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Restoration

The near miraculous outcome of our European League meeting with Hungary at Southend on April 24 should, in no way, be interpreted as a case of when it comes to the 'crunch' we are equal to the task.

Without wishing to detract from the performances of Denis Neale and Jill Hammersley in particular, the fact that Hungary had nothing to play for could well have been a contributory factor to the surprise result obtained.

France, it will be recalled, beat us 6—1 in Troyes and yet it is they and not us who take the plunge!

Having thus escaped relegation by the slenderest of margins, it now behoves us to attempt the restoration of our own house with a view to eliminating a like situation developing next season.

Under consideration is the re-introduction of an elite squad, but with much stiffer qualifications for continued membership than hitherto. Likewise it should also entail some rewards.

Dedication and self-discipline will be two of the attributes called for, together with an apparent awareness—so much lacking of late—of the need to put one's country before self.

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8th European Championships

BENGTSSON YET AGAIN

by GEORGE R. YATES



Champion Stellan Bengtsson still looks grimly determined as he quits the arena after beating Istvan Jonyer in the final of the men's singles.

Commendable indeed was the never-say-die spirit of Sweden's 18-years-old **Stellan Bengtsson** which enabled him to cement the jewel of the European men's singles title to his World crown when, in Rotterdam's Energiehal on April 22, he shrugged off the indignity of being 1-2 down to Istvan Jonyer to beat the fair-complexioned Hungarian 3-2.

Russia's **Zoya Rudnova** retained her women's singles title—last won in her native Moscow—when she put down the challenge of Hungary's Beatrix Kishazi in majestic fashion.

Jonyer made up for his singles loss when, in partnership with **Peter Rozsas** — substituted for the absent Tibor Klampar—the Hungarian pair just got the better of Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson of Sweden in the men's doubles.

Again it was Hungary in the women's doubles event when the fast rising **Henriette Lotaller** and **Judit Magos** crashed their way past the Anglo-Hungarian pairing of Jill Hammersley and Miss Kishazi.

And, for the third successive time, in the mixed, the Soviet Union's **Stanislav Gomozkov** and Miss **Rudnova** captured the title when finally opposed by Sweden's Bengtsson and Lena Andersson.

MEN'S SINGLES

In reaching the final, Bengtsson had swept aside, in straight games, such comparative minnows as Marcel Scheibel (Luxembourg), Bert Onnes (Netherlands), former England junior, Paul Guttormsen—now Norway's No. 1 — and Norbert Vandewalle (Belgium), surprise conqueror of the Czech, Milan Orlowski.

Only in his quarter-final meeting with Stanislav Gomozkov did the Falkenberg left-hander meet with any real resistance when the Soviet No. 1 obtained 19 points in the first game and won the second. From then on, however, the Russian tumbled down the slippery slope to defeat.

It was a slope which, seemingly, obsessed the mind of Yugoslavia's Anton Stipancic whose semi-final meeting with Bengtsson was the biggest 'non-event' of the championships. The longer this one-sided set went, the fewer the spectators left to witness Stipancic's abject performance. I have seldom witnessed a towel thrown in at such an early stage.

First shock result of the event was the victory of Jean Paul Weber (France) over eighth seed Milivoj Karakasevic, the Yugoslav pen-holder in Round 1 (-12, 13, 17, 22). But, in the very next round, the Frenchman went under to Poland's Witold Woznica.

Ingemar Vikström also indulged in a spot of giant killing when, also at the first flight of hurdles, the young Swede disposed of the experienced Rozsas.

Sixth seed, Dragutin Surbek, a former champion, took his leave when beaten by Federal Germany's Wilfried Leick. Otherwise it was the seeds who dominated to their allotted positions in Round 4 (last sixteen).

It was in this round that Vandewalle's defence finally crumbled, when put to the test by Bengtsson; Vikström's gallop was stopped by Jiri Turai; England's Denis Neale beat Leick, and Istvan Korpa knocked out the second favourite, Sweden's Kjell Johansson, another former champion.

But what of the happenings in the previous round when Johansson refused to play with ball after ball and was eventually scratched from the event by German referee Hans Giesecke?

No less than 33 balls were rejected as unsuitable by the Swedish ace before Kollarovits was given a walk-over, a decision that precipitated pandemonium.

Pressmen from all corners of the hall converged on Christer Johansson, Sweden's non-playing captain, whose decision to withdraw all his players from the championships and return, there and then, back home!

REINSTATED

But, a subsequent get-together of E.T.T.U. officials brought about a reinstatement of Johansson and, after a lapse of two hours, the set finally got under way when it became the turn of Kollarovits to quit the scene, irrevocably in his case.

England's main standard bearer in this event was Neale who, following early victories over Jim Cloos (Luxembourg) and Pavel Ovcarik (Czech) then got down to real business in disposing of Bo Persson and Leick.

Against Jonyer, however, in the quarters, the Yorkshireman had no answer to the sweeping top spin drives which were faultlessly executed by the super-charged Hungarian.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's Singles
STELLAN BENGTSSON
(Sweden)

Women's Singles
ZOYA RUDNOVA
(U.S.S.R.)

Men's Doubles
ISTVAN JONYER
PETER ROZSAS
(Hungary)

Women's Doubles
HENRIETTE LOTALLER
JUDIT MAGOS
(Hungary)

Mixed Doubles
STANISLAV GOMOZKOV and ZOYA RUDNOVA
(U.S.S.R.)

Men's Team
SWEDEN

Women's Team
HUNGARY



Advice that wasn't heeded is given by Hungary's non-playing captain Zoltan Berczik to his charge Jonyer.

Both Trevor Taylor and Alan Hynes reached Round 3, the former falling to Gomozkov and the latter, also playing second fiddle, seen off by Korpa.

Nicky Jarvis had the misfortune to encounter Zlatko Cordas in Round 2 after the Yugoslav No. 5 had seemingly breakfasted on a diet of nitroglycerine and iron filings! Snorting his way down either wing, and hitting the ball with the velocity of a flame thrower, Cordas really burnt off the challenge of Ormesby's pride and joy.

Juniors Peter Taylor and David Alderson had their fond dreams shattered in Round 1, the former losing to Rumania's Serban Dobosi and the latter unable to penetrate the then fresh defence of Vandewalle, a player very much in the mold of Derek Schofield.

Undoubtedly Jonyer had his chances to beat Bengtsson in a final which never reached great heights but, unlike his opponent, was a victim of nerves when it came to the "crunch".

WOMEN'S SINGLES

In the counterpart women's event England's Jill Hammersley reached the last sixteen and it was touch-and-go before Hungary's blonde bombshell Judit Magos made it to the quarters.



Another Neale victim, Federal Germany's Wilfried Lieck, looks perplexed after defeat in Round 4.

Jill had earlier accounted for Poland's Czeslawa Noworyta and Federal Germany's Wiebke Hendriksen, having been in receipt of a first round bye.

Karenza Mathews, similarly not engaged at the outset, began with a good win over Jitka Karlikova but was then overpowered by Svetlana Federova.

This pattern was repeated by Linda Howard as she opened her account by beating Denmark's Susanne Poulsen only to have it closed by former champion Iona Vostova. And again, after beating Linda Jones, of Wales, Shelagh Hession lost to Alica Grofova, but the Czech No. 2 was made to fight for every point as scores of 20, -18, 12, 20 would indicate.

All eight seeds reached the quarters in this most predictable of events with only Di Schöler hard pressed before coming through. Di's opponent in Round 4 was Scandinavian Open winner, Birgitta Radberg, who got off to a 2-0 lead only to lose the next three as Di dug in, as only she can, to wear down her younger opponent.

It was Maria Alexandru's turn to be hard pressed, in the quarters, by Magos who capitulated only at -17 in the fifth!

Worthy of mention were the performances of Petra Stephan (DDR) in beating Carmen Crisan, and Henriette Lotaller's victory over Agnes Simon. Also creditable was the win of Asta Gedraitite over Lena Andersson.

Champion Zoya Rudnova was never extended beating, in straight games, Dolores Uribe (Spain), Eva Jeler (Yugoslavia), Stephan, Grofova, Alexandru and Kishazi.

Miss Kishazi too had 3-game successes over Ellen v. d. Helm (Holland), Danuta Calinska (Poland), Edit Wetzel (Fed. Germany) and Federova before dropping her first game to Vostova in the semis.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Hydes and Jarvis had a tremendous win in Round 3 of the men's doubles when they eliminated the Yugoslavs,

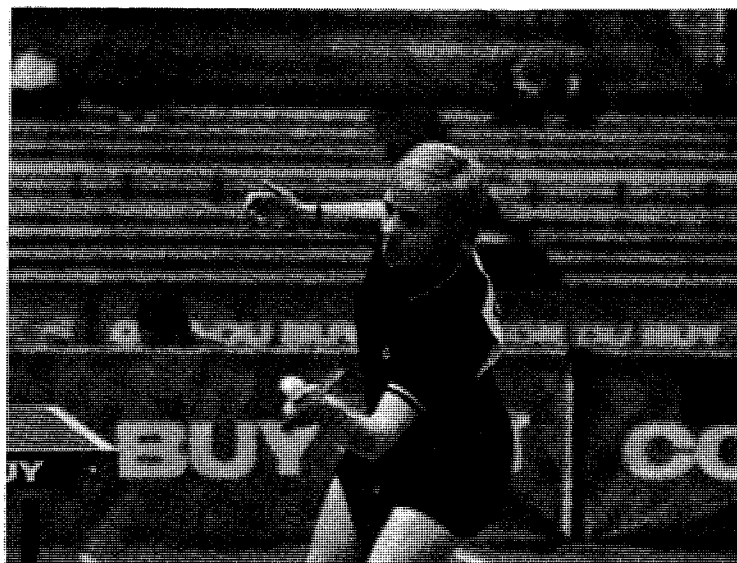
MIXED

Nicky Jarvis and Linda Howard formed the only English pairing to reach Round 3, losing to Persson and Radberg, whereas in Round 2 Neale/Mathews lost to Stipanovic/Alexandru, and Hydes/Hammersley went out to Orlowski/Vostova. Miss Hession was denied a run in this event when her partner, Gasthy Oth, failed to make the trip from Luxembourg.

CONSOLATIONS

England had three runners in the consolation men's event with Alderson the most successful in reaching Round 3. After beating Bert v. d. Helm (Holland) and Nicholas Kostopoulos (Greece), the Ormesby youngster fell, in straight games, to Austria's Rudolf Weinmann.

Nicky Jarvis fell in the second round to the ultimate winner, Ovcarik



Two down to Sweden's Birgitta Radberg fails to disturb the resolution of Federal Germany's Di Schöler, the former Diane Rowe.

Korpa and Karakasevic, which took them into the quarters. Here too they battled magnificently before losing -19 in the fifth to the eventual winners Jonyer and Rozsas.

Neale and Trevor Taylor bowed out to ace defenders Ebby Schöler and Janos Börzsei after initial victory over the Swedes Anders Johansson and Vikström. The youngsters, Peter Taylor and David Alderson, lost in the first round to Switzerland's Marcel Grimm and Erwin Heri.

Holdes Surbek and Stipanovic lost, in the quarters, to Schöler and Börzsei.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Highlight for England in the women's doubles event was the part played by Jill Hammersley, in partnership with Beatrix Kishazi, in reaching the final.

This was a tremendous performance by two predominantly defensive players whose feats also took in the ousting of the Russian holders, Rudnova/Federova, after losing the first game -2!

Karenza and Jill, after beating v. d. Helm and Juul Nitisusanta of the Netherlands put up a great fight against Alexandru/Crisan before losing -18, -17, 20, -20. Shelagh Hession was paired with Miss Paulsen of Norway but lost to Austria's Gabriella Smekal and Margaret Wagner in Round 1.

after beating Jean Krier (Luxembourg) 10 and 12. Peter Taylor, after beating Franz Thallinger of Austria, was then beaten 12, 17 by Scotland's Richard Yule, who subsequently fell to Fernand Boden (Luxembourg).

Shelagh Hession was England's only participant in the women's event but disappointed in losing to the host country's Miss Nitisusanta -20, 11, -9.

All credit to the Netherlands Association whose officials put in a tremendous amount of work to ensure that all the many and varied demands were answered, not always to the liking of the enquirers!

One such was Trevor Taylor whose service was faulted again and again. Upon enquiry he was told "flat hand" and flat hand it had to be or points against!

ENGLISH RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Round 1:
Alderson bt C. Hansford (Jersey) 10, 17, 18;
T. Taylor w.o. N. Ramberg (Norway);
Jarvis bt R. Giontella 14, 6, 12;
Neale bt J. Cloos (Lux.) 7, 9, 16;
P. Taylor lost to S. Dubosi (Ru.) -19, 20, -8, -14;
Hydes bt S. Bosi (Italy) 19, 18, 17.
Round 2:
Alderson lost to N. Vandewalle (Bel.) -10, -12, -15;
T. Taylor bt E. Heri (Switz.) 12, 10, 12;
Jarvis lost to Z. Cordas (Yu.) -12, -16, -19;
Neale bt P. Ovcarik (Cz.) 18, 15, 12;
Hydes bt C. Pritsis (Greece) 12, 7, 11.
Round 3:
T. Taylor lost to S. Gomozkov (USSR) -16, -21, -18;
Neale bt B. Persson (Sweden) 15, 9, -25, 10;
Hydes lost to I. Korpa (Yu.) -18, -19, -19.



Norway's young viking, Paul Guttormsen, the former England junior international.

Round 4:
Neale bt W. Lieck (Fed Ger.) 11, -16, 17, 18.
Q.F.:
Neale lost to I. Jonyer (Hun.) -10, -15, -18.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Round 1:
Hession bt L. Jones (Wales) 13, 6, 11.

Round 2:
Hession lost to A. Grofova (Cz.) -20, 18, -12, -20.

Hammersley bt C. Norworyta (Po.) 14, -17, -10, 17, 17.

Howard bt S. Poulsen (Den.) 16, 17, -14, 19; Mathews bt J. Karlikova (Cz.) 19, 18, 19.

Round 3:
Hammersley bt W. Hendriksen (Fed. Ger.) 16, 18, -12, -15, 13;

Howard lost to I. Vostova (Cz.) -14, -16, -12; Mathews lost to S. Federova (USSR) -19, -16, -7.

Round 4:
Hammersley lost to J. Magos (Hu.) -17, 18, -19, -20.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Round 1:
Hydes/Jarvis bt D. Giurgiuca (Ru.)/H. Meland (Nor.) 12, 13, 17;

Alderson/P. Taylor lost to M. Grimm/E. Heri (Switz.) -19, 15, -16, 18, -13;

Neale/T. Taylor bt U. Petersen/N. Poulsen (Den.) 16, 17, 12.

Round 2:
Hydes/Jarvis bt J. Hämäläinen/T. Pentilla (Fin.) 15, 14, 16;

Neale/Taylor bt A. Johansson/I. Vikström (Swe.) 19, 17, 14.

Round 3:
Hydes/Jarvis bt M. Karakasevic/I. Korpa (Yu.) 23, 8, -18, -13, 12;

Neale/Taylor lost to J. Börzsei (Hu.)/E. Schöler (Fed. Ger.) -19, -18, -19.

Q.F.:
Hydes/Jarvis lost to I. Jonyer/P. Rozsas (Hu.) -15, 19, -17, 14, -19.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Round 1:
Hession/Poulsen lost to G. Smekal/M. Wagner (Au.) 17, -11, -9, -15.

Round 2:
Hammersley/Kishazi bt S. Heltzel/V. v. d. Laan (Ne.) 18, 7, -17, 14;

Howard/Mathews bt E. v. d. Helm/J. Nitisusanta (Ne.) 18, 11, 10.

Round 3:
Hammersley/Kishazi bt P. Lupon/D. Uribe (Sp.) 8, 10, 5;

Howard/Mathews lost to M. Alexandru/C. Crisan (Ru.) -18, -17, 20, -20.

Q.F.:
Hammersley/Kishazi bt J. Karlikova/I. Vostova (Cz.) 14, -18, 16, 21.

S.F.:
Hammersley/Kishazi bt S. Federova/Z. Rudnova (USSR) -2, 16, -13, 15, 16.

Final:
Hammersley/Kishazi lost to H. Lotaller/J. Magos (Hu.) -18, 13, -19, -11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Round 2:
Jarvis/Howard bt L. Földy/T. Földy (Switz.) -17, 20, 16, 18;

Hydes/Hammersley lost to M. Orlovski (Cz.)/Vostova -13, -12, -15;

Neale/Mathews lost to A. Stipanovic (Yu.)/Alexandru 14, -16, -16, 9, -18.

Round 3:
Jarvis/Howard lost to B. Persson/B. Radberg (Swe.) -20, -10, -13.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Individual Results

Men's Singles: Round 3:

S. Bengtsson (Sw.) bt P. Guttormsen (Nor.) 5, 10, 7;

N. Vandewalle (Bel.) bt M. Orlovski (Cz.) -15, 8, 13, -9, 17;

S. Gomozkov (USSR) bt T. Taylor (Eng.) 16, 21, 16;

W. Woznica (Po.) bt G. Gergely (Hu.) 14, 21, 18;

I. Vikström (Sw.) bt C. Deken (Ne.) 9, -21, 13, 9;

J. Turai (Cz.) bt Z. Cordas (Yu.) 16, -13, 7, -18, 13;

E. Schöler (F.G.) bt M. Beleznai (Hu.) 16, 21, -19, -10, 19;

A. Stipanovic (Yu.) bt C. J. Bernhardt (Sw.) 18, -19, 19, 14;

I. Jonyer (Hu.) bt Z. Fraczyk (Po.) -18, 16, 12, 12;

J. Kunz (Cz.) bt J. Langan (Ire.) -12, -19, 9, 17, 16;

D. Neale (Eng.) bt B. Persson (Sw.) 15, 9, -25, 10;

W. Lieck (F.G.) bt D. Surbek (Yu.) 15, 16, -20, 12;

J. Secretin (Fr.) bt S. Sarkhayan (USSR) 13, 15, 16;

J. Börzsei (Hu.) bt S. Dubosi (Ru.) 19, -16, 12, 17;

I. Korpa (Yu.) bt A. Hydes (Eng.) 18, 19, 19;

K. Johansson (Sw.) bt S. Kollarovits (Cz.) -19, 12, 14, 11.

Round 4:
Bengtsson bt Vandewalle 18, 12, 17;

Gomozkov bt Woznica 17, -20, 7, 22;

Turai bt Vikström 9, 14, 7;

Stipanovic bt Schöler 13, 14, 18;

Jonyer bt Kunz 18, 15, 20;

Neale bt Lieck 11, -16, 17, 18;

Secretin bt Börzsei 18, 15, 10;

Korpa bt Johansson 13, -17, -11, 12, 18.

