Cheng Huai-ying, Li Li) bt Rumania I (Alexandru, Crisan) 3-1.

Sweden's Kjell Johansson was the winner of the men's singles event in the Czechoslovakian Open, played in Bratislava over the period January 29-31, and Hungary's Judit Magos won the women's event.

Reinforced by Trevor Taylor, England's men had a first round team win over Bulgaria's Damianov and Konov, the former beating Jarvis 19, 8 in a 3-1 England success. Up against Korpa and Surbek of Yugoslavia, the curtains came down in Round 2. (3-0).

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COVER PICTURE

Yugoslavia's Milivoj Karakasevic who brought off his first major open championship success when he beat his compatriot, Anton Stipancic, to win Rumanian Open men's singles titles at Cluj on January 25, 1972. Scores: 11-21, 22-20, 21-9, 21-18. Both victor and vanquished joined forces to annexe the men's doubles title with scores of 22-20, 19-21, 22-20, 21-15 over Hungary's Matyas Beleznai and Peter Rozsas in a memorable final encounter.

International Front

It was also Yugoslavia, in the persons of Resler and Ycler, who knocked out England's Karenza Mathews and Linda Howard in the first round of the women's team championship, by 3-2. Karenza had a singles win over Ycler but the only other success was in the doubles.

Trevor Taylor had wins over the Czech, Chmelik, and Rumania's Dobosi before losing, in the quarters, to Klampar -14, 9, -12, -14, in the men's singles event.

Both Peter Taylor and Jarvis failed at the first fence, the former losing to Fraczyk (Poland) -13, -14, -15 and the latter to Dvoracek (Czech.) -12, 19, 18, -9, -14.

In the women's singles, Linda Howard lost to the Czech junior, Riedlova -17, 19, 16, -13, -9 in Round 1 and Karenza Mathews took her departure in Rd. 2 when beaten -10, -17, -16 by Claude Bergeret of France. Results:--

M.S. Quarter-finals:

M. Borzsei (Hungary) bt S. Kollarovits (Czech.) 9, 18, 16;

I. Jonyer (Hungary) bt E. Schöler (Fed. Germany) 15, -9, 12, 14;

D. Surbek (Yugoslavia) bt J. Secretin (France) 19, -14, 14, 9;

K. Johansson (Sweden) bt T. Klampar (Hungary) -24, 19, -16, 17, 18.

Semi-finals:

Jonyer bt Borzsei 17, -13, -18, 16, 12. Johansson bt Surbek 15, -20, 13, 14.

Final:

JOHANSSON bt Jonyer 15, 16, -19, -21, 17.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

J. Magos (Hungary) bt W.

Hendrikssen (Fed. Germany) 15, 14, 19;

B. Kishazi (Hungary) bt E. Wetzel (Fed. Germany) 13, 16, -18, 14.

Final:

MAGOS bt Kishazi 11, -15, 11, 17.

M.D.: Final:

JONYER/KLAMPAR bt M. Orlowski/J. Turai (Czech.) 17, 19, 18.

W.D.: Final:

J. KARLIKOVA (Czech.)/KISHAZI bt Hendrikssen/Wetzel 25, 20, -17, 16.

X.D.: Final:

JONYER/MAGOS bt Borzsei/Kishazi 11, -9, -20, 11, 20.

M.T. Final:

SWEDEN (Bengtsson, Johansson) bt Czechoslovakia (Orlowski, Turai) 3-0.

W.T. Final:

HUNGARY (Kishazi, Magos) bt Sweden (Anderson, Radberg) 3-2.

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Victor ill in Peru

Victor Barna, employed by Dunlop Limited as "Overseas Sales Executive" with a special responsibility for table tennis throughout the world, was taken ill in Lima, Peru, on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

It happened at Lima Airport where he was due to leave for Caracas. Fortunately Mr. Ken Braham, the Managing Director of Dunlop Peru was on hand to see him off and, therefore, able to arrange for Victor to go into Hospital.

Victor's wife, Suzy, flew out on Feb. 10. The latest news by telephone from Lima, is that Victor is improving although still very weak.

He has been in an intensive care unit in the Anglo-American Clinic at Lima but is now in a private ward.



The above photograph was taken recently at a small ceremony to mark the presentation of a gold watch to Victor on 25 years' service in the Dunlop Sports Company.

In the days when he was an active participant, over a quarter of a century, he won 15 world championship titles, played 82 internationals for Hungary and 50 internationals for England.

His gold watch was presented by Mr. George Carr, general manager of Dunlop International Sports Company.

VICTOR BARNÁ DIES

Coincident with this issue going to press, the sad news was received that Victor Barna died, at the age of 59, in the Anglo-American Clinic, Lima, Peru on Sunday, February 27th, 1972.

Tributes, as befitting such a well-loved personality, will appear in the April edition. Meanwhile, the heart-felt sympathies of the table tennis world at large are hereby conveyed to Victor's widow, Suzy. May she be comforted in her hour of need.

SURREY NOTES

by Geoff Ryan

CLOSED TITLE FOR BISHOP

THIS year's Surrey Closed, held at Guildford Sports Centre, attracted an entry of 128 in the men's singles, but only two of the seeds arrived in the semi-finals. No. 1, Gordon Chapman, withdrew owing to a family bereavement and Pete Brennan suffered defeat in the second round by Dave Crowley.

Dave Welsman met with little opposition in his quarter and lined up against Paul Bishop, who had wins over Chris Thorns and Tom Adams. The withdrawal of Chapman left the door open to Jimmy Moore who, aided by Max Crimmins beating Emil Emezc, contested a semi-final against 'star of the tournament' 13-years-old Steve Lyons who had beaten Joe Howsam, Jerry Walsh and Crowley.

The final was an interesting tactical battle with Bishop looping his way to a 21-12 first game win, Moore changing his game completely to win the second, at 17, and racing off to a seven-love lead in the third only for Bishop to level at 14-all and run on to win at 16.

Peggy Piper proved too steady for Nicolette Leslie in the women's singles winning two-straight. Welsman/Alan Brookman were worthy doubles winners over Brennan/Bishop and Nicolette Leslie/Susan Tame triumphed over scratch pairing Gloria Wragge/Lorraine Knight. Brookman/Kathy Nunn beat Mick Kercher/Susan Tame in the mixed.

The Veteran's title went to Terry Kirby who beat local player Paul Brook 9, 18 and teamed up for a doubles win over John Roebuck and Ted Willmott 10, 20.

Steve Lyons won the boys' singles beating Walsh 15, -15, 12 and Susan Tame won the girls' title beating Nicolette Leslie 14, -12, 9. Crimmins and Andy Martell won the doubles beating Grant Taylor and Miss A. Terry 21, -17, 21. The mixed went to David Bangarter and Nicolette Leslie over Gordon Pugh and Miss Terry 16, 16. Bangarter beat Crimmins two straight in the under-15 boys' final and Sue Tame beat Nicky Leslie in the girls' final.

In the inter-league competitions, Dulwich remain top of the first division of the P.J. Cup having 8 points from four games, followed by Croydon, who have 6 points from four games, leading Wandsworth on sets average. In the second division, Croydon inflicted the first defeat on Sutton, by 8-1, and take over the lead on sets average, both teams on 8 points. In this match Sutton's only victory was secured by Howsam beating Chris Adams.

First defeat for Thames Valley women in the Arthur Williams Rose-bowl, going down 4-5 to Leatherhead. Guildford now lead on sets average, 8 points from six games. In the Harding Cup, Thames Valley have increased their lead, being unbeaten after seven games, with Byfleet in second place on nine points. In the Sutton trophy, Leatherhead take over at the top having 11 points from 8 games followed by Thames Valley who are unbeaten after 5 games.

Revised county rankings are:

BOYS:

1. Steve Lyons

2. Gerald Walsh
3. David Harding
4. Maxwell Crimmins
5. David Bangarter
6. Peter Matthews
7. Andrew Martell
8. Martin Shuttle
9. Ian Girdler
10. Bruce Williams
11. Keith Seager
12. David Bishop and Brendan McCabe

GIRLS:

1. Linda Howard
2. Susan Tame,
3. Nicolette Leslie
4. Lorraine Knight
5. Angela Crisp
6. Stephanie Clarke
7. Anne Dowle
8. Shelagh Ryde
9. Joanne Emery
10. Nina Webb

CROYDON CLOSED

M.S.:

E. Emezc bt M. Crimmins 12, 9.

M.D.:

Emecz/Schramm bt Brennan/Howsam -18, 18, 15.

V.S.:

B. Tyrrell bt Z. Schramm 13, 11.

B.S.:

D. Harding bt Crimmins -12, 10, 12.

SUTTON CLOSED

M.S.:

Emecz bt P. Hammond -17, 10, 18.

M.D.:

K. Horton/P. Brennan bt Crimmins/C. Adams 14, -17, 16.

V.S.:

Schramm bt D. Rivett 15, 8.

Y.S.:

Harding bt Crimmins 16, 19.

Chris Strathearn and Anne Tyrrell were presented with their county badges at the match against Bucks, on February 12 after representing Surrey on more than three occasions. Chris has probably played his last county match this season due to impending examinations at Exeter University.

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL SELECTIONS

THE following Junior team has been selected to play an international match in Wales to be immediately followed by participation in the Welsh Open at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff, on March 11-12.

Peter Taylor (Beds.) Simon Heaps (Ches.), Ian Horsham (Essex), Desmond Douglas (Warwicks.), Janet Hellaby (Essex) and Anita Stevenson (Leics.).

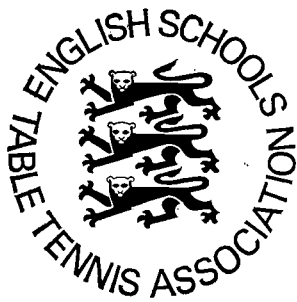
Also selected, at the same meeting, was the following team to play Scotland, in Grangemouth on March 17, and to participate in the Scottish Open, at Edinburgh on March 18-19:

David Alderson (Yorks.), Brian Johns (Ches.), Donald Parker (Lancs.), Robert Aldrich (Middx.), Miss Hellaby and Karen Rogers (Leics.).

Brian Wright will be the non-playing captain on both occasions.

UNCHANGED

ENGLAND captain, Bryan Merritt, will choose from the squad he took to France for the all-important European League match against Czechoslovakia scheduled for the Lads' Club, King Street, Norwich on March 9 viz: — D. Neale (Yorks.), T. Taylor (Essex), C. Barnes (Essex), Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.) and Mrs. J. Hammersley (Bucks.).



by **PENHOLDER**

NATIONAL FINALS POSTPONED

ALTHOUGH the difficulties caused by the electricity shortages did not affect the nine Area Finals of the National School Team Championships, the National Finals scheduled for March 19 at Stoke-on-Trent — have been postponed.

Inevitably, new dates will cause new problems and any clashes that do occur are very much unavoidable and it will be impossible to make arrangements for a new date without inconvenience.

Unfortunately, the North Regional Finals (Bradford) and the Midlands and West Regional Finals (Newbury) which should have been played on Sunday, February 27 were postponed although hopes were high of playing the South and East Region Finals at Crystal Palace Sports Centre on the same date.

It is likely that the National Finals will take place at Northwood Sports Centre on Saturday, May 13 but final confirmation is still awaited.

AREA FINALS RESULTS:

AREA 1

Despite the late arrival of the Cumberland teams, organiser Glyn Thatcher reports that the events ran smoothly and that the standard of play was again an improvement on past years. Teesside schools dominated four of the events but their monopoly was broken by Millom (U-15 girls) and Westoe (U-13 boys) who won their sections in convincing style.

St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough, came through as expected in the U-19 boys event but Northfield (previously named Stephenson Hall) were made to fight all the way by Longlands (Westmorland) and Millom (Cumberland) in the U-15 boys category.

Results:—

Boys U-19:
St. Mary's College (Teesside)

Girls U-19:
Middlesbrough High (Teesside)

Boys U-15:
Northfield (Teesside)

Girls U-15:
Millom (Cumberland)

Boys U-13:
Westoe (Durham)

Girls U-13:
Boyton (Teesside)

AREA 2

Denis Neale was amongst those present at the North-West Area Finals held at Blackburn Y.M.C.A. on February 6 and he saw the U-19 girls from Henry Fanshawe School, Dronfield (near Sheffield) put up a brave

fight before losing to a very strong Holly Lodge, Liverpool quartet.

In the parallel boys' event, Stoke 6th Form College were one of two Staffordshire winners and Hutton Grammar School, Preston, led by Donald Parker came to the end of the road. Only Cheshire failed to produce qualifiers for the North Region Finals which have been fixed for April 30 at Bradford. Results:—

Boys U-19:
Stoke 6th Form College (Staffs.)

Girls U-19:
Holly Lodge, Liverpool (Lancs.)

Boys U-15:
Chesterfield (Derbyshire)

Girls U-15:
Highfields, Wolverhampton (Staffs.)

Boys U-13:
Gladys Buxton, Dronfield (Derbyshire)

AREA 3

Yorkshire schools dominated the Area 3 finals which went ahead despite heavy falls of snow which hampered the journey of one of the Leeds teams.

There was a close result in the U-13 girls event where Thanet Junior High (Hull) went through on doubles after drawing 4-4 with Kesteven and Grantham Girls School (Lincs.). Myers Grove, Sheffield were the only team to win by a maximum margin.

Results:—

Boys U-19:
Roundhay, Leeds

Girls U-19:
Amy Johnson High, Hull

Boys U-15:
Myers Grove, Sheffield

Girls U-15:
Malet Lambert, Hull

Boys U-13:
Thanet Junior High, Hull

Girls U-13:
Boulevard Junior High, Hull

AREA 7

Several E.T.T.A. and Suffolk County Officials were present at Chantry School, Ipswich on Saturday, February 5, including E.S.T.T.A. President, Mr. Jack Carrington. Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Schools each won three events whilst Norfolk retain an interest via Great Yarmouth Grammar School whose No. 1 player is John Fuller. Results:—

Boys U-19:
Great Yarmouth G.S. (Norfolk)

Girls U-19:
Perse Girls, Cambridge (Cambs.)

Boys U-15:
Northgate Boys, Ipswich (Suffolk)

Girls U-15:
Sawston Village College (Cambs.)

Boys U-13:
Manor School, Cambridge (Cambs.)

Girls U-13:
Old Buckenham Hall (Suffolk)

AREA 9

The U-11 event stole the limelight at Great Baddow Comprehensive School, Chelmsford, on January 29. Pulford C. of E. Primary School fought back to draw 4-4 with Godwin Junior Mixed School (Newham) and as both teams had defeated Myland, Colchester 5-3 a doubles "tie-breaker" set was played. The Bedfordshire champions won by the narrowest of margins thus preventing Newham from qualifying for no less than six of the seven

events! Results:—

Boys U-19:
St. Helena Secondary, Colchester (Essex City)

Girls U-19:
Plaistow G.S. (Essex Met)

Boys U-15:
Plaistow G.S. (Essex Met)

Girls U-15:
Plaistow G.S. (Essex Met)

Boys U-13:
S.W. Ham Technical (Essex Met)

Girls U-13:
Plaistow G.S. (Essex Met)

U-11:
Pulford Primary (Bedfordshire)

HALEX SUPER LEAGUE

by Lou Hoffman

TWO SERIES TO GO

CLIMAX, Anti-Climax, Success, Failure, Jubilation and Disappointment. The Halex Super League has them all. As the League reaches its closing stages the excitement is beginning to come to the surface as was the case in the last series of matches played on February 8.

Halex team captain, "Les" Haslam, having in his few appearances to date lost some very stupid games, was desirous of being substituted on the pretext of not feeling up to it.

No reserves were available on the night and Haslam was told to play so, reluctantly, he changed. The opponents of Halex were Jaques (David Brown, Peter Taylor and reserve Clive Morris), Morris coming in for Brian Burn who was indisposed.

Mike Johns was first to the table, against Taylor, and won 14, 21, 19. Ian Horsham then beat Morris 15, 19, 19 and the significance of these two wins had the effect of bringing Haslam out of his trance.

"Les" suddenly realised that his team had a chance of going to top position and from being lethargic, he became lethal. Brown did not stand an earthly against him with Haslam winning 15 and 15 to put Halex 3-0 in the lead.

Horsham then had a great win over Taylor (16, 21) and the excitement mounted all over the hall. Johns made it 5-0 beating Brown 13, 17, 20 and "Les", his indisposition now completely forgotten, beat Morris (12 and 16) to put his team 6-0 in front.

It was Brown who salvaged some respect for his team by beating Horsham (-19, 18, 8) for, in the two subsequent sets, Haslam beat Taylor, in a set to worthy of any final, (22, 22) and Johns accounted for Morris (13, -16, 11) to give Halex an 8-1 win.

Haslam's quote to me after the match was "I'm so glad you made me play."

In the meantime, on Table 1, another drama was being enacted between B.X.L. (Sugden, Piddock and Harper) and London School of Flying (Neale, Chandler and Hellaby). L.S.

of F, top of the table with 4 clear points, had every reason to think they would go even further ahead having won their last encounter with B.X.L. by 7-2.

Malcolm Sugden began by beating Roger Chandler (12, 13) and Piddock followed by accounting for Robert Hellaby (-15, 14, 15). Denis Neale pulled one back by beating Michael Harper (10, 15) the score then standing 2-1 to B.X.L. Tony Piddock next beat Chandler (8, 14), Neale beat Sugden (6, 15) and then Harper had a very good win over Hellaby (15, -14, 19). 4-2 to B.X.L.

Neale beat Piddock (8, 10) and Chandler beat Harper (13, 10) and the match score was level at 4-4 but, in the final set, Sugden, playing his best "ping" to date, thrashed Hellaby (11, 9) to give B.X.L. an unexpected 5-4 win.

Meanwhile, on Table 2, a full strength Reddings team (Trevor Taylor, Penfold and Heaps) were aiming to pile on the agony of an ailing Scotia team.

Once again Chester Barnes failed to turn up, as a result of which he has now been banned for the season and forfeits all prize money and expenses.

So the Scotia team was Bobby Stevens, Firoz Nilam and Graham Blomfield, and Reddings were looking for a 9-0 win to take them to the top of the tree with 43 points.

Trevor Taylor started them on the way by beating Nilam (18, 15) but hopes were immediately dashed when Stevens called a halt by beating Simon Heaps (19, 12)! An inspired Blomfield made it 2-1 to Scotia by accounting for Ron Penfold (20, 17).

Trevor then beat Bobby in a classic encounter (18, -20, 12) to level the score 2-2. Nilam beat Penfold (-8, 13, 9): Heaps beat Blomfield (18, 15) and Penfold beat Stevens (18, 19) for a 4-3 lead to Reddings which Taylor advanced to 5-3 by beating Blomfield (-15, 18, 10). But it was Nilam who won the last set, beating Heaps (15, 15) for a final score of 5-4 to Reddings which was a long, long way from the result expected. Current positions:—

	P	W	L	Pts
Halex	8	6	2	42
L.S. of F.	8	4	4	42
Reddings	8	5	3	39
B.X.L.	8	5	3	36
Scotia	8	2	6	29
Jaques	8	2	6	28

The last two scheduled series have had to be cancelled owing to Power Cuts and have now been re-arranged for Thursday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 29. Starting time on each occasion will be 7 p.m. at Hornsey Town Hall. Presentation of prize money will be made after the completion of the final matches on March 29.

MR. KOJI GOTO

THE funeral of Mr. Koji Goto, late President of the Japan Table Tennis Association and Deputy President of the International Table Tennis Federation, who died abruptly of cardiac infection on January 22, took place at Nittaija Temple, Kakuozan, Chigusaku, Nagoya, on February 2.

Representing the I.T.T.F. at the funeral was the President, Mr. H. Roy Evans, of Wales.

From the Editor's Postbag

HEIR APPARENT

Having been an avid reader of your excellent magazine for only six months I would like to be allowed to make one or two observations.

Firstly, the comments in your article 'Gone are the Days' (surely put in to excite discussion) are I think only partially true. Linda Howard, of Guildford, must be the challenger of real substance that you talk about. I freely predict that in two/three years she will be England's new 'Queen' of table tennis; at the moment she is at least heir apparent.

Secondly, I read with interest that Trevor Taylor (Hitchin) is playing for a certain Yorkshire club and association in the National Club Competition and Wilmott cup. I feel that the time has come for the E.T.T.A. and Coca-Cola to lay down strict residential qualifications for competitions of this type. It has become a farce when the best women, men, boys and girls band together as a team from a wide area so virtually eliminating all other competition.

Thirdly, Geoff Wadsworth's article on Anti-Spin was very good, and I would be very interested in getting advice on the bat in question. I still remember a few months ago when one of my juniors was playing a chap with a 20 year old Johnny Leach bat—he tried to loop side spin etc., and got so confused when it all came back to him with interest as it were.

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The request re details of the anti-spin bat has been passed forward to Mr. Wadsworth along with many others. Ed.

REFLECTIONS

Evidence, such as there is, suggests that Army Officers introduced Ping Pong to England late last century. The origin of the sport could well have been India. However, it was John Jaques, of sports manufacturers fame, who marketed the game and named it GOSSIMER and it became a very popular upper class after-dinner pastime for both sexes.

Its popularity spread to all classes of society until the second world war of 1939. By then it was Table Tennis and throughout the London area there were public playing halls, some owned by cinema groups, others by Temperance Billiard Halls. A few were privately owned and incorporated other major sports. But the war put a stop to everything, players went into the forces and halls were taken over for Government purposes.

Until then, much of Table Tennis success had been the huge playing support from our Jewish population and sports retailers who found it profitable to push equipment, clothing and footwear. The former has now, with their other love, Boxing, sadly diminished and the latter no longer

sell enough to pay the rent. Its a matter of durability of equipment repairs and replacements, all applicable to other sports.

In general Table Tennis equipment goes on for ever, being good for players, but quite understandably bad for traders who require a steady turnover of goods and profit.

Golly, when one thinks of all those great Jewish jolly nice chaps and players of yore and what they contributed to the game. Scores of names spring to mind and, with me, even more so in amateur and professional boxing in which they participated and promoted with such enthusiasm.

With 'Gone are the Days' your leader, remember the war years; Jean Nicol and her brother Bobby,

coached by Fred Perry. Jean got up from a sick bed to win the English Open in 1939 and what too of her successor Vera Dace? Two of the best of bygone days.

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FELLOWSHIP FOR HORSHAM

NO. 4 England Junior, Ian Horsham of Essex, has become the second recipient from the table tennis fraternity to win a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship Award. Doubtless, like his predecessor, Alan Hydes, Ian will opt for a trip to the Far East in pursuance of his apprenticeship.