Quarter-finals:
Bengtsson bt Gomozkov 19, -17, 13, 14;

Stipanovic bt Turai 13, 14, 17;

Jonyer bt Neale 10, 15, 18;

Korpa bt Secretin 18, -18, 11, 13.

Semi-finals:
BENGTSSON bt Stipanovic 15, 12, 8;

JONYER bt Korpa 17, -17, 12, 12.

Final:
BENGTSSON bt Jonyer -10, 12, -22, 19, 16.

Women's Singles: Round 3:

Z. Rudnova (USSR) bt E. Jeler (Yu.) 11, 13, 13;

P. Stephan (DDR) bt C. Crisan (Ru.) 16, -16, 7, 23;

H. Lotaller (Hu.) bt E. Neikova (Bu.) 12, 15, 15;

A. Grofova (Cz.) bt A. C. Hellman (Sw.) 19, 22, 18;

J. Magos (Hu.) bt B. Krier (Lux.) 7, 15, 19;

J. Hammersley (Eng.) bt W. Hendriksen (F.G.) 16, 18, -12, -15, 13;

A. Gedraitite (USSR) bt A. Coltof (Ne.) 6, 7, 7;

M. Alexandru (Ru.) bt M. Louka (Gr.) 9, 5, 10;

I. Vostova (Cz.) bt L. Howard (Eng.) 14, 16, 12;

D. Hovestädt (DDR) bt L. Scriveranou (Gr.) 8, -18, 15, 12;

B. Radberg (Sw.) bt K. Szendy (Hu.) -20, 18, 9, 18;

D. Schöler (F.G.) bt A. Rangelova (Bu.) 10, 7, 11;

S. Federova (USSR) bt K. Mathews (Eng.) 19, 16, 7;

M. Resler (Yu.) bt E. Willinger (Aus.) 12, 12, 11;

E. Wetzl (F.G.) bt E. Vlaicov (Ru.) 12, 16, 20;

B. Kishazi (Hu.) bt D. Calinska (Po.) 5, 3, 13.

Round 4:
Rudnova bt Stephan 11, 17, 12;

Grofova bt Lotaller -17, 15, 14, 12;

Magos bt Hammersley 17, -18, 19, 20;

Alexandru bt Gedraitite -20, 11, 10, 11;

Vostova bt Hovestädt 17, 18, 9;

Schöler bt Radberg -7, -16, 18, 18, 10;

Federova bt Resler 21, 16, 10;

Kishazi bt Wetzl 21, 12, 16.

Quarter-finals:
Rudnova bt Grofova 19, 5, 12;

Alexandru bt Magos 15, -23, 18, -13, 17;

Vostova bt Schöler 19, 15, 8;

Kishazi bt Federova 14, 17, 14.

Semi-finals:
RUDNOVA bt Alexandru 13, 16, 12;

KISHAZI bt Vostova -19, 7, 18, 16.

Final:
RUDNOVA bt Kishazi 14, 17, 20.

Men's Doubles: Round 3:
Jonyer/P. Rozsas (Hu.) bt Bernhardt/Persson 2, 17, -14, 15;

Hydes/N. Jarvis (Eng.) bt M. Karakasevic (Yu.)/Korpa 23, 8, -18, -13, 12;

D. Dhondt (Fr.)/Secretin bt V. Fursov/A. Strokotov (USSR) 15, 20, 17;

Orlovski/Turai bt J. Leiss (F.G.)/Lieck 12, 8, 16;

Bengtsson/Johansson bt Kollarovits/Kunz 17, -14, 16, 11;

Gomozkov/Sarkhayan bt Beleznai/Gergely 11, 19, 17;

Börzsei/Schöler bt Neale/Taylor 19, 18, 19;

Stipanovic/Surbek bt H. Schlüter/R. Weinmann (Au.) 10, 18, 16.

Quarter-finals:
Jonyer/Rozsas bt Hydes/Jarvis 15, -19, 17, -14, 19;

Orlovski/Turai bt Dhondt/Secretin 14, 18, 16;

Bengtsson/Johansson bt Gomozkov/Sarkhayan -16, 16, 9, 14;

Börzsei/Schöler bt Stipanovic/Surbek 14, -5, -15, 21, 19.

Semi-finals:
JONYER/ROZSAS bt Orlovski/Turai -17, 15, -15, 17, 14;

BENGTSSON/JOHANSSON bt Börzsei/Schöler -18, 17, 20, 13.

Final:
JONYER/ROZSAS bt Bengtsson/Johansson 18, 13, -21, 20.

Women's Doubles: Round 3:
Federova/Rudnova bt C. Bergeret/B. Thiriet (Fr.) 11, 16, 9;

Calinska/C. Noworyta (Po.) bt Hendriksen/Wetzl 17, 13, -16, 24;

Hammersley/Kishazi bt P. Lupon/D. Uribe (Sp.) 8, 10, 5;

J. Karlikova (Cz.)/Vostova bt M. Hejma (F.G.)/Willinger 15, 16, 16;

Schöler/A. Simon (F.G.) bt L. Andersson (Sw.)/Radberg 21, -19, -15, 19, 10;

Lotaller/Magos bt Coltof/A. v. Moorst (Ne.) 10, -12, -17, 10, 12;

Hovestädt/Stephan bt E. Korpa (Yu.)/Resler 10, 20, 14;

Alexandru/Crisan bt Howard/Mathews 18, 17, -20, 20.

Quarter-finals:
Federova/Rudnova bt Calinska/Noworyta 15, 10, 13;

Hammersley/Kishazi bt Karlikova/Vostova 14, -18, 16, 21;

Lotaller/Magos bt Schöler/Simon 12, -18, 18, 9;

Alexandru/Crisan bt Hovestädt/Stephan 19, -19, 20, 17.

Semi-finals:
HAMMERSLEY/KISHAZI bt Federova/Rudnova -2, 16, -13, 15, 16;

LOTALLER/MAGOS bt Alexandru/Crisan 19, 10, 9.

Final:
LOTALLER/MAGOS bt Hammersley/Kishazi 18, -13, 19, 11.

Mixed Doubles: Round 4:
Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Kollarovits/Hovestädt 16, 9, 15;

Persson/Radberg bt Secretin/Bergeret 20, 13, -14, 17;

Surbek/Resler bt Börzsei/Kishazi 18, -15, 14, 15;

Orlovski/Vostova bt Strokotov/Federova 8, -10, 16, 8;

Sarkhayan/R. Pogosova (USSR) bt Schöler/Schöler: 15, 15, -15, 14;

Jonyer/Magos bt Kunz/Grofova 17, 15, 14;

Bengtsson/Andersson bt Turai/Karlikova 14, 14, -16, -18, 16;

Stipanovic/Alexandru bt Leiss/Hejma 12, 9, 13.

Quarter-finals:
Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Persson/Radberg 13, 19, 18;

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Jonyer/Magos bt Sarkhayan/Pogosova 18, -19, 19, -14, 19;

Bengtsson/Andersson bt Stipanovic/Alexandru 15, -18, -14, 15, 20.

Semi-finals:
GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Orlovski/Vostova 19, 9, 19;

BENGTSSON/ANDERSSON bt Jonyer/Magos 15, -16, -16, 17, 17.

Final:
GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Bengtsson/Andersson 10, 16, 18.

Men's Consolation: Quarter-finals:
P. Ovcarik (Cz.) bt H. Schlüter (Au.) 12, 12;

R. Weinmann (Au.) bt V. Fursov (USSR) -15, 12, 15;

K. Schmittinger (F.G.) bt F. Boden (Lux.) 9, 9;

H. Lingen (Ne.) bt A. Griffiths (Wales) 18, 18.

Semi-finals:
OVCARIK bt Weinmann 17, -17, 7;

SCHMITTINGER bt Lingen 12, 14.

Final:
OVCARIK bt Schmittinger 8, 13.

Women's Consolation: Quarter-finals:
G. Smekal (Au.) bt C. Poppe (Swit.) 14, 12;

E. Antonjan (USSR) bt J. Karlikova (Cz.) 15, -20, 16;

R. Pogosova (USSR) bt C. Bergeret (Fr.) 16, 17;

B. Andersen (Den.) bt E. Korpa (Yu.) 19, -21, 16.

Semi-finals:
ANTONIAN bt Smekal -19, 10, 14;

POGOSOVA bt Andersen 12, 14.

Final:
ANTONIAN bt Pogosova 16, -17, 19.

Picture coverage of 8th European Championships by CLIFF DARLEY



How about this one enquires Janos Börzsei of his men's doubles partner Ebbi Schöler as Kjell Johansson eyes the photographer. He has had enough trouble with the rejection of balls.

8th European Championships

TEAM EVENTS

Sweden strengthen their grip

by George R. Yates

In polishing off Yugoslavia 5-1 in the final of the men's team event in Rotterdam, Sweden stretched their grip on the Hungary Cup into a fourth retention of the trophy first won in Malmo in 1964.

It was Yugoslavia who opposed them on that occasion, just as it was two years ago in Moscow—Russia were the beaten finalists in between—but after Surbek had accounted for Persson in the opening set, it was the Scandinavians who ran away with the match, if such it could be termed.

Stellan Bengtsson's return from six matches was 12 sets won against one loss, to Schöler. Kjell Johansson had 11 wins against 2 losses; Persson 7 wins and 3 defeats, with Karl Johan Bernhardt without success in his two sets against Hungary.

It was a most disappointing final, but throughout the championships disappointment went hand in hand with the Yugoslavs, especially in the individual events when they had a very thin time of it.

Following Surbek's initial win over Persson, one had visions of another cliff-hanger, as in Moscow, but when Karakasevic had been completely outplayed by Bengtsson, to the tune of 5 and 8, any such hopes were quickly dispelled as the Swedes took the next five sets for victory.

EXTENDED

Both Federal Germany and Hungary extended the all-conquering Swedes to 5-3 in the second stage matches. Against the Germans, Johansson was the hero when he brought off a treble completed with a 17, -15, 16 win over Schöler to clinch the match.

Against Hungary, it was Bengtsson's turn to obtain a match winning treble against Jonyer, Beleznai and Börzsei.

In the parallel Group "B" matches, Yugoslavia had only one battle on their hands when they trailed 3-4 to

Russia whose Gomozkov was invincible. Much hung in the balance in the eighth set before Korpa squeezed home -13, 19, 20 against Sarkhayan leaving Surbek to account for Strokotov 16, 15 for the match.

England's men, who in Moscow finished in 7th position, achieved no more than parity with all their results being utterly predictable.

5-0 wins over Norway's Guttormsen, Greve and Meland, and Belgium's Vandewalle, Lanckman and Rosmarin were accomplished with the loss of only one game, by Neale to Vandewalle.

Thereafter, in Group "B", three successive 1-5 reverses, inflicted by Czechoslovakia, Russia and Yugoslavia, put paid to any positional advancement with France still to play.

But we were more than equal to the task and apart from Secretin, who beat Neale and Jarvis, we cruised home 5-2 with neither Weber nor the youthful Birocheau offering any real resistance.

And so to the final match against Austria to determine positions 7 and 8. A slap in the eye, initially administered by Heinz Schlüter, who beat Jarvis, was suitably countered by a "bunch of fives" with two wins each for Neale and Taylor, and Jarvis getting the better of Weinmann.

In their three defeats, Taylor had a good win over Kollarovits, in a match which saw 5 of the 6 sets go the distance, and Neale took the scalps of such celebrities as Strokotov (U.S.S.R.) and Stipancic (Yugoslavia).

Apart from Russia going down three places and Czechoslovakia going up by a like number, the event produced no startling advancements or a substantial loss of ground by any country, all of which made up for a humdrum competition.

PINNACLE

Not so in the women's event in which champions Hungary rose to the pinnacle of achievement from finishing 9th in Moscow.

Federal Germany too, the runners-



Advice for the same encounter is given by England's Ron Crayden to his charge, Jill Hammersley who, with Beatrix Kishazi, were the losing finalists.

up, advanced themselves five positions with virtually the same team, but few gave them much chance of such an exalted ranking when, in their second initial group match, against Bulgaria, they were down 0-2!

Di Schöler lost in straight games to Rangelova, whose team-mate Neikova got the better of Agnes Simon. Experience told in the end, however, for after Edit Wetzel and Weibke Hendriksen had won the doubles, Di and Agnes buckled down to it in the last two singles sets to achieve victory and a restoration of pride.

Hungary too were given a fright, even bigger, when trailing 1-2 to Sweden at a like stage in the competition.

Lena Andersson opened Sweden's account by beating Kishazi (-12, 13, 20), the score being equated when Magos hammered her way past Radberg. But back came the Swedes to take the doubles, against Lotaller/Magos, a switch that enabled Kishazi to take a breather and come up fresh to beat Radberg to level the match score.

But the expected annihilation of Andersson by Magos did not materialise in the deciding set for the two tall blondes blinked the perspiration from their eyes as the score stood at 20-all in the third!

Magos got the verdict, 23-21, to release a sigh of such proportions to reverberate throughout Budapest.

HOLDERS, Russia, were beaten 3-0 by Hungary with Magos beating Rudnova 17, 19 in the opening set. Not so their victory over Rumania whose Carmen Crisan beat Magos 19, 21 in the first set and Maria Alexandru accounted for Kishazi -15, 14, 16 in the second to give the Rumanians a 2-0 lead. And yet it was a 3-2 win for Hungary in the end the final set deciding when Magos beat Alexandru -20, 11, 11.

Federal Germany also had another fight on their hands when opposed by Czechoslovakia who they eventually beat 3-2 when Hendriksen accounted for Grofova 12, 12 in the deciding set having initially lost to Vostova.

Simon too had a win over Grofova whose team-mate, Vostova, levelled the match score at 2-2 with a win over Simon after the Germans had won the doubles.

From finishing 3rd in Moscow, England's women dropped three places which, considering they had Mary Wright at the helm in Russia, was really as much as we could hope for.

Opening match was against Luxembourg whose Jenny Dom and Berthy Krier were quickly despatched as were Switzerland's Therasa Foldy and Catherine Boppe with no set going to three. 6-0 therefore was our right of passage into the second stage Group "B".

Unlike the men, a third successive victory was chalked up when Yugoslavia were beaten 3-2, Erzebet Korpa losing to both Karenza Mathews and Jill Hammersley, the latter after Karenza and Linda Howard had beaten Korpa/Resler in the doubles.

The win, alas, was to be our final taste of success as we were beaten in the subsequent three matches, firstly 3-1 by Federal Germany whose only loser was Henriksen, to Karenza, Di Schöler reigning supreme.

Czecho's Grof and Vos wrapped it up for us, 3-0, with Jill stretching Grofova to 19 in the third and, in the play-off for position 5 and 6, despite Jill getting us off to a remarkable start by beating Alexandru 20, 18, we again went down the hill to be beaten 3-1.

The event final, between Hungary and Federal Germany, was of short duration with the Magyars always having too much in hand to be even extended. Magos despatched Simon 19, 7. Kishazi (4 and 10) out-pushed Di Schöler and, in the doubles, Lotaller/Magos rattled off Hendriksen/Wetzel 11, 11. It was as easy as that!

RESULTS

HUNGARY CUP (MEN)

First Stage Groups

Group 1—
SWEDEN bt Rumania (5-0); w.o. Turkey (Scr).

Group 2—
YUGOSLAVIA bt Greece (5-0); bt Spain (5-0). Greece bt Spain (5-1).

Group 3—
U.S.S.R. bt Luxembourg (5-0); bt Italy (5-0). Luxembourg bt Italy 5-4.

Group 4—
HUNGARY bt Switzerland (5-0); bt Ireland (5-0). Switzerland bt Ireland (5-1).



Hungary's new star, Judit Magos, appears thoughtful immediately prior to the women's doubles final which she won in partnership with Henriette Lotaller.



Jill Hammersley, England's only representative to make the rostrum, here shakes hands with Netherlands T.T.A. President, Douwe de Vries, going down the line behind E.T.T.U. Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans who offers her condolences to Russia's Zoya Rudnova.

Group 5—
FEDERAL GERMANY bt Finland (5-0); bt Wales (5-0). Finland bt Wales (5-3).

Group 6—
CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt Scotland (5-0); bt Portugal (5-0). Scotland bt Portugal (5-1).

Group 7—
ENGLAND bt Belgium (5-0); bt Norway (5-0). Belgium bt Norway (5-1).

Group 8—
DENMARK bt Bulgaria (5-2); bt Jersey (5-1). Bulgaria bt Jersey (5-0).

Group 9—
FRANCE bt Netherlands (5-2).

Group 10—
AUSTRIA bt Poland (5-2).

Second Stage Groups

Group A—
SWEDEN bt Hungary (5-3); bt Fed. Germany (5-3); bt Denmark (5-0); bt Austria (5-1).

Hungary bt Fed. Germany (5-3); bt Denmark (5-0); bt Austria (5-1). Fed. Germany bt Denmark (5-1); bt Austria (5-0).

Austria bt Denmark (5-4).

Group B—
YUGOSLAVIA bt U.S.S.R. (5-4); bt Czechoslovakia (5-2); bt England (5-1); bt France (5-1).

Czechoslovakia bt U.S.S.R. (5-4); bt England (5-1); bt France (5-0).

U.S.S.R. bt England (5-1); bt France (5-2).

England bt France (5-2).

Group C—
RUMANIA bt Switzerland (5-0); bt Finland (5-1); bt Bulgaria (5-0); bt Poland (5-4).

Poland bt Switzerland (5-0); bt Finland (5-2); bt Bulgaria (5-2).

Bulgaria bt Switzerland (5-0); bt Finland (5-0).

Finland bt Switzerland (5-4).

Group D—
NETHERLANDS bt Greece (5-4); bt Luxembourg (5-1); bt Scotland (5-1); bt Belgium (5-0).

Scotland bt Greece (5-2); bt Belgium (5-3).

Luxembourg bt Greece (5-4); bt Scotland (5-4).

Greece bt Belgium (5-4). Belgium bt Luxembourg (5-2).

Group E—
IRELAND bt Wales (5-4); bt Jersey (5-0).

Wales bt Jersey (5-1).