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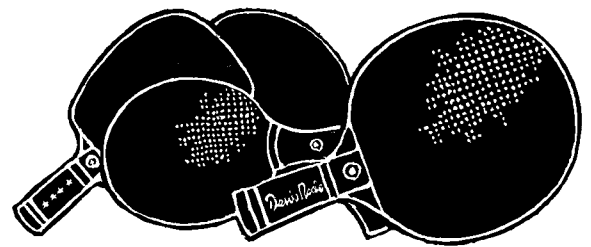
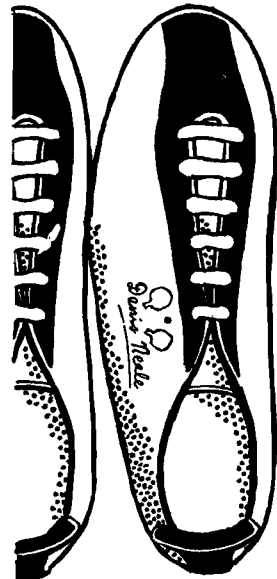
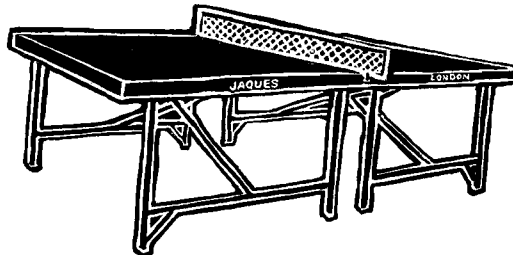
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OPEN TOURNAMENT SURVEY

by LAURIE LANDRY and GEORGE YATES

Cheshire's Mike Johns was the surprise winner of the **Kent 2-Star Open**, played at Folkestone over the weekend of Jan. 29/30, the one notable scratching being that of Denis Neale whose wife, Pat, was expecting her second child.

John's final victim was Alan Hydes who, in the semi-final, had accounted for Ian Horsham conqueror of "Les" Haslam. The Middlesex international seemed to be most conscious of his new ranking and prospects of England selection.

Evergreen Bobby Stevens of Essex had a good run to the quarters with wins over Clive Morris (Kent), Ken Beamish (Essex) and Gary Harding (Berks.), his ousting being accomplished by the eventual winner, Johns.



Bobby Stevens (Essex) who, with Stuart Gibbs won the men's doubles title at the first Chelmsford Open.

—Photo by courtesy of the Maldon and Burnham Standard.

Susan Howard had a very good semi-final win over Shelagh Hession but lost in straight games to Jill Hammersley in the final. Another good win in the women's singles was that by Janet Hellaby over Lesley Radford, beaten finalist in the English Closed.

A feature of the Youth (U-20) singles was the recovery of Michael Harper in his semi against Ian Robertson. The Herts. player was down 15-20 in the deciding game from which position he won 22-20 but lost to Horsham in the final.

Up in Yorkshire, on Jan. 29, Tony Clayton bagged the men's singles title in the **Pontefract 1-Star** with final victory over Luxembourg student Jean Krier. The Hull left-hander was made to fight extremely hard to win his second game 25-23 by which score, again in the second game, he had previously disposed of Cheshire junior Brian Johns.

In the counterpart women's singles

event, Susan Lisle had matters very much her own way but came adrift in the doubles when, partnered by Janice Green, the pair lost to the Bradford/Sheffield combine of Sylvia Broadbent and Judith Walker. But it was the all-Lancashire partnership of Barbara Kirkman and Susanne Manning who rang the curtains down on the White Rose damsels.

Miss Walker, however, came up trumps in the girls' singles with final victory of English Junior Closed finalist, Mandy Mellor of Chesterfield.

On the following weekend at Sheffield, in the **South Yorkshire 2-Star Open**, Tony Clayton was denied a second successive men's singles title which he looked very much like winning when leading 19-16 in the third game. At that precise moment he must have bethought himself that this results against the Hydes had never been spectacular for, from then on, he slumped without gaining a further point!

Numerous complaints have been received regarding the return of entries for this tournament particularly from Liverpool, Stockport and Hull. Claims are that entries were accepted on the day from on-speck applicants whereas others, whose entries had well beaten the closing date, were returned.

Chelmsford's first ever "open", also run on Feb. 5, turned out to be a great success with Gordon Lightfoot and his tournament committee deserving every praise.

Big surprises in the men's singles were the elimination of "Les" Haslam, by Paul Shirley, and Stuart Gibbs beating David Brown.

Roger Chandler, the quiet Sussex left-hander, controlled matters well throughout the day. In the semis he demolished Sammy Ogundipe and, in the final, his top spin play threw Gibbs out of gear and Roger was firmly established as the first Chelmsford 1-Star Open champion.

In the women's singles, Judy Williams wore down top seed Lesley Radford to reach the final against clubmate Shelagh Hession. It was a dour battle with Shelagh getting home in the decider after expedite was brought into operation in the second game.

The men's doubles title went to the popular Essex pairing of Bobby Stevens and Stuart Gibbs who won with ease against Firoz Nilam and Manfred Klee. Judy Williams notched a success in the women's doubles when, with Miss Hession, they gradually subdued Mrs. Radford and junior starlet Janet Hellaby.

The husband and wife team of Peter and Lesley Radford collared the mixed title for the home county with final victory over the Sussex partnership of Ogundipe and Miss Williams.

TAYLOR AGAIN

Despite a power cut at Thornaby Pavilion, the **Teesside 3-Star Open** went through to a successful conclusion over the weekend of Feb. 19/20 with the staged finals starting,

as planned, at 3 p.m. on the Sunday.

Trevor Taylor repeated his men's singles successes over Denis Neale, in the English Closed and Lancashire Open, by again cutting the ground from under the national No. 1's feet. Three successive wins by the Essex left-hander has certainly enhanced the prospects of the Hitchin boy reaching the top rung of the ranking ladder.

The non-appearance of Chester Barnes and Alan Hydes took a little of the glitter away from this tournament, although seeded in the draw. Hydes, on the other hand, did enter but was reported as missing at the meeting point arranged for him to be picked up by Neale travelling north from Chesterfield.

Performances of note, other than Trevor Taylor's—he also beat brother Peter 17 and 22—were accomplished by Tony Martin who beat Scotland's Richard Yule (19, 13), before losing -9, -18 to Laurie Landry; Jimmy Walker ousting his clubmate Nicky Jarvis -17, 9, 7, and Tony Clayton's -14, 25, 14 win over English Closed senior finalist David Alderson.

Jarvis, despite winning the mixed with Karenza Mathews, also took a tumble in the Youth event when beaten -22, -17 by Michael Harper.

Mrs. Mathews confirmed her No. 1 position by wearing down No. 2 Jill Hammersley in the women's singles final.

Results:—

Kent 2 Star

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt B. Parish (Essex) 11, 11;
I. Horsham (Essex) bt O. Haslam (Middx.) 17, 19;
M. Johns (Ches.) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 19, 19;
R. Chandler (Sussex) bt P. Radford (Essex) 15, 11.
Semi-finals:
HYDES bt Horsham 16, 18; JOHNS bt Chandler 15, -15, 9.
Final:
JOHNS bt Hydes 14, -19, 17.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
S. Howard (Surrey) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 14, 17;
S. Hession (Essex) bt B. Bird (Kent) 14, 21;
J. Williams (Sussex) bt S. Kavallierou (Sussex) 18, 19;
J. Hammersley (Bucks.) bt D. Simpson (Essex) 15, -16, 13.
Semi-finals:
HOWARD bt Hession 17, 19; HAMMERSLEY bt Williams 17, -17, 18.
Final:
HAMMERSLEY bt Howard 15, 19.
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
HYDES/JOHNS bt Chandler/Haslam 22, -15, 15;
C. MORRIS (Kent)/STEVENS bt L. Landry (Middx.)/I. Robertson (Essex) 18, -18, 18.
Final:
HYDES/JOHNS bt Morris/Stevens 12, 14.
Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
HAMMERSLEY/S. HOWARD bt Hession/Williams 17, 15;
L. RADFORD (Essex)/SIMPSON bt Bird/Kavallierou 18, -12, 11.
Final:
HAMMERSLEY/HOWARD bt Radford/Simpson -10, 14, 19.
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
HYDES/HAMMERSLEY bt Haslam/S. Howard 16, 17;
JOHNS/SIMPSON bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex)/Williams 14, 15.
Final:
HYDES/HAMMERSLEY bt Johns/Simpson 14, 15.
Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:
R. ETHRIDGE (Kent) bt J. Baxter (Herts.) 19, -10, 17;
P. LECKIE (Bucks.) bt M. King (Kent) 10, 14.
Final:
ETHERIDGE bt Leckie 14, 10.
Youths U-20 (Boys) Singles: Semi-finals:
HORSHAM bt R. Tilling (Kent) 15, -17, 12;
M. HARPER (Herts.) bt A. Mitchell (Kent) -14, 12, 11.
Final:
HORSHAM bt Harper 22, -14, 17.
Youth U-20 (Girls) Singles: Semi-finals:
S. HOWARD bt Hellaby 12, 19;
KAVALLIEROU bt S. Beckwith (Essex) 17, 16.
Final:
HOWARD bt Kavallierou 7, 22.

Pontefract 1 Star

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
A. Clayton (Yorks.) bt D. Schofield (Ches.) 18, 24;
B. Johns (Ches.) bt L. Browning (Yorks.) 19, 15;
N. Eckersley (Ches.) bt S. Kosmowsky (Yorks.) -18, 16, 13;
J. Krier (Luxembourg) bt S. Worsman (Yorks.) 7, 8.
Semi-finals:
CLAYTON bt Johns 12, 23; KRIER bt Eckersley 8, 18.



Shelagh Hession (Essex) and Roger Chandler (Sussex) winners of the singles titles at Chelmsford's 1-Star Tournament.

—Photo by George Gale, Chelmsford.

Final:
CLAYTON bt Krier 12, 23.
Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
S. LISLE (Lancs.) bt J. Walker (Yorks.) 4, 18;
B. WILLIAMS (Lancs.) bt S. Broadbent (Yorks.) -20, 13, 18.
Final:
LISLE bt Williams 13, 15.
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
N. FULSTOW (Yorks.)/**KRIER** bt B. Johns/ I. Johns (Ches.) 16, -14, 13;
BROWNING/A. JONES (Yorks.) bt I. Johnson (Yorks.)/Worsman 8, 10.
Final:
FULSTOW/KRIER bt Browning/Jones 14, 7.
Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
BROADBENT/WALKER bt J. Green (Ches.)/Lisle 18, 11;
B. KIRKMAN/S. MANNING (Lancs.) bt C. Moran/J. White (Lincs.) 17, -14, 14.
Final:
KIRKMAN/MANNING bt Broadbent/Walker -17, 16, 14.
Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:
B. Johns bt G. Taylor (Derbys.) 12, 6;
C. Thompson (Yorks.) bt M. Thirkettle (Yorks.) -16, 15, 17;
G. Hydes (Yorks.) bt M. Howarth (Derbys.) 13, 19;
M. Wright (Yorks.) bt J. Crawford (Durham) 12, 20.
Semi-finals:
JOHNS bt Thompson 17, 18; **WRIGHT** bt Hydes 16, -16, 18.
Final:
JOHNS bt Wright 13, 20.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
WALKER bt Williams 12, 16; **M. MELLOR** (Derbys.) bt Green 9, 18.
Final:
WALKER bt Mellor 18, -17, 20.
Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:
T. DONLON (Ches.) w.o. Schofield (Scr.); **BROWNING** bt W. Moran (Lincs.) 14, -12, 19.
Final:
DONLON bt Browning -20, 18, 16.

Yorkshire 2 Star

Men's Singles: Semi-finals:
A. HYDES (Yorks.) bt J. Krier (Luxembourg) 10, 8;
A. CLAYTON (Yorks.) bt A. Fletcher (Yorks.) 18, 15.

Final:
HYDES bt Clayton 14, -13, 19.
Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
J. WALKER (Yorks.) bt M. Leigh (Ches.) -18, 18, 18;
S. BROADBENT (Yorks.) bt J. Nield (Ches.) 14, -13, 17.
Final:
WALKER bt Broadbent 16, 12.
Men's Doubles: Final:
FLETCHER/KRIER bt C. Brewer (Leics.)/Clayton 11, -14, 16.
Women's Doubles: Final:
BROADBENT/WALKER bt Leigh/Nield 13, -14, 15.
Mixed Doubles: Final:
C. HUGHES (Leics.)/**WALKER** bt M. Askham/G. Stocks (Yorks.) 15, 15.
Boys' Singles: Final:
D. PARKER (Lancs.) bt M. Taylor (Derbys.) 12, 12.
Girls' Singles: Final:
WALKER bt M. Mellor (Derbys.) 17, -20, 9.

Chelmsford 1 Star

Men's Singles: Semi-finals:
S. GIBBS (Essex) bt P. Shirley (Bucks.) 16, 22;
R. CHANDLER (Sussex) bt S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 7, 9.
Final:
CHANDLER bt Gibbs 11, 13.
Women's Singles: Final:
S. HESSON (Essex) bt J. Williams (Sussex) -16, 17, 17.
Men's Doubles: Final:
GIBBS/R. STEVENS (Essex) bt M. Klee/F. Nilam (Surrey) 8, 18.
Women's Doubles: Final:
HESSION/WILLIAMS bt J. Hellaby/L. Radford (Essex) 16, -20, 16.
Mixed Doubles: Final:
P. RADFORD (Essex)/**RADFORD** bt Ogundipe/Williams 16, 14.

Teesside 3 Star

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
D. Neale (Yorks.) bt M. Johns (Ches.) 8, 10;
L. Landry (Middx.) bt A. Ransome (Yorks.) 17, 17;
J. Walker (Yorks.) bt O. Haslam (Middx.) -9, 18, 13;

T. Taylor (Essex) bt A. Clayton (Yorks.) -18, 17, 16.
Semi-finals:
NEALE bt Landry 5, 16; **TAYLOR** bt Clayton -18, 17, 16.
Final:
TAYLOR bt Neale 18, -5, 16.
Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
K. MATHEWS (Middx.) bt S. Lisle (Lancs.) 19, 17;
J. HAMMERSLEY (Bucks.) bt J. Walker (Yorks.) 14, 11.
Final:
MATHEWS bt Hammersley 16, -12, 17
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
NEALE/T. TAYLOR bt I. Horsham (Essex)/R. Brown (Warwks.) -16, 12, 13;
CLAYTON/LANDRY bt P. Beck (Surrey)/E. Coster (Middx.) 13, 6.
Final:
NEALE/TAYLOR bt Clayton/Landry 19, -15, 10.
Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
HAMMERSLEY/MATHEWS bt P. Hopkin/B. Shaw (Notts.) 13, 12;
J. HELLABY (Essex)/**A. STEVENSON** (Leics.) bt P. Clark (Nthld.)/Lisle 9, -12, 18.
Final:
HAMMERSLEY/MATHEWS bt Hellaby/Stevenson 11, 14.
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
N. JARVIS (Yorks.)/**MATHEWS** bt Clayton/S. Manning (Lancs.) 15, 17;
T. TAYLOR/HAMMERSLEY bt Haslam/B. Williams (Lancs.) 17, -24, 13.
Final:
JARVIS/MATHEWS bt Taylor/Hammersley -11, 13, 18.
Youth Singles (U-18 mixed): Semi-finals:
WALKER bt M. Harper (Herts.) -13, 17, 10;
P. TAYLOR (Beds.) bt D. Alderson (Yorks.) 13, 13.
Final:
TAYLOR bt Walker 14, 12.
Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:
D. SCHOFIELD (Ches.) bt T. Donlon (Ches.) 14, -19, 13;
H. ROBINSON (Durham) bt H. Dignan (Nthld.) 18, 18.
Final:
SCHOFIELD bt Robinson 10, 17.

NORTH BOURNEMOUTH CLUB RESTRICTED OPEN

GEORDIES MEET IN HAMPSHIRE

by C. B. Cashell,
Tournament Sec.

Some excellent table tennis was in evidence at the North Bournemouth 1-Star tournament, played on Sunday, Jan. 30, especially in the two men's singles semi-finals one of which involved two former Northumberland county players, Brian Burn and Arthur Chilvers.

Results:—

M.S.: s-f:
B. Burn (Warwks.) bt A. Chilvers (Berks.) -19, 18, 17;
R. Thornton (Berks.) bt B. White (Herts.) 24, -17, 22.
Final: Burn bt Thornton 16, 19.
W.S.: s-f:
J. Coop (Dorset) bt T. Dale (Essex) 19, -18, 13;
S. Foster (Hants.) bt J. Hudson (Hants.) 13, 9.
Final: Coop bt Foster 15, -13, 15.
M.D.: Chilvers/Thornton bt C. Pickard (Hants.)/White 15, -10, 19.
W.D.: Coop/J. Vass (Dorset) bt S. Chilvers/J. Taylor (Berks.) -17, 16, 14.
X.D.: C. Jacobs/S. Foster (Hants.) bt Thornton/Taylor -17, 16, 14.
J.S.: S. Kitcher (Hants.) bt Miss S. Beazer (Somerset) 11, 17.



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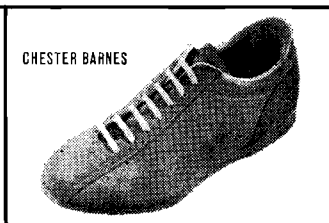
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Tournament Diary

Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Apr. 8	Yorkshire 2-Star Open, Eston Sports Centre, Normanby Road, Eston, Teesside.	VS	Mr. Brian Foggin, 25 Woodrow Avenue, Marton, Teesside. Closing date: 20.3.72
.. 9	Bedford 1-Star Open, Badminton Hall, Bradgate Road, Bedford.		Mr. P. Smith, 72 Spruce Walk, Kempston, Bedford. Closing date: 24.3.72
.. 15/16	Essex 2-Star Open, Brays Grove School, Tracys Road, Harlow	IS(M) IS (W) VS	Mr. J. A. Gammon, 258 Limes Avenue, Chigwell, Essex. Closing date: 29.3.72
.. 29/30	Basingstoke 2-Star Open, Basingstoke Sports Centre, Porchester Square, New Town Centre, Basingstoke.	U-21 XS JBS JGS	Mrs. Avril Waters, Dell Field, Fox Lane, Newfound, Basingstoke, Hants. Closing date: 9.4.72

IRELAND

Apr. 1	Ulster Junior Open (Kilrea)		Mr. Clarence Moore, 78 Orby Drive, Belfast, N. Ireland.
.. 14/15	Mid Ulster Open (Cookstown)		

SCOTLAND

Mar. 18/19	SCOTTISH OPEN, Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh.		Mrs. Helen Hamilton, 125 Craigleith Road, Edinburgh.
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WALES

Mar. 11/12	WELSH OPEN, National Sports Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.		Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans, 198 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, CF2 6BQ
Apr. 8	Gwent Open, Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., Corporation Road, Newport, Mon.	JBS JGS	Mr. G. E. Motlow, 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon. Phone Newport 71964 Closing date: 25.3.72

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

A BUSY time for Leicestershire has produced some good results. The seniors visited Bedfordshire (where they won 7-3) and followed up by beating Cambridgeshire 8-2 at home. These wins have given the team a good chance of finishing runners-up and there is no doubt it is their best season in the 2nd Division.

Several factors have emerged to make this so. First the magnificent form of 18-years-old Paul Randell, who has fully justified the selector's faith in putting him number one. He has lost only one of his ten sets so far. The continuing good form of Charlie Jacques is another. For a man approaching 40, he shows remarkable reserves of stamina but I doubt whether even he thought he would be able to hold Peter Taylor's attack. Another point is the improvement the two girls, Karen Rogers and Anita Stevenson have shown in the side. Finally — but certainly not least — is the inspired captaincy shown by Ernest McLeish. I doubt whether the County have ever had a more dedicated leader and he expects the team to give what he has always given — 100 per cent.

The juniors too have done very well in the Junior (Midland) Division with recent wins over Northants (7-3) and Warwick. II (8-2). Particularly noteworthy in the first match was the performance of Janet Billson. Making her debut in the girls' singles, Janet beat her Northants. compatriot 7 and

12 and was also successful in the girls' doubles. Nice to have such strong reserves on the distaff side! In the match with Warwick. II, only K. Pilgrim caused the home side much trouble. The final match now becomes vital and a win against Staffs. could give Leics. the chance of playing in the Premier Division next season.

The Veterans are having an enjoyable season, if not their most successful one.

Everything is now in hand for the England-Czechoslovakia match on 7th March. 'Full house' notices have gone up which is most encouraging for the league officials.

The 'County Closed' Championships will be held on the weekend after the International — (March 11-12) and there is every indication of a very successful event. Dave Bowman has worked hard at Outlook Boys' Club to make sure everything goes well.

In the Leicestershire Towns League competition, Leicester retained the shield thanks largely to Paul Randell, who was unbeaten.

The table topping teams in the Leicester League, at the time of going to press were: (1) Leicester YMCA; (2) Knighton Park III; (3) National Westminster Bank; (4) Market Harbro' W.M.C.; (5) County Hall; (6) University; (7) St. Margaret's; (8) Loughborough Kingfishers; (9) Outlook BC; (10) Records; (11) National Westminster Bank; (12) Abbey; (13) British Railways; (14) Minatins; (15) St. Chad's; (16) S. Russell; (17) County Hall. Leading the Loughborough Divisions are: (1) Knightthorpe; (2) Rolls Royce; (3) Quorn; (4) Niemen.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

With so much happening in Staffordshire last month it is difficult to know where to start. I suppose pride of place must go to the Highfield girls for their fine performance at Blackburn in the schools' tournament. In winning the under-15 group, they beat Lincs, Derbys, and Cheshire, it meant another long journey to Bradford where they were hoping for a place in the finals. As these are held in Staffordshire later this month, it would be a fitting end to a wonderful season for the Wolverhampton youngsters.

Also enjoying a good cup run is West Bromwich. They brought off a fine win at Reading to reach the quarter-finals of the Rose Bowl.

To commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the Association, the county are holding a dinner dance at the Mount Hotel, Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton on Saturday, May 13th. The E.T.T.A. Treasurer, Tom Blunn, will be the guest of honour and I hope all players and officials over the past 21 years will give this event the sort of support it deserves. Tickets are £2 each and these can be obtained from Mrs. Marion Colclough, 105, Rosemary Crescent West, Wolverhampton.

On a day when the power cuts took their toll on the Midland Junior Open at nearby Warley, Wolverhampton looked all set to complete their tournament at the Woodfield club, when in mid-afternoon this year's championships were brought to an abrupt ending. Before the power did go, both the junior boys' and girls' singles were completed and this resulted in a win for Steve Dunning and Janet Carr. A new date will be arranged to finish the other events.

With the Staffs. Restricted in January and the county match with Warwickshire later this month also going on at the Woodfield, one wonders at times just what the county would do without this club.

In the Staffs Restricted, Sue Bagnall (Potteries) beat Glenis Nicholls to win the women's singles, while the all-Wolverhampton men's final was won by Steve Dunning.

With the 'A' team and veterans winning, and the 'B' team drawing with Monmouthshire, the County can feel well satisfied with their February results.

Having started these notes with a Highfield success story, it is perhaps fitting that I should end with another story about the same girls. Three of the Highfield youngsters who did so well at Blackburn, Gail Round, Heather Johnson, and Janet Carr, are now the holders of the Gold Award, which they won under the watchful eye of Bryan Merrett.

KENT NOTES

by Brian Jordan

A NARROW 5-4 win over Lancashire at Maidstone has raised Kent hopes of avoiding relegation from the Premier Division of the County Championships. Much will now depend upon the match against fellow strugglers Glamorgan to be played in Glamorgan on April 1st. Sadly for Kent, the Lancashire match had to be

changed at short notice to an afternoon affair to avoid power cuts and the match against Middlesex at Ashford was similarly affected, two sad blows to the county's finances as evening matches would have drawn better attendances.

In the Kent League two of the seven divisional titles have already been settled. In the Men's Third Division, the Canterbury "B" team of Chris Laming, Paul Ridgeway, Bill Spence and skipper Barry Pugh have proved much too strong for their rivals and with one match to play they are unbeaten and cannot be overtaken. Competition remains keen in all the other Men's divisions. Bromley "A" lead the First Division but they still have to meet their nearest challengers, Woolwich, who can call on county player Clive Morris and former Kent champion Derek Basden. At the foot of the table, Tonbridge seemed certain to be relegated together with either Folkestone "A" or Canterbury "A". The Second Division has now developed into a three-team battle between Beckenham "B", N.W. Kent "B" and Medway "A" with the odds possibly favouring the latter slightly. Beckenham "C" look certain to go down to Division Three probably with Sittingbourne "B" or Medway "B".

The other title to be settled is the Ladies' First Division, Medway "A", still unbeaten, being out of reach of second placed N.W. Kent. Medway have been strengthened this season by the inclusion of former county player Mrs. Joyce Ellis and she has received excellent support from Mrs. K. Le-Milliere and Mrs. M. Dudgeon. Big disappointment in this division has been the absence recently from the Sittingbourne team of Miss Linda Chesson, former England number one junior. The second division of the Ladies' League looks to be going to Ashford.

The First Division of the Junior League is producing a rare battle between Folkestone "A", Canterbury "A", Bromley "A" and Sittingbourne "A" who currently lead the table in that order. There is a similar four-team race in the second division with Canterbury "C" making a determined effort to win the division that their "B" team won last year and the "A" team won in 1970. In Division Three, Tunbridge Wells are clearly out of their class and with a games average of 56.4 need only one more win to become champions.

The Kent Junior Closed championships were completed the week before the power cuts began. 170 youngsters from all over Kent took part but there were few surprises, Andy Mitchell (Bromley) and Dean Dino-Smith (Folkestone) predictably winning the Under-17 and Under-15 Boys' events. The Girls' competitions were dominated by Sittingbourne who not only provided the winners of all six events but the runners-up as well!

There was a remarkable recovery recorded in a Canterbury League match recently when with the match score at 4-4 the home player was trailing 9-20 in the first game when he won 13 points in a row to win the game 22-20. Sad to say his opponent recovered his composure to win the next two and the match. It would be interesting know whether any readers have heard of players winning a game with less than nine points when their opponent had reached 20?

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Keith Ponting

HOLDERS GO MARCHING ON

BOTH the holders of the men's and women's titles in the National Club Competitions, Ormesby (Middlesbrough) and Gainsford (Central London), continue to sweep all before them both having recorded convincing wins in the last round.

In Round 2, Alan Ransome, Nicky Jarvis and Jimmy Walker made light of beating Tyne Dock Youth Club, and Gainsford reached the semi-final of the women's competition with a 9-0 win over gallant Letchworth Settlement from the North Herts. League, whose trio could do nought to stop the gallop of Judy Williams, Shelagh Hession and Diane Simpson.

Boston Penmaen had Brian Hill to thank for their 5-4 victory over Albion (Sheffield), the Lincolnshire No. 1's treble being the deciding factor. R. Mitcham and D. Skedge also had maximum returns for Norwich Lads' Club against Rayner Sports of the Sheffield Works League.

In an all-Lancashire battle, Deepdale/Villa (Preston) just made it 5-4 over Burnley Cricket Club with Donald Parker unbeaten for the winners and K. Swarsbrick contributing the other two, his second being the

all-important final set in which he beat Brian Marsden. Contributing to a fine match Jim Clegg (Preston) and Burnley's Jack Keogh and Doug Hodgson also played their part.

In another Red Rose battle between the champion teams of Bolton and Manchester, the township's Silcoms were seen off in no uncertain manner by the city's Y.M.C.A. trio of Tony Boasman, Kevin Forshaw and the ever-green Jack Clayton. 6-0 being the result.

East Herts. College (Cheshunt) had winners in A. Hammond (2), C. Jackson (2) and A. Campbell (1) to carry them forward 5-4 against St. Neots T.T.C. (Bedford) and a fine maximum by M. Sibley led the way for Broomwade (High Wycombe) to beat Chesham "A" (Chilterns) 7-2.

Ian Robertson, Dave Bowles and P. Gurr were never in trouble when beating Clacton Brotherhood and, in Ellenborough's (N. Middlesex) 5-2 win over Metro Water Board (Walthamstow), I. Giles was the star man with three in a row with supporting wins by D. Hope and L. Lewis.

John Keble (Willesden) beat Gunnedbury Triangle "A" (Acton) 5-1 with wins by Eric Coster (2), Brian Petch (2) and D. Holden (1). Former Somerset Player, D. Smith, obtained Acton's consolation win.

As was to be expected old rivals, Merton (Bournemouth) and Snows (Southampton) put on a super show and the result hinged on the last set. Merton went 4-0 up only to be pulled

back to 4-all setting the stage for Cyril Bush to become the home hero with final victory over Bill Moulding. No player had a clean sheet but C. Shetler and R. Lush (Snows) and P. Crane and T. Smith (Merton) made fine contributions.

Next round draws:—

Men's Competitions - Round 3
(Completion date - 12.3.72)

Moor Allerton (Leeds) v. Ormesby (Middlesbrough).

Norwich Lads' Club (Norwich) v. Boston Penmaen (Boston).

Deepdale/Villa (Preston) v. Manchester YMCA (Manchester).

Leicester YMCA (Leicester) v. Central YMCA (Birmingham).

Broomwade (High Wycombe) v. East Herts. College (Cheshunt).

Fellows Cranleigh (E. London) v. Ellenborough (N. Middlesex).

John Keble (Willesden) v. North Mundham (S.W. Sussex).

Reading Post Office (Reading) or St. Annes (Staines) v. Merton (Bournemouth).

Women's Competitions - Semi-finals:
(Completion date - 7.5.72)

Ormesby (Middlesbrough) v. Central YMCA (Birmingham).

Fellows Cranleigh (Barking) v. Gainsford (Central London).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CLOSED

TOP PLAYERS ABSENT

PLAYED on Sunday, February 13, the Bucks, County Closed Championships did not have the County's Nos. 1 and 2 - Paul Shirley and Stan Hahn - in the men's singles nor was Jill Hammersley a competitor in the women's events (writes Tony Wickens). Results:—

M.S.:

L. WOODING (Bletchley) bt A. Watson (Slough) 11, 16.

W.S.:

Miss J. WILLIAMS (Slough) bt Mrs. J. Wooding (Bletchley) 11, 12.

M.D.:

B. SMEDLEY (Bletchley)/WOODING bt R. Napper (Slough)/Watson 14, 17.

W.D.:

Miss K. FRY (Slough)/Miss WILLIAMS bt Mrs. J. Reed (Bletchley)/Mrs. Wooding 13, 11.

X.D.:

WOODING/Mrs. WOODING bt M. Wright/Miss M. Considine (Slough) 11, 15.

B.S.:

T. CLARK (Bletchley) bt K. Bartlett (High Wycombe) 18, 21.

G.S.:

Miss C. BAHRYJ (Slough) bt Miss A. Petty (Slough) 14, -7, 15.

J.D.:

CLARK/G. HAMILTON (Bletchley) bt A. Edwards/I. Edwards (High Wycombe) 8, 10.

V.S.:

M. Close (Chiltern) bt W. Barnett (Slough) 16, 7.

R.S.:

M. Lambert (Slough) bt J. Hiron (Chiltern) 14, -19, 12.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SQUAD

ENGLAND have selected six men and three women for next month's 8th European Championships to be played in the Energie Hall, Rotterdam, from April 15-22, the draw for which will take place on March 18.

The squad is:—

Men

Denis Neale (Yorkshire), Trevor Taylor (Essex), Nicky Jarvis (Yorkshire), Alan Hydes (Yorkshire), David Alderson (Yorkshire) and Peter Taylor (Bedfordshire).

Women

Karenza Mathews (Middlesex), Jill Hammersley (Buckinghamshire) and Linda Howard (Surrey).

Bryan Merrett and Ron Crayden will be the non-playing captains. E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles Wyles, will be the leader of the party with Deputy Chairman, George Yates, as team manager.

By rule of the championships, a country is entitled to nominate ten players and as England has only nominated nine, the tenth place which was put on offer, to the women in descending order of ranking, has been taken up by Shelagh Hession of Essex.

CURRENT POSITIONS IN THE PREMIER DIVISION

(as at 1.3.72)

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	5	5	0	36	9	10
Middlesex	5	4	1	32	13	8
Essex	4	4	0	25	11	8
Sussex	5	4	1	27	18	8
Kent	5	2	3	16	29	4
Surrey	6	1	5	20	34	2
Glamorgan	6	1	5	15	39	2
Lancashire	6	0	6	18	36	0

CIVIL SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WELL-KNOWN WINNERS by Geoff Owen

IN an event marked by few surprises, an interesting finals programme saw some familiar faces collect the trophies, the two major ones by Tony Piddock of Kent and Daphne Gray of Hampshire. Results:—

M.S.: Semi-finals:

A. R. Piddock bt B. K. Petch 7, 17; S. R. Gibbs bt R. Kettlewell 14, 15.

Final:

PIDDOCK bt Gibbs 14, 17.

W.S.: Final:

Mrs. D. GRAY bt Miss M. H. Cherry 15, 17.

M.D.: Final:

PETCH/PIDDOCK bt A. Carroll/Gibbs -19, 11, 17.

W.D.: Final:

Mrs. GRAY/Mrs. M. P. KNOW bt Miss Cherry/Miss D. L. Moors 15, 14.

I.B.S. Final:

R. W. FORD bt P. Wisdom 17, 11.

I.G.S. Final:

Miss MACBEATH bt Miss S. Raymond 17, 14.

J.B.S. Final:

D. R. HOPE bt M. Fitzpatrick 14, 13.

V.S.: Final:

M. CLOSE bt W. E. R. Harrison -24, 9, 15.

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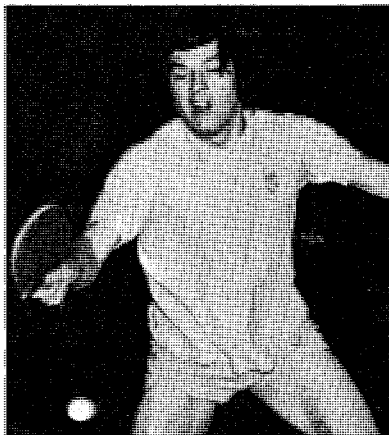
ENGLISH club champions Ormesby of Teesside, reached the final of the Europe Club Cup when, on Sunday, Mar 5 at Middlesbrough, they beat Olimpija, Ljubljana of Yugoslavia 5-1.

Both Denis Neale and Trevor Taylor were in tremendous form with the latter bringing off a great win over Istvan Korpa who is currently ranked No. 11 in Europe.

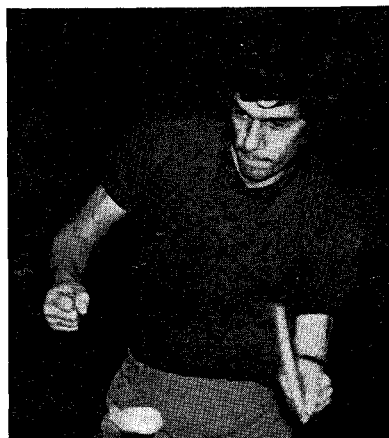
Results:—

T. Taylor bt E. Vecko 18, 10;
N. Jarvis lost to I. Korpa 25, -14, -14
D. Neale bt U. Rak 17, 19;
Taylor bt Korpa 7, 16;
Neale bt Vecko 10, 14;
Jarvis bt Rak -13, 17, 19.

In a two-legged final Ormesby will have as their opponents, Falkenbergs BTF of Sweden, a team which is spear-headed by Sweden's 18-years-old world champion Stellan Bengtsson.



DENIS NEALE



TREVOR TAYLOR

THE RACKET *Table Tennis in the Community Home*

(APPROVED SCHOOL)

by B. J. SELBY (ETTA Coach)

FROM the days when a table tennis racket was any suitable device for striking the ball, to the present time when it is felt necessary to impose certain restrictions on the construction of this implement, the relevant Law (No. 4) has grown in complexity. Discussions I have had in recent weeks indicate that, for some people, the meaning has got lost in the words. This note will perhaps help to remove some of the misconceptions and obscurities that have arisen.

The racket may still be of any size, shape or weight, but the blade must be of continuous, even-thickness, flat and rigid wood. Its surface must be dark coloured and matt. What is meant by 'dark coloured' and 'matt' is scientifically defined in a way that would make the non-technical reader boggle, but that need not concern us here. It is sufficient to note that whether the blade is covered with rubber or anything else, or not covered at all, the surface should be dark coloured and matt.

Permitted surfaces for striking the ball are defined as follows:—

1. Plain, ordinary pimples rubber, with pimples outwards, of a total thickness of not more than 2mm. including the adhesive.
2. A sandwich of a layer of cellular rubber under plain ordinary pimples rubber with the pimples outwards or reversed. In this case the total thickness must not be more than 4mm.
3. The wooden surface of the blade which must be naturally dark, or stained (not painted) dark in such a way as not to alter the friction-character of the surface.

If rubber is used to cover both sides of the blade then the colours must be similar, but there is nothing said about the exact colour of the wood—merely that it should be dark.

However, coverings which are used for improving the player's grip on the racket carry no restrictions on the type of material that may be employed. So if a side is never used to strike the ball, that side may be covered with cork or sandpaper, but a stroke with the side covered with this gripping surface would result in a lost point. (The part of the blade nearest the handle may also be covered with material to aid the grip, and would be regarded as part of the handle).

A player, therefore, using a pen-holder grip with a racket covered with rubber on one side only, may suddenly make a stroke with the dark (natural or stained) wood face of the racket, and this would be legal.

Players cannot be expected to weigh and measure balls, or count that the number of pimples on the rubber lies between 10 and 50 to the square centimetre, evenly distributed, to ensure that the equipment complies with the Regulations.

Associations through their various Equipment Committees should work in conjunction with manufacturers to see that the standards are kept. A stamp of approval by an Association or I.T.T.F. is an assurance of compliance with the specifications.

TABLE tennis plays a large part in the Community Homes as a pastime for these children in care. There must be many reading this article who could help these underprivileged children. This does not necessarily mean that you have to be a top class player.

If you are interested in youth at all your help in getting a team started, or even just to go and play at the school with them could, I am sure, be very valuable to these unfortunate children.

I have four such players helping me run four teams in our local league, and it would be impossible for me to carry on without their services. Three of these players each take a team and in the higher divisions play, as well as the boys, to help, encourage and strengthen them. The other player is our stand-by or 'float'.

We have a very large turnover of boys and I may lose as many as twelve in one season. So far, this season, eight boys have been transferred or have left. Our season never closes as each year new boys have to be ready for the coming season. This involves a great number of friendly matches in the summer in conjunction with coaching.

I get a lot of support from our local top players in the Kidderminster area as well as lower division players. I encourage the local juniors to come to St. Gilbert's Boys' School at Waresley House, Hartlebury, not only for coaching but to mix and play with our boys.

We have had two out of the three County juniors in the past and have represented Worcestershire in the Under-15 sphere each season we have entered. These are just two of the many cups, honours and achievements we have had.

If you are interested in doing something to help these children and you are not sure how to go about it, please contact me at St. Gilbert's or contact your nearest home or school.

45th ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

WORLD champion Stellan Bengtsson became the first Swedish player to win the English Open men's singles title when, at Brighton, on March 4, he beat his fellow countryman, Kjell Johansson, 3-1 in a scintillating final.

The two Swedes won the men's team event beating Yugoslavia's Stipanovic and Surbek 3-2 and in the female event, Czechoslovakia's Ilona Vostova and Alicia Grofova beat Sweden's Birgitta Radberg and Lena Andersson by a similar score.

Mrs. Radberg was the only player to take a game from Rumania's Maria Alexandru, the women's singles winner, who has now won this title

on five occasions, the last three in succession.

Trevor Taylor was the only English player to reach the quarter-finals of the men's singles where he went down 1-3 to Bengtsson. Jill Hammersley did well to reach the semis at which stage she lost to Miss Vostova.

Full coverage of both the team championships and the individual events, written by Phil Reid and John Woodford, will appear in the April edition. Meanwhile the final results were:—

Men's Singles:

S. BENGTTSSON (Sweden) bt K. Johansson (Sweden) -17, 19, 18.

Women's Singles:

A. ALEXANDRU (Rumania) bt I. Vostova (Czechoslovakia) 17, 15, 19.

Men's Doubles:

A. STIPANCIC/D. SURBEK (Yugoslavia) bt M. Karakasevic/I. Korpa 15, 13, 15.

Women's Doubles:

ALEXANDRU/E. VLAICOV (Rumania) bt A. Grofova (Czechoslovakia)/Vostova 12, 20, 16.

Mixed Doubles:

STIPANCIC/ALEXANDRU bt M. Orlowski (Czechoslovakia)/Vostova 14, 20, 10.



STELLAN BENGTTSSON



MARIA ALEXANDRU

'IN DEVON, GLORIOUS DEVON'

by **BRIAN WORTS**

DEVON, recently described as a missionary area for table tennis, let some of their younger natives loose for the Annual Devon Schools' Association Championships on February 20 at Exmouth.

It may be prudent to quote a few facts about this show of strength in the hope that eyes may remember though ears may forget for it seems that there is a lack of personal knowledge and a reliance on hearsay evidence by those good people who hold office many miles from Raleigh country yet have the task of giving opinions, taking decisions and passing criticisms, on our behalf.

First consider the circumstances and geography of Devon. It has ten table tennis leagues all within a few miles of the borders or coastlines. The central areas of the County are sparsely populated and 100,000 acres of this is Dartmoor. North and South Coasts are eighty miles apart and East and West borders 55 miles.

Any tournament held within the County for the 'natives' involves these players in considerable travel around the third largest Shire in England so

it is particularly pleasing to report that the recent Exmouth event was attended by 173 players from 31 schools. These young people had to get to Exmouth for a 9-0 a.m. start on a Sunday morning, a time which public transport is noticeably by its absence.

Eight singles events drew 240 entries. The Boys' Under-15, with an entry of 57, was the largest. All 232 sets were completed by 5-30 p.m. and that includes the finals. Eight tables were used. Three events had eight seeded players and the other five events had four.

The tournament was very much a case of Keith James and Kathryn Rowe handing out a lesson in skill and determination with little mercy for either the Yellow Ball or their opponents. Keith successfully defended both his U-15 and U-19 titles whilst Kathryn took the Girls U-19 without the loss of a game and reached the final of the Under-15 without a game against her. However, in the final she met an aggressive Lorraine Hunt who returned to tournament form with an intelligent display, and the two on-form players gave an inspired performance which Hunt deservedly won. Four fellows — J.

Ley (Churston Ferrers), M. Birrell (Plymouth Southways), M. Maer (Ottery St. Mary) and D. Clements (Tavistock) gave the seeded players trouble and succeeded in ending the play for some. All events had their full compliment of seeds and seven out of the eight under-11 seeds reached the semi-finals of the boys and girls under-11. Twelve boys and fourteen girls took part in this and there was plenty of talent on display.

In the under-13 age group, where Devon should for their future interest apply their concentration, several players show great promise. Boys—S. Morris (Torquay), A. Mann (Exeter Ladysmith), P. Trick (Tavistock), S. Gibbens (Kingsbridge). Girls — S. Tilley and M. Wakely (Bishop Blackall). Mary Wakely had a good day for it took No. 1 seed Pauline Black (Tiverton) to stop her in the penultimate round of the U-19 event. At U-15 level she was the only player to capture a game from L. Hunt and at U-13 Wakely found her final opponent, S. Tilley, to be the only one capable of scoring more than 10 points a game against her.

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by **Walter Reeves**

YOUNGSTERS ABOUND

After a promising start to the season, the County 1st team have fallen far short of expectations due, perhaps, to the fact that the leading players have had reasons for not playing regularly.

However, after the expectation of an addition to Eric Hall's family and the return of John Wallhead from business commitments abroad, a settled team could well be available for the match against Northumberland. For this encounter, Mrs. Mary Corkin (Derby) is brought in to displace Diane Maxfield for the doubles sets.

The County League position has improved considerably with only one match outstanding from the first half of the season. Both in Div. 2 and the Junior Division all matches have been completed.

In this latter section, Chesterfield lead the way and beat their only serious rivals, Derby I, by 8 sets to 2. Neil Marples has made much progress and now has the edge over the present Derbyshire Junior Champion, Ivor Warner of Derby.

Young Marples, together with the Taylor brothers, represent Chesterfield at senior level when the chances arise. Certainly the amount of competitive play they indulge in at representative level is paying off in their case.

Derby's senior league players do not encourage the juniors in a similar fashion. Indeed the last recent appeal made to them for offers to train players in coaching methods brought no response at all.

Youngsters abound in the Derby area as was instanced in the Junior Championships held on Feb. 5 when the U-11, U-13, and U-15 were held under the guidance of Mike Yallop, Harvey Allbut, Arthur Morgan, Dave Dawkins, Malcolm Allsop, Keith Holmes and myself.

The event proved a triumph for young Stephen Yallop who only just failed to win all three events the results of which were:—

U-11: S. Yallop bt Linda Holmes 9, 11.
U-13: S. Yallop bt K. Dutton 7, 5.
U-15: G. Higgins bt S. Yallop 16, 14.