Group F—
ITALY bt Spain (5-0); bt Portugal (5-1); bt Norway (5-1).

Norway bt Spain (5-2); bt Portugal (5-2).

Portugal bt Spain (5-4).

Positional Play-offs

1/2 **SWEDEN** bt Yugoslavia (5-1).

Persson lost to Surbek -14, -16; bt Stipancic 19, 19.

Bengtsson bt Karakasevic 5, 8; bt Surbek 16, 18.

Johansson bt Stipancic 18, -19, 12; bt Karakasevic -15, 15, 19.

3/4 **CZECHOSLOVAKIA** bt Hungary (5-0).

5/6 **FEDERAL GERMANY** bt U.S.S.R. (5-2).

7/8 **ENGLAND** bt Austria (5-1).

9/10 **FRANCE** bt Denmark (5-2).

11/12 **NETHERLANDS** bt Rumania (5-3).

13/14 **POLAND** bt Scotland (5-2).

15/16 **BULGARIA** bt Luxembourg (5-2).

17/18 **FINLAND** bt Greece (5-3).

19/20 **SWITZERLAND** bt Belgium (5-2).

21/22 **ITALY** bt Ireland (5-2).

23/24 **WALES** bt Norway (5-2).

25/26 **PORTUGAL** bt Jersey (5-0).

27 **SPAIN.**

Finishing positions (previous position in brackets):

MEN

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

English Results

v. **Norway (won 5-0)**

Taylor bt Guttormsen 10, 11; bt Meland 8, 14.

Neale bt Greve 15, 6; bt Guttormsen 10, 12.

Hydes bt Meland 12, 6.

v. **Belgium (won 5-0)**

Jarvis bt Vandewalle 19, 17; bt Lanckman 16, 13.

Neale bt Rosmarin 12, 7; bt Vandewalle -15, 8, 18.

Taylor bt Lanckman 8, 15.

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

Neale lost to Kunz -9, 18, -13; lost to Orlovski 17, -16, -15.

Jarvis lost to Orlovski -9, -15; lost to Kollarovits -20, 14, -15.

Taylor bt Kollarovits -13, 17, 20; lost to Kunz 15, -8, -18.

v. **U.S.S.R. (lost 1-5)**

Taylor lost to Strokotov -20, 19, -18; lost to Sarkhajan -19, 12, -19.

Hydes lost to Sarkhajan -17, -23; lost to Gomozkov -17, -12.

Neale lost to Gomozkov -16, -20; bt Strokotov 22, -14, 15.

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

Neale lost to Karakasevic 19, -15, -18; bt Stipancic 18, 18.

Jarvis lost to Stipancic -18, -11; lost to Surbek -16, -12.

Taylor lost to Surbek -9, -6; lost to Karakasevic -10, -20.

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

Taylor bt Birocheau -17, 9, 19; bt Weber 11, 8.

Jarvis bt Weber -11, 13, 15; lost to Secretin 17, -17, -15.

Neale lost to Secretin -16, -13; bt Birocheau 14, 9; bt Weber 9, 11.

v. **Austria (won 5-1)**

Jarvis lost to Schlüter -18, -18; bt Weinmann -18, 19, 15.

Neale bt Thallinger 13, 13; bt Schlüter 11, 12.

Taylor bt Weinmann -18, 13, 18; bt Thallinger 20, 12.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS—MEN

ENGLAND

Neale	Taylor	Jarvis	Hydes	F	A	Opponents
2-0	2-0		1-0	5	0	Norway
2-0	1-0	2-0		5	0	Belgium
0-2	1-1	0-2		1	5	Czechoslovakia
1-1	0-2		0-2	1	5	U.S.S.R.
1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5	Yugoslavia
2-1	2-0	1-1		5	2	France
<u>10-5</u>	<u>8-5</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	

SCOTLAND

Sugden	Yule	Sutherland	F	A	Opponents
2-0	2-0	1-1	5	1	Portugal
0-1	0-2	0-2	0	5	Czechoslovakia
2-1	2-1	1-1	5	3	Belgium
3-0	2-0	0-2	5	2	Greece
2-1	1-2	1-2	4	5	Luxembourg
1-1	0-2	0-2	1	5	Netherlands
<u>12-5</u>	<u>7-9</u>	<u>3-12</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	

IRELAND

Langan	Wilson	Thompson	O'Brien	F	A	Opponents
0-2	0-2		0-1	0	5	Hungary
1-1		0-2	0-2	1	5	Switzerland
1-2	1-2	3-0		5	4	Wales
2-0		1-0	2-0	5	0	Jersey
2-1	0-2	0-2		2	5	Italy
<u>6-6</u>	<u>1-6</u>	<u>4-4</u>	<u>2-3</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	

WALES

Griffiths	Bishop	Davies	F	A	Opponents
0-2	0-2	0-1	0	5	Fed. Germany
1-2	1-1	1-2	3	5	Finland
2-1	1-2	1-2	4	5	Ireland
2-0	2-0	1-1	5	1	Jersey
1-1	1-1	3-0	5	2	Norway
<u>6-6</u>	<u>5-6</u>	<u>6-6</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	

RUMANIA CUP (WOMEN)

First Stage Groups

Group 1—
U.S.S.R. bt France (3-0); bt Belgium (3-0).
 France bt Belgium (3-1).
 Group 2—
CZECHOSLOVAKIA bt Netherlands (3-0); bt Finland (3-0).
 Netherlands bt Finland (3-1).

Group 3—
ENGLAND bt Switzerland (3-0); bt Luxembourg (3-0).
 Luxembourg bt Switzerland (3-0).

Group 4—
RUMANIA bt Austria (3-0); bt Wales (3-0).
 Austria bt Wales (3-0).

Group 5—
EAST GERMANY bt Greece (3-0); bt Denmark (3-1).
 Greece bt Denmark (3-1).

Group 6—
YUGOSLAVIA bt Poland (3-1); bt Ireland (3-1).
 Poland bt Ireland (3-1).

Group 7—
FEDERAL GERMANY bt Bulgaria (3-2); bt Spain (3-0).
 Bulgaria bt Spain (3-0).

Group 8—
HUNGARY bt Sweden (3-2); bt Jersey (3-0).
 Sweden bt Jersey (3-0).

Second Stage Groups

Group A—
HUNGARY bt U.S.S.R. (3-0); bt Rumania (3-2); bt E. Germany (3-0).
 U.S.S.R. bt Rumania (3-0); bt E. Germany (3-0).
 Rumania bt E. Germany (3-2).

Group B—
FEDERAL GERMANY bt Czechoslovakia (3-2); bt England (3-1); bt Yugoslavia (3-0).
 Czechoslovakia bt England (3-0); bt Yugoslavia (3-0).
 England bt Yugoslavia (3-2).

Group C—
SWEDEN bt France (3-1); bt Austria (3-0); bt Greece (3-1).
 France bt Austria (3-0); bt Greece (3-1).
 Greece bt Austria (3-2).

Group D—
POLAND bt Netherlands (3-0); bt Luxembourg (3-0); bt Bulgaria (3-0).
 Bulgaria bt Netherlands (3-2); bt Luxembourg (3-0).
 Netherlands bt Luxembourg (3-0).

Group E—
DENMARK bt Belgium (3-2); bt Wales (3-0); bt Jersey (3-1).
 Belgium bt Wales (3-0); bt Jersey (3-0).
 Wales bt Jersey (3-2).

Group F—
SWITZERLAND bt Finland (3-0); bt Ireland (3-0); bt Spain (3-0).
 Finland bt Ireland (3-0); bt Spain (3-1).
 Ireland bt Spain (3-2).

Positional Play-offs
 1/2 **HUNGARY** bt Federal Germany (3-0).
 Magos bt Simon 19, 7.
 Kishazi bt Schöler 4, 10.
 Lotaller/Magos bt Hendriksen/Wetzel 11, 11.
 3/4 **U.S.S.R.** bt Czechoslovakia (3-2).
 5/6 **RUMANIA** bt England (3-1).
 7/8 **EAST GERMANY** bt Yugoslavia (3-1).
 9/10 **SWEDEN** bt Poland (3-0).

11/12 **BULGARIA** bt France (3-2).
 13/14 **GREECE** bt Netherlands (3-1).
 15/16 **AUSTRIA** bt Luxembourg (3-1).
 17/18 **SWITZERLAND** bt Denmark (3-1).
 19/20 **BELGIUM** bt Finland (3-0).
 21/22 **IRELAND** bt Wales (3-0).
 23/24 **SPAIN** bt Jersey (3-1).

Fishing positions (previous position in brackets):

WOMEN

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

English Results

v. **Luxembourg** (won 3-0)
 Mathews bt Dom 13, 19.
 Hammersley bt Krier 14, 17.
 Howard/Mathews bt Dom/Krier 18, 16.

v. **Switzerland** (won 3-0)
 Howard bt Foldy 20, 16.
 Mathews bt Boppe 16, 17.
 Howard/Mathews bt Foldy/Lehmann 13, 4.

v. **Yugoslavia** (won 3-2)
 Mathews bt Korpa 16, 17; lost to Resler -14, -14.
 Hammersley lost to Resler -18, -14; bt Korpa -16, 13, 18.
 Howard/Mathews bt Korpa/Resler 16, -16, 14.

v. **Federal Germany** (lost 1-3)
 Hammersley lost to Schöler -16, -13.
 Mathews bt Hendriksen -19, 19, 12; lost to Schöler -16, -12.
 Howard/Mathews lost to Schöler/Simon -14, -13.

v. **Czechoslovakia** (lost 0-3)
 Hammersley lost to Grofova -17, 9, -19.
 Mathews lost to Vostova -13, -17.
 Hammersley/Mathews lost to Karlikova/Grofova -19, -16.

v. **Rumania** (lost 1-3)
 Hammersley bt Alexandru 20, 18; lost to Crisan 9, -19, -19.
 Mathews lost to Crisan -12, -19.
 Howard/Mathews lost to Alexandru/Crisan -14, -15.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS—WOMEN

ENGLAND

Mathews	Hammersley	Howard	How/Mat	Ham/Mat	F	A	Opponents
1-0	1-0		1-0		3	0	Luxembourg
1-0		1-0	1-0		3	0	Switzerland
1-1	1-1		1-0		3	2	Yugoslavia
1-1	0-1		0-1		1	3	Fed. Germany
0-1	0-1			0-1	0	3	Czechoslovakia
0-1	1-1				1	3	Rumania
<u>4-4</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>1-0</u>	<u>3-2</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	

IRELAND

Stewart	Senior	Senior/Stewart	F	A	Opponents
1-0	0-2	0-1	1	3	Poland
0-2	0-1	1-0	1	3	Yugoslavia
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Switzerland
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Finland
1-1	1-1	1-0	3	2	Spain
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Wales
<u>3-5</u>	<u>2-6</u>	<u>3-3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	

WALES

Jones	Gray	Gray/Jones	F	A	Opponents
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Rumania
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Austria
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Denmark
1-1	1-1	1-0	3	2	Jersey
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Belgium
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3	Ireland
<u>1-6</u>	<u>1-6</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>17</u>	

AS I SAW ROTTERDAM

by John Woodford

In a nutshell, a big, new, smart city with strong cool winds blowing almost continuously, but plenty of sunshine and warm smiles throughout from the Dutch who clearly are among the friendliest of our new European partners.

The E.T.T.A. supporters party numbered nineteen persons, most of whom spent a lot of time watching the progression of the European Championships at the Energie Hall.

Due to an amazing but happy error in the party booking the supporters group travelled first class both ways on the Harwich-Hook boats, making the two 6-hour sea-trips really plush. Going out the easterly wind got up to Force 6 but the "St. George's" stabilisers prevented anyone, as far as I know, from being taken short!

The Hotel Pax took a bit of finding by those who decided to walk the short distance from the central station but the facilities there were adequate and quite compatible with the price and the occasion.

Then followed three solid days of world-class play in this spacious Energie Hall, a building which could take 24 tables with ease, although the ancillary accommodation was barely adequate.

I was disappointed to find only two other English table tennis journalists present, Geoff Harrower (Daily Telegraph) and John Corser (Observer). The Press facilities were sufficient to meet all reasonable needs. The Dutch press-chief had gone to great lengths to keep out the pseudo-journalists who are not members of the Association Internationale de la Presse Sportive.

For a national Association with only one previous world event to their credit I thought the Netherlands officials coped with their task very well indeed. The more tedious of the sessions was the finals where the inevitable long breaks between events for the national anthems, parades and presentations made the afternoon seem long and hot with 3,000 spectators moving round the stadium and many towards the exits before the play was completed.

The Saturday night winding-up party at the Rotterdam Hilton was a gay affair but had its limitations like the sky-high prices of all drinks except the beer. The other brake was the quaint Dutch-style music, a far-cry from what could have been achieved by an English pop-group.

However, apart from the Hilton, the entertainments scene generally in both Rotterdam and Amsterdam was (I am told!) a real eye-opener. Suffice to say that for much of the time the never-ending supply of jokes by Croydon and Sussex coach Brian Spicer kept the England party in high spirits even as we walked un-hindered through the green channel at Harwich customs hall after the second North Sea trip, still accompanied by the chilly wind but this time only Force 3.

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OPEN TOURNAMENT SURVEY

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An unfortunate choice of dates by the Newbury Association for their Senior Open, combined with their decision to include Junior events for the first time, restricted the size of the entry anticipated for the **Fifteenth Sussex Junior Open** organised by the Worthing and District Association at the Assembly Hall, Worthing, and held for the first time as a two-day event.

The talented Elaine Tarten emerged as the most successful and consistent player on view with five titles secured out of five events entered, including victories in the U-17 and U-15 Girls' Doubles, partnered by Gillian Taylor, her Essex Colleague.

The spectacle of the best singles final seen at this tournament for many years came in the Boys' Singles U-15 event in which Paul Day, after narrowly winning the first at 21-19, and conceding the second at 21-23, finally overcame the much-improved Mark Mitchell of Middlesex at 21-17 in the nail-biting decider, following an impressive display of controlled power-hitting and variation of tactics and placements by both players which displayed a maturity beyond their youth.

The tenacious Day also notched yet another Boys' Singles U-13 title to his impressive tally this season in stopping Andrew Barden of Middlesex in the final by 21-16, 21-13.

In the U-17 events, Jane Hartwell from Middlesex, conqueror of No. 1 Seed Gillian Taylor in round two of the Girls' Singles, reached all three finals, only to lose narrowly on each occasion, whilst, in the final of the Boys' Singles, Graham Walsh of Surrey easily accounted for Mark Mitchell, in the latter's only below-par performance of the two days.

The host county's sole success came in the final of the U-13 Girls' Singles, in which Linda Wales, in her home town, retained the title by repeating her victory of last year, this time over Angela Mitchell of Middlesex, and thus secured her eighth Junior Open title of the season at this age group level which she has dominated throughout the year with her tight control, variation of stroke-play, and impressive all-round ability.

This tournament was the last to be held at the Assembly Hall in Worthing in view of the proposed change of venue for next year's Sussex Junior Open to the spacious new Worthing Sports Centre, scheduled to open officially in May of this year, and which will enable the tournament to again be run as a one-day event, which it is anticipated will reduce the administrative burden for Organiser Frank Rayner and his band of helpers, and which it is hoped will be of more convenience to prospective competitors.

Once again the quality of the entry in the **Bedford 1-Star Open**, held on Sunday, April 9, was better, probably due to improving conditions allied to more and bigger prize money.

So far as the men's singles was concerned, the only upset was the

defeat of Peter Taylor by Sammy Ogundipe who subsequently lost to Trevor Taylor who, in the final accounted for Mike Johns.

The final of the women's singles was a thriller and the best final ever seen at Bedford. Diane Simpson, by sheer hitting power, eventually triumphed over the resolute defence of Judy Williams but both girls walked away from the table with applause ringing in their ears.

Big let down was the men's doubles final in which the Taylor brothers, Trevor and Peter, proved no match for Johns and "Connie" Warren.

Although eight of the top sixteen players in the men's singles failed to turn up, **Basingstoke** can be justly proud of their first efforts at running a **2-Star Open**, which they did over the weekend of April 29-30, and it will undoubtedly secure a permanent place in the tournament calendar.

Trevor Taylor had little difficulty in reaching the final of the men's singles where he met Peter Radford who had played well to secure a victory over David Brown in the quarters. In the final Taylor demonstrated the wide gap in skills by cruising to an easy win.

A strong women's entry resulted in a final between those compatriots of the tournament circuit, Judy Williams and Shelagh Hession, after Judy had narrowly defeated Lesley Radford, 18 in the third, in an absorbing semi. The first two games of the final produced some very open play but both girls put up the shutters and expedite was called very early in the decider. Shelagh proved to have the better hit on this occasion.

The outstanding success story of the tournament was provided by Michael Owen, from Swansea, who not only won the boys' singles but reached the semis of the men's; obviously the new Welsh Haydn Thomas.

Having suffered somewhat on the tournament circuit since returning from Japan, Alan Hydes struck peak form in the **Dagenham 2-Star Open** played over the weekend of May 13-14. His quarter-final victim was the Warwickshire junior Desmond Douglas who had made his presence felt by disposing of David Brown and Michael Harper. Another surprise quarter-finalist was Paul Day whose deeds took in the disposal of Peter Taylor and Robert Hellaby. A third junior to strike an "oak" was young Mark Mitchell of Middlesex who accounted for the experienced Peter Radford.

There was only one surprise in the women's singles when Janet Hellaby beat Judy Williams -13, 13, 21 but in the boys' singles, Peter Taylor suffered another shock defeat when he was ousted by Des Douglas.

Douglas led Ian Horsham 16-14 in the deciding game of the final but from then on never got another point. Young Day had gone down fighting to Taylor, losing -25, -23.

In the counterpart girls' event, Emma Swan of Cambridge had a startling -19, 19, 14 victory over Miss Hellaby, but Mandy Mellor of Chester-

field lost -14, -10 to the event winner Elaine Tarten.

Laurie Landry contested his tenth men's doubles final of the season, this time with Ian Robertson as his partner, the other nine having been with Tony Clayton, the Yorkshire left-hander.

Mike Johns was a non-runner in the men's singles, having had car trouble on his way, but settled in quickly to win the men's doubles, with Hydes.

Results :

Sussex Junior

Under-17 Events
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
M. Mitchell (Middx.) bt P. Day (Cams.) -8, 14, 18;
G. Walsh (Surrey) bt A. Barden (Middx.) -16, -13, 20.