Leading positions in the County League are:—

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby I	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Chesterfield I	2	2	0	0	13	6	4
Derby II	3	2	0	1	17	12	4

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby III ...	5	4	0	1	36	14	8
Alfreton II ...	5	4	0	1	28	22	8
Burton II ...	6	2	1	3	27	33	5

Juniors	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield ...	5	5	0	0	47	3	10
Derby I	6	5	0	1	47	13	10
Derby II	5	3	0	2	23	27	6

Derbyshire's Junior team beat Lincolnshire 9-1 when No. 2, Neil Marples lost, -20 in the third, to S. Morley. The County are now in with a chance of contesting the play-offs, and yet, all three boys, Warner, Marples and Mick Taylor, will be over age next season.

We will still have the girls, Mandy Mellor (Chesterfield) and Susan Holmes (Derby) and, I understand, some good lads from Chesterfield although Derby must have two strong contenders in David Yallop and Phil Vickers.

HUNTINGDON & PETERBRO' NOTES

by **David Obee**

TWO MATCHES IN 3 DAYS

Following a spell of inactivity things really hotted up as far as the County junior team was concerned when 2 matches were played in mid-February in the space of 3 days.

On Sat., Feb. 12, Essex II were the visitors and duly went away from St. Neots with 2 points following their 7-3 victory. For the County, Tim Speller maintained his promising displays of recent weeks with two singles wins whilst No. 1 Paul McArthur scored one success. Unusually, the girls found the opposition too strong on this occasion.

On Monday, the 14th., a rearranged match was played against Bedfordshire at Leighton Buzzard and despite the fact that home No. 1, Peter Taylor, did not turn out Hunts were nevertheless at full strength to record a 6-4 win.

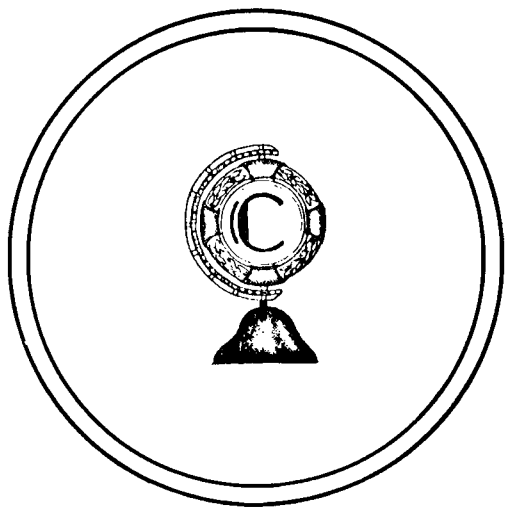
Once again Speller stole the show with 2 singles wins giving him a 70% record for this season. With MacArthur taking one singles; Sue Richards the girls' singles; Sue and Jean Allinson the girls' doubles; and MacArthur and Kevin Moore the boys' doubles; victory was assured.

Hun's therefore have finished the season only just below halfway in the table and with much of the team available next season things look healthy from the junior standpoint.

Once again the County tournament is scheduled for Peterborough's 'Wirrina' stadium and, power crisis permitting a good entry looks assured. Indeed March and April are solidly booked for local league tournaments, South East Midlands League tournaments etc., and for all of these events the junior entry at least seems likely to be far larger than any in recent years.

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In this month's

CONTROVERSY

John Woodford asks . . . ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE?

Watching table tennis of various standards in recent months I have come to the conclusion that in general, in the men's game, there are now two classes—(a) THOSE who can use top-spin loop and top-spin drive almost continuously — nearly always the younger players whose game has been developed on top-spin and (b) THE REST, usually older players who are beyond the point where they can re-develop or adapt to the modern game.

At junior tournaments these days two groups are again clearly seen—THOSE, the young winners, who have mastered top-spin and THE REST, the young losers, who every so often find the ball flying off their bat in every direction but the target.

Being on the winning side at table tennis in 1972 is often a case of whether a player can receive top-spin. The days of retreating from the table to return top-spin are almost over as more and more see the necessity to play it early, smothering the spin before it turns really nasty. The

front-page photograph of the last issue of "Table Tennis", showing David Alderson smothering spin is a good example.

I am continually amazed that so few of our female players can really play a top-spin game. I know some try hard to introduce varying amounts of top-spin but they never seem to achieve anything like the amount of venom as their male counterparts.

The recipe for success seems to be a vicious spin service followed by as much top-spin as possible ending with a killing drive if the return is high enough and the opponent has not fallen victim of the spin imparted by the reverse-pimpled sponge bat.

How I enjoy retiring to my second division local league game where there are few young loopers, where the good old-fashioned drives and chopped defences produce many pleasurable evenings.

The new game dominated by top-spin has taken over at the top but it all seems far less enjoyable, at least for the masses.

* * *
... Whilst further support in the Lion's Den is penned by Mrs. Doreen Russell, of Penn, Wolverhampton who writes:—

"I would like to record my hearty approval of the sentiments expressed. My son, who is 13-years-old (as the boy in the article) plays in the second division of the Wolverhampton League, this being his second season.

There was much tut-tutting from various quarters last season after he was beaten week after week, indeed at one point we began to wonder ourselves whether or not we had done the right thing.

This season, however, the second season alongside his father, his sheer guts and determination are paying off and the number of games won by him are increasing rapidly.

Coaching for a young player must have its limitations, you can in fact breed an attitude of uncertainty with continual coaching. There is no, and I repeat no substitute for game practice and the hard cut and thrust of competitive play with people soaked in experience, guile and strength".

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

IN the Yorkshire League, Bradford I still lead Division 1 with 9 points from 7 games, but Middlesbrough I are 3 points behind with 4 matches

in hand. Middlesbrough II and Durham County player Malcolm Corking inflicted the first Yorks. League defeat on John Krier, Hull's Luxembourg import. In Division 2, Bradford II are now almost certain to gain promotion. Leeds II and Dewsbury I are battling at the bottom both pointless. Division 3 leaders Sheffield II are pressed only by their third team, whilst Middlesbrough IV and Barnsley III have yet to obtain a point. Unbeaten Barnsley top the Women's Division, and need only 1 point from 2 matches to retain their title. Leeds, Barnsley and Bradford I are battling for the Veteran's Division title, and Barnsley again show up at the top of the Junior Division, but have yet to play Middlesbrough, who have so far only dropped 1 set.

Leading positions on 6th February:

DIVISION 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford I	7	4	1	2	37	33	9
Middlesbrough I	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Huddersfield I	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
DIVISION 2							
Bradford II	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Barnsley I	5	2	2	1	28	22	6
Sheffield Wks. I	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Halifax I	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
DIVISION 3							
Sheffield II	5	5	0	0	43	7	10
Sheffield III	5	4	0	1	32	18	8
Wakefield I	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
DIVISION 4A							
Harrogate II	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Halifax II	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Wakefield II	5	2	3	0	24	21	7
Yorks. II	4	3	1	0	25	15	7

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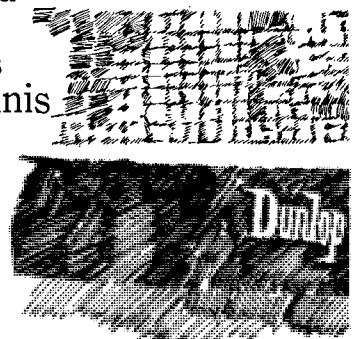
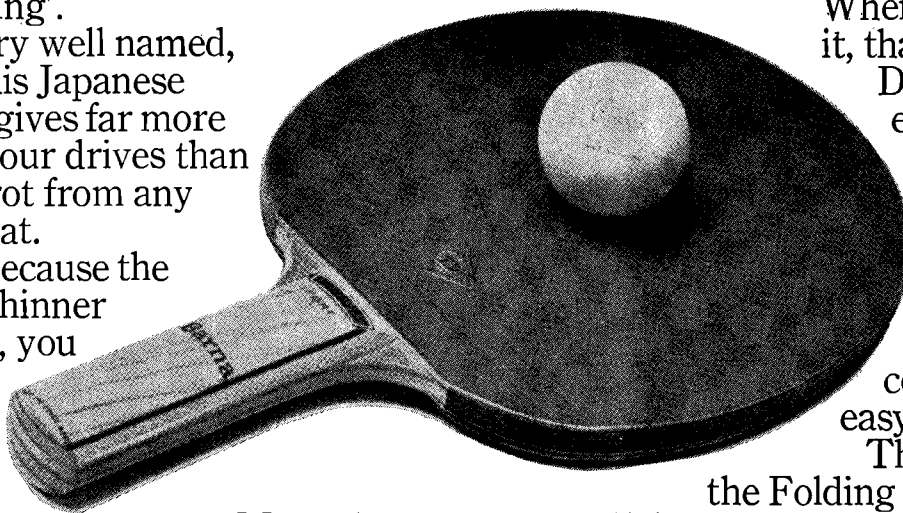
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DIVISION 4B									
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Pontefract	...	6	5	0	1	42	18	10	
York III	6	4	2	0	41	19	10	
Harrogate III	...	5	4	0	1	28	22	8	
WOMEN'S DIVISION									
Barnsley	.....	6	6	0	0	46	14	12	
Bradford	.....	7	5	0	2	49	21	10	
VETERANS' DIVISION									
Bradford I	.....	7	6	0	1	41	22	12	
Barnsley	.....	7	6	0	1	40	23	12	
Leeds	.....	6	5	0	1	34	20	10	
Bradford II	.....	8	5	0	3	45	27	10	
JUNIOR DIVISION									
Barnsley	.....	6	6	0	0	42	12	12	
Hull I	.....	8	6	0	2	48	24	12	
Middlesbrough	..	5	5	0	0	44	1	10	
Leeds	.....	6	5	0	1	36	18	10	
Hull II	.....	6	4	0	2	33	21	8	

Paul Cottenham is Bradford's new closed men's singles champion. He beat city No. 1 Jim Yeats in the final, and also took the doubles in fine style with clubmate Bob Shutt. Melody Ludi became first holder of a new girls' singles cup presented by Carter's sports shop and surprised Pam Dawson 19, -12, 10 in the women's singles. The tournament was sponsored by Martin's Bargain Stores Ltd., whose managing director Bob Martin, a former Metal Box player, presented a new men's singles trophy. Results: M.S.: P. Cottenham bt J. A. Yeats -14, 19, 17. W.S.: S. Broadbent bt B. Clough 11, 14. M.D.: Cottenham/R. Shutt bt M. Stephenson/J. Goldsborough 15, 19. W.D.: Broadbent/P. A. Dawson bt Clough/J. Brooke 15, 21. X.D.: Worsman/Broadbent bt J. R. Davies/Dawson 16, -23, 18.

B.S.: D. Renton bt R. Glendinning 13, 19. G.S.: M. Ludi bt K. Tordoff 16, 14. V.S.: L. Forrest bt E. Payne 17, -13, 18.

England No. 2, Jill Hammersley, added her name to Ormesby's impressive visitors' book when she recently visited the club to learn the secrets of their training methods. Perhaps it was a two-way communication, because club supremo Alan Ransome is only too conscious of the club's relative lack of success in the girls' game, recently accentuated by Linda Bashford's decision to give up the game. Linda's decision depletes Yorkshire's already thin ranks of top class women players, but Yorkshire's thanks go to Linda for her past efforts on behalf of the county.

CHESHIRE NOTES

by Brian Kean

PRESENCE FELT

IT is pleasing to report that Cheshire players have been making their presence felt on the British tournament circuit. County No. 1, Mike Johns, has lifted two recent titles, the first being the men's singles in the Kent Open. Then, despite the dangers of 'bombs and bullets', he plundered his way through the Co. Antrim Open collecting both the men's singles and doubles titles.

Not to be overshadowed by 'big brother', Brian Johns, recently elevated to No. 5 in the English Junior ranking list, led a strong Cheshire

contingent in the Edinburgh Junior and Youth tournament. His successes there were four fold in the form of the U-17 and U-21 singles, plus the U-17 and U-21 doubles, the latter in partnership with County colleague Nigel Eckersley.

In the girls' events, the County banner was carried to success by Janice Green in the U-17 singles.

Staying north of the border, but moving west to Glasgow and the West of Scotland Open, Brian Kean collected a hat-trick of titles when he won the men's singles, men's doubles (with fellow County-Anglo, Liam Barclay) and the mixed. But the highlight of our tournament successes must undoubtedly be the winning of the English Closed junior boys' singles title by Simon Heaps. Congratulations Simon, a splendid performance.

There were plenty of shocks in the Crewe and District League championships on February 11/12 at the Railway Works Canteen, Goddard Street, where the elimination of senior players by up-and-coming juniors were plentiful.

Major upset was the defeat of defending men's singles champion, Martin Greene, by 14-years-old Trevor Burrows. Trevor, standing a mere four feet, eleven inches tall, has all the qualities of a future star. He plays an away-from-the-table, counter-hitting game and has great mobility. This, linked with fast hitting and great determination, could destine Trevor for unlimited honours.

Another junior collecting senior scalps was Tony Moran who opened

the dressing room door for inter-league players Mervyn Carlisle and Barry Whittle. However, despite all efforts on the part of the organisers, the race against the 'Great Electric Power Cuts' was truly lost and the finals were unavoidably cancelled owing to bad light (or lack of it) stopping play completely.

On the coaching front. There were well represented at an E.T.T.A. Junior Training Course held at Lea Green on February 5/6. Under the watchful eye of Northern Staff Coach, Peter Simpson, our juniors, John Hook, Trevor Burrows, Patricia Allen and Jean Trueman enjoyed two full days of concentrated practice and physical training under the supervision of Bob Wyley from the Ormesby T.T.C.

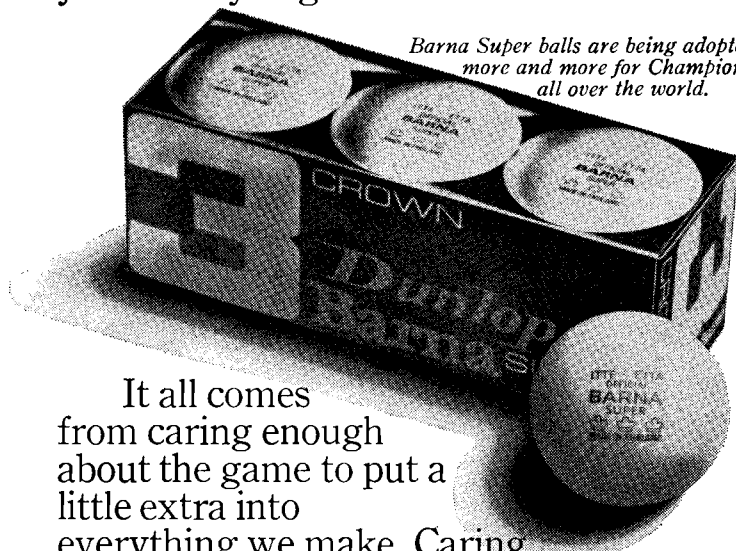
I will now drop to my knees and beg anyone with any news suitable for me to put to press not to hesitate in sending same to me c/o Daily Mail, Deansgate, Manchester.

HEADACHES

Due to the late publication and receipt of this issue, resultant on former cuts and the use of second class post to combat higher postal charges, the two subsequent issues of this present series will be correspondingly overdue. It will mean, however, that full coverage can be given to late season events especially those having been postponed because of the side effects of the miners' strike.



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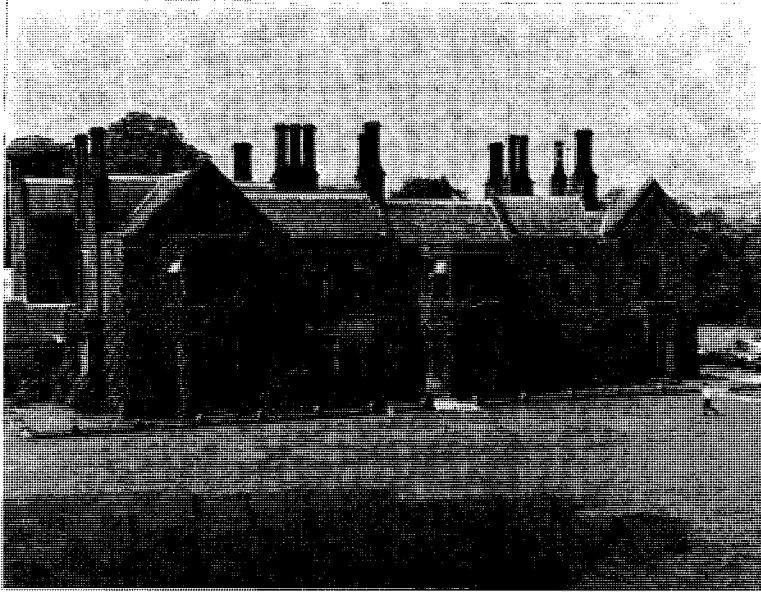
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A SURVEY OF THE COACHING SCHEME

by JOHN O'SULLIVAN



What better retreat in which to concentrate on the arts of coaching of Lea Green, Matlock, Derbyshire. Photo' by John O'Sullivan

Although English Table Tennis has had its stars reaching a standard enabling them to command respect internationally, very few have been a serious challenge for the world title. Why in a country where enthusiasm for the game can amount more to a vocation than a sport or a hobby, do we not have more of the champion breed?

It can hardly be for the want of effort, for many young hopefuls practice every day of the week, when they are not travelling miles to a tournament. Their keenness can be judged by the fact that they know that after the first round half the entry will have been eliminated. I know of no other sport where the contestants travel so far and pay out so much in expenses, for so little participation.

If we have this sort of material, why do we not have more of the top class players?

One of the answers must be, tuition at the right time, and of the right kind. I emphasise the right kind of tuition, for although many players do receive coaching of some form or other from well meaning people, it may not be up to date or fit in with the modern game. This is difficulty made for a junior to compete on equal terms with other players receiving more enlightened instruction.

This now poses the question "What is the right kind of coaching?", and how does a student go about obtaining the best tuition available in a particular area.

The E.T.T.A. run a National Coaching Scheme and have made recommendations to be the standard for all coaches in the Scheme on which to base their own coaching activities.

THREE PANELS

The Scheme in itself is centred on three coaching panels controlled by

three E.T.T.A. Staff Coaches each having his own officials to organise coaching in his area.

These Staff Coaches are involved in table tennis full time yet, even so, they have a difficult time trying to fulfil the many duties expected of them.

Some alleviation is afforded by the break down of the Panels into the various county coaching schemes under the direction of the Staff Coach but run by the County Coaching Officer who, in turn, has the further assistance of qualified ETTA coaches and teachers in school to help out.

In the past coaching has not always been popular with the local leagues, and sometimes thought to be an unnecessary expense, their logic being that they had managed without it up to now, and have done alright. Why bother?

Even now some leagues only tolerate coaching sessions but will not openly co-operate. This, of course, makes the work of the Staff Coach even harder and takes up more of his time than is really available for that area.

This brings me to the point of asking how do promising juniors come to the notice of their Staff Coaches? This is the duty of coaches in any area to find these youngsters and get them into a squad and bring the attention of the Staff Coach to them, or at least to the notice of their County Coaching Officer.

In the *Midlands and South West*, the Staff Coach is Bryan Merritt, also known for his roll as England's Team Captain. Bryan has a vast area to cover and because of this, he is not seen around in certain areas as much as he would like.

When you think of twenty counties, each requesting visits to schools, youth organisations and junior train-

ing camps, it is obvious that no one man can cope with all the work on his own.

TOO FEW

He therefore has to rely on an army of qualified and student coaches, together with teachers, to help out. There are of course always too few.

During March, Bryan will be visiting school courses in and around Birmingham, although a good third of the month will see his involvement with the English Open Championships at Brighton and at international matches elsewhere in the country.

Northern Panel Staff Coach is Peter Simpson and, as like Bryan, his area is very large but his problem is more that of sheer numbers as this area contains some of the largest groups of table tennis players in England.

If my information is correct, Peter has to recruit as many helpers in the form of coaches and teachers as possible. Whereas Bryan Merritt's headache is distance between players—I think Cornwall has something like one player per square mile—Peter Simpson has to deal with concentrated masses with the resultant problems of finding venues large enough to meet the demand.

There are people who will help and these include the Local Education Authorities, in conjunction with the local leagues. This is, in fact, what has happened in Hull where at Thanet Junior High School, the Hull Schools' League and the Hull T.T. League have opened a coaching centre with six tables, two of the tables having been installed by the E.T.T.A.

Such was the response to this centre that applications had to be restricted to four places per school. Two sessions were arranged, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, concentrating mainly on the novice, with 24 students attending each session.

VALUABLE SOURCE

Directing the operation was Jim Jacobs, a Diploma Coach, and known to most of us as "Big Jim". He was

assisted by Mr. Joe Holland who is the Deputy Headmaster of the school, plus a number of willing coaches, without whose help such courses as these would be impossible to run.

At the same time, Peter Simpson is running a course for the teachers in Hull which will obviously be a valuable source of help for the future of the centre.

Other courses aimed at increasing the number of coaches are being held, throughout the month of March, at centres such as Lea Green in Derbyshire and the Peterlee Sports Centre in Co. Durham.

The *Eastern* is the newest of the Panels to be formed and is administered by Peter Hirst. Although I know Peter quite well, through coaching, I have seen little of him since he became a Staff Coach.

I must confess that my geographical knowledge of the area is scant but I know that Peter will be organising teachers courses at Havering in Sussex, plus a number of courses for the schools. He will subsequently be putting in appearances at Ipswich, Crystal Palace and Bury St. Edmunds.

I do not doubt that Peter Hirst runs up against the same problems as Peter Simpson and Bryan Merritt, and possibly a few peculiar to his own area. But I must admit that although I will be covering coaching activities in all Panels, being involved with the Northern Panel, it follows that I will have more knowledge of what is happening there than in the other two.

It is my intention to put this matter to rights by doing my homework and making visits, whenever possible, to courses running in these areas.

If you, the readers, feel that you would like to ask questions on the Coaching Scheme, or make comments—which need not be complimentary—I will do my best to obtain the answers. My invitation, of course, includes those of you who would like to help in their own area, or wish to join a coaching group.



A general view of the E.T.T.A. Coaching Centre at Worle, Somerset.

Photo by courtesy of Weston Mercury.

March opens with the English Open and, on the 19th we have the English School Finals at Northwood S.C., Stoke-on-Trent. Both of which should let you see the results of previous coaching courses.

THE STAFF COACHES



BRYAN MERRITT

On behalf of the Bournemouth and District Table Tennis Coaching Association, Hon. Sec. **MISS MARJORIE L. EAST** writes: —

In view of the ever-increasing number of Juniors from the age of 9 years upwards and the interest and energy of local Table Tennis Coaches an Association was formed in November last for the purpose of furthering interest in the game generally, encouraging coaching in Schools, and improving the standards of Coaches and players alike.