Final:
WALSH bt Mitchell 9, 16.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
E. Tarten (Essex) bt M. Mellor (Derbys.) -13, -16, 12;
J. Hartwell (Middx.) bt G. Locke (Essex) -12, 19.

Final:
TARTEN bt Hartwell 19, 19.
Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:
J. Avey/G. Pugh (Sussex) bt Barden/Day -23, -15, 19;
D. Harding (Surrey)/Walsh bt S. Marley/G. Taylor (Sussex) 23, 12.

Final:
HARDING/WALSH bt Avey/Pugh 14, -16, 18.
Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Tarten/G. Taylor (Essex) bt C. Stonell (Essex)/A. Terry (Sussex) 13, 15;
Hartwell/Locke bt Mellor/S. Tame (Surrey) 10, 20.

Final:
TARTEN/TAYLOR bt Hartwell/Locke -19, 15, 15.
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
Day/Tarten bt Taylor/L. Wales (Sussex) 19, 16;
Mitchell/Hartwell bt Barden/Taylor 16, -13, 17.

Final:
DAY/TARTEN bt Mitchell/Hartwell 14, -20, 17.
Under-15 Events
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
Day bt A. Bawden (Essex) 17, 11;
Mitchell bt Barden -18, 19, 13.

Final:
DAY bt Mitchell 19, -21, 17.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
Tarten bt Stonell 9, 15;
Mellor bt Taylor 18, -11, 22.

Final:
TARTEN bt Mellor 19, 19.
Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Day/Barden bt K. McQuaide/S. Wilson (Hants.) 15, 11;
A. Allars/M. Douglas (Sussex) bt S. Lyons/B. Williams (Surrey) 13, 26.

Final:
DAY/BARDEN bt Allars/Douglas 17, 12.
Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Tarten/Taylor bt K. Greenhough/S. Clarke (Surrey) 11, 20;
Mellor/Tame bt Stonell/E. Swan (Cams.) 15, 16.

Final:
TARTEN/TAYLOR bt Mellor/Tame 19, 19.
Under-13 Events
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
Day bt A. Stonell (Essex) 19, 13;
Barden bt D. Newman (Essex) -18, 16, 12.

Final:
DAY bt Barden 16, 13.
Girls' Singles:
L. Wales (Sussex) bt J. Gavin (Kent) 16, 16;
A. Mitchell (Middx.) bt J. Champion (Middx.) 19, 11.

Final:
WALEs bt Mitchell 13, -16, 11.
Basingstoke
Men's Singles: Semi-finals:
T. Taylor (Essex) bt M. Owen (Wales) 15, 9;
P. Radford (Essex) bt G. Blomfield (Essex) 16, 18.

Final:
TAYLOR bt Radford 14, 13.
Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
S. Hession (Essex) bt J. Vass (Dorset) 16, 14;
J. Williams (Sussex) bt L. Radford (Essex) 11, -17, 18.

Final:
HESSION bt Williams -13, 14, 12.
Men's Doubles: Final:
D. JOHNSON (Essex)/RADFORD bt P. Beck (Surrey)/Taylor -12, 16, 18.

Women's Doubles: Final:
HESSION/WILLIAMS bt J. Hellaby (Essex)/Radford 16, 19.
Mixed Doubles: Final:
RADFORD/RADFORD bt I. Robertson (Essex)/Hellaby 16, 16.

Boys' Singles: Final:
OWEN bt G. Walsh (Surrey) 17, -19, 16.
Girls' Singles: Final:
G. TAYLOR (Essex) bt Hellaby 15, -12, 15.
U-21 Singles: Final:
ROBERTSON bt S. Smith (Essex) 21, 21.

Bedford

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
T. Taylor (Essex) bt P. Randall (Leics.) 17, 13;
S. Ogundipe (Sussex) bt P. Taylor (Beds.) 15, -20, 20;
M. Johns (Ches.) bt D. Brown (Essex) -20, 16, 9;

C. Warren (Surrey) bt I. Horsham (Essex) 15, -18, 16.
Semi-finals:
TAYLOR bt Ogundipe 11, 16; JOHNS bt Warren 12, 20.

Final:
TAYLOR bt Johns 8, 15.
Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
J. Williams bt M. Deakin (Derbys.) 10, 7;
D. Simpson (Essex) bt B. Hammond (Beds.) 7, 15.

Final:
SIMPSON bt Williams 19, -15, 19.
Men's Doubles: Final:
JOHNS/WARREN bt Taylor/Taylor 10, 11.
Women's Doubles: Final:
SIMPSON/WILLIAMS bt Hammond/S. Hirst (Cams.) 12, 12.

Mixed Doubles: Final:
JOHNS/SIMPSON bt Ogundipe/Williams -18, 17, 10.
Dagenham

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
A. Hydes (Yorks.) bt D. Douglas (Warwks.) 14, 8;
R. Chandler (Sussex) bt R. Stevens (Essex) 19, -12, 21;
S. Gibbs (Essex) bt P. Day (Cams.) 20, 21;
I. Horsham (Essex) bt B. Burn (Warwks.) 15, 19.

Semi-finals:
HYDES bt Chandler 12, 8; Gibbs bt Horsham -18, 13, 15.
Final:
HYDES bt Gibbs 6, 18.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
L. Radford (Essex) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 17, 17;
S. Hession (Essex) bt B. Bird (Kent) 13, 6.

Final:
RADFORD bt Hession 18, 11.
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Hydes/M. Johns (Ches.) bt D. Johnson/P. Radford (Essex) -14, 8, 18;
L. Landry (Middx.)/I. Robertson (Essex) bt D. Brown (Essex)/Burn 14, -17, 16.

Final:
HYDES/JOHNS bt Landry/Robertson 18, 18.
Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
Hession/J. Williams (Sussex) bt S. Beckwith/G. Locke (Essex) 9, 17;
Bird/C. Stonell (Essex) bt Hellaby/M. Mellor (Derbys.) 19, 16.

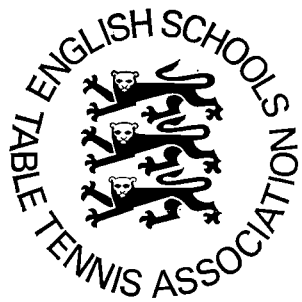
Final:
HESSION/WILLIAMS bt Bird/Stonell 14, 11.
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
Hydes/Mellor bt M. Harper (Herts.)/Williams 20, 13;
Douglas/Bird bt Brown/Hession -22, 15, 14.

Final:
HYDES/MELLOR bt Douglas/Bird -18, 17, 19.
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
Horsham bt R. Aldrich (Middx.) 13, 17;
Douglas bt P. Taylor (Beds.) 14, -14, 19.

Final:
HORSHAM bt Douglas 20, -14, 16.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
E. Tarten (Essex) bt G. Taylor (Essex) -11, 20, 11;
J. Hartwell (Middx.) bt E. Swan (Cams.) 13, 15.

Final:
TARTEN bt Hartwell 17, -15, 15.
Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:
J. Osborne (Essex) bt D. Lewis (Essex) 8, 19;
S. Battrick (Essex) bt K. Reynolds (Essex) 11, 9.

Final:
OSBORNE bt Battrick 19, -10, 21.



by **PENHOLDER**

National School Team Championships

Interest centred on the senior (U-19) events at the Sixth National School Team Championship finals held at Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, on Saturday, May 13th.

St. Mary's Colleges, Middlesbrough, playing in the finals for the fourth time, were winners of the Boys' event—the Norman Cook Trophy—whilst Plaistow had the edge on Holly Lodge High School, Liverpool, winning the Claud Kitchenside Cup.

Plaistow equalled last year's remarkable achievement of winning three events but their name will enter the record books for the last time because next year the school changes its name.

The standard of play was again very high throughout the seven events and there was plenty of spectator support for the 21 teams from 12 counties.

Trophies and medals were presented to all competing teams by E.T.T.A. Chairman Charles Wyles who was a most welcome guest in addition to many other E.T.T.A. and E.S.T.T.A. officials, and representatives from the local education authority.

Play took place on 14 tables supplied by the Dunlop Sports Company and results were as follows:—

Boys' U-19—The Norman Cook Cup

1. St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough.
2. Emanuel School, Battersea.
3. Queen Mary's/Charles Chute School, Basingstoke.

In their opening match, the London team survived some anxious moments before Steve Lyons and Paul Bishop clinched a 5-3 victory over the Basingstoke team, in the last two sets. St. Mary's were too strong against the Hampshire representatives winning 8-0.

St. Mary's were never in trouble in the final match but the big surprise was the defeat of Nicky Jarvis by Paul Bishop (-12, 20, 18) who had earlier lost to the northern No. 2 Tony Martin.

Girls' U-19—The Claud Kitchenside Cup

1. Plaistow Grammar School, Newham.
2. Holly Lodge High School, Liverpool.
3. Newbury County Girls' G.S.

The Berkshire girls relinquished their title when they went down 6-2 to Plaistow G.S. and Holly Lodge. Joyce Taylor (Newbury) defeated both opposing No. 1 players, Elaine Tarten and Susanne Manning.

The final match was very close but with the match score at 3-3 Gillian Taylor and Elaine Tarten made sure of victory.

Boys' U-15—The Leach-Carrington Cup

1. Plaistow Grammar School, Newham.
2. Brandwood Sec. School, Birmingham.
3. Myers Grove School, Sheffield.

Plaistow, led by Peter Hunt, were convincing winners over Myers Grove (7-1) and Brandwood (6-2). The Midland boys defeated the Yorkshire youngsters by a similar margin to take second place.

Girls' U-15—The Mick Betts Memorial Cup

1. Plaistow Grammar School, Newham
2. Exmouth School, Devon.
3. Millom School, Cumberland.

This event—which unfortunately involved the discovery of the fielding of



The U-11 champs—The Boulevard, Hull whose team in ranking order was Joseph Naser, Gary Mellor, David Garner and David Crocker.

Photo by John O'Sullivan.



Girls' U-13 champs—Westlands Secondary School, Sittingbourne whose ranked team comprised (1) Lynn Holtam, (2) Diane Collar, (3) Maureen Clout and (4) Valerie Clout.

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an ineligible player by the Cumberland side—hinged on the last two sets of the day. Millom defeated Exmouth 6-2 but Plaistow could only manage a 5-3 verdict against the Devon side. A 4-4 draw would have seen Millom win but although they never gave up, the Newham girls were home and dry at 6-2.

Boys' U-13—The T. Austin Harrison Cup

1. Washwood Heath School, Birmingham.
2. Salvatorian College, Harrow.
3. Moor Grange Sec. School, Leeds.

Girls' U-13—The Hartshill Cup

1. Westlands Secondary School, Sittingbourne.
2. Ivy Bank School, Burnley.
3. Bishop Blackall School, Exeter.

The Kent girls were far too strong and look good prospects.

Under-11

1. The Boulevard Junior High School, Hull.
2. Winchcombe County Junior School, Newbury.
3. Barrow Hills, Godalming.

The Yorkshire team were convincing winners.

REGIONAL FINALS

NORTH—

A feature of the play at Bradford Sports Centre, on April 30th, was the closeness of several results. St. Mary's College, led by Jarvis confirmed the form which made them favourites for their first triumph at Stoke but No. 2, Tony Martin lost surprisingly to A. Higgs of Stoke 6th Form College.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS cont.

In the Boys' U-15 event Myers Grove (Sheffield), Northfield (Durham) and Chesterfield produced three 4-4 draws and the Tykes qualified on games ratio.

The Boys' U-13 event provided a dramatic finish between Moor Grange (Leeds) and Gladys Buxton (Derbyshire). A deciding doubles was necessary and Moor Grange elected to play the Hazelwood twins (Nos. 3 and 4) against the opposition's Nos. 1 and 3. The move proved sound for the twins won!

MIDLANDS AND WEST—

The Kennet School, Thatcham, near Newbury was the venue for this regional final.

The Devon representatives saw two teams through to the Grand Finals in spite of the after-effects of a long journey that started at 5-30 a.m.

This season's championships—which in some counties started at local level way back in September—have involved record entries of over 1000 teams from over 30 counties from an estimated total of 600 schools of all types.



Boys' U-13 champs; Washwood Heath, Birmingham whose team in ranking order was Douglas Johnson, Richard Mountford, Gary Groves and Robert Dee.

Photo by John O'Sullivan.



Girls' U-19 winners, Plaistow Grammar, Newham, (from l. to r.) Petrina Heale, Gillian Taylor, Elaine Tarten and Diane Keyser.

Photo by John O'Sullivan.

International Club

Officers and Committee alike were duly returned unopposed by the membership of the International Table Tennis Club of England last month and continuing in office will be Les Cohen (Chairman), Laurie Landry (Hon. Sec.), Brian Wright (Hon. Treas.) together with Marjorie Cumberbatch, Betty Griffin, Len Adams, Ron Crayden and Ralph Gunnion.

Main activities recently were the two Victor Barna Memorial matches, one in Manchester and one in London. The Club beat Manchester 6-2 on April 27 when proceeds went to Christie's Cancer Hospital whilst a strong Middlesex side defeated the Club 6-3 at Greenford on May 12 when proceeds went to the Paraplegic Sports Endowment Fund.

Results were of no consequence really for it was the playing of the matches that was important. Grateful thanks to Tony Clayton, Mike Johns and Benny Casofsky for turning out at Manchester and to Brian Burn, Stuart Gibbs and Johnny Leach together with Jill Hammersley for playing against Middlesex. Thanks also to the Manchester and Middlesex sides for making the evenings enjoyable and worthwhile.

For the record Johnny Leach beat Eric Coster 16 and 17 but lost to Malcolm Sugden -12, -11.

TABLE TENNIS CONFERENCE IN YORKSHIRE

A high level one day conference concerned with the coaching and development of table tennis is to be held at City of Leeds and Carnegie College on Sunday, 4th June, 1972.

The Conference has been arranged to bring together County Secretaries, League Secretaries, Coaches, Teachers, Youth Leaders and others interested in the coaching and development of the game.

The Conference affords the opportunity to hear about and discuss all aspects of coaching and development, including facilities and finance, at School, Club, District, County or National Level.

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Mr. A. G. Steggall, Chairman of National Coaching and Schools Committee.

Mr. D. Tremayne, E.T.T.A. Secretary.

Mr. P. Simpson, E.T.T.A. Staff Coach.

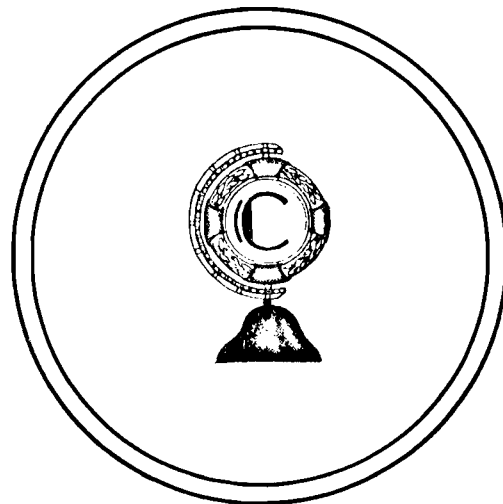
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ALTERNATIVE THE TROUBLE

by Geoff Wadsworth

I have been advised that the bat I have been providing for interested players is illegal. I assumed that as my bat had a wooden surface it would meet with approval as an uncovered wooden blade is quite legal. But it would have been far more sensible to have confirmed legality before making same available to players.

Naturally I will make full reimbursement on request, as the exact moneys forwarded by individuals are not known. I am very disappointed, not necessarily for myself, but because of the replies I have received. I asked players using my bat to let me know how they found same and here are some extracts . . .

"As you said, 'superb control and defence comes easily' . . . 'Have used this bat with good results' . . . 'On the whole, am very well satisfied with the bat' . . . etc., etc.

The only adverse comment was from a player who said his bat was denting slightly, and this was a modified sandwich bat on which the rubber had gone soft. But apart from this, he too was delighted.

Trouble now is finding an alternative which is within the rules. Any surface other than wood is nowhere near as good, whilst a standard uncovered blade is far too fast for good control. However, I am carrying on experimenting.

It is my opinion that in allowing for the legality of structures like the Mark V, which is a truly devastating weapon, a certain moral obligation is owed to the defensive brigade, such as a bat which could be proved to assist them.

I do not consider long range top-spin as defensive, because most clubrooms are just not large enough for this type of play. And after all, league players are the backbone of the game.

On Easter Saturday, I took my family to watch the Yorkshire-Essex match at Pontefract, and initially was quite thrilled at the speed of the counter-hitting employed, this being my first match visit for some years.

As the evening wore on, however, I tired of the stereotyped play, one player's technique being very much like another's, and I sadly missed the surprise element, the chop, the drop shot, etc.

Bobby Stevens was a notable exception, using intelligence and skill to combat his years, and my wife and I thought he was superb, and well worthy of his doubles win, in partnership with David Brown.

Colin Clemett, Secretary of the National Umpires and Referees Committee writes . . . "I was sorry to have to inform Mr. Wadsworth that his bat was not legal under the present Law. What I think should be made clear is that, while there is no objection to players experimenting with this or any other illegal racket, it would not be allowed in any event played under ETTA/ITTF Laws, such as a tournament or a League match. If after experimenting with this new surface players feel there is a need for the Law to be changed, this can be proposed." Ed.

CHESHIRE CLOSED

England Junior, Simon Heaps, shocked his senior international colleague, Mike Johns, to win the men's singles title at the Cheshire Closed played at Birkenhead on Saturday, May 13.

Lancashire County player Susan Lisle—she plays for Gatley Y.M.C.A. in the Stockport League—won the women's singles title beating Cheshire County player Janice Green in the final. Results:

M.S.: S. Heaps bt M. Johns 14, -19, 15.

W.S.: S. Lisle bt J. Green 19, 15.

M.D.: B. Johns/M. Johns bt P. Bowen/B. Keab 12, 10.

B.S.: Heaps bt J. McNee 22, 23.
G.S.: Green bt G. Mannion 9, 14.

DERBYSHIRE CLOSED

Using his anti-loop bat, Doug Foulds won the men's singles title in the Derbyshire Closed with the loss of only one game, to Ivor Warner, in the first round.

Doug's quarter-final victim was Colin Deaton, beaten on expedite 21, 17, and Eric Hall, the defending title holder was ousted in the semis by the new champ.

Junior Mandy Mellor won her way to the women's singles final only to find Sandra Walters far too experienced for her. Mandy did retain

her girls' title but not before Derby's Susan Holmes had taken the second game. Results:—

M.S. s-f:

D. Foulds bt E. Hall 18, 18; M. Billington bt D. Marples 14, -17, 15.

Final: Foulds bt Billington 16, 18.
W.S.: Mrs. S. Walters bt Miss M. Mellor 16, 18.

M.D.: J. Lenthal/J. Wallhead bt Foulds/F. O'Sullivan 20, 14.

W.D.: Mellor/Walters bt D. Maxfield/P. Wibberley 18, 17.

X.D.: C. Deaton/Walters bt C. Francis/S. Holmes 16, 15.

B.S.: D. Yallop bt M. Taylor -17, 15, 18.

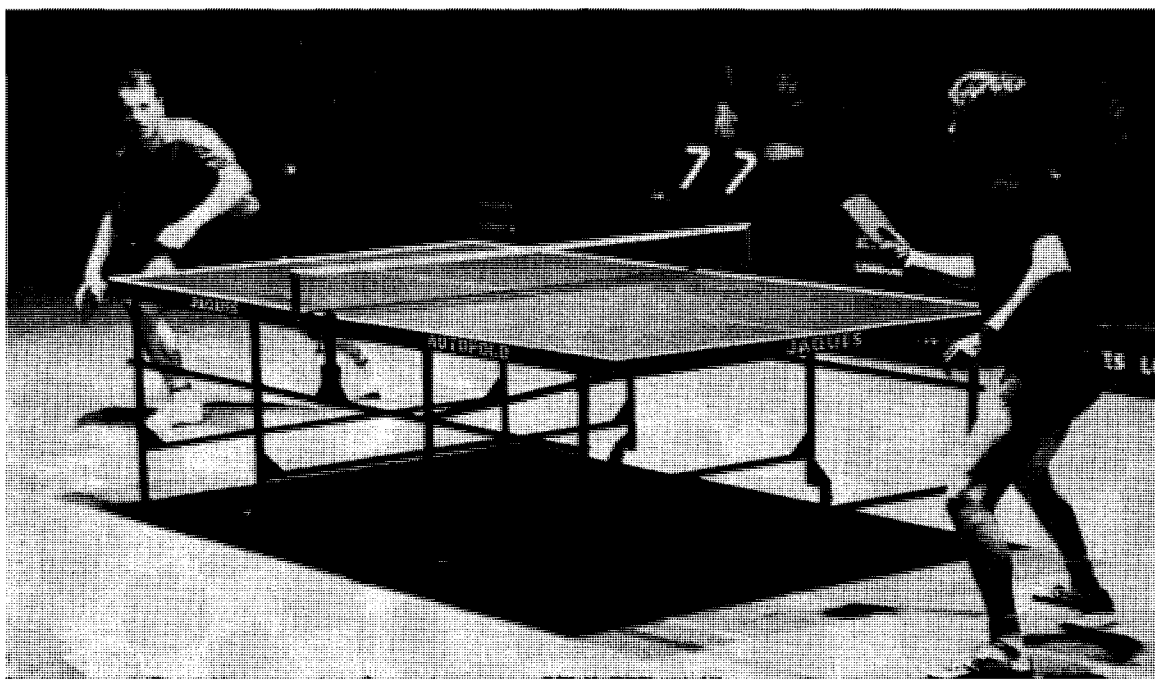
G.S.: Mellor bt Holmes 13, -17, 8.

V.S.: Marples bt D. Salmon 17, 16.

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ANGLO-GERMAN EXCHANGE



The 'twins' Michael Luckhurst (left) and Michael Föckeler.

In the January 1969 issue of "Table Tennis News" was a letter from a young German table tennis player, Arnold Kotthoff, asking for a pen-friend as he wished to improve his English. George Harding of Folkestone replied, as he wanted to practise his German, and a bi-lingual correspondence developed.

Last summer Arnold suggested an interchange between their respective clubs, and at Easter this year, all nine junior members of the Paragon T.T.C., Folkestone, accompanied by George and the Club Chairman, Maurice Sayer, made the journey to Eversberg, a town of 2,000 inhabitants 1,800 feet up in the hills in Sauerland, which forms the southern part of Westphalia. The English boys stayed in the homes of their German counterparts and took part in a junior tournament on the Easter Sunday in which players from a wide area participated. Dean Dino-Smith reached the final of the U-17 singles, but was beaten 2-1 by Reinhard Jochheim, a useful performer from Hagen, who

grew in confidence as the match progressed. Dino-Smith and Keith Lythgoe won the boys' doubles. Michael Luckhurst reached the semi-final of the U-14 singles. On the Monday there was a men's team event. The first team (Dino-Smith, Lythgoe, Harding and Robert Williams) lost 7-5 after leading 5-3 to the eventual runners-up in the 'District Class'. The second team lost first round in the 'Town Class'.

The rest of the week was spent in sight-seeing trips around the area and playing matches against local opposition. The German boys will pay a return visit in July.

The boys were lodged as far as possible with lads of their own age and in one case "Twinning" was carried to the extreme. Michael Luckhurst stayed with a Michael Föckeler, the two lads not only sharing the same Christian name but also the same birth date. When they played each other the Folkestone Michael beat his 'twin' 21-19 in the third.

Obituaries

GARY HARDING

Berkshire and Reading table tennis circles were shocked by the tragic death of 17-year-old England 'A' ranked junior Gary Harding in a road accident on Friday, April 14. Gary was riding his motor cycle when he was in collision with a car on the Wargrave-Henley road. The accident took place just two days before the Reading Closed Championships—Gary being No. 1 seed for the men's singles.

He had been a regular member of both the senior Berkshire team which has won promotion from the Southern division and the junior team which finished 2nd in Junior South division. He had shown tremendous improvement during the past twelve months and at the Newbury Open in March had defeated Peter Taylor (England No. 1 junior) and then taken Alan Hydes to a deciding game.

His death is a grievous loss to both Reading and Berkshire. I would like to express my sincere sympathy—as well as that of all Gary's friends in

Berkshire — to Vic and Audrey, Gary's parents..

R. A. LOCKWOOD

H. WILKINSON MARSDEN

Visitors to North of England "Opens" will surely remember the jovial gentleman who was always "on the door" for so many years both before and since the war. Mr. H. Wilkinson Marsden, known throughout Northern table tennis circles affectionately as "Pop", passed away peacefully in his sleep last month at the age of 89.

Although he had never played table tennis "Pop" had been an excellent Hon. Treasurer of the Manchester League for 35 years until last year. His ambition had been to remain in office until his 90th birthday but decimal coinage finally thwarted him. He said there had always been 240 pence in the pound and wondered what happened to the other 140!

That Manchester League members outnumbered all the other mourners at his funeral showed the very high esteem in which he was held by us.

LESLIE COHEN.

HALEX SUPER LEAGUE

by Lou Hoffman

APATHY — PUBLIC ENEMY No. 1

Having had to cancel the last two scheduled Super League sessions, owing to the miners' strike, the only free dates available at Hornsey Town Hall were Thursday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 29.

At the start of play on the first of the foregoing dates, London School of Flying and Halex were joint top, both on 42 points. The advantage was clearly with L.S. of F. who were due to play bottom-of-the-table Scotia, whilst Halex were opposed by Reddings represented by Trevor Taylor, Ron Penfold and Graham Blomfield, the latter replacing Simon Heaps, who was away on international duty.

In these circumstances, Halex—"Les" Haslam, Mike Johns and Ian Horsham—were after a 6-3 win, at least, to keep them within striking distance of L.S. of F., who were confidently expecting a 9-0 victory. But strange things happen on March 16. I know—it was the day I was born!

Let me elucidate. At 6-55 p.m. a policeman arrived at the Hall with a message that Denis Neale was fog-bound on the M.1 and couldn't get through from Chesterfield. The reserve standing by was Clive Morris who teamed up with Roger Chandler and Robert Hellaby to represent L.S. of F. against Bobby Stevens, Firoz Nilam and the welcome return of Robert Aldrich for Scotia.

Visions of that 9-0 win were now clouded and the Halex team were laughing up their sleeves, especially when Stevens took the first set, at 19, 17, over Morris. Subsequently, Chandler accounted for Nilam and Hellaby beat Aldrich. Then we had a great set between Chandler and Stevens with the Sussex star nosing home 22-20 in the third.

This was immediately followed by a "cracker" between Morris and Aldrich with the Kent man getting home 25-23 in the decider. Hellaby kept up the good work by beating Nilam (18, 12), and Chandler after going down 21-23 in the first to Aldrich whipped the Middlesex player 7 and 5 in the next two. Stevens scored his second success of the evening when beating Hellaby but Morris saw off Nilam (15, 19) to give L.S. of F. a 7-2 win.

What then of the Halex laughter? After the fourth set they were 1-3 down, Trevor Taylor having beaten Johns (15, 16) and Haslam (19, 14); and Penfold had accounted for Horsham (16, 19)!

Haslam pulled one back by beating Blomfield (17, 18). Then Johns accounted for Penfold (18 in the third) and Horsham levelled the match score by beating Blomfield (14, 12). But then came the 'crunch'.

Penfold ran riot and beat Haslam (-19, 18, 19) to make the score 4-3 to Reddings leaving Horsham to try and once more equate the match

score, this time in opposition to Taylor. The young Essex player lost the first game -8, won the second 15, and actually led 20-19 in the decider at which stage he missed a smash by a fraction of an inch. Taylor then stepped in to preserve his 100% record by winning 23-21. In the final set Johns beat Blomfield (15, 17) with the end result:— Reddings 5, Halex 4!

Meanwhile, fighting out a middle-of-the-table match were BXL (Sugden, Pidcock and Harper)—in their previous match they had beaten L.S. of F.—against Jaques (Brown, Burn and Peter Taylor), who had lost 1-8 to Halex.

Julius Caesar was told beware the Ides of March. BXL should have been warned about March 16! On that date a rejuvenated Jaques team really clicked for the first time during the whole series.

At the outset of the series the experts had predicted that this team would come out top and, against BXL, they lived up to expectations but, alas, too late. Only Malcolm Sugden managed to salvage a set, at the expense of David Brown as Jaques crashed their way to victory by 8-1. The ensuing table reads:—

L.S. of F.	49 points
Halex	46 points
Reddings	44 points
B.X.L.	37 points
Jaques	36 points
Scotia	31 points

FINAL NIGHT

All six teams lined up at full strength for the final session on Mar. 29 which matched L.S. of F. v. Jaques, Halex v. Scotia, and B.X.L. v. Reddings.

On Table 1, Halex were cruising along having encountered little trouble in building up a 7-0 lead. Then Horsham lost the first game to Aldrich in the penultimate set. Panic stations! Haslam and Johns telling Horsham what to do; Neale, Chandler and Bobby Stevens telling Aldrich what to do. Relief, Horsham wins the second game, 10-5 to Aldrich at the change and again excitement runs high. But the gods look kindly on Horsham and he comes through 21-19 in the end. Halex win the last set to get their 9-0 victory.

Predictions by the experts, 5-4 to L.S. of F. How wrong can you get?

Neale beat Burn, Chandler disposed of Brown and then, in a set Hellaby will not forget, Peter Taylor was beaten (21, -15, 18). Neale made it 4-0 beating Brown (12, 15).

It was at this point that all too few spectators made it sound as if

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HALEX SUPER LEAGUE cont.

they were 500-strong as they cheered in sheer excitement. Burn beat Hellaby (20, 19) and Peter Taylor beat Chandler (-16, 12, 20). It was after this latter set that I was foolish enough to say to Chandler "Hard luck Roger". He turned on me and said "Hard luck be two net calls can cost me £50".

Hellaby once again played a "blinder" to beat Brown (-17, 10, 13) and Neale, by beating Taylor (21, 9) assured L.S. of F. of the six sets needed to provide the setting for the story book ending. It left Chandler to play Brian Burn in a set which the Sussex man had to win to make L.S. of F. the overall winners and the recipients of the £300 first prize.

We were given a feast of table tennis by these two players, hit and counter-hit, counter-hit and counter-hit. Impossible shots were followed by impossible shots, you name it these boys did it and, in the end, Burn pipped Chandler 19, 18 with the biggest cheer ringing out from the Halex team who, now, were to share the top prize.

Mr. Paul Marks, Managing Director of Halex Ltd., was there to present the prizes and after a few words from E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles Wyles, players, officials, umpires and guests indulged in a small reception. In my speech, I thanked everybody who had to be thanked, but now I give a special thank you to Coca-Cola who supplied the players with drinks, without fail, throughout every session.

STATISTICS

Trevor Taylor was the only player with a 100% record for the full series although Chester Barnes was unbeaten but only contested 12 sets. Under Rule 12 he forfeited his winnings and was expelled from the League by failing to appear on three occasions. Only one junior player made the first ten in the averages. Peter Taylor came 5th with 66.6%.

24 players were used throughout but only 9 played the full stint of 30 sets. Six players finished up with more than £100 in their pockets. Highest attendance was 150, lowest 40.

All matches were umpired and "twiddled" by National or County Umpires, Albert Shipley compered every session and Doreen Stannard was also an ever-present as captain of umpires and kept the master scoreboard up to date.

Finally, what is the next step? I very much doubt if we can continue the Super League running it only in London. The apathy of those not playing is too great.

I am convinced that taking it round the country would get full houses in selected areas. But how do you get the players time off to travel?

The Super League Committee have got some hard thinking to do in the next few months. Personally I would like to see it go around the country so that everyone can have an opportunity to see it. In all my years of watching and playing, the Super League nights were among the best I have ever seen.

COCA-COLA AWARDS 1971-72

Just 12 points separate Trevor Taylor from second-placed Denis Neale in pursuit of this season's £100 Coca-Cola merit awards which go to the top man and woman and to the leading Juniors in both categories.

Taylor surmounted his Ormesby club colleague by collecting 100 points as the result of beating world champion Stellan Bengtsson in the Europe Club Cup final, second leg on Teesside.

Now, with only one tournament remaining—the Aycliffe 1-Star on June 3 — the odds are stacked in favour of Taylor whose brother, Peter, has 25 pts. advantage over David Alderson in the junior category.

Jill Hammersley cannot now be overhauled in the women's list and, similarly, Linda Howard can boast of being in a similar position against the only other girl contenders, Janet Hellaby and Judith Walker.

Some 228 men and 71 women have earned themselves points this season and a complete breakdown of allocation, as compiled by Laurie Landry, the administrator, can be had on application to the E.T.T.A. office if so desired.

Leading positions:—

MEN

1.	T. Taylor (Essex)	1985
2.	D. Neale (Yorks.)	1973
3.	N. Jarvis (Yorks.)	758
4.	A. Hydes (Yorks.)	545
5.	O. Haslam (Midddx.)	483
6.	C. Barnes (Essex)	465
7.	M. Johns (Ches.)	343
8.	A. Clayton (Yorks.)	335
9.	C. Warren (Surrey)	330
10.	J. Walker (Yorks.)	317
11.	B. Burn (Warwks.)	300
12.	R. Chandler (Sussex)	295
13.	D. Brown (Essex)	225
14.	A. Ransome (Yorks.)	171
15.	*P. Taylor (Beds.)	170
16.	*D. Alderson (Yorks.)	145
=	*I. Horsham (Essex)	145
18.	D. Munt (Warwks.)	135
19.	K. Forshaw (Lancs.)	110
20.	E. Coster (Midddx.)	100

WOMEN

1	J. Hammersley (Bucks)	1515
2	K. Mathews (Midddx)	1334
3	*L. Howard (Surrey)	1130
4	S. Hession (Essex)	630
5	J. Williams (Sussex)	618
6	L. Radford (Essex)	385
7	S. Howard (Surrey)	275
8	B. Bird (Kent)	245
=	D. Simpson (Essex)	245
10	J. Heaps (Ches.)	244
11	L. Lisle (Lancs.)	195
12	L. Bashford (Yorks.)	122
13	*J. Hellaby (Essex)	120
14	S. Hamilton (Midddx)	75
15	S. Kavallierou (Sussex)	70
16	D. Johnson (Lancs.)	68
17	J. Ellis (Kent)	65
18	*J. Walker (Yorks.)	60

* Denotes Juniors



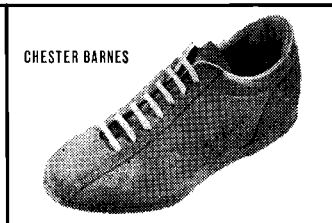
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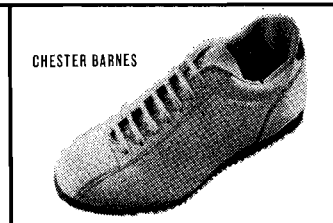
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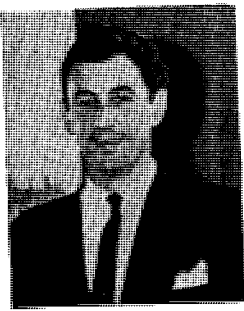


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Final topic of

CONTROVERSY

has JOHN WOODFORD
advocating a policy change

Sooner or later the need for a high-calibre foreign coach for England's future stars will be accepted. It really was an eye-opener to realise in Rotterdam that mini-countries like Luxembourg can afford the services of a coach of the calibre of Vlado Miko, the former Czech star. No surprise that Federal Germany have taken Hans Alser.

Hopes must be high that the Oriental excursions of Les Gresswell and Alan Hydes might lead to one or two of our current prodigies reaching world class in time for the 1977 world championships here in England. Germany and Luxembourg have taken the line that their players will respect foreign coaches who have been great stars themselves. How England can expect to survive in the premier division of the European League as they did this season by a single game unless there is a major policy change I really cannot think.

The sooner we become more integrated with the rest of Europe

via the Common Market, and eventually the Channel Tunnel, the better. My general view of the play in the European championships coincided precisely with that of Mike Johns, one of the business spectators in Rotterdam. The game as played by the vast majority of the foreign competitors is completely different to that of the English players. Vicious top-spin, allied with side-spin (example Istvan Jonyer) is almost the whole story. Look at the progress made by Secretin and Weber of France and the deadly loop-drive employed by the young Hungarian ace Judit Magos.

Although there are exceptions, plodding defenders, occasional hitters and even slow top-spinners can all be thrown into confusion and from there to defeat by one, good, solid loop-drive. Even Stellan Bengtsson couldn't reach many of Jonyer's drives in the men's final, but happily for the young Swede he possesses an all-round game sound enough in most

departments to beat Jonyer's class of assault.