At the present time there are some 18 Coaches concerned with the Association in the Bournemouth district and at the Winton Centre some two dozen Juniors meet twice a week for physical training and coaching.

On the 7th February members of the Association met under the Chairmanship of Mr. John Luther for the purpose of receiving Mr. B. Merritt, Staff Coach for the Midlands and South West areas. Despite adverse weather conditions in the way of fog Mr. Merritt spent a very energetic evening instructing the youngsters in physical exercises and demonstrating to them, and with the more improved players, stroke play and tactics. Of the juniors present on this occasion he felt that Janet New, Julie Reading and Stephen Wilson had great potential and should go far along the road to success in a wider field.

The practical side of the game was followed by a discussion with the Coaches present on the finer points and in the course of proceedings Mr. T. Wilson said how pleased the Association would be if Mr. Merritt could see his way clear, in view of his numerous commitments with the English Teams, to become President of the Association. Mr. Merritt said he would be very happy to accept and the pleasure of those present was enthusiastically expressed.

Since this visit the increase in enthusiasm of the Juniors has been apparent at the Winton Centre and we look forward to a further visit from Mr. Merritt and to great things from our Juniors in the future.



PETER SIMPSON

FENLAND 2-STAR OPEN

by Laurie Landry

PETER TAYLOR SURPRISES

A VERY successful tournament took place in the Corn Hall, Kings Lynn on Sunday, February 27, which got over a power cut by the use of a hired generator.

Peter Taylor kept the men's singles title in the family with two excellent wins over Tony Clayton, in the semis, and Alan Hydes in the final. He cleverly slowed the game down but also showed aggression when required.

Hydes and Mike Johns played an excellent semi and together won the men's doubles over Clayton and



ALAN HYDES (Yorkshire and England)

Beaten by Peter Taylor in the Final of the Men's Singles but winner, when partnered by Mike Johns, of the Men's Doubles

Landry, for whom it was their 9th final of the season.

Lesley Radford scratched from the women's singles which left a path for Janet Hellaby to tread to the final where she beat Suzanne Kavallierou in a fast moving encounter. Suzanne's over-the-table speed had eliminated Di Simpson, the 2nd seed. Both senior winners took encores in the junior events.

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

A. Clayton (Yorks.) bt I. Horsham (Essex) 17, -17, 11;
P. Taylor (Beds.) bt P. Radford (Essex) 15, -12, 18;
M. Johns (Ches.) bt B. Hill (Lincs.) 11, 16;
A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt D. Johnson (Essex) 15, 16.

Semi-finals:

Taylor bt Clayton 15, 20;
Hydes bt Johns 7, -19, 19.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Hydes 16, 21.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals:

J. Hellaby (Essex) bt G. Locke (Essex) 19, 15;
S. Kavallierou (Sussex) bt D. Simpson (Essex) 20, -14, 15.

Final:

HELLABY bt Kavallierou -19 14, 15.

Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

P. Taylor bt P. Day (Cams.) 12, 9;
Horsham bt D. Marples (Derbys.) 9, 18.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Horsham 20, 19.

Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

Hellaby bt Locke 12, 14,
M. Mellor (Derbys.) bt W. Brown (Derbys.) 8, 17.

Final:

HELLABY bt Mellor -19, 17, 18.

Men's Doubles: Final:

HYDES/JOHNS bt Clayton/L. Landry (Middx.) 15, 18.

Mixed Doubles: Final:

JOHNS/SIMPSON bt Hydes/Kavallierou -22, 10, 15.

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THE COCA-COLA POINTS SCHEME

by LAURIE LANDRY, Administrator.

This season, the Coca-Cola Awards are again being played for and no less than 150 players have, to date, acquired points. It has never been denied, of course, that over 90% of these players have no chance of actually winning but everyone can effect the top positions with a good win here and there.

It is still in the home tournaments that players stand the best chance of securing Coca-Cola points with a chance of bonuses. The set-up is as follows (points given) for Open Tournaments:—

	Winner	Runner-up	Semi-final	Quarters
Class 1 Open	100	50	25	10
Class 2 Open	75	40	20	—
Class 3 Open	50	25	15	—
Class 4 Open	25	15	10	—
Class 5 Open	10	5	—	—

These points apply to men's and women's singles events. A Class 1 Open must have 3 of the top 4 England players or 8 of the top 12. Class 2 must have 2 of the top 4 or 6/7 of the top 12. After that, Class 3, 4 or 5 of the top 12; Class 4, 2 or 3 of the top 12 and Class 5 if only one or none of the top 12 take part.

The point that must be stressed is that these top players must actually play in the tournament concerned and not just have entered for it. The quality of the entry decides the points awarded.

Naturally such a player as Scotland's Malcolm Sugden, or the Russians who took part in the Lancashire Open, are assumed to be in the top twelve groupings.

Since 3-Star Opens are quality tournaments, an additional 25% is given to the points awarded, as above, no matter what the class and the English Closed had an additional 50%.

BONUS POINTS

Bonus points are given (for both men and women) in respect of wins over ranked English players on the following scale:— Over No. 1—50 pts. 2—45, 3—40, 4—35, 5—30, 6—25, 7—20, 8—15, 9/10—10 and 11/12—5 pts.

Furthermore, 100 pts. are awarded for beating world-ranked players 1-10, 50 pts. for world-ranked players otherwise, or European-ranked players 1 to 8, and 25 pts. for others.

These bonuses only apply once so it is the highest obtained that is appropriate. For instance, Jill Hammersley is worth 50 pts. on account of her world ranking and 45 pts. for her English ranking, at No. 2, but a victory obtained over her at this

moment would net the winner just the 50 pts. apart from any other points for winning the tournament, etc.

Going through the other points awarded, they are:—

European League—25 pts. per singles win.

World Championships — Winner 1,000; Runner-up 500; semi-finalist 250; quarter-finalist 150; last 16—75 pts., all in respect of men's and women's singles. In the team events 25 pts. are awarded for each singles win.

European Championships—As for the World Championships with the scales being 500, 250, 125, 75 and 35 pts. and 25 points for team events.

International Opens — A similar system to that used for home open tournaments but more points with European-ranked players deciding the class.

International Matches—25 pts. for a singles win.

County Matches—15 pts. for a singles win in the Premier (Senior) division and 5 pts. for a win in other senior divisions.

Bonus points are additionally awarded for all the above, where appropriate, and bonus points only are awarded for the National Team and European Club Championships.

CLASSIFICATION

Finally, I list, up to and including the South Yorkshire and Chelmsford Opens (Feb. 5), the Class that each Open came under for the Coca-Cola Awards.

Men

Class 1:

North Middlesex, Middlesex, English Closed and Lancashire.

Class 2:

North of England, Humberside, Woolwich and Southend.

Class 3:

Merseyside, Midland Counties and Kent.

Class 4:

Tewkesbury, Cumberland, South Yorkshire and Chelmsford.

Class 5:

4 T's, Bournemouth, Merton, Woodfield, Hastings Tiger, Winton, Pontefract and North Bournemouth.

Women

Class 1:

North Middlesex, Sussex, Southend, Middlesex, English Closed and Lancashire.

Class 2:

Humberside, Woolwich, Midland Counties and Kent.

Class 3:

Chelmsford.

Class 4:

None.

Class 5:

Tewkesbury, North of England, 4 T's, Bournemouth, Merton, Cumberland, Woodfield, Hastings Tiger, Merseyside, Winton, Pontefract, North Bournemouth and South Yorkshire.

The hope is expressed that all the foregoing statistical data will be of assistance for players to work out the points they are entitled to. Present

positions, up to and including the Teesside 3-Star Open are:—

MEN

1. T. Taylor (Essex)	1265
2. D. Neale (Yorks.)	1133
3. N. Jarvis (Yorks.)	543
4. O. Haslam (Middx.)	443
5. C. Barnes (Essex)	425
6. A. Clayton (Yorks.)	310
7. M. Johns (Ches.)	268
8. B. Burn (Warwks.)	255
9. J. Walker (Yorks.)	242
10. A. Hydes (Yorks.)	225
11. C. J. Warren (Surrey)	215
12. R. Chandler (Sussex)	180
13. A. Ransome (Yorks.)	136
14. D. Brown (Essex)	130
15. D. Alderson (Yorks.)	105

WOMEN

1. J. Hammersley (Bucks.)	980
2. K. Mathews (Middx.)	824
3. L. Howard (Surrey)	725
4. S. Hession (Essex)	425
5. J. Williams (Sussex)	423
6. L. Radford (Essex)	210
7. S. Howard (Surrey)	180
8. D. Simpson (Essex)	175
9. J. Heaps (Ches.)	164
10. S. Lisle (Lancs.)	140
11. B. Bird (Kent)	125
12. L. Bashford (Yorks.)	122

Repetitive wins by Trevor Taylor over Denis Neale has taken the Essex left-hander into the lead in the men's section and, in the women's section, Linda Howard has been overhauled by both Jill Hammersley and Karenza Mathews the former by reason of her results in the European Ranking Tournament in Yugoslavia which netted her 250 points.

Theory Expounded

by GEOFF WADSWORTH

AT the invitation of the Editor, and owing to the interest shown, I would like to expound further on the subject of **Spin or Anti-Spin**.

Let us assume that sandwich rubber was available only for defensive purposes and the hitter was limited to a pimped bat or similar. This would mean the defender would be able to impart more spin to the ball, and defence would rule the game. I feel there can be no argument here. I recall Ray Dove of Sheffield beating almost everyone in the country using this very type of play, but with a sponge bat which is now banned of course.

The point I am trying to make is that owing to the very nature of the loop stroke with sandwich, it is impossible for a defender to equal or add spin to the ball by use of chop. To use a long stroke from shoulder to almost floor level when taking a ball at speed is asking for an impossible amount of control. So, the position arises that in many instances the chop is taking spin off the ball, this becomes obvious when the ball lifts and sails miles over the baseline.

To counter this, many players delay the return as long as possible, to allow the spin on the ball to die, and then either chop, or high topspin the return. The only trouble here is the attacker has no difficult spin to deal with at all, and can make a defender's life miserable.

With the use of a non-grip bat the spin player's life may also be made miserable. To go back to spin services, these offer very little problem to the defender, but the return can pose problems for the server. For myself, the more spin a player puts on his service, the more pleased I am, as the return is more difficult for the server to handle.

Many players have enquired about hitting with this bat, and my experience has shown the following. Just as players have adapted to pimped rubber, sandwich etc., one will adapt strokes to hit well. The technique is very similar to pimped rubber bats, hitting much flatter than with sandwich, but a bonus here is that chop will not worry you at all. In other words a heavily chopped ball can be hit as confidently as a lightly chopped one.

The big problem of course is counterhitting, and this is very impractical as the spin cannot be reversed, so the initiative is always with your opponent. However this bat was not designed for counterhitting, one would naturally use sandwich for this purpose.

Any older player who recalls Dolinar will agree he was a brilliant hitter and he used a WOOD-FACED bat. Likewise, Erlich of Poland was a world-class defender, and he also used a wood bat. Strange isn't it that practically the only wooden bat users in competitive table tennis of 20 - 30 years ago were both world class players? I put this down partially to the fact that they had few problems regarding spin.

Let us now take any one stroke, either hit or chop. If one judges the pace of the ball being received correctly, and one plays a well-timed shot, that shot will be good. Not so with a bat which grips spin. One has also to judge the spin correctly, and as spin cannot be seen, errors are made.

As many players seem keen to give the theory a try, I would like to give the following advice. Don't expect too much immediately. Things will seem a little strange at first as this bat is different, and requires adapting to, but this adaption is perfectly natural, and will come quite quickly. No special strokes are needed, in fact in my view the strokes will become more natural than the ones used for sandwich.

To the many enquirers asking where they can obtain this bat. I am at present negotiating with a large sports firm for production, and would appreciate anyone interested to drop me a line at the undermentioned address:—

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SHAKE UP THE BAND WAGON MERCHANTS!

by CHARLES E. DAVIES

Newspapers, particularly in the case of table tennis, are bandwagon merchants. For long stretches of a playing season they virtually ignore the game. Then, when an albeit extraordinary politico-ping-pong story like the visit of Western teams to China or a reciprocal visit occurs, they all leap on to the bandwagon and give extensive coverage.

Everyone suddenly is in the table tennis scene. Leader writers loftily allocate a few paragraphs of their precious prose to 'ping-pong'. Feature writers suddenly discover table tennis and skilfully project a living sport. Cartoonists, ever opportunists, conjure up chuckles with a joke and badly drawn table tennis bats. Everyone is in on the act.

But, suddenly, the nine day wonder is over. Just try then to find the results of a weekend tournament in Monday morning's papers. Just the results! If you do not read the Daily Telegraph, the one honourable exception to this criticism, it is like seeking the solace of a spring in an arid desert. It is as rewarding as trying to spot a national newspaper reporter at any of 20 leading tournaments or county matches.

Why is this? Why is there so little table tennis coverage normally in the national press? And more important, what can be done to improve the situation?

I have two suggestions. They have been arrived at after writing hundreds of table tennis articles and reports many of which have appeared in national newspapers and including the miracle achievement of a piece in The Times. They are conclusions backed by a knowledge of the newspaper world assimilated during my four and a half years with the Daily Mail.

But firstly, why is there so little coverage? It is because sports editors write off table tennis as of little significance. They assess the public demand for news of the sport as negligible. With them it is the major league of football, football and more football, racing, boxing, cricket, rugby, then the midi league of athletics, golf, tennis, car racing and sundry other sports, then the mini section—the Oxford and Cambridge boat race and table tennis.

And I joke only a little. I called at the old Sun offices in Covent Garden once. A sports sub-editor said to me, "Ah, table tennis old boy, that's a mini-sport struggling for recognition, isn't it?"

This is the attitude of national newspaper offices. It is a climate of opinion in which The Times refused to use a word of my exclusive report on the retirement, after 10 years of top service to England, of that fine sportsman, Ian Harrison. Fortunately most other nationals were more aware and carried deserved tributes.

This situation is an insult to a

national sport and all who participate in it or follow it.

What then can be done about it? THIS. Bombard newspaper offices with requests for more table tennis coverage. Write, telephone, send telegrams and keep doing so. Show sports editors that there is a demand, a huge demand, for table tennis news. If your paper does not co-operate threaten to move to one that does. It will work I promise you. But only if a large section of the country's 300,000 active players and legions of supporters demand it and work to achieve. If you really want it you can get it.

My second suggestion is dependent

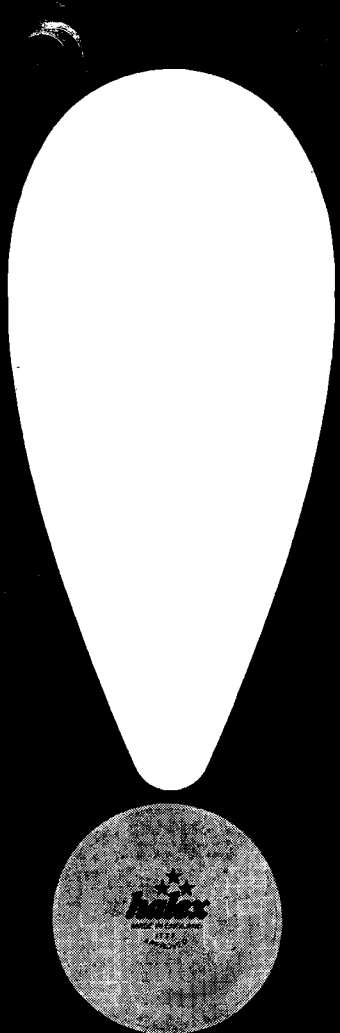
on the first working. It is that top officials in the game stop treating table tennis affairs as though they were state secrets. And this really is the case. Interviewing some of the E.T.T.A. top brass on a story is like talking to a diplomat when an espionage scare is on. National Councillors treat queries about their meetings as if you are asking for a pre-Budget leak.

This attitude is ludicrous and unfair to all table tennis supporters who have a right to know what is going on but who often are not allowed to know.

Officials must be more open and forthcoming to the press. There are

plenty of table tennis stories around. They must be made known to any interested table tennis enthusiast and not be just the property of the esoteric few!

To any sceptic who has doubts about my suggestions working I would point out the case of fishing. Regular columns on fishing appear in the national press. They did not used to. I believe they appear now because the often quoted legend that there are 3 million fishermen in England has come to be believed in newspaper offices. Let us make them believe that there are 3 million customers interested in table tennis. Good luck!



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ENGLISH JUNIOR RANKINGS

TOP PLAYERS STAY PUT

Both top boy, Peter Taylor, and top girl, Linda Howard, maintained their No. 1 rankings when the National Selection Committee issued their new and revised list on Feb. 9.

Greatest elevation among the boys was that of Brian Johns, up from No. 8 to No. 5 whilst in the female ranks Anita Stevenson shot up from No. 8 to No. 4, and Gillian Taylor from No. 10 to No. 5.

From the previous list, Andy Mitchell and Steve Rowe are dropped from the numbered positions to group "A" being replaced by Paul Day and Tony Martin.

Dean Dino-Smith and Richard Morris move up from Group "B" to Group "A", the only newcomer to Group "B" being Peter Hunt of Essex.

Enlarged from 10 to 12 ranked places the girls' list now includes Mandy Mellor and Diane St. Ledger, from Group "A" the only newcomer to the latter category being Susan Tame of Surrey.

New list (previous positions in brackets):—

Boys

1. Peter Taylor (Beds.) (1).
2. Simon Heaps (Ches.) (2).
3. David Alderson (Yorks.) (4).
4. Ian Horsham (Essex) (3).
5. Brian Johns (Ches.) (8).
6. Donald Parker (Lancs.) (5).
7. Robert Aldrich (Middx.) (7).
8. Desmond Douglas (Warwks.) (6).
9. John Kitchener (Suffolk) (9).
10. Jeffrey Nix (Warwks.) (10).
11. Paul Day (Cams.) (A).
12. Tony Martin (Yorks.) (A).

Group "A"

- Brian Alderson (Yorks.).
- Andrew Barden (Middx.).
- Paul Blineow (Northants.).
- Dean Dino-Smith (Kent) (B).
- Peter Edon (Durham).
- Paul Fennon (Yorks.).
- Gary Harding (Berks.).
- Robert Huson (Middx.).
- Keith James (Devon).
- Andy Mitchell (Kent) (11).
- Richard Morris (Herts.) (B).
- Steve Rowe (Staffs.) (12).
- Robert Wiley (Yorks.).

Group "B"

- John Alsop (Durham).
- John Avey (Sussex).
- John Fuller (Norfolk).
- Peter Hunt (Essex).
- Mark Mitchell (Middx.).
- Kenny Reeve (Devon).
- Michael Williams (Somerset).
- Michael Wright (Yorks.).

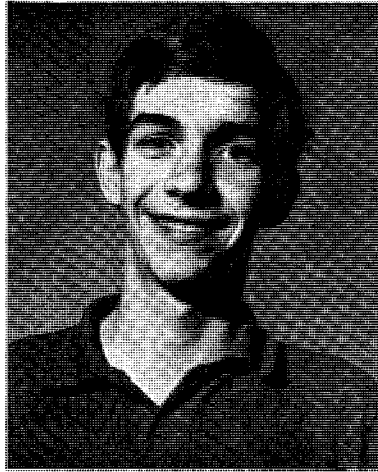
Girls

1. Linda Howard (Surrey) (1).
2. Janet Heggaby (Essex) (2).
3. Karen Rogers (Leics.) (3).
4. Anita Stevenson (Leics.) (8).
5. Gillian Taylor (Essex) (10).
6. Elaine Tarten (Essex) (7).
7. Judith Walker (Yorks.) (4).
8. Susanne Manning (Lancs.) (6).
9. Mandy Mellor (Derbys.) (A).
10. Brenda Williams (Lancs.) (9).
11. Gillian Locke (Essex) (5).
12. Diane St. Ledger (Warwks.) (A).

Group "A"

- Pat Clements (Yorks.).
- Cathy Deem (Middx.).
- Janice Green (Ches.).
- Jane Hartwell (Middx.).
- Julie Holtam (Kent).
- Julie Kelly (Essex).
- Barbara Kirkman (Lancs.).
- Nicolette Leslie (Surrey).
- Caroline Reeves (Berks.).
- Cathy Stonell (Essex).
- Emma Swan (Cams.).
- Susan Tame (Surrey).

ENGLAND'S THREE TOP BOYS



PETER TAYLOR (Beds.)

—Photo by John Heritage



SIMON HEAPS (Ches.)

—Photo by John Heritage



DAVID ALDERSON (Yorks.)

—Photo by Peter Madge

MIDLAND

LEAGUE

by Philip Reid

TITLES FOR CHELTENHAM AND WEST BROMWICH

Exciting finishes look to be the order of the day in almost all the nine divisions of the Midland League and another pleasing feature is that probably seven — or even eight — different leagues will figure in the 'honours list'. Favourites at the moment are:— Mens' 1st Division Leicester. Mens' 2nd Division Bristol. Mens' 3rd Division Cheltenham. Intermediates Division Birmingham. Juniors 1st Division Birmingham. Juniors 2nd Division Cheltenham or Coventry. Veterans 1st Division Oxford. Veterans 2nd Division Walsall. Women's Division West Bromwich.

Two divisions, in fact are already settled. Cheltenham, with a match to play, are the new champions of Division 3 (Mens'). No team have relied more heavily on one player than Cheltenham have on David Harvey. In five of their seven matches they have won 6-4 and in every case Harvey has won all three and also participated in the doubles, which has also been successful in every case. Harvey, in fact, is out of his class in this division and could do well in the 1st Division.

West Bromwich, with one game to play, are sure to top the Women's Division. With a trio of Ann Baker, Kath Perry and Dorothy Deeley to call upon they have looked — and played—like champions all season.

Alas for my predictions on the Mens' 1st Division! No sooner had I suggested Derek Munt would go through the season undefeated than he lost two sets in the same match—against Leicester. Both Paul Randell and the evergreen Charlie Jacques beat him. This win, of course has made Leicester favourites and a win (or draw) against Chesterfield and a victory over Wolverhampton would give them the title for the first time.

West Bromwich men's team have been having a lean period for the past two seasons but with Ken Day, Peter Eaton and Dick Coley in their side for the last three matches, they have shown an upwards surge. Wins of 10-0, 9-1 and 8-2 have moved them well away from the relegation zone at a time when they looked certain to make the drop from the first division to the third in two seasons.