I thought the entire English team fought with great determination in Rotterdam. Most of the time Denis Neale's efforts matched or nearly matched any competitor in the hall. But how badly we need half-a-dozen budding Neales plus a super-coach to get us from the bottom of this hill to the top in 1977.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

GAINSFORD AGAIN THE WINNERS

The seeming invincibility of the Gainsford Club, from the Central London League, seemed in doubt at one stage in their match against Fellows Cranleigh of Barking.

Thanks to some brilliant play by Janet Hellaby, Elaine Tarten and Lesley Radford, the Barking League side led 4-2 needing just one more set to bring off the biggest surprise of this and many another season. Janet beat Judy Williams and Elaine had a great win over Shelagh Hession.

Lesley accounted for both Judy and Shelagh but it wasn't quite enough and Gainsford got home 5-4 being more than thankful for a fine maximum by Karenza Mathews.

In the other semi, Central Y.M.C.A., Birmingham made their long trip to Teesside worthwhile when they beat Ormesby 5-1. Both Jenny Cornock and

Kath Perry had two wins, the other being supplied by Andy Jones who lost to Ann McReddie.

Great credit is due to the Central team who travelled back from Teesside and virtually went straight on the table to take on Gainsford in the final.

After their near defeat in the semi, the Londoners, fresh from the triumph in the Rose Bowl competition, made no mistake and ran out 5-1 winners.

Highlight of the match was undoubtedly the great win achieved by Jenny Cornock in beating Karenza Mathews 22, -13, 23! Otherwise it was two each for Judy and Shelagh and a solo for Karenza but the Birmingham girls never gave up trying despite being very tired after their long journey.

MEN'S SEMIS

Ormesby fielded the team who had scored a resounding win in the Wilmott Cup final and repeated the 5-0 scoreline against Birmingham's Central Y.M.C.A. Denis Neale, Trevor Taylor and Nicky Jarvis carried on where they had left off against East London but full marks to Derek Munt, Desmond Douglas and Brian Mitchell who fought hard against the odds.

Fellows Cranleigh, from East London, earned their second successive final appearance by virtue of a fine 5-1 win over St. Annes (Staines). David Bowles, Robert Hellaby and Ian Robertson carried their flag but I cannot see it being other than lowered in the final clash with Ormesby, now the master club in Europe.

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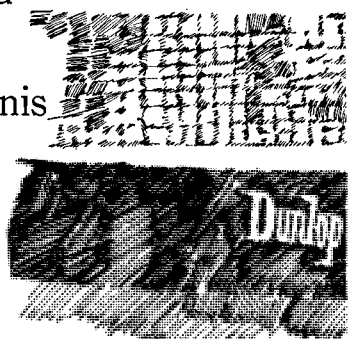
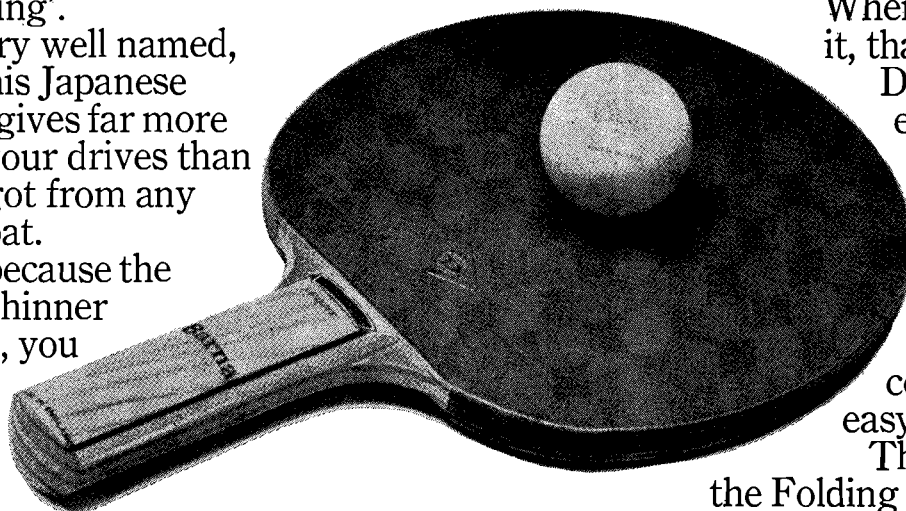
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EUROPE CLUB CUP

TRIUMPH FOR ORMESBY

Thursday, May 11, 1972 is a date which will go down in the annals of Ormesby Table Tennis Club as one to remember—the red splash on the calendar to denote the winning of the Europe Club Cup, for the first time ever by an English club side.

Leading Falkenbergs BTK 6-3 after the first leg of the final played in Sweden, Ormesby powered their way to a 4-0 lead in the second leg, played at their Teesside Meadow Close premises on May 11, to place the coveted trophy beyond the grasp of the Swedish Club champions.

Taking the bull by the horns, this brilliant start, which included a straight games win for Trevor Taylor over World and European champion, Stellan Bengtsson, really knocked the stuffing out of the visitors who brought in Lars Nilsson in place of Anders Johansson.

Employing clever tactics, Taylor kept the ball short and with occasional spectacular winners, never allowed Bengtsson to open up the game which clearly unsettled his illustrious opponent.

Ormesby ran out 5-1 winners (11-4 on aggregate) with Denis Neale accounting for both Tommy Andersson and Nilsson who was beaten a second time by Taylor. Nicky Jarvis also had

the better of the exchanges with Andersson in the opening set but lost to Bengtsson in the penultimate one.

Individual scores:—

N. Jarvis bt T. Andersson 16, 9; lost to S. Bengtsson -9, -11.
D. Neale bt L. Nilsson 17, 9; bt Andersson 12, 15.
T. Taylor bt Bengtsson 14, 19; bt Nilsson 16, 17.

COVER PICTURE

A smile of triumph displayed by (1 to r.) Nicky Jarvis, Trevor Taylor, Denis Neale and Ormesby major domo Alan Ransome.

Photo by John O'Sullivan

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

All in all, this will surely go down as one of the best seasons in the history of Leicestershire table tennis circles. Trying to assimilate the events in order of importance is a difficult, perhaps impossible, task but surely pride of place must go to the selection of Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers for England Juniors—the first two local players to be so honoured.

Reaching the last eight of the Bromfield Trophy another feat which is well worthy of mention—two more points and we would have been in the last four! Leicester Men won the Midland League 1st Division for the

first time and I cannot ever remember the women previously finishing as high as second.

The County team did supremely well to finish runners-up to Warwickshire in the Div 2 (South) and the Juniors narrowly failed to qualify for the play-offs from the Junior Division.

Hinckley—the smallest league in the Midlands—showed quality if not quantity in finishing third in the Mens 1st Division. Then there was the International v Czechoslovakia which had 'House Full' notices. So clearly it's been a busy and successful season locally.

Leicester YMCA have done the 'double' by winning both the 1st Division and the Rose Johnson Cup but with Paul Randell to spearhead their efforts this hardly came as a surprise. He played something like 90 sets in local table tennis circles and won the lot—and he is still only 18! Were he able to get round to more tournaments I forecast he could do even better.

On one of his recent excursions into tournament play he and Anita Stevenson annexed the Midland Closed mixed doubles title, beating fellow Leicestrians Graham Hughes and Karen Rogers in the semi-finals before triumphing against Dorothy Deeley and Peter Eaton in the final.

Players who completed the season 100% in the Leicester league were Randell (Div 1), Mike Long (Div 7), Dave Rudkin (Div 12), Andy Needham (Div 15) and I. Freeman

(Div. 16).

Over at Coalville, Ashby War Memorial, led by Brian Sheppard, won Division 1 with Ravenstone Youth Club finishing top of Division 2. Jointly top of the averages were P. Foxon (Thringstone) and D. Gray (Ibstock Baptist).

Knighthorpe won the Loughborough League 1st Division title with Rolls Royce romping away with Division 2. Quorn—one of the most go-ahead clubs in the area—are the Division 3 Champions whilst Niemen were the winners of Division 4.

The Loughborough Closed Championships were as usual expertly run and two left-handers—Maurice Newman and Chris Brewer—battled out the Men's Singles final. It was the county player Newman who triumphed. Brewer partnered Steve Harding to collect the men's doubles title against surprising but deserved finalists Peter Angrave and Ivor Billson.

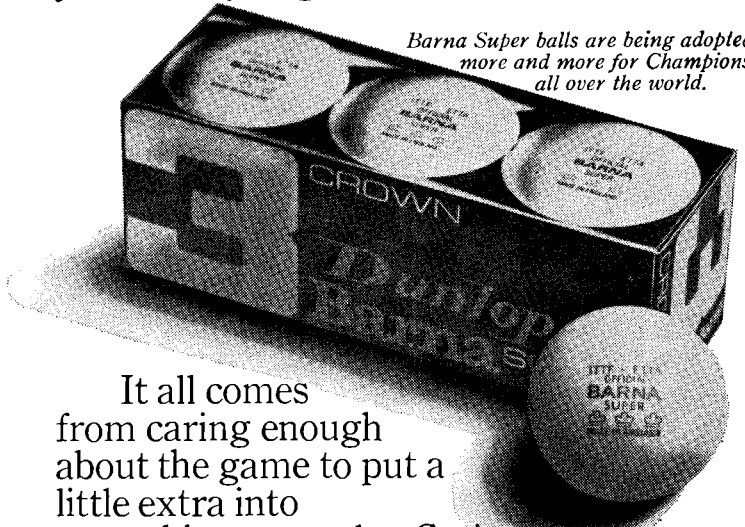
Terry Hall beat Chris Brewer in the Intermediate Singles and went on to win the title against Billson in a good final. If Ivor Billson ever decided to take the game seriously again he amply illustrated all the talent is still there.

Peter Angrave won the Junior Singles title in a set in which fortunes swung to and fro against Billy Erskine. Janet Billson got her name amongst the winners when she won the Women's singles and partnered Steve Harding to take the mixed against Alan and Rosemary North.

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The Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Competitions

by Keith Ponting

THREE TITLES RETAINED

In his preview of this season's finals, played at Birmingham Athletic Institute on Sunday, May 7, John Woodford scored four out of four with his predictions as to the destiny of each and every trophy.

Right on beam was his forecast on the final for the **Wilmott Cup** in which East London's David Brown, Stuart Gibbs and Bobby Stevens certainly fought hard, especially the former who took both Trevor Taylor and Nicky Jarvis to a deciding game.

Not so against Denis Neale however, North Yorkshire's strong man and master of all he surveyed in Brum's 'bull ring'. Five-nil was the score in favour of two Tykes with Taylor's contribution a solo.

Central London's team of Karenza Mathews, Judy Williams and Shelagh Hession carried far too much power for a Stockport trio comprising Lancashire county players Susan Lisle and Diane Johnson together with Doreen Schofield, wife of that well known veteran Derek.

Again it was 5-0 for the holders of the **J. M. Rose Bowl** with not one set going beyond two games.

Much closer however were the two junior finals in which North Yorkshire's boys retained the **Carter Cup** by beating Barking 5-3 and Guildford, completing their match, became the new holders of the **L. M. Bromfield Trophy** as a result of beating Liverpool 5-4.

Ian Horsham had three wins for the losers whose David Boulter just failed in his opening set against Tony Martin (-20 in the decider) and the diminutive Peter Hunt ran Brian Alderson to an even closer margin (-26 in the decider). It was far from being a foregone conclusion for Alan Ransome's boys who were really made to struggle.

A treble by Linda Howard put Guildford 4-3 in the lead against Liverpool who, at that stage, were the favourites. But, in a battle of nerves, it was the southern county's Nicolette Leslie who, with a final burst, overcame Brenda Williams to seal the destiny of the Bromfield Trophy.

Results:—

Wilmott Cup

North Yorkshire 5, East London 0
N. Jarvis bt S. Gibbs 20, 8; bt D. Brown -18, 12, 19.
D. Neale bt R. Stevens 13, 15; bt Gibbs 17, 15.
T. Taylor bt Brown 16, -14, 15.



Mr. Robert Applebee, Marketing Executive of Coca-Cola Scottish and Northern Bottlers, who made the presentation of the **L. M. Bromfield Trophy** to the winning Guildford team of (l. to r) Nicolette Leslie, Lynne Dowle, J. Diggins (team captain) and Linda Howard.

Photo by John O'Sullivan.

Rose Bowl

Central London 5, Stockport 0

J. Williams bt Johnson 13, 16; bt S. Lisle 16, 15.
K. Mathews bt D. Schofield 13, 9; bt Johnson 15, 21.
S. Hession bt Lisle 16, 20.

Carter Cup

North Yorkshire 5, Barking 3

A. Martin bt D. Boulter -19, 12, 20; lost to I. Horsham -15, 23, -15; bt P. Hunt 15, 15.
B. Alderson lost to Horsham -19, -14; bt Hunt -13, 17, 26.
D. Alderson bt Hunt 7, 17; bt Boulter 16, 23; lost to Horsham -19, -20.

Bromfield Trophy

Guildford 5, Liverpool 4

N. Leslie bt B. Kirkman -18, 18, 16; lost to S. Manning -12, -14; bt B. Williams -14, 19, 23.
L. Dowle lost to Manning -10, -8; lost to Williams -15, -11; lost to Kirkman -16, -19.
L. Howard bt Williams 16, 20; bt Kirkman 10, 15; bt Manning 15, 16.

SEMI-FINALS

A 5-0 result in favour of East London would suggest an easy win but this was not so in the Wilmott Cup tie against Barking whose Dennis Johnson, David Bowles and Robert



Ormesby's winning Carter Cup team (l. to r.) Robert Wiley (reserve), Brian Alderson, Alan Ransome (team captain), Tony Martin and David Alderson.

Photo by John O'Sullivan.

Hellaby all played well though without success. North Yorks, also 5-0, swallowed up Birmingham's Dick Cooper, Derek Munt and Ralph Gunnion.

A maximum for Susan Lisle laid the foundation for Stockport's 6-3 win over West Bromwich but this was a wonderful match with some very close results. Miss Lisle only just succeeded in beating Dorothy Deeley (20 in the 3rd) and Di Johnson was denied a treble by Kath Perry who won 23-21 in the decider. Doreen Schofield beat Ann Baker to record her only win.

A great maximum from Karenza Mathews steered the holders to a 5-2 win over Guildford. Judy Williams won one set but was beaten by Susan Howard. Likewise, Shelagh Hession won one and was beaten by Linda Howard.

Two wins each by the Alderson brothers, David and Brian, and the same for Tony Martin carried N. Yorks. through against Preston in the Carter Cup. But the day belonged to Donald Parker who played superbly to win all his sets.

In the other semi, Ian Horsham was the lad who demolished the fighting Crawley boys with a great maximum. Boulter and Hunt won one each in a 5-2 success for Barking. For the losers Gerald Pugh scored both wins.

Guildford had a tremendous match against Barking in the Bromfield Trophy competition. The Barking girls really fought well to hold on to the trophy they won last season but were denied victory mainly due to the maximum obtained by Linda Howard.

Turning point in the match occurred in the sixth set, when Barking were leading 3-2. At this stage Nicolette Leslie then pulled off a great win over Janet Hellaby, 23-21 in the 3rd, to level the scores. In the next set, Linda just got the better of Gillian Taylor to give Guildford the lead for the first time and Miss Leslie made it 5-3 when she beat Gillian Locke.

In the other semi, Sheffield conceded their tie to Liverpool, a most unfortunate occurrence.

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Following on the success of last year's trip, the E.T.T.A.'s "100 Club" is again planning a winter weekend in sunny Spain.

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by Geo. R. Yates

EUROPEAN LEAGUE—

Czechoslovakia have, for the first time, won the *Premier Division* title of the European League by preserving their unbeaten record by recording a 5-2 win over the Soviet Union, in Moscow on May 11th, in their final match.

Detailed Results:—

S. Sarkhayan bt J. Turai 14, 16;
S. Gomozkov lost to M. Orlovski -17, -13;
Z. Rudnova lost to I. Vostova -19, 19, -18;
Gomozkov/Sarkhayan lost to Orlovski/Turai -12, -19;
Gomozkov/Rudnova lost to Orlovski/Vostova -13, -15;
Sarkhayan lost to Orlovski -14, 19, -16;
Gomozkov bt Turai 14, 19.

Final Table:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	6	6	0	28	14	6
Soviet Union	6	4	2	22	20	4
Hungary	6	3	3	24	18	3
Sweden	6	3	3	22	20	3
Federal Germany	6	3	3	19	23	3
England	6	1	5	16	26	1
France	6	1	5	16	26	1

One can but commiserate with France who, having beaten England 6-1, now find themselves relegated by virtue of an inferior sets average 44-61 to England's 45-60! mon Dieu!

Austria, unbeaten in seven engagements in *Division Two*, return to the top flight but Denmark, who have finished in second place, have withdrawn from next season's competition. Their place will be offered firstly to Ireland and then to Belgium both countries being due for relegation.

Final results:—

Belgium 0 Austria 7
Belgium 0 Denmark 7
Netherlands 1 Denmark 6
Ireland 4 Belgium 3
Greece 4 Belgium 3
Final Table:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	7	7	0	39	10	7
Denmark	7	6	1	35	14	6
Netherlands	7	5	2	29	20	5
Scotland	7	3	4	26	23	3
Greece	7	3	4	25	24	3
Switzerland	7	2	5	20	29	2
Ireland	7	1	6	14	35	1
Belgium	7	1	6	13	36	1

West European Group—played in

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Luxembourg	3	3	0	14	7	3
Wales	3	2	1	16	5	2
Luxembourg	3	1	2	9	12	1
Norway	3	0	3	3	18	0

Mediterranean Group—played in

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Milan	2	2	0	11	3	2
Italy	2	1	1	6	8	1
Turkey	2	0	2	4	10	0

In a play-off for promotion to *Division Two*, Italy defeated Wales 5-2

EUROPEAN UNION—

At the E.T.T.U. Congress in the Doelen Hall, Rotterdam, the President of the I.T.T.F., Mr. Roy Evans, took the Chair to announce the unopposed re-election of Mr. Jupp Schlaf as President of the E.T.T.U.

On re-taking the Chair, Mr. Schlaf

announced the unopposed re-election of Mrs. Nancy Evans as Hon. General Secretary.