Birmingham Intermediates need only to draw with Leamington (who are so far pointless) to be sure of the Intermediate Division championship. The first draw of the season in this division occurred when Nottingham and Worcester shared the spoils. Star of the match was S. Phillips (Worcester) who was unbeaten, Birmingham too, should win the Junior 1st Division having, as they do, two juniors—Desmond Douglas and Jeff Nix—on the England Ranking List. With Steve Taylor also playing well, this team certainly has 'strength in depth'. Nottingham, after failing to win any of their first three matches, have recovered to win the next three. Roger Dawkins and Adrian Ashley have each won eight out of nine during this spell. Dawkins had won

only one of his first nine sets and I was beginning to wonder what had gone wrong—nice to see you back on top form Roger!

Cheltenham or Coventry should take the junior 2nd Division—these two teams have yet to play each other, but 'match of the month' in this division was that between Walsall and Oxford. F. Bashir won his third consecutive maximum for the university city to clinch a 6-4 win but Neil Partridge, who gave him some anxious moments in the first set of the match, was on good form for Walsall and won two. Nottingham's chances of retaining the Veterans 1st Division nose-dived when they lost 7-3 to Birmingham, despite a maximum from Ron Bolton. Everything now points to Oxford taking the title in their first season in the division.

Emerging as firm favourites to take the Veterans 2nd Division are Walsall, who not only have Brian Griffiths, P. Giles and P. Canning in their side but also a top-class reserve in Harry Dixon to call on when needed!

NEW SPORTS HALL FOR CHESHIRE

Alderman H. J. S. Dewes, Chairman of Cheshire County Council, officially opened an £80,000 multipurpose sports hall and gymnasium at Nantwich in Cheshire on Feb. 3. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Walter Winterbottom, Director of the Sports Council, who had expressed interest in seeing this particular project.

A main feature of the sports hall is the Uni-Turf floor by Dunlop Ltd. It is the first time this type of floor has been introduced to this country, though it has been used very successfully in America and elsewhere abroad. The floor is an American product and was laid under the supervision of an American expert. It is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch layer of plastic laid on a concrete base. The surface provides an exceptional grip, even for stocking-feet; at the other extreme, running spikes can be used on it. It is resilient and waterproof.

Mr. George Gibson, County Inspector of Physical Education, says of the floor, "We are delighted to be able to introduce this floor to Britain in a Cheshire sports hall. It is exceptionally resilient, and is likely to attract a great deal of interest and attention from all over the country".

The sports hall is 110 ft. x 80 ft. and of the type adopted for other similar projects in the rest of the county. It can accommodate a large number of activities and the floor is marked with coloured paint or tape to indicate courts, etc.

The gymnasium has been built 80 ft. long by 35 ft. wide as opposed to the more usual 70 ft. x 40 ft. It was felt that the proportions were better and this is proving to be the case. It is fully equipped with fixed and portable gymnastic apparatus and has a white maple wood sprung floor. The gymnasium and sports hall are connected by a walk-through store room.

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR MARCH AND APRIL

PREMIER DIVISION	
Mar. 11	Essex v. Kent, The Rochway Youth Centre, Rochway, Rochford. 7.00 p.m.
	Sussex v. Middlesex.
Apl. 1	Glamorgan v. Kent. 7.00 p.m.
	Surrey v. Lancashire, Crusader Insurance Sports Club, Woodhatch, Reigate. 7.00 p.m.
	Yorkshire v. Essex, Pontefract Town Hall, Town Centre, Pontefract. 7.15 p.m.
SECOND SOUTH	
Mar. 11	Middlesex II v. Sussex II.
" 18	Kent II v. Surrey II, Duncan Bowen School, Woodchurch Turning, Ashford. 7.15 p.m.
Apl. 1	Hampshire v. Buckinghamshire.
SECOND NORTH	
Mar. 12	Durham v. Lincolnshire, Bolingbroke Street Hall, South Shields. 7.00 p.m.
" 25	Nottinghamshire v. Northumberland, Rainworth Recreation Centre, Rainworth, Mansfield. 6.00 p.m.
Apl. 9	Cheshire v. Derbyshire.
SECOND MIDLAND	
Mar. 18	Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire. 3.30 p.m.
" 26	Staffordshire v. Warwickshire, Woodfield S. & S. Club, Penn, Wolverhampton. 7.30 p.m.
Apl. 8	Cambridgeshire v. Hertfordshire, C.I.B.A. Works Canteen, Duxford.
SECOND WEST	
Mar. 19	Glamorgan II v. Devon.
" 26	Dorset v. Wiltshire.
Apl. 1	Somerset v. Glamorgan II, Perg Boys Club, New King Street, Bath. 7.00 p.m.
" 8	Devon v. Worcestershire.
EASTERN	
Mar. 11	Cambridgeshire II v. Norfolk, The Sports Centre, The Pightle, Haverhill. 7.00 p.m.
" 18	Norfolk v. Huntingdonshire.
JUNIOR PREMIER	
Mar. 18	Kent v. Hertfordshire, Duncan Bowen School, Woodchurch Turning, Ashford. 2.30 p.m.
" 25	Warwickshire v. Cheshire.
Apl. 1	Surrey v. Yorkshire.
" 2	Middlesex v. Yorkshire.
JUNIOR SOUTH	
Apl. 1	Buckinghamshire v. Berkshire.
" 15	Hampshire v. Sussex, Fareham Community Centre. 3.00 p.m.
" 15	Hertfordshire II v. Oxfordshire.
JUNIOR NORTH	
Mar. 25	Durham v. Yorkshire II, Fairfield Boys' Club, Stockton-on-Tees.
Apl. 1	Cumberland v. Cheshire II, Millom School, Salthouse Road, Millom. 2.30 p.m.
	Lancashire v. Westmorland, Montague Burton's Canteen, Wapping Street, Bolton. 2.30 p.m.
JUNIOR MIDLAND	
Mar. 25	Warwickshire II v. Staffordshire.
" 26	Derbyshire v. Nottinghamshire, Y.M.C.A., Holywell Street, Chesterfield. 2.30 p.m.
Apl. 15	Northamptonshire v. Lincolnshire, The Compton Estate Club, Castle Ashby, Northampton. 6.30 p.m.
JUNIOR EAST	
Mar. 18	Cambridgeshire v. Suffolk, Sawston Youth Centre, New Road, Sawston. 2.30 p.m.
JUNIOR WEST	
Mar. 19	Glamorgan v. Devon.
" 29	Gloucestershire v. Worcestershire.
Apl. 1	Wiltshire v. Somerset.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

TREBLE FOR JACKIE

MAIN event last month was the County Closed championships held at Ultra Ltd. (U.E.L.). These were very successful and Alan Lindsay won the men's singles again, beating yours truly in the final. The writer, however, had some consolation in winning the men's doubles, with Alan, and the mixed with Jackie Redfearn. Jackie won all three titles open to her. But where, one may ask, are the younger players?

Young Angela Mitchell, still only 11-years-old, got to the final of the girls' singles whilst brother Mark, together with Andrew Barden, aged 14 and 13 respectively, reached the semi-final of the men's doubles. David Tan, aged 15, and Andrew played a magnificent boys' final, with David the winner. Final results:—

M.S.:
A. Lindsay (Central) bt L. Landry (Willesden) 13, 8.

W.S.:
J. Redfearn (Acton) bt P. Barnes (Acton) 7, 9.
M.D.:
Landry/Lindsay bt B. Petch (N. Middx.)/R. Yule (Willesden) -17, 16, 16.
W.D.:
S. Hamilton (Acton)/Redfern bt K. Deem (Willesden)/J. Hartwell (Barnet) 17, -17, 14.
X.D.:
Landry/Redfern bt D. Jemmett (N. Middx.)/Hamilton 14, -16, 13.
B.S.:
D. Fan (N. Middx.) bt A. Barden (N. Middx.) 13, -16, 19.
G.S.:
Hartwell bt A. Mitchell (N. Middx.) 16, 14.

A sick "Les" Haslam took part but fell to Selwyn Pokroy (Central) but "Les" should not have played.

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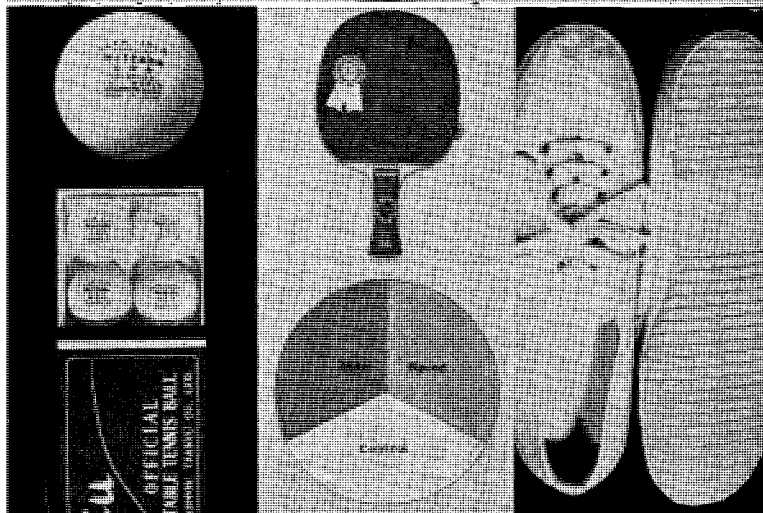
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Junior Open Tournaments

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BURFORD SEES THE LIGHT OF "DAY"

Cambridgeshire's Paul Day did not attend Burford School, Oxon., over the weekend of Jan. 29-30 for any scholastic tuition from Headmaster, M. J. Chalk and his staff, but rather than to give a lesson himself on the arts of tournament play in the **Burford Junior 2-Star Open**.

This he accomplished in the grand manner by winning the U-13, U-15 and U-17 boys' singles events, the first two at the expense of Andrew Barden in straight games, and the latter, over three, against Jeffrey Nix, after Michael Owen of Wales, had been disposed of in the semis.

For good measure, the young Soham star claimed further space on an already overloaded sideboard with additional successes in the U-15 boys' doubles (with Barden) and in the U-13 boys' doubles (with S. Newman of Essex).

Karen Rogers claimed the U-17 girls' singles title with a semi-final win over her Leicestershire team-mate, Anita Stevenson, and went on to beat the rapidly improving Gillian Taylor in the final. In the doubles, however, Miss Taylor, partnered by Elaine Tarten, took on the role of avengers by beating the Leics. pair with Gillian taking a second U-17 title in the mixed with Michael Bawden beating Day (yes he lost this one!) and Miss Tarten.

Due to an unfortunate clash with the County Championships, on Jan. 22-23, several holders could not defend their titles won last season in the **Exeter Junior 1-Star Open**. Notable absentees were Paul Day, Elaine Tarten, Gillian Taylor and, from Somerset, Susan Beazer.

Outstanding performances came from Keith James (Plymouth) and Linda Wales (Worthing) who were successful in all events they contested, the first time that this has happened. James certainly lived up to his reputation as Devon's brightest prospect for many years with his fast left-handed attacking play, whilst Miss Wales, a delightful player, showed that she is an outstanding prospect, displaying great control and sportsmanship.

Another player to catch the eye was Chris Sewell, from Bristol. A small lad in stature, but with a big heart, he kept going throughout and was the winner of the U-13 boys' event and took James all the way in the U-17 final.

A pat on the back too for Julie Reading, from Christchurch, who reached the girls' U-13 and U-17 finals, going down to Miss Wales each time. And to Katherine Rowe, beaten in the U-17 event, and Peter Twigg and Paul Trick, beaten finalists in the boys' U-13 and U-15 events.

The staged finals were well supported and the awards were presented

after each event by Mr. John Newman, the Player-Manager of Exeter City A.F.C.

Results:—

Exeter Junior 1-star

U-17 Events
B.S.: K. James (Devon) bt C. Sewell (Glos.) 16, -20, 16.
G.S.: L. Wales (Sussex) bt J. Reading (Hants.) 11, 13.
B.D.: James/K. Reeve (Devon) bt M. Ashcroft/M. Green (Devon) 10, -23, 7.
G.D.: I. Cooney/P. Weatherill (Devon) bt K. Rowe/L. Heptinstall (Devon) 11, 18.
X.D.: James/Rowe bt Ashcroft/Weatherill 16, -19, 16.
U-15 Events
B.S.: James bt P. Twigg (Devon) 15, 12
G.S.: Wales bt Rowe 15, 10.
U-13 Events
B.S.: Sewell bt Trick 6, 13.
G.S.: Wales bt Reading 5, 10.

Burford Junior 2-star

Under 17 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
J. Nix (Warwks.) bt M. Owen (Wales) 12, 13;
P. Day (Cams.) bt K. Pilgrim (Warwks.) 12, 13.
Final: DAY bt Nix -16, 13, 11.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
K. Rogers (Leics.) bt A. Stevenson (Leics.) 21, -17, 14;
G. Taylor (Essex) bt L. Jones (Wales) 10, 13.
Final: ROGERS bt Taylor 19, 18.
B.D.: Final:
W. HUSSEY (Wales)/OWEN bt Nix/S. Taylor (Warwks.) 19, -10, 16.
G.D.: Final:
E. TARTEN (Essex)/TAYLOR bt Rogers/Stevenson 19, 21.
X.D.: Final:
M. BAWDEN (Essex)/TAYLOR bt Day/Tarten 11, 17.
Under 15 Events
(Finals)
B.S.: DAY bt A. Barden (Middx.) 10, 13
G.S.: ROGERS bt C. Stonell (Essex) 19, 15.
B.D.: BARDEN/DAY bt M. Mitchell (Middx.)/D. Newman (Essex) -18, 10, 12.
G.D.: ROGERS/STEVENSON bt C. Reeves (Berks.)/E. Swan (Cams.) 6, 13.
Under 13 Events
B.S.: DAY bt Barden 10, 14.
G.S.: L. WALES (Sussex) bt A. Mitchell (Middx.) 12, 8.
B.D.: DAY/S. NEWMAN (Essex) bt K. Hall/C. Rogers (Leics.) 18, 17.
G.D.: J. CAMPION (Middx.)/MITCHELL bt L. Booth (Herts.)/J. New (Hants.) 18, -19, 16.
Under 11 Events
(Finals)
B.S.: A. STONELL (Essex) bt G. Booth (Herts.) -13, 19, 19.
G.S.: M. SMITH (Berks.) bt New 17, -13, 19.

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

Newbury, the present League leaders, maintained their unbeaten record when they defeated Swindon 'A' 7-2. David Wise did well to beat Tony Wolff, Swindon's No. 1, whilst Don Campbell had a good maximum, and paved the way for Newbury's easy win.

Swindon 2nds, still without a win were beaten at home rather easily by the very strong trio from Exeter, Mike Rattue, Paul Stone and Mike Putland, Exeter winning 9-0. Swindon 'A' were also beaten 7-2 by Exeter, at home, both Rattue and Stone securing 3 wins each.

Weston had a stiff home match with Plymouth before winning 5-4. At one stage the visitors were leading 4-2 but, thanks to a good rally by Ray Philpott, Tony Kinsey and Joe Garland, Weston won the remaining sets to clinch victory. Young Keith James for Plymouth, did remarkably well to beat Kinsey but lost the last set when the score was 4-all to the wily Garland.

Swindon 'A', at home to Weston who were without Kinsey and Philpott, won 6-3 thanks mainly to three good wins by Wolff. His younger brother, Michael, certainly gained some confidence from watching and did well to beat Paul Drew and Tony Fisher.

Swindon 2nds again lost at home to Bristol 2-7. In this match, it was nice to see the return of Ron Bowles, the very popular Bristolian, Ron won 2 of his sets losing only to Ken Whiteheall.

In the **Ladies' Division**, Exeter were just too strong for Newport and, at home won 7-2. Both Pam Mortimer and Valerie Addicott each won 3, whilst Maureen Spray lost to Pat Perrett and Lynette Hobbs.

Exeter had a much more closer home win over Bristol. At one stage the visitors were leading 4-3 but thanks to good wins by Val Addicott and Pam Mortimer they just won 5-4. In the last set young Barbara Bowles tried hard to win for Bristol against the more experienced Pam Mortimer and did well to take the second game, but just failed in the decider. Pam certainly paved the way for Exeter's win by winning all her sets, while Joan Collier and Barbara Bowles each won 2.

Plymouth, at home to Newport, won 7-2 with maximums recorded by Barbara Pearson and Nancy Hollywood.

As can be seen by the current league positions, both Newbury men's and ladies' teams are still unbeaten and appear firm favourites to carry off both championship titles. Remaining matches for the men are against Bristol, Weymouth, Plymouth and Weston, and one never knows!

Recently, Weymouth defeated the strong Exeter team and Weston had a good win over Plymouth.

Newbury ladies', the current holders, have Weymouth, Devizes, Newport and Swindon left to play, and, on current form, should win.

Current League Positions

Men	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Newbury	6	6	0	41	13	12
Newport	5	4	1	30	15	8
Exeter	7	4	3	39	24	8
Weston	7	4	3	34	30	8
Plymouth	4	3	1	25	11	6
Weymouth	5	3	2	23	22	6
Swindon	5	2	3	19	26	4
Bristol	6	2	4	24	30	4
Women	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Exeter	5	4	1	29	16	8
Newbury	3	3	0	21	6	6
Bristol	5	3	2	23	22	6
Devizes	3	2	1	17	10	4
Plymouth	3	2	1	15	12	4
Newport	5	1	4	15	30	2
Weymouth	3	0	3	8	19	0
Swindon	3	0	3	7	20	0

WILTSHIRE NOTES

by "Moonraker"

JOINT congratulations to Swindon's Tony Wolff (Jnr.) upon his welcome and most forceful return to the county scene, also young Helen Rusby (Devizes) upon her initial selection for the Wilts. Team against Cornwall.

Though Tony included a 19, 19 victory over Salisbury's Bill Moulding he could not prevent Salisbury "A" from notching their first Wilts. League

success by 6-4 at the expense of divisional leaders Swindon.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	7	4	2	1	42	28	10
Devizes	7	4	1	2	36	34	9
West Wilts.	6	4	0	2	35	25	8
Warminster	6	2	2	2	32	28	6
Salisbury 'B'	7	1	2	4	28	42	4
Salisbury 'A'	7	1	1	5	27	43	3

West Wilts. chairman Chick Chandler partnered Valerie Inglis to a 20, 20 victory over Dave Rugby and Helen Rusby when Devizes 'A' suffered their first Mixed Division defeat in two years, while Joan Warrington notched a surprise 2-1 win over Helen Rusby in the same match. Salisbury's unranked Sue Bostock also beat Helen Rusby 21, -13, 18 when Salisbury 'A' won 6-4 away to Devizes 'A'. Leading positions:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devizes 'B'	7	5	1	1	47	23	11
Devizes 'A'	6	4	0	2	37	23	8
West Wilts.	6	3	1	2	30	30	7

Tony Wolff (Jnr.) completed a grand slam at the Swindon Championships beating Richard Clode 19, -16, 14 (to lift the men's title for the fifth time in six years), partnering Ken Harrison to a 10, 13 men's doubles win over Hey and Cambrey besides teaming up with Kath Leslie to account for Keith Sawyer and Gwen Hazell 7, 16 in the mixed final.

Other Swindon results: W.S.: Mrs. G. Hazell bt Mrs. K. Leslie 17, 12; V.S.: G. Townsend bt D. May -20, 18, 20; W.D.: Mrs. J. Price/Miss D. Onslow bt Mrs. G. Hazell/Miss N. Hazell 18, -13, 18.

Once again the West Wilts. championship at Trowbridge saw several county players ko'd in no uncertain manner.

Wilts. Junior Team Manager John Ford — subsequently awarded the Tournament Merit Shield — set the pattern when he put out the holder and Wilts. No. 1, Roy Smith, -16, 19, 14 in an early round then Wilts. Woman Third Seed, Helen Rusby, fell -20, 12, 14 to Mrs. Vivian Webb, who followed up her semi-final 'giant killing' act by giving Alison Boyce a tough woman's singles final passage 23-25, 25-27.

County title-holders Alison Boyce and Helen Rusby went out -20, -15 to Somerset ranked Linda Baker and Warminster's Joan Warrington in the woman's doubles final.

Wilts. Sixth Seed, Richard Arney — who lost his place in the Wilts. side earlier this season — had one loop too many for Bath's Colin Ticknell whom he beat 17, 19 in the men's final and partnered by Terry Kelly just got the better of Baker and Ticknell 19, 19 in doubles final.

Other West Wilts. results: J.S.: S. Broughton bt B. Groombridge 9, 7; VS: J. Revell bt D. Morris -20, 20, 18.

West Wilts. champion, Arney, has also maintained his form in Salisbury League appearance for South Newton 'A' where he beat Roy Smith 20, -16, 8 and Clive Heywood 18, 14 when title chasing South Newton drew 5-5 with New Sarum Leopards in a premier division clash. Richard has now completed the double over both Wilts. 1 and 5 in the Salisbury League.

Meanwhile both Smith and Heywood have been involved in Salisbury League upsets. Smith going down 2-1 to Rodney Hall (Breamore) and Heywood beaten 2-1 by young Dave Tomlinson (Harnham).

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

"CAP" FOR PARKER

PRESTON'S Donald Parker will make his Junior international debut, for England against Scotland, at Grangemouth on March 17 and remain north of the border to participate in the Scottish Open, in Edinburgh on March 18-19. Joining him in England's team will be Cheshire's Brian Johns. Congratulations to them both, may they long continue the good work.

In Preston's most recent fixture in Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire league however, Parker failed to take a game when the Mancunian trio of Tony Boasman, Kevin Forshaw and Philip Bowen handed out a 10-0 thrashing to blunt the championship aspirations of the Prestonians.

Devoid of the services of Mike Johns, now in the employ of Ascot Sports and operating from Uckfield, in Sussex, league leaders Bolton will be hard pressed to maintain their position. They did manage it against Blackpool, in their most recent match, when stand-in Lancashire junior, Philip Riley, beat Gordon Beardsworth and Brian Parkinson in a 6-4 win for the champions whose other successes were obtained by Derek Schofield (2) and Colin Lang (1) plus the doubles.