Under the new constitution elections then took place for the Vice-Presidency, relinquished by Mr. Vaclav Vebr, and for Hon. Treasurer-ship—now a separate office. Ballot papers were distributed and Mrs. Helen Hamilton (Scotland) and Mr. Geoff Reed (Jersey) were appointed tellers.

The ballot for Vice-Presidency resulted:—

Mr. J. Nekvasil (Czechoslovakia)—12 votes—elected
Mr. B. Popovic (Yugoslavia)—10 votes
Mr. C. M. Wyles (England)—3 votes
The ballot for Hon. Treasurer resulted:—
Mr. H. van Dilst (Netherlands)—22 votes—elected
Mr. George Duclos (France)—3 votes

Ballot papers were then distributed for the election of the Committee which resulted:—

Mr. S. Danet (Rumania)—22 votes elected
Mr. L. Makarov (U.S.S.R.)—21 votes elected
Mr. B. Popovic (Yugoslavia)—21 votes elected
Dr. G. Lakatos (Hungary)—19 votes elected
Mr. L. Hammarlund (Sweden)—19 votes elected
Mr. H. Hjulman (Denmark)—15 votes elected
Mr. G. Duclos (France)—14 votes elected

Unsuccessful were Dr. K. Smekal (Austria) 10 votes; Mr. H. Fack (East Germany) 9 votes; Mr. L. van Gelder (Belgium) 7 votes and the ETA

Chairman, Charles M. Wyles with 6 votes.

Under the new constitution five sub-committees were formulated under the chairmanship of Dr. Lakatos (Classification), Mr. Hjulmann (Publicity), Mr. Duclos (Referees), Technical (Mr. Popovic) and Mr. Danet (Youth).

Subsequently appointed to serve on such committees were the ETTA's Deputy Chairman, George Yates (Technical) and John Wright, Secretary of the County Championships and English Open Referee (Referees).

DUTCH RETIREMENT

Following his participation in the European Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands international Frans Schoofs announced his retirement from competitive play. Henceforth he will concentrate his energies into the retail sports trade.

DUNLOP JUNIOR ASSESSMENT CAMPS

Dates and venues are as follows:—

Aug. 4-6—Northern Area—Sheffield YMCA
Aug. 13-15—Eastern Area—Crystal Palace N.S.C.
Aug. 15-17—Southern Area—Crystal Palace N.S.C.
Aug. 21-23—South Western Area—Plymouth YMCA
Aug. 25-27—Midland Area—Cheltenham YMCA

The final camp will be run at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre from September 22-24 and, again as last year, nominations are to be invited from County Associations for the area camps.

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5th ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN

VEJLE A MIRAGE

by The Editor

England's Junior supremo, Brian Wright, must have left Teesside with very mixed feelings following the flop showing of his "boys brigade" in the 5th English Junior Open played at Thornaby Pavilion over the weekend of May 20-21.

A 3-1 defeat at the hands of Italy's Stefano Bosi and Roberto Giontella was a bitter pill to swallow in the first team event match when only Simon Heaps salvaged a set from the diminutive Giontella.

The doubles set in this encounter was too bad to be true, but a repeat of the sad proceedings had to be endured a second time, in the final of the boys' doubles individual event when, to all intents and purposes, Heaps tackled the Italian duo on his own.

Peter Taylor just did not seem interested and if we are to put up any fight at all in the forthcoming European Youth Championships in Vejle, Denmark, in August, such an attitude can only result in fond hopes of success being no more than a mirage.

Indeed one cannot contemplate success at all, for stronger countries than Italy will bar England's path in Vejle and it will need somewhat more even than the *will* to win.

Warwickshire's Desmond Douglas is one whose fighting capabilities have never been in doubt and these were much in evidence at Thornaby when he reached the final of the boys' singles event.

That wry smile of his mentor, Bryan Merrett, was also much in evidence as the 16-years-old, Jamaican born left hander battled his way to the final with wins over Bo Daniels-son, Andrew Barden, Donald Parker and Taylor—a Peter far from great.

Visions of a shock final success, over Bo Isaksson, were conjured up when Douglas took the first game, but it was not to be as the Swedish No. 5 boy got to grips with his coloured opponent in the next two games.

English players contested all five individual finals but were only successful in one and that the mixed doubles won by Ian Horsham and Linda Howard over Heaps and Janet Hellaby.

England's first team brought off a great win in the girls' team final when Linda and Janet saw off the defending champions Sweden, represented by the two Anne Christines, Hellman and Johansson.

Unfortunately Linda could not repeat her win over Miss Hellman in the finals of the girls' singles event. All had gone well with her up to the ball being changed in the second game subsequent to which the Swedish girl took over the initiative and never surrendered it.

Deeds of note performed by English players over foreign opposition included a tight Parker victory over Daniel Nassaux and, of course, a Taylor in full flight over Giontella and Ulf Thorsell.

In the girls' singles Janet Hellaby had wins over Belgium's G.

Verachtart and B. Paulsen of Denmark and Jane Hartwell had a meritorious victory over Belgium's Lea van Heybeek as did Yorkshire's C. Marron over A. Schierning of Norway.

But how about the win registered by those two mighty atoms, Paul Day and Andrew Barden over Sweden's Danielsson and Isaksson in the team event?

Again in the Boys' doubles event, the same pairs clashed and it was touch and go in the decider before the Swedes, helped by nervousness on the part of Barden, got home 21-18.

Sponsored by Teesside Borough Council, the championships were admirably conducted with the very best of conditions prevailing. Regrettably the only flaw was that induced by that solitary win in five final attempts.

Former England junior Paul Guttormsen was Norway's trump card but he went under to Bosi of Italy in Round 2 of the boys' singles, his success being subsequently accomplished in the consolation event despite a terrific fight put up by Tony Martin.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Boys' Singles:

Quarter-finals:

Taylor bt Thorsell 16, 14;
Douglas bt Parker 19, 17;
Isaksson bt Bosi -16, 21, 17;
Alderson bt Hellström 17, -12, 19.

Semi-finals:

DOUGLAS bt Taylor -17, 18, 14;
ISAKSSON bt Alderson 17, -12, 19.

Final:

ISAKSSON bt Douglas -20, 12, 13.

Girls' Singles:

Quarter-finals:

Hellman bt Walker 12, 12;
Hellaby bt Paulsen 7, 6;
Johansson bt Tarten 17, 7;
Howard bt Taylor -18, 14, 7.

Semi-finals:

HELLMAN bt Hellaby -19, 14, 14;
HOWARD bt Johansson 18, -13, 15.

Final:

HELLMAN bt Howard -16, 13, 11.

Boys' Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Heaps/Taylor bt D. Nassaux (Belgium)/Verstraeten 18, 13;

B. Danielsson (Sweden)/Isaksson bt P. Guttormsen (Norway)/Madsen -19, 14, 18;

Bosi/Giontella bt Alderson/Horsham 20, 12;

Hellström/Thorsell bt B. Johns (Ches.)/Parker -17, 17, 8.

Semi-finals:

HEAPS/TAYLOR bt Danielsson/Isaksson 20, -15, 12;

BOSI/GIONTELLA bt Hellström/Thorsell 18, -14, 18.

Final:

BOSI/GIONTELLA bt Heaps/Taylor 19, 16.

Girls' Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Hellman/Johansson bt E. Swan (Cams.)/L. Wales (Sussex) 5, 6;

Mellor/Stevenson bt Holmes/L. Marsh (Derbys.) 12, 14;

Germiot/L. van Heybeek (Belgium) bt Tarten/Taylor 12, -17, 19;

Hellaby/Howard bt Paulsen/A. Schierning (Norway) 15, 6.

Semi-finals:

HELLMAN/JOHANSSON bt Mellor/Stevenson -20, 13, 13;

HELLABY/HOWARD bt Germiot/van Heybeek 9, 15.

Final:

HELLMAN/JOHANSSON bt Hellaby/Howard 16, 14.

Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Taylor/Mellor bt Hellström/Hellman 23, 12;

Horsham/Howard bt Verstraeten/van Heybeek 14, -13, 19;

Isaksson/Johansson bt Alderson/Stevenson 15, 20;

Heaps/Hellaby bt Bosi/Walker 15, 13.

Semi-finals:

HORSHAM/HOWARD bt Taylor/Mellor -17, 15, 14;

HEAPS/HELLABY bt Isaksson/Johansson 14, 20.

Final:

HORSHAM/HOWARD bt Heaps/Hellaby -9, 18, 8.

Boys' Consolation: Quarter-finals:

R. Wiley (Yorks.) bt G. Walsh (Surrey) 17, 15;

Guttormsen bt Nassaux 6, 8;

A. Martin (Yorks.) bt J. Kitchener (Suffolk) 11, 18;

P. Edon (Durham) bt L. Warner (Derbys.) 16, 14.

Semi-finals:

Guttormsen bt Wiley 16, 12;

Martin bt Edon 11, -17, 14.

Final:

GUTTORMSEN bt Martin -20, 11, 20.

Girls' Consolation: Quarter-finals:

B. Kearney (Yorks.) bt P. Fleming (Scotland) 13, 15;

van Heybeek bt J. Green (Ches.) -16, 15, 16;

N. Leslie (Surrey) bt J. Ward (Yorks.) 10, 8;

L. Wales (Sussex) bt Verachtart 17, -16, 20.

Semi-finals:

van Heybeek bt Kearney 19, 20;

Leslie bt Wales 7, 7.

Final:

van HEYBEEK bt Leslie 13, 11.

TEAM EVENTS

BOYS

Round 1:

Belgium 3, Scotland 2

Round 2:

Sweden I 3, Belgium 0

England II 3, Norway 2

Sweden II 3, England III 1

Italy 3, England I 1

Semi-finals:

Sweden I 3, England II 0

Sweden II 3, Italy 2

Final:

SWEDEN I 3, Sweden II 0

GIRLS

Round 1:

England II 3, Norway 0

Sweden 3, England II 0

Belgium 3, Scotland 1

Semi-finals:

Sweden 3, Belgium 0

England I 3, England III 0

Final:

ENGLAND I 3, Sweden 1

Calendar of future Tournaments

The following dates were approved in Rotterdam:—

1972—

Sept. 21/23—Czechoslovakia Junior Championships—Bratislava

Oct. 6/8—Belgian Open

Nov. 23/26—Scandinavian Open—Boros

Dec. 3/5—French Open—Paris

Dec. 8/11—Austrian Open—Innsbruck 1973—

Jan. 27/29—Czechoslovakia Open—Prague

Feb. 2/4—Democratic German Invitation—Gera

Feb. 9/10—Irish Open—Dublin

Feb. 17/18 Classification Tournament—Boblingen

Feb. 20/25—Student World Championships—Hanover

Mar. 1/3—English Open—Brighton

Mar. 5/8—Soviet Union Invitation—Ukraine

Mar. 9/10—Scottish Open—Edinburgh

Mar. 23/25—Swiss Open—Detikon

Mar. 26/Apr. 1—The 2nd Commonwealth Championships—Cardiff.

Apr. 5/15—WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS—Sarajevo

Apr. 21/23—German Junir Open—Bunde

May 5/8—Soviet Union Junior Open

Aug. EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS—Athens

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Options confirmed at Rotterdam were:—

1972—Vejle, Denmark (Aug. 7-12)

1973—Greece

1974—Scotland relinquished its option and Federal Germany took over

1975—France relinquished

1976—Austria

1977—France to coincide with their 50th Anniversary

ESSEX NOTES

by Alan Shepherd

TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY

During the first eight days of April, Essex Officials and Captain Bobby Stevens aged many years as they canvassed the availability of their stars Chester Barnes and Trevor Taylor for the two vital matches against Yorkshire and Sussex. In the event Chester played in neither but Trevor appeared in both.

At Pontefract, before a large crowd, a very exciting match just went in our favour, a near miraculous men's doubles triumph by Bobby Stevens/David Brown over Denis Neale/Alan Hyles being the main factor. At 4-3 to Essex, David Brown faced Nicky Jarvis and only got home on his sixth match point!

An unusual move by Yorkshire had earlier pitted the precocious talents of 14-year-old Judith Walker against the vastly experienced Shelagh Hession. The expected miracle never looked like coming off. England No. 1 Neale looked the part in his clash with England No. 2 Taylor but this was a fine encounter.

A week of friended phone calls between London, Gloucester and Durham followed, and the release of Trevor Taylor from his England training camp was obtained.

Despite this the position was still uncertain on the Friday night but eventually Trevor rang to say he was coming. He limped into the hall on the Saturday and told us he was injured, but could manage the two singles!

Sussex put up a tremendous fight—they knew, as we did, that only a victory would give us the championship. Judy Williams typified the Sussex spirit in the expedite extravaganza she and her mate Shelagh Hession put on—won by Judy 12, -12, 22! Sixteen-year-old Ian Horsham played magnificently on his debut to beat Sammy Ogunipde, then had the nerve to go on at 4-4 and clinch the Championship by beating John Clarke in straight games.

The team spirit of Essex, beset all season by domestic problems and the absence in all but one match of Chester Barnes, was quite tremendous in these last two matches, helped, I am sure, by the band of vociferous supporters who came to cheer them on.

One must single out skipper Bobby Stevens for his efforts—he is believed to be even older than Alan Lindsay—but Trevor Taylor, David Brown, Shelagh Hession and Ian Horsham put in great efforts and we are extremely proud of them all.

ANGLO-DUTCH

The St. Aloysius Club of Graauw, situated in the Zeeland district of Holland, is desirous of arranging friendly matches, preferably in the London area, during the second week in August.

Spearheaded by W. Dumez, a junior international, the Dutch club also have in their ranks two other 15-year-olds in P. Matthijsen and P. v. Laere as well as a 12-year-old girl, the best in her age group in the Netherlands.

Any club wishing to engage the Dutch tourists are requested to write Mr. R. van Dijk, Jan Grewenstraat 2, Tilburg, Holland.



A smiling Lancashire County Match Secretary, Gordon Campbell, shakes hands with women's singles champion, Mrs. C. Duffy, at the Finals of the Wigan and District T.T. League championships. Boys' singles winner, B. Sharrock, is on the extreme left with men's singles champion, Philip Riley, next in line.

Photo by courtesy of Lancashire Evening Post.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by GEORGE R. YATES

PRESTON GUILD TOURNAMENT

Eight events, comprising MS, WS, MD, WD, JBS, JGS, VS and an U-13 singles (combining both boys and girls), will make up the Preston Guild Tournament (incorporating the 2nd Lancashire closed championships) to be run at the Harris Technical College, Corporation Street, Preston on Saturday, Sept. 2/72 commencing at 9 a.m.

Preston Corporation will put up for competition a Preston Guild Challenge Trophy, and other prizes, in addition to cash awards, will be sponsored by local sports traders. Entry forms are now obtainable from the Organising Secretary, Mr. C. G. Stokes, "Burn Lea", 20 St. David's Road South, St. Annes-on-Sea, FY8 1TJ. (Phone: St. Annes 26524) and it will be as well to note the closing date which is Friday, August 18. The draw will take place at Bamber Bridge on Thursday, August 24.

Winding up their fixtures with wins over Preston (6-4) and Mid-Cheshire (7-3) enabled Bolton to retain their Division 1 championship title of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, a feat they have now accomplished in six of the last eight seasons.

Ace veteran Derek Schofield played a prominent part in both matches being undefeated in all six singles engagements including victories over junior internationals Donald Parker (-15, 19, 3) and Brian Johns (-15, 14, 9) of Preston and Mid-Cheshire respectively.

Brian Mitchell had four wins out of six, losing to Parker and Johns, whilst Colin Lang did his part by beating Preston's Bary Crook and Mid-Cheshire's Ian Johns and Alec Hough. Final table:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Ts
Bolton	7	6	1	0	44	26	13	
Preston	7	4	1	2	40	30	9	
Manchester	7	3	2	2	43	27	8	
Liverpool	7	3	1	3	33	37	7	
Mid-Ches.	7	3	1	3	33	37	7	
Stockport	7	3	0	4	38	32	6	
Blackpool	7	2	2	3	31	39	6	
Wirral	7	0	0	7	18	52	0	

Bolton's junior team also fulfilled their ambitions when they won the

Jack Livingstone Memorial Trophy by beating Lancaster and Morecambe (6-4), Wirral (7-3) and Stockport (9-1). Philip Riley was the Bolton League's star player, his only loss being to John McNee, Wirral's Scottish junior international. Final table:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Ts
Bolton	3	3	0	0	22	8	6	
Lancaster & M.	3	1	1	1	16	14	3	
Stockport	3	0	2	1	11	19	2	
Wirral	3	0	1	2	11	19	1	

Brian Parkinson won the men's singles title in the Blackpool League's closed championships with a comfortable win over Tony Chandler, shock victor over both Donald Parker and Gordon Beardsworth.

Bolton registered inter-league players Philip Riley and Ron Durose, became men's singles champions of the Wigan and Bury Leagues respectively and Bob Kelly came out on top of the m.s. event in the Farnworth championships.

At Bolton, Derek Schofield completed a highly successful season with final victory over Nigel Eckersley. Eckersley was also the losing men's singles finalist in the Liverpool closed, an event won by Mike Johns.

One event which failed to get off the ground was the A.G.M. of the Lancashire County Coaching Committee scheduled to take place at Blackburn Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, May 14. Only chairman John O'Sullivan and acting secretary Harold Myers turned up despite every league in the county being notified and every one of the 60-odd registered coaches within the County having been personally informed.

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Walter Reeves

CHESTERFIELD ANTI-LOOPED

Derby, inspired by a treble from anti-loop batsman Doug Foulds, brought off a shock 7-3 win over Chesterfield who turned out at strength when represented by John Wallhead, Tony Hunt and Colin Deaton. Both Chris Francis and F. O'Sullivan won two apiece but, for Deaton, it was a decided off night for he was without success.

A further upset occurred in the

Chesterfield championships when junior Neil Marples beat Eric Hall the current County champion. Young Marples is playing well at the moment having recently won the Matlock men's singles title with victory over R. Radford in the final.

Derbyshire's juniors have been active on the tournament circuit with Mandy Mellor the beaten finalist in the East of England women's singles but victorious in the doubles with Sandra Walters. Mandy also won the U-15 girls' singles at Slough.

In more parochial fields, Mandy and her sister Lindsey won the Derbyshire Schools' individual titles in the U-15 and U-13 events respectively.

Local businessman, Mike Yallop, continues to be of invaluable assistance to the County's juniors and transported a group to Slough who, apart from Mandy Mellor, managed to give a good account of themselves.