The Johns boys, Brian and Ian, went to town when Mid-Cheshire beat Manchester 6-4. Ian excelled in accounting for Lancashire's Nos. 1 and 5, Boasman and Bowen, and added the scalp of Cheshire county player, Nigel

Eckersley, for good measure. Brian beat Boasman and Eckersley and combined with his brother in taking the doubles for a truly shock result. Leading positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	5	4	1	0	30	20	9
Preston	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Manchester	5	2	1	2	31	19	5
Liverpool	5	2	1	2	25	25	5
Mid-Ches.	4	2	1	1	17	23	5

In Division 2 ((North), Farnworth's ex-Bolton team of Bryn Farnworth, Bob Kelly and Clive Heap would appear to have matters sewn up quite nicely with challengers Burnley having just the faint hope of a slip-up by the leaders in their two remaining matches against Liverpool "A" and bottom team Nelson. Positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Farnworth	5	5	0	0	35	15	10
Burnley	5	4	0	1	29	21	8
Blackburn	6	3	0	3	30	23	6

With one match to play, Chester, are firm favourites to take the Division 2 (South) title and regain their last season's Division 1 status. Positions:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chester	6	5	1	0	46	14	11
Preston "B"	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Stockport "A"	5	2	3	0	28	22	7

Still very much an open race the positions at the top of the Women's Division 1 is:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stockport	4	3	0	1	33	7	6
Liverpool	4	3	0	1	30	10	6
Manchester	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Blackpool	3	3	0	0	20	10	6

Brenda Williams was a recent treble winner when Liverpool beat Stockport 7-3, her victories being over Doreen

Schofield, Myra Lypnyckyj and Janice Green. But as it was Manchester's trio of Susan Lisle, Mary Leigh and Jean Nield that beat Liverpool, by a similar score, the Mancunians must be favourites to capture the title currently held by Stockport.

Farnworth brought off a memorable win in the quarter-final of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy competition when they ousted Liverpool 5-4.

In receipt of 4 points start per game, the match was set alight when Bob Kelly beat England's No. 6 ranked Tony Clayton in straight games. Equally meritorious was Sybil Williams's (nee Threlfall) win over her namesake, Brenda.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by Jim Flowers

HAIGH CUP

As expected Boston beat Lincoln, but not without a terrific fight during the course of which Brian Hill, Boston's County No. 1 was beaten by Cleve Judson, the County's No. 3, 17 and 9! No Lincolnshire player has beaten Hill in this manner since I started to keep records in 1964.

Cleve then had a terrific struggle against Mick East, the County No. 2, who ran out the winner 20, -22, 17 as he did against John Radley -20, 18, 15.

Gary King of Boston, who of late has not had the success expected of him, fought hard against Roy Norton but failed -19 in the 3rd. Against Radley, King had a welcome return to form with a comfortable 10, 17 win. Result:— Boston 7, Lincoln 3.

Now that Grimsby have a chance of winning the Haigh Cup they are really putting up a fight for it. After handing out a 10-0 drubbing to Spalding, away, they surprised even more by travelling to Gainsborough to again 'whitewash' the opposition.

Matt Sheader, the new Grimsby men's singles champion, beat Patrick 20, -20, 20. How close can you get? Sheader then went on to account for Brian Edlington, 15 in the 3rd, and then Slater in straight games. Geoff Plaskitt also had a struggle with Tony Patrick before winning 22-20 in the decider.

Perhaps the outstanding performer of the night was Albin Black, the Grimsby No. 3, who contained Edlington and then out-hit the Gainsborough and ex-County player to score his first win over him. He furthered his team's cause by going on to record equally convincing victories over Patrick and Slater.

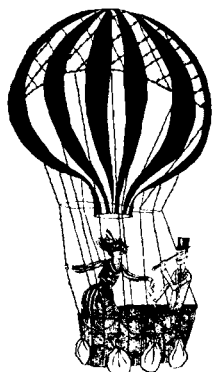
Just how close the whole issue was, despite the eventual result, can be gauged from the fact that 7 out of the 10 sets went to three and six games were won 22-20. Result:— Grimsby 10, Gainsborough 0.

Leading positions:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Boston	7	6	1	51	19	12
Grimsby	6	5	1	47	13	10
Lincoln	6	3	3	37	23	6

It would now appear that Grimsby have only to win their two remaining matches to be certain of winning the Haigh Cup. But they still have to play Scunthorpe who now have Les Oran and Peter Skerratt available and could have quite a fight on their hands.

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Around the Clubs

BISHOPS HIGH T.T.C.

Bishops Stortford, Herts.

by Peter A. Webb, Hon. Sec.

Table tennis has become one of the major sports played at the Bishops Stortford Boy's High School, but is run entirely as an extra curricula activity. All boys attending the school may, if they so desire, take part in the daily lunchtime sessions, and this usually involves 50-60 boys at varying times during the week. Those who show particular interest and have playing promise are invited to join the BISHOPS HIGH T.T.C. which meets each Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m.

The club was formed in 1969 by P. A. Webb, a master at the school, and Keith Woods, the only league player attending the school at that time. With one broken down table, a handful of keen but inexperienced players and a cash grant of a couple of pounds, the club became a reality, and has never looked back. The club, now in its 3rd season, has five tables, overhead lighting for match tables and four teams in the Bishops Stortford League (five at least next season). Two of the tables and the lighting sets were made in the Craft Dept. at the school and one table is on loan from a local engineering company.

As far as possible the club is run by the boys, with a watchful eye kept by the Secretary, and helped by C. Bone (school staff) and D. Wild (parent). A 22 page, 150 copy Handbook is published annually and a monthly newsletter giving details of club activities, league and tournament progress. The information service has paid dividends as it has drawn a great deal of interest to the club and active support from the School Governors, parents and Vice-Presidents and President.

So far the playing success has been entirely due to the keenness of the boys, who so far have not had professional coaching. If and when we can

introduce regular professional coaching there is no knowing how much they would improve. The 'B' team is a classic example of the type of success that has come to the club through being keen. Last year they won Div. 3 of Bishops Stortford League, and this year they are currently third in Div. 2 ('A' first) and have represented Herts. Schools at the Area Finals of U-15's National School Team Championships.

A couple of years ago the boys were 12-year-old beginners. What of the future? The sport must go from strength to strength, even if it is for one reason only, the social development of the boy. This is because it is the only sport played at the school in which boys, often only 13, play against adults and more often than not are on the winning side!

Peter A. Webb concludes his covering letter to the Editor by writing . . . It would be interesting to hear from other schools as to their facilities and equipment, and the importance of the sport in the school, compared with the major sports, football, rugby, cricket, etc. To our school, it is very important as not only does it involve a great number of boys at all levels, but senior boys can play 1st and 2nd year boys on an equal footing. It is also the only sport played at the school where boys of all ages play adults in an adult league, and more often than not are on the winning side. The social development of the boy, by mixing with adults is as important as the table tennis.

The pages of this magazine are open to those wishing to extol the virtues of table tennis in their particular school. Ed.

4-NATION TOURNAMENT IN SWEDEN

THE National Selection Committee have announced the following team to represent England at a 4-Nation Women's Tournament in Solvesborg, Sweden on March 18. This will be followed by an individual event for women at Lund on March 19:—Karenza Mathews (Middlesex), Jill Hammersley (Bucks.) and Linda Howard (Surrey).

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

GREAT FIGHTBACK

In the County Championships, Cams II and Juniors again showed their strength with respective victories over Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. The second team showed great fighting spirit against Northants, when they overcame a 2-4 deficit to win 6-4, with John Thurston beating Marchant and Maloney.

Paul Day also won both his singles, although he came close to defeat in his match with David Hogg whose defensive chop bothered him.

Ken Muhr had mixed success on his return to County duty losing to Rodney Marchant, although making amends by winning his final encounter against Hogg, which clinched the match for Cams.

Emma Swan was out of her depth against the rubber-bat defence of Connie Bane but Deborah Clarke gave good support to Day in the mixed, overcoming the versatility of George Tsow to win comfortably. The Juniors kept their 100% record by beating Bedfordshire 7-3, when Day, Emma Swan and Deborah Clarke maintained their unbeaten records, John Willis suffered his first defeat at the hands of Michael Charter, and must still be wondering how he lost the second game after leading 20-10, only to lose 23-25!

In the S.E.M. League, Cambridge City are again going all out for the title, with recent victories over Bedford (10-0) and St. Neots (9-1) to keep them well in touch with Northampton. In the Bedford match, Peter Hirst, the E.T.T.A. Eastern Region coach, now resident in Cambridge, made a successful debut. The Juniors also continued their improvement by beating the same opposition 7-3 and 8-2. It is good to see the Veterans' continued run of success and at present they have a clean record and look, at least, like winning the title. The City Ladies had a creditable 5-5 draw against Bedford, but various changes in the team in successive matches have not stood them in good stead.

In the First Division of the Cams League, University Press still hold a 100% record, with Cambridge University and New Chesterton Institute their closest challengers, having dropped two points and four points respectively.

Leading Positions:—

Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N.C.I. 1	12	9	2	1	74	46	20
Press 1	8	8	0	0	69	11	16
University 1	7	6	0	1	50	20	12
Soham 2	9	6	0	3	51	39	12
Soham 3	9	5	0	4	49	41	10
Division 2							
Press 2	13	11	1	1	94	36	23
Telephones 1	13	10	1	2	84	46	21
St. George's 1	13	9	0	4	80	50	18
University 2	11	6	2	3	60	50	14
Melbourn 1	13	5	3	5	65	65	13

You cannot keep the name of Paul Day out of the news! At the International Youth Tournament at Vught, in Holland, he won the U-13 Singles Title, facing opposition from Belgium, Holland, Germany and England. He also won the U-13 and U-14 Doubles Titles in partnership with Andrew Barden of Middlesex. In the Junior Open, at Burford, he swept the board

by winning the U-17, U-15 and U-13 Titles, against ranked opposition, and on top of these successes he also won the U-13 and U-15 Titles with Barden. In these Championships, Emma Swan also did well by reaching the semi-final of the U-15 Singles and the U-17 doubles—she also reached the final of the U-15 Doubles.

Cambridgeshire Schools' won all three Girls' Titles at the Eastern Area Finals of the English Schools' Table at Ipswich, qualifying for the South East Regional Finals at Crystal Palace on Feb. 27th. In these Championships, Deborah Clarke, Emma Swan and Karen Garner of the Perse School were all unbeaten and Judy Tindall only lost one. For Sawston Village College, Davina Silk, Ru'h Newman and Ann Von Rabenan were all unbeaten, while Sarah Johnson lost only one. In the Boys' Championships, Sawston beat Northgate Grammar, Wisbech Grammar beat Yarmouth Grammar and Queen's, Wisbech drew with Yarmouth Grammar.

In the first Chelmsford Open, the Soham Contingent of Mick Palmer, Steve Palmer, John Ashman and Brian Jones acquitted themselves well. John Ashman reached the fourth round of the Men's Singles, which was good going against strong opposition.

Laurie Landry has been coaching several Cams Juniors in recent trips to Soham and has named Ludovic Chapman as a player of outstanding improvement with several other youngsters coming along nicely.

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHATTER

In the Men's Section of the S.E.M. League, Northampton and Cambridge City are fighting it out for top place and despite the former's victory over the latter, Cambridge are still in with a very good chance. Hunts Central hold third position at the moment, but have played more games than the other two. In the Junior Section, Bletchley are going along nicely at the top, with North Herts close behind and Cambridge City in the third position—this is going to be a very good finish at the end of the season. In the Ladies' Section, North Herts are romping home, with Northampton in second position and Cambridge City hold top place in the Veterans' Section with Bedford in second position.

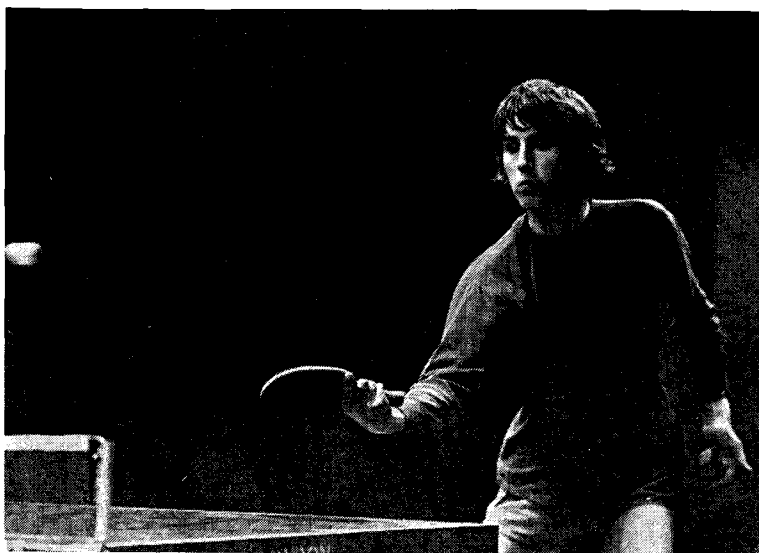
The number of postponed matches in this league is causing concern and Secretaries are asked to get their matches played as soon as possible in order to avoid congestion at the end of the season.

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Richard Harris, Club Treasurer, Winner of Boys' Singles, and Top Player of Division 3, 1971, in the Bishop Stortford and District Table Tennis League.

Home Countries Affairs

NORTH OF THE BORDER AND IN THE PRINCIPALITY

with Helen Hamilton and Nancy Roy Evans

FOR the 13th successive season, Gambit of Edinburgh won the *Scottish Team Cup*, this year played at Bells-hill Y.M.C.A. Indeed, Gambit's team of Robert Kerr (capt.), Eric Sutherland and Patrick Forker never looked like losing.

In the final Gambit beat Milngavie 5-2, the opposition being provided by J. Hawkins, E. Bruce and J. Graham.

Cheshire's Anglo-Scot Brian Kean was the winner of the *West of Scotland Open*, played at Bellahouston Sports Centre, Glasgow on January 29. Principal results:

M.S.: Semi-finals:

B. Kean (Ches.) bt P. Forker 16, -14, 18.

J. Hawkins bt R. Kerr 10, 13.

Final:

KEAN bt Hawkins 8, 14.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

H. Hamilton bt M. Neish 15, 10.

E. Smith bt D. Quinn 8, 17.

Final:

SMITH bt Hamilton 16, 20.

Once again the *Edinburgh Junior and Youth Open* attracted most of the best young players in Scotland and a lot from the north of England including a strong contingent from Cheshire whose Brian Johns excelled in winning four titles.

Dundee's Mabel Neish also had a good tournament and won her first singles event this season. Partnered by J. Nash, also of Dundee, she also won the women's doubles. Results:

Y.S. (U-21) Semi-finals:

N. Eckersley (Ches.) bt A. McCulloch 13, 16.

B. Johns (Ches.) bt J. Graham 16, 11.

Final:

JOHNS bt Eckersley 17, 15.

Women: (Final)

M. NEISH bt B. Murtagh (Durham) -15, 21, 13.

B.S.:

B. JOHNS bt A. McCulloch 8, 13.

G.S.: J. GREEN (Ches.) bt P. Fleming 13, -19, 10.

U-15:

R. WILSON bt C. Mathew 19, 20.

Scotland's match against Austria, in the Second Division of the European League was played at the Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh and got off to a good start when Malcolm Sugden beat Rudolf Weinmann but the only other home success came in the mixed in which Sugden and Elaine Smith beat Heinz Schluter and Gabriele Smekal.

Richard Yule was way below par in losing his first singles, to Schluter, and in the men's doubles, if he had played as he is capable of, the match could well have turned in Scotland's favour. As it was Austria ran out the winners 5-2. Scores:—

M. Sugden bt R. Weinmann 18, 14. R. Yule lost to H. Schluter -13, -6.

Miss E. Smith lost to Miss G. Smekal -13, -15;

Sugden/Yule lost to Schluter/Weinmann -19, 14, -20.

Sugden/Smith bt Schluter/Smekal -18, 15, 18;

Sugden lost to Schluter 18, -14, -14.

Yule lost to Weinmann -16, -23.

English players took the major titles in the *Cardiff Open* played in the new National Sports Centre for Wales, Cardiff on February 19.

Brian Burn won the men's singles title defeating a very much improved Simon Heaps who had disposed of Derek Munt in the quarters. Simon appears to like Cardiff where he had previously won the Glamorgan Open men's singles title.

Welsh Junior, Andrew Thomas, played extremely well to reach the quarters, eliminating three senior internationals en route.

The women's singles and girls' singles were dominated by young English players, Suzanna Kavallierou showing great strength. Results:—

M.S.: Semi-finals:

B. Burn (Warwks.) bt R. Gunnion (Warwks.) 8, 17.

S. Heaps (Ches.) bt D. Welsman 9, -19, 10.

Final:

BURN bt Heaps 13, -16, 15.

W.S.:

S. KAVALLIEROU (Sussex) bt J. Lloyd (Worcs.) 16, 14.

M.D.:

P. GLYNN (Warwks.)/GUNNION bt G. Davies/A. Griffiths 15, -20, 17.

W.D.:

M. PHILLIPS/S. PICKERING bt Kavallierou/A. Terry -18, 18, 16.

X.D.:

DAVIES/PHILLIPS bt B. Meisel/Lloyd 13, 11.

B.S.:

HEAPS bt G. Harding (Berks.) -21, 16, 14.

G.S.:

TERRY bt C. Reeves (Berks.) 19, 14.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

King's Lynn have held their Championships at the Y.M.C.A. and Betty Cassell kindly gave me these details:—

M.S.:

Barry Wilson bt John Sell.

W.S.:

Betty Cassell bt Penny Melton.

M.D.:

Mike Futter/ Jim Desty bt John Moorhouse/ Maurice Ebbs.

X.D.:

Ken Burton/B. Castle bt Mr. & Mrs. Sleight.

At the time Betty was in the middle of a power cut, and was wondering whether the Essex III v. Norfolk match at Rochford could be played the next day. It was called off.

Dereham have held a very successful Annual Dinner at the Phoenix Hotel.

County Chairman, Gerry Rix, and County Secretary, Eric Fairhead, have been elected Life Members of that league.

The Norfolk County Annual Dinner will be held at Sprowston Hall Hotel, Norwich, on March 17.

Dereham's E. Anglian League Div 1 team of Brian Broom, Dave Hardy, David Barnard, Mrs. Pat Betts and Joyce Nichols, are unbeaten after two matches.

An interesting Junior Division match in this league was between Norwich (Douglas Bennet, Andrew Beard, Peter Burton, Mary Burton and Terry O'Shea) and Beccles "A" (Peter Maybury, Graham King, Simon Ball, and Sara Henderson), at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. Beccles are a strong side and did not allow Norwich to win a single set. Sara is the daughter of the Suffolk Secretary, Mrs. Henderson; Simon Ball, from Kent, won the Lowestoft Championship at the age of 14; Peter Maybury is the Norfolk Junior.

Norwich Lads' Club are entered for the National Champion Club Competition. They have drawn Rayner's Sports Club, Sheffield, away, the winners to go to the zone finals.

Entries for the Fenland Open were such that Geoff James, the tournament referee, gave orders that they be scaled down.

In Norwich League Division 2, Sprowston United "B" were without Maurice Carver for the first time in 17 years. Their opponents, Jarrolds, chalked up their first win of the season

SUSSEX JUNIOR CLOSED

by Robin Pierce

A THREE hour power cut did little to help the smooth running of the Sussex Junior Closed held at Crawley. Despite this difficulty, however, Bernard Rowley, Dennis Reed and all their helpers managed to get things through by 10-45 p.m.

Stephen Marley (S.W. Sussex) won the boys' singles for the third time. He had a thrilling duel with Littlehampton's John Avey, winning 21-17 in the third. Not John's lucky day. He failed to take the U-15 title as well.

Many thought that 13-years-old Linda Wales would triumph in the girls' singles. But Crawley's Alison Terry showed that she knew the answers to Linda's sticky game.

Very much an up and down day for Alison. She thumped Uckfield's Christine Randall in the U-15 G.S. but was beaten by the same opponent in the U-17 event. Young Christine hit like a bomb when taking her revenge. Results:—

U-17 B.S.:

S. Marley bt J. Avey 11, -20, 11.

U-17 G.S.:

C. Randall bt A. Terry 19, -12, 18.

U-15 B.S.:

A. Allars (Crawley) bt Avey 20, 15.

U-15 G.S.:

Terry bt Randall 19, 14.

U-13 B.S.:

L. Martin-Kovic (Worthing) bt D. Cammiade (Littlehampton) 13, 14.

U-13: G.S.:

L. Wales (Worthing) bt A. Gedge (Hastings) 13, 14.

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SUSSEX NOTES

by ROBIN PIERCE

FINE TREBLE BY LINDA

Supporters of the 2nd South team are becoming a little anxious for the team's future in this section following the recent defeats at the hands of Kent and Hants.

Truth is that there is little depth in Sussex table tennis and the absence of just one player causes one problem after another. Although everyone is pleased to see the successes gained by Crawley's John Clarke in his new Premier Division role, there is little doubt that a return to these shores by Peter Williams would be greeted with shouts of joy loud enough to be heard in North Yorkshire.

We are now coming to the season of the many 'closed' tournaments and one of the first to be held has just taken place in Worthing.

Here the entry for the men's singles read like a mini-County Closed. Of the leading players in Sussex only Roger Chandler, John Clarke and Sam Ogundipe were unable to take part.

Favourites, Robin Stace and Arthur Downer, both fell to Mike MacLaren, the former Surrey player. So Mike, who smashed the volatile Downer by 21-16, 21-5 in the final, has more than staked his claim for a place in the reserve county side.

Another feature of this tournament was the success of 13-years-old Linda Wales who gave her mum a rare old beating in the women's singles, partnered her to victory in the women's doubles, and crushed her in the mixed with the help of an odd shot or two from the bat of dear old dad.

Linda has now taken six under-13 singles titles on the open tournament circuit so there are high hopes that she will rise to fame in the years ahead.



Linda Wales, aged 13

—Photo by Stephen Goodger

For once there has been little criticism of the new county ranking list. But the list has only just been published so there may be feedback anytime. Sam Ogundipe, No. 3 since 1964, has moved down a place.

Men: 1. Peter Williams (Eastbourne), 2. Roger Chandler (Brighton), 3. John Clarke (Crawley), 4. Sam Ogundipe (Brighton), 5. Robin Stace (Worthing), 6. Arthur Downer (Brighton), 7. Stephen Marley (S.W.

Sussex), 8. Andy Meads (Crawley), 9. Keith Horton (Crawley), 10. Mike MacLaren (Worthing).

Women: 1. Judy Williams (Eastbourne), 2. Susanna Kavalierou (Worthing), 3. Diane Gard (Eastbourne), 4. Linda Woodcock (Eastbourne), 5. Angela Mock (Eastbourne).



The Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Competitions

by Keith Ponting

IN THE MONEY — INTER ZONE FINALS

ONCE again, the stage has been reached when winning teams in the Inter-Zone finals qualify for prize money under the sponsorship agreement with the COCA-COLA organisation.

Just to remind leagues what they have won so far, and what they can win if they are successful in future rounds of the competitions.

Starting with the senior competitions for the Wilmott Cup and J.M. Rose Bowl. Winning teams will receive payment as follows: Round 4 (Inter-Zone) £5; Quarter-finals £10; Semi-finals £15 (runners-up £8), Final £30 (runners-up £15). This would give the winners of the two trophies a total of £60 and the runners-up £45.

Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy awards are: Round 4 (Inter-Zone) - Round 3 for Bromfield Trophy - £3; Quarter-finals £6; Semi-finals £12 and Final £20 (runners-up £10). This would give the winners of the events £41 and the runners-up £31. Additionally leagues will also receive very attractive certificates and pennants which are also being awarded as part of the sponsorship scheme.

Results to hand, from Round 4 (Inter-Zone) finals in the Wilmott Cup include Birmingham's 7-2 defeat of Cheshunt with a fine maximum from Derek Munt and two each by Ralph Gunnion and Richard Cooper. Alan Lamprell and Barry White got one each for the visitors.

North Herts. beat Ely 6-3 with the experienced Peter Taylor scoring three wins, Michael Harper (2) and Richard Morris (1). With Robert Hellaby and Ian Robertson playing in the Teesside Open, Barking called on the services of Dennis Johnson and Steve Smith for the first time in this competition. Smith rose from his sick bed, after an attack of flu, yet still managed to win two in the 7-2 win recorded by Barking, whose 'man of the match' was Johnson, a treble winner. Dave Bowles also had two wins in this defeat of Worthing.

Southampton pulled off a surprising 6-3 win over Wembley whose fate was

sealed by a great maximum from Terry Bruce. Bill Moulding had two wins and Keith Summerfield one.

As in the other competitions, due to power cuts, the closing date for this round, originally scheduled for February 20, has been extended to March 5.

In the J.M. Rose Bowl competition, last season's finalists, Chesterfield, were beaten 7-2 by Stockport. Former Chesterfield player, Di Johnson must have had mixed feelings playing against her former teammates. Yet she scored two wins, as did Doreen Schofield, with Susan Lisle being undefeated for the Cheshire league. Sandra Walters scored both wins for the home team.

When the score between West Bromwich and Reading stood level at 2-2 the match looked to be heading for a close result. But, from then on the home team ran away with it and Dorothy Deeley recorded a treble with two supporting sets from Kath Perry and Ann Baker. Merrel Massey was responsible for both Reading victories.

North Herts. beat Stowmarket 8-1 with only one set going the distance. Both Daphne Baines and Susan Felstead were unbeaten but Gill Calver had her copy book blotted by Janet List.

Central London gained another easy win when they beat North Middlesex 7-2 with a maximum from Karenza Mathews and two each by Judy Williams and Shelagh Hession. Even at this stage it is safe to ask who will meet Central in the final in May?

Eastbourne gained a 6-3 revenge win over Portsmouth with a great maximum for Linda Woodcock, the former Lowestoft player, who is now a P.E. teacher at the Chelsea College of Physical Education in Eastbourne. Diane Gard (2) and Ann Mock (1) also scored for the Sussex team. A final word on Linda Woodcock. I hear she is planning to play women's cricket for Sussex this coming summer, as a leg break bowler. It is not only Portsmouth hearts!

On behalf of Guildford, Susan and Linda Howard had to pull out all the stops before beating an inspired Exeter team 6-3. Some very good table tennis was played and the first set, between Ruth Miles and Pam Mortimer, was one of the finest ever seen in the west country. A great match, between two very fine players, ended in triumph for Pam 23, -19, 22. Joan Crosby and Maureen Spray also played well, particularly Mrs. Crosby.

In the Carter Cup competition, a fine performance by North Hertfordshire's Peter Taylor swung the balance 5-4 in their favour against Birmingham. Richard Morris was responsible for the other two wins. For the Midlands, Desmond Douglas had two wins and Stephen Taylor and Jeff Nix one each.

Paul Day and John Willis were both unbeaten when Cambridge beat Wisbech 7-2. Thames Valley beat Southend 5-1 when David Bangertier and Peter Matthews both had two wins and David Harding one. Martin Bowden was the lone winner for Southend.

Peter Hunt, Ian Horsham and David Boulter were far too strong for Southampton who were beaten 9-0 by Barking. But, against Bromley, in a magnificent match, Crawley triumphed 5-3. Turning point came when Alan Terry, for the visitors, beat Andy

Mitchell 22-20 in the 3rd. Grant Taylor and Gerald Pugh also played well in a truly great team effort. Bromley's team of Mitchell, Stephen Williams and Paul Enderby all deserve the highest credit for contributing to such a fine match.

Devon's last hope in these competitions rests with Plymouth's lads and they certainly did their county proud when overcoming Reading 5-4. Once again, Keith James was unbeaten and Kenny Reeves clinched the match when he beat Tony Stephens 11, -20, 19 in the last set.

Hull, last year's Bromfield Trophy finalists, were surprisingly beaten 5-3 by Sheffield whose Judith Walker swept all before her with Janet Cooper supplying the other two wins. Janet Rutter and Anne McCarthy scored for the visitors.

As a 9-0 score would suggest, Liverpool were far too strong for Millom, Susanne Manning, Brenda Williams and Barbara Kirkman never being in any trouble.

Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers both recorded maximums when Leicester beat Birmingham 8-1. Diane St. Ledger scored the only Brum win against Janet Billson. Diane was really unlucky to net such a return for she held three set points, at various stages, against Miss Stevenson, and no less than seven against Miss Rogers, who came back from 5-15 and 16-20 deficits in the third.

A three-star performance by Jane Hartwell stood Cheshunt in good stead when they beat North Herts. 7-2 the other four wins being shared by Angela Mitchell and Lena Williams, both losing to Sandra Harding.

In a very close match between two well-balanced teams, Sittingbourne just got the verdict, 5-4 against Thames Valley. No player came through unscathed and it was Julie Holtam who clinched it for the Kent team when she beat Kay Greenhough in the final set. Also starring for Sittingbourne were Pat Gouge and Lynn Holtam.

Nicolette Leslie was Guildford's heroine when they beat Reading 5-4 in another thriller, which was decided in the final set when Miss Lesley accounted for Karen Mashford.

Taunton had a great 8-1 win over Bournemouth when Susan Beazer and Jill Wilson both recorded maximums and Ann Wilson lost the only home set to Beverley Davis.

International Club

ANOTHER DATE AT BARNET

The A.G.M. of the Club was held during the English Open at Brighton and a fuller report will appear next month.

Such was the success of the Club's Rubber Bat Open tournament that a second will be run next season, again at the Barnet T.T. Centre, on Sunday, January 7/73. The tournament is open to absolutely anyone and not confined to Club members. The "Richard Bergmann Memorial Trophy" will once again be played for.

If there is a League or an Association that has an event to celebrate such as an anniversary, and wishes to play the Club in a match, just contact me, the Secretary, at 53 Hillfield Road, London, N.W.6 1QD.

Lincolnshire 1, Derbyshire 9
Derbys, much too strong although the last 3 BS all went the distance. The brothers C. and L. Brown the first pair to appear in same match for Lincs.

JUNIOR EAST

Huntingdonshire 4, Essex II 6
Fine performance by Tim Speller winning two singles. Paul Macarthur also got one, and has played in every Junior match since Hunts. entered 4 seasons ago. For the visitors Andrew Bawden impressive and likely to be heard more of.

Norfolk 5, Bedfordshire 5

Bedfordshire 4, Huntingdonshire 6
An exciting match with Bedfords. lacking their top boy and top girl and the odds always in favour of Hunts. Home boys look promising for next season.

JUNIOR WEST

Gloucestershire 3, Glamorgan 7
'Bang' went the home 100% record against a better team. Malcolm Green came close to Welsh No. 1 Michael Owen, failing -16, -22.

VETERAN SOUTH

Kent 5, Hampshire 4
More good wins by Ron Etheridge and Kath le Milliere, still unbeaten in singles. A keenly contested match.

VETERAN MIDLAND

Cheshire 5, Leicestershire 4
Staffordshire 5, Worcestershire 4
Fine recovery by Staffs. from 1-4 in a most enjoyable match.

The following matches were postponed:—

Premier:
Middlesex v. Yorks.; Sussex v. Essex.

2 North:
Northumberland v. Derbyshire; Yorks. II v. Cheshire.

2 West:
Glamorgan II v. Worcs.
Southern:
Oxfords. v. Herts. II.

Eastern:
Essex III v. Norfolk.

Junior Premier:
Middlesex v. Kent,
Junior North:
Northumberland v. Westmorland.

Junior West:
Monmouths. v. Wilts.; Devon v. Gloucs.

Veteran South:
Northants. v. Herts.; Oxfords. v. Essex.

County Table Tennis Championships Divisional Tables to 20th February

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	5	5	0	0	36	9	10
Essex	4	4	0	0	25	11	8
Middlesex	5	4	0	1	32	13	8
Sussex	5	4	0	1	27	18	8
Surrey	5	1	0	4	16	29	2
Kent	4	1	0	3	11	25	2
Lancashire	5	0	0	5	14	31	0
Glamorgan	5	0	0	5	10	35	0

2 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex II	5	2	2	1	30	20	6
Kent II	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Surrey II	4	1	3	0	23	17	5
Middlesex II	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
Sussex II	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Bucks.	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Hampshire	4	1	0	3	17	23	2

2 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cheshire	4	4	0	0	37	3	8
Yorkshire II	4	4	0	0	36	4	8
Notts.	4	2	0	2	13	27	4
Derbyshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Lincolnshire	4	1	0	3	12	28	2
Nrthmblnd.	3	1	0	2	7	23	2
Durham	4	0	0	4	12	28	0

2 MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warwks.	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Leics.	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Staffs.	5	3	1	1	29	21	7
Gloucs.	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Beds.	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Cambs.	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Herts.	4	0	1	3	15	25	1

2 WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Somerset	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Devon	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Worcs.	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Glamorgan II	3	0	3	0	15	15	3
Dorset	5	0	3	2	22	28	3
Cornwall	5	1	1	3	18	32	3
Wiltshire	4	0	1	3	11	29	1

SOUTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Berkshire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Hants. II	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Herts. II	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Oxfords.	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Bucks. II	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

NORTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancs. II	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Nthlnd II	4	3	0	1	21	19	6
Derbys. II	4	2	0	2	17	23	4
Notts. II	4	1	1	2	22	18	3
Durham II	4	0	2	2	14	26	2
Cumberland	4	0	1	3	12	28	1

MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warwks. II	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Monmouths.	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Staffs. II	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Worcs. II	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Denbighshire	4	0	1	3	12	28	1
Shropshire	4	0	1	3	10	30	1

EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex III	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Norfolk	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Suffolk	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Cambs. II	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Northants.	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Hunts.	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

JUNIOR PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	5	4	1	0	32	18	9
Middlesex	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Yorkshire	4	3	0	1	30	10	6
Cheshire	5	3	0	2	30	20	6
Warwks.	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Surrey	4	1	2	1	18	22	4
Herts.	6	0	1	5	14	46	1
Kent	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

JUNIOR SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sussex	4	4	0	0	37	3	8
Hampshire	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Kent II	5	2	2	1	32	18	6
Berkshire	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Bucks.	4	1	2	1	17	23	4
Herts. II	4	0	0	4	7	33	0
Oxfords.	4	0	0	4	0	40	0

JUNIOR NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire II	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Lancashire	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Durham	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Nrthmblnd.	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Westmorland	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Cheshire II	5	1	0	4	13	37	2
Cumberland	4	0	0	4	5	35	0

JUNIOR MIDLAND

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Leics.	5	3	2	0	34	16	8
Derbyshire	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Notts.	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Staffordshire	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Northants.	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
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Lincolnshire	4	0	0	4	9	31	0

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Hunts.	5	2	0	3	20	30	4
Beds.	5	0	1	4	19	31	1
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Worcs.	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Monmouths.	4	1	0	3	7	33	2
Wiltshire	4	0	0	4	4	36	0

VETERAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	3	3	0	0	19	8	6
Kent	4	3	0	1	22	14	6
Oxfords.	3	2	0	1	19	8	4
Herts.	3	1	0	2	13	14	2
Northants.	3	1	0	2	5	22	2
Hampshire	4	0	0	4	12	24	0

VETERAN MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cheshire	3	3	0	0	16	11	6
Notts.	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Staffs.	3	2	0	1	13	14	4
Leics.	3	1	0	2	14	13	2
Worcs.	4	0	0	4	11	25	0

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

LANCASHIRE'S fate in the Premier Division of the County Championships was well and truly sealed at Bolton on February 26 when they were beaten 5-4 by Glamorgan. And, in the Junior Midland Division, Leicestershire's girls maintained their unbeaten record in a 7-3 victory of Staffs.

In the Junior Premier Division, Essex assured themselves of the championship by accounting for Yorkshire 6-4.

Premier Division
Kent 5 Surrey 4
Postponed: Middlesex v. Yorkshire and Sussex v. Essex.

Two South
Bucks. 5 Kent II 5.
Surrey II 4 Hants. 6.

Two North
Durham 2 Notts. 8.
Lincs. 5 Northumberland 5.

Two Midland
Cambs 7 Beds 3.
Herts 4 Leics 6.

Southern
Berks 9 Bucks II 1.

Northern
Durham II 1 Derbys II 9.
Northumberland 0 Lancs II 10.

Eastern
Hunts 4 Suffolk 6.
Northants 4 Essex III 6.

Junior Premier
Cheshire 6 Surrey 3.
Yorkshire 4 Essex 6.

Junior South
Bucks 7 Herts II 3.
Kent II 2 Sussex 8.

Junior North

Northumberland 4 Lancs 6.
Westmorland 0 Durham 10.
Yorks II 10 Cumberland 0.

County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

Rather surprisingly, most teams managed to get to the table on Saturday, Feb. 12, although in several cases last-minute adjustments to starting times (and even venues) had to be made. The fact that so many matches were played is great credit to the ingenuity and co-operation shown by the various match secretaries.

Only one match did not reach a conclusion, that between Northumberland and Westmorland Juniors where a "cut" after the second set saw the match transferred to an unaffected area but then abandoned as the playing standards at the new venue were not good enough.

In few divisions has any real clear picture emerged, although Feb. 26 weekend should clarify a number of divisions. At the time of writing whether or not these results will appear with these notes is unknown.

Two unbeaten teams remain in the Premier: Yorkshire and Essex and with neither playing on Feb. 26 this situation remains! The weekend should however see the winner of Kent and Surrey safe, and the loser of Glamorgan and Lancashire relegated.

Second South offers the intriguing possibility of Bucks. and Hants. playing for the right to challenge for the Premier and avoid relegation from the Second! 2 North and 2 Midland look like putting forward Cheshire and Warwks. respectively, but 2 West still is very uncertain.

PREMIER

Essex 5, Middlesex 4

C. Barnes lost to O. Haslam -14, 11, -22; bt A. Lindsay 17, 18.

T. Taylor bt Haslam 16, -20, 17; bt E. Coster 16, 18.

D. Brown lost to Lindsay -22, -19; bt Coster -17, 12, 13.

Barnes/Taylor bt Haslam/Lindsay 19, 20.

Mrs. L. Radford lost to Mrs. K. Mathews -14, -13.

P. Radford/Mrs. Radford lost to Coster/Mrs. Mathews -15, -18.

A good win by Eric Coster and Karenza Mathews in XD stopped a run of Essex successes, and the visitors could have taken MD after big lead in 2nd. Karenza saw off Lesley Radford with unusual ease, "Les" Haslam just got the better of a chatty Chester Barnes and Alan Lindsay levelled the match with customary defeat of David Brown. But Trevor Taylor had few problems in the final set.

Kent 5, Lancashire 4

A. Piddock bt A. Boasman 9, 15; bt K. Forshaw -18, 17, 12.

K. Baker bt Boasman 7, -15, 16; lost to D. Parker -4, 16, -17.

C. Morris lost to Forshaw 18, -16, -15; bt Parker 16, 15.

H. Buist/Piddock bt Boasman/Parker 16, 7.

Mrs. B. Bird lost to Miss S. Lisle -20, -10.

Morris/Mrs. Bird lost to Forshaw/Miss Lisle -13, -19.

Surrey 5, Glamorgan 4

C. Warren lost to A. Griffiths -19, -15; bt G. Davies 16, 16.



TONY PIDDOCK (Kent)

F. Nilam lost to Griffiths -21, -11; bt R. Bishop 17, 17.

B. Hill lost to Davies -19, -18; lost to Bishop -18, 16, -17.

Nilam/Warren bt Davies/Griffiths -18, 15, 18.

Miss L. Howard bt Miss L. Jones 11, 14.

Hill/Miss Howard bt Bishop/Miss Jones 12, -17, 15.

Fine conditions for an excellent match. Alan Griffiths fully justified his promotion to the No. 1 spot with first class display of precision hitting to take two singles. Firoz Nilam clinched a needle-pointed match in a nail-biting last set v. Robert Bishop when the score stood at 4-all.

Yorkshire 7, Sussex 2

D. Neale bt R. Chandler 14, 16; bt J. Clarke 10, 10.

A. Hydes bt Chandler 16, 14; bt S. Ogundipe -14, 13, 14.

N. Jarvis bt Clarke 12, 13; bt Ogundipe 17, -21, 17.

Jarvis/Neale bt Chandler/Clarke -16, 10, 16.

Mrs. P. Bassano lost to Miss S.

Kavallierou 9, -19, -5.

Hydes/Mrs. Bassano lost to Ogundipe/Kavallierou -12, -16.

2nd SOUTH

Hampshire 4, Kent II 6

Middlesex II 5, Essex II 5

Middlesex led 2-1, trailed 2-4, then led 5-4 only to be held to a draw. Star of the match 13-year-old Andrew Barden with wins over Ian Robertson (-19, 20, 15) and Robert Hellaby (-19, 18, 15).

Surrey II 5, Buckinghamshire 5

With the Surrey women below strength, Bucks. took WD, WS, XD even without Jill Hammersley, and Paul Shirley picked up the other two for a point. Two wins in MS for Surrey Closed champion Paul Bishop who also took MD with Paul Beck.

2nd NORTH

Lincolnshire 4, Nottinghamshire 6

The best WD seen in Lincs. for

years the vital game—taken by Notts. -8, 21, 19. Leading by a game and 15-6 in WS, Miss J. White had a bad fall and just managed to hold on to beat Barbara Shaw 12, 22. With heavily strapped right ankle Mick East never struck top form, but well played Notts!

2nd MIDLAND

Bedfordshire 3, Leicestershire 7

Gloucestershire 3, Staffordshire 7

Match ended less than one minute before a power cut! Very fine WS win by Jean Golding -20, 19, 16 over Dorothy Deeley, but David Harvey disappointing on his return to the Gloucs. team.

Hertfordshire 4, Bedfordshire 6

Neither side deserved to lose this tingler (7 sets went the distance) before a crowd of 150-plus, Richard Morris, in first senior match, took 2 MS and XD: for the visitors Peter Taylor and Barbara Hammond unbeaten.

Leicestershire 8, Cambridgeshire 2

Another good display by Paul Randell for the hosts: only one MS defeat in 10 sets. He did not meet Cams. "new boy" Peter Hirst who took both his MS in straight games. Leics. generally too strong.

2nd WEST

Cornwall 6, Dorset 4

Only the second win for Cornwall in 5 seasons, with all the men performing well to take 5 MS and MD. Cyril Bush posed too many problems for K. Cheeswright in the opening set but was hit all over the place by John Bassett later on.

Somerset 8, Devon 2

A real shock this one, but Somerset men dominant throughout and when Tony Kinsey had come back from 17-20 in second to beat Bob Parkins -18, 21, 15 they completely outplayed their opponents. Pam Mortimer featured in both the visitors successes although both went the distance: conditions generally favoured the home team who took full advantage.

SOUTHERN

Hampshire II 6, Buckinghamshire II 4

NORTHERN

Cumberland 3, Derbyshire II 7

Lancashire II 8, Durham II 2

Most of Bolton "cut off", but the match played without trouble after re-organisation and co-operation. Lancs. had things mostly their way with Wally Allanson winning 2 MS and MD. S. Haughney had nice win over Jackie Keogh and also took XD with Cynthia Waite.

Northumberland II 6

Nottinghamshire II 4

This was affected by a cut, with a break of over three hours not long after the start. The hosts went from 2-1 to 2-4, then stormed back through with the last 4 sets in straight games for the match. Their good, accurate, attacking play payed off.

MIDLAND

Worcestershire II 7, Denbighshire 3

Maximums for both Nick Bottomley

and John Heathcote in front of a sizeable crowd at Dudley. Returning to the County of former triumphs, Barbara Williams took WS and WD with relative ease.

Warwickshire II 7 Shropshire 3

Staffordshire II 5 Monmouthshire 5

Welcome back, John Mansfield—Monmouths. have missed you.

EASTERN

Suffolk 7, Cambridgeshire II 3

JUNIOR PREMIER

Essex 7, Warwickshire 3

An important win for Essex with Ian Horsham the key figure. He crushed Des Douglas 12, 11: Jeff Nix 11, 18; then had (with Janet Hellaby) to save two set points in XD before overcoming Douglas and Di St. Ledger 17, -12, 21. Vital early win for Jamie Willson over Steve Taylor in straight games.

Kent 1, Yorkshire 9

Match brought forward 6 hours to beat the cuts. So easily did David Alderson win that this was almost a wasted journey. On debut, David Weller did well and could have won two with more experience: Keith Lythgoe again disappointing (has yet to reproduce tournament form for the County).

Middlesex 9, Surrey 1

Surrey fought hard against Middlesex (still without Bob Aldrich) and were perhaps unlucky to pick up only one of the 5 sets which went to 3.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Sussex 10, Hertfordshire II 0

All two-straight, easy, but this was a young Herts. team against the likely division winners, Gerald Pugh impressive and the rest of the Sussex team efficient.

Berkshire 10, Oxfordshire 0

The visitors came close to taking two of the first 3 sets and played spiritedly throughout. Although forced into error in second game v. F. Bashir, Gary Harding proved himself the best player. Junior badges awarded to Karen Mashford and Miss C. Whittingham.

Buckinghamshire 6, Hertfordshire 4

A good, quick match with Richard Jermyn thrice winner. Bucks. led 4-1 but had to get the last two BS for the match.

Hampshire 7, Kent II 3

All the doubles to Kent, all singles to Hants. in a much better performance by the home team. A really hard-fought match, this one!

JUNIOR NORTH

Lancashire 6, Durham 4

With the winner eligible for promotion challenge, this was a very tough match. Durham took the first 3 but, aided by their stronger girls, Lancs. came back to lead 5-3. Peter Edon made it closer but in the final set Michael Foulkes beat John Crawford 16, 19 for the match.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Leicestershire 8,

Warwickshire II 2

Leics. keep well in the running for the divisional championship. In two seasons they have dropped only one XD and no GS or GD: will they keep the record? Only Kevin Pilgrim disturbed the peace of the home team (he won both BS) and Grahame Hall outstanding for Leics.

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