Derby, as a result of their victory over Chesterfield, piped the spire town for the first division title of the County League. Alfreton II triumphed in Div. 2 and Chesterfield have had matters all their own way to win the Junior Division.

Tournament Scheduling—2

by COLIN CLEMETT

Hon. Sec. N.U.R.C.

Last month's article having outlined some of the considerations governing the order of events in a tournament, this month's subject is the scheduling of matches within individual events.

In preparing a schedule the two main objects are to make the fullest possible use of the time and tables available and to ensure that competitors have adequate, but not excessive rest periods between successive matches. Ideally, one would like to have every table in use for matches for the whole of the playing time, but this is impossible in a knockout type of competition in which the number of matches halves with each round.

As a rough guide, it is rarely possible to attain more than about two-thirds of the theoretical maximum capacity and in many tournaments a much smaller proportion is achieved, especially where there is a number of events for which the same players are eligible. In the following discussion the time allowed for a match is 15 minutes, which is a reasonable planning figure for a best-of-three games event.

It is assumed also that no player should be required to play sooner than 15 minutes after the scheduled end of his previous match, or to wait more than 45 minutes from that time for his next match in the same event. These times are quite arbitrary, and may be different in particular circumstances, but are suggested, once again, as a reasonable basis for planning.

Having set limits on the length of rest periods the next objective should be to make them as even as possible and as similar as possible for players at the same stage of the event. This implies scheduling all the matches

in a round for the same time, but such an ideal arrangement cannot be achieved until the number of matches does not exceed the number of tables.

Before this stage is reached, the matches in each round should be scheduled systematically so that logical sections of each round are played at the same time. As an example, with an entry of 64 and 8 tables, it would be sensible to play all of the first round matches in groups of 8, starting from the top of the draw. The second round could then be played in similar order in two groups of 8. In the third round, when 8 more matches are to be played, the second group of 4 cannot be played immediately as this would allow the contestants no rest period, and a choice has to be made whether to play two successive groups of 4 matches or to delay all 8 matches for, say, one 15 minute period.

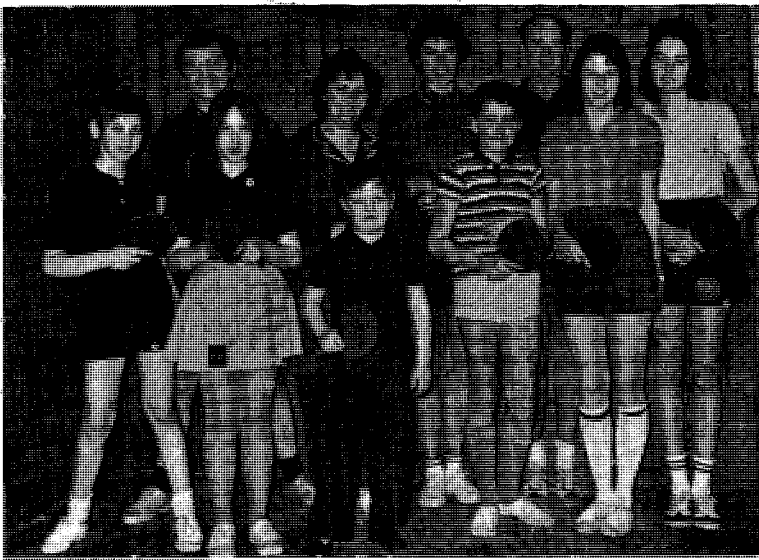
The choice depends on what other matches are to be played, from another event, but it is preferable not to try to fill up every available space as this will prevent any delays being retrieved. The exact way in which events are overlapped, to keep all the tables in use, varies for every tournament and it is impracticable to try to give precise rules. As a general principle, it is best to avoid complicated interleaving of different events and no gap should be introduced between successive rounds until the requirement for rest periods makes it necessary.

In the example given above, the next event should certainly not be started before the completion of the second round matches and preferably not until the third round matches have been completed. Although this may make the schedule look less efficient, in practice the simplification due to the separation of events and the smaller number of players needed at a given stage of the tournament could easily lead to a saving of time by easing the problems of management.

This principle of simplicity can be applied also to first round matches, where the number is usually less than the total for a full round. Where there are, say, 43 competitors, so that there must be 11 matches in the first round, it is tempting to schedule 8 of these matches at one time and to try to fit in the remaining three at late stages of the preceding event.

This rarely saves any time and certainly makes some competitors wait much longer than others for their next match, and a better arrangement is to schedule the 6 matches from one half followed by the 5 from the other half.

In conclusion, it should be remembered that the schedule is a basic plan for running a tournament, and not an inflexible timetable. However good the schedule, something will happen to disrupt it and the responsibility of the Referee is firstly to ensure that the basic plan is sound and then to adapt it, when necessary, to overcome the inevitable difficulties as they arise. The better the initial planning the easier his task will be and, although these two articles have merely touched on the principles of scheduling, it is hoped that they have at least indicated the approach to the planning of tournaments which experience has shown to be the most effective.



'FAMILY AT WAR'

At their home, in Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, the Inch family entertained the List family of Bury St. Edmunds over Easter

Purpose of the visit was to play a match against the Durham National Councillor's family following the challenge which was issued in this magazine a few months ago.

Visits to Durham Cathedral and Castle, Hadrian's Wall, Marsden Grotto and Sunderland's famous night club 'La Strada' made for a very full and enjoyable weekend which also took in attendance at the Durham County Closed at Hartlepool.

Incidentally, the List family won the match 12 sets to 4!

Pictured in the Inch domicile (from l. to r.):— Geoffrey (11), Julie (13) and John (7) with Fred and Lena Inch behind. Stephen (11), Doreen (16) and Janet (19) with Maud and Allen List behind.

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Victor Barna

A memorial service for Victor Barna took place on Saturday, April 29, at the Church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, London when the Reverend Dewi Morgan officiated.

The lesson was read by Charles Wyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., and the following address was given by H. Roy Evans, President of the I.T.T.F.:

"Dear friends of Victor!

Most men do not choose their time or place to leave us. Death comes often when life is sweetest. For Victor it came at the zenith of a successful career. It came in a far away place, far from the England that had become so much part of his life. He was not alone, for Susy was there, but they were together remote from the comfort of their home in Pinner.

But this was an International Man! He did not belong only to Hungary, the land of his birth, nor to England, the land of his adoption. Even Susy shared him with the World.

Maybe, then, the man's own destiny shaped his end in far off Peru, doing, right to that end, and for the interests of table tennis, the job he had started years ago as the World's best player.

Table Tennis and Victor Barna have been and always will be synonymous. Ours is not a major sport, but it is world-wide, and it has an organisation second to none. Much of the speed and success of its spread have been due to Victor's missionary work. At a time when enthusiasts were finding it hard to convince a sceptical public that this was a true sport, Victor and his compatriots, Bellak and Szabados, stormed around the world, displaying an artistry undreamed of in a game that had suffered from the indignity of its earlier name of Ping Pong.

Those of us who worked in it in those days found in Victor Barna great inspiration—the epitome of all that was best in this Cinderella sport, finding a sense of presentation, immaculate at every instance, that sold the game to unbelieving millions.

Those who never saw him play discovered a legend, symbolising brilliant achievement in quality and quantity, symbolising a deep involvement in the technique of the game, and in the provision of equipment worthy of it. Victor gave the same dedication to the promotion of his equipment as he had done in building an image of himself, striving for that perfection in the tools of his trade that he had brought to the trade itself.

His interest lay beyond making this a viable commercial proposition. He fervently believed that Barna equipment helped people to play better, and it was in the furthering of this belief that he travelled the world until ill-health gave way to death.

We sincerely wish great strength and courage for Susy, and pray for her continued interest in a world in which she was so proud of her husband.

We who were privileged to call him friend need no reminders. Wherever we meet in table tennis our thoughts will turn to the man who so adorned

our game that he has become an immortal. We who have some authority hereby pledge our help to his beloved Swaythling Club to ensure that in a tangible form there shall remain always in table tennis a memorial to that true sportsman—Victor Barna".

Apart from the Officers, members of the Management Committee and National Council of the E.T.T.A., representatives of County and Local Table Tennis Associations and of Australia, France, Ireland, Japan, Jersey, Scotland, Sweden and Wales were among the large congregation.

Extracted from letters of condolence received by Victor's widow, Suzy, are the following passages:—

"Such fine men are rare. Despite his great achievements he was so modest that you would never suppose he was a household name the world over".—The Rt. Hon. Woodrow Wyatt.

"Victor was a fine man. He will be terribly missed, by so many people, in so many places". — Harry Carpenter.

"I should like you to know how much I, and anyone who had a true regard for sport and a fine man and gentleman, in any country, will miss Victor. My friendship with him dates back to long before the war when he revolutionised table tennis with Bellak and Szabados. Before that it had been quite a hole-and-corner affair but with Victor's skill and wonderful personality it turned into a major sport—and entertainment. Since his prime it has never meant so much to Britain".—Peter Wilson, Daily Mirror.

MEMORIAL BOOKLET

An appeal is hereby made to our members and overseas friends for any letters, documents or reports and early photographs of Victor which could be considered for inclusion in the production of a Victor Barna "Memorial" booklet. These should be addressed to me, the Editor, at 43 Knowsley Road, Bolton BL1 6JH.

HUNTINGDON & PETERBRO' NOTES

by David Obee

It was only by the narrowest of margins, 6-4, that the senior county team lost its last match, away to Norfolk at Thetford. Promotion seeking Norfolk were made to fight all the way for this win in a match of changing fortunes and the visitors, without No. 1 Alan Albon, can be pleased with their performance.

Syd Burgess and Jim Sizer playing in their first county match each recorded a singles win whilst Shelley Holland partnered Barbara Webb to a women's doubles success and made it a double in the mixed with David Obee. Congratulations are due to the Thetford League for their staging of this match.

On the junior front several of the most promising players, notably Tim Speller, continue to make their presence felt. On the tournament scene Peterborough's Greg Baker reached his third successive 'open' semi-final at Slough. This was in the U-11 section from an entry of around the 30 mark, and follows similar performances at the Newbury and Burford Opens.

From the Editor's Postbag

ACTION DEMANDED

As Essex supporters of some years standing we would like, through your columns, to express our feelings and to state some facts (as we understand them) on the subject of the non-appearance of Chester Barnes in the match against Yorkshire on 1st April at Pontefract.

To start, it should be said that the Dagenham League and the Barking League persuaded several supporters to accompany the team on the coach trip (in the case of the Dagenham League four of the party were youngsters who had never before attended a County Match), and this "selling" of the trip naturally included the "star attraction" Denis Neale versus Chester Barnes.

Upon assembly on the morning of the match—no Barnes! a rapid 'phone call to his home by the team captain and another official drew forth the explanation that his Grandmother was ill and that as no one else was available he had to wait for the doctor. In view of this it was suggested that the coach call at the Barnes residence but this offer was turned down and it was then agreed that the player should make his own way to Pontefract joining the rest of the squad there.

In an endeavour to ensure his appearance, attempts were made to contact the player again by 'phone from Newport Pagnell and again from Nottingham, one of the calls from Nottingham was answered by the allegedly sick Grandmother who assured the caller that all was well with her considering her age, the elusive Barnes was not in but his aged relative had no idea if he was due to travel to Yorkshire, but despite this, with some hope still left, the party continued its journey.

Came the time due for the start of the match, still no Barnes! Therefore hurried team changes 1: Trevor Taylor, 2: David Brown (not fit following three days without food due to gastro enteritis), 3: Bobby Stevens, 4: Shelagh Hession. The four players plus the most important factor "TEAM SPIRIT" plus the small band of supporters finally triumphed, as can be read elsewhere in this magazine, but what a disappointment to those people who were "conned", yet again, into believing that Barnes, the biggest name in English table tennis, would play.

After the match, reports were received that Barnes had made 'phone calls, prior to those to him by the captain, claiming not to know where the coach was picking up and that it was raining therefore he would not play. It was also reported that later the same day he was seen at a social event in East London.

The behaviour of this player on this, and on other occasions must be dealt with by the County NOW. He should be barred from playing in any event under the County Association's jurisdiction (and even in the County at all), for not only has he been

guilty of letting down a team and giving a bad impression to prospective new players and spectators but also he has apparently turned against the County (and certain individuals) who have always supported him in his clashes with authority in the past.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. KEN WALSBY,
Mr. DAVE PHILLIPS,
Mrs. MARIAN PHILLIPS.

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The action taken by Essex T.T.A. as a result of Barnes' failure to turn up for the match at Pontefract has been to ban the player for one year from playing table tennis which comes under the jurisdiction of the County. Ed.

TWO SIDES TO COIN

Commenting on the points raised by Brian Kean in last month's Cheshire Notes. Like so many things that are written they are true only because nobody sees the other side of the coin.

It was a great pity that Stockport did not fulfil their Wilmott Cup fixture, against North Yorkshire. The inter-league secretary spent a great deal of time and money on 'phone calls trying to arrange this match, during the period of the power cuts, and only after a lot of hard work did matters ever reach a stage when it could be played. The impression Mr. Kean gives is that upon receiving the fixture Stockport decided not to play which is far from true.

Unfortunately, after a lot of 'phone calls, mainly at midnight, and a date agreed, the inter-league secretary was unable to field a side of the ability he thought adequate for the occasion and with only hours in which to reach a decision he forfeited the match.

Whether he should have taken a weak side and subjected the opposition to a night of boredom is open for discussion and personal opinion.

With regard to his criticism that committeemen don't go to watch. This to a point may be true as most are family men and also play table tennis themselves. They give up time for committee work and you cannot expect everything though perhaps in their defence I could point out that ten of them gave up their Sunday to travel to the National Finals in Birmingham to support the women's team!

Finally, I agree that the Closed Championships were called off too early though as things turned out the Armoury where they would have been held was not available.

The facts that Brian Kean reported were correct but it was the omission of what I have said and more which we have both left unsaid that shows you should not believe all you read.

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REASON OBVIOUS

Just a few comments on our trip to Birmingham in support of the East London table tennis team engaged in the Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Wilmott Cup final.

Most top players keep complaining that the sport gets little support and limited coverage in the newspapers. This is true, I must agree, but after watching Denis Neale and his team, I am afraid I can see the reason why we will get no improvement.

As the No. 1 player in this country, he should show, at least, a little showmanship and enjoyment and not play as if it were all a big bore.

At least Bobby Stevens, Stuart Gibbs and David Brown acknowledged the fans who paid and travelled to see them and tried to make the match an occasion to remember.

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ALSO A TENNIS PLAYER

Did you know Victor Barna was a tennis player? I give you below extracts of accounts which appeared in the local paper in 1940 under the heading "Lawn Tennis" taken from my scrapbook.

LOWTHER L. T. C. (BARNES)

To the growing list of new members this season were added last week the names of Victor Barna, the world-renowned table tennis player, and Mrs. Barna. The former has given exhibitions in India, Australia and many other parts of the world. He was champion of the world for five years between 1931 and 1936 and is without doubt the finest exponent of table tennis that has ever been seen.

At home last Saturday the men's team proved too strong for a Metropolitan Police side, the result being 9-0. Victor Barna, played in his very first lawn tennis team match and partnered at third pair with Geoffrey Wilcox for the home side, he put up a remarkably good performance. Other members of the Lowther side were A. Robertson and K. Woodard and A. Bersey and L. Mason.

Last Saturday's return match at Imber Court, East Molesey, against the Met. Police, was unfinished at two events on account of delay caused by an air raid. G. Wilcox and L. Mason, the visitors' first pair, had beaten the 1st and 2nd couples in straight sets whilst R. White and W. Mann had secured two wins for the Police at the expense of J. Kurzman and K. Woodard and V. Barna and G. Oakley.

Barna's partner played for us in the Davis Cup after the War.

K. E. WOODARD

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VOTE OF THANKS

Returned unopposed for a further term in office Charles Wyles (Chairman), George Yates (Deputy Chairman) and Tom Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) hereby tender their thanks for the vote of confidence as expressed by member leagues and counties of the E.T.T.A.

SUSSEX NOTES

by ROBIN PIERCE

Established stars in Derbyshire had better watch out! Brighton's No. 3 player, 21-year-old Arthur Downer, will be after your county titles next season and will be looking for a place in the county side.

Following his men's singles wins in the Eastbourne and Brighton 'closed' championships, Arthur has made the move to Derby with his wife, Carol, herself a high ranker amongst the Sussex women. The Downers have just had an addition to the family, Julie Carol, but she won't be holding a bat for a year or two.

Arthur, in fact, has matured as a match player over the season. He shattered Crawley's Andy Meads 21-11, 22-20, 21-15 in retaining the Brighton title. Over at Eastbourne his final victim was Jim Barry. Another straight win for Downer was recorded, 18, 18, 20.

Sussex junior champion, 15-year-old Christine Randall, put up a brave show in the Brighton tournament by taking a game from County No. 2, Suzanna Kavallierou. No story book ending, however, Sue's greater experience cut the Randall game to pieces in the decider.

With Eastbourne claiming four of the top five Sussex girls it was little wonder that the outstanding play in their championships came in the women's singles.

Diane Gard, perhaps smarting at being ignored by the county selectors, swept through the field hitting harder than ever. Her final opponent was P.E. student, Linda Woodcock.

After snatching the first game at 22-20 there was no holding Miss Gard. She threw caution to the winds, with success this time, and poor Linda could only salvage 11 points in the second game.

Winner of the Crawley men's singles was John Clarke. He was very much on top throughout the event and his victory must have made up a little for his disappointment in the Sussex 'Closed'.

Ian Horsham, winning both his singles, put paid to any hopes that Sussex had of shocking Essex in the premier county championships fixture.

Whatever the outcome of the outstanding Division 2 (South) CTC fixture, it must be relegation for Sussex who have had a disappointing season in this grade.

Winners of the Sussex Inter-Club championship were Shoreham. Their foursome of Robin Stace, Andy Meads, Adrian Mendelson and myself had to fight hard before overcoming Eastbourne Y.M.C.A. and Worthing's Old Azurians.

There are so many talented youngsters in Crawley that it would have been a major upset had Gossops Foresters not taken the junior crown.

Disappointment for the county juniors who failed to make the Premier in the junior play-offs. Better luck next year.

Had the juniors won through Bernard Rowley had high hopes of a second junior team.

But Sussex finances, in these days of rampant inflation, look like needing a boost and there are fears that even the existing activities are in danger unless the rank and file agree to fee increases at the A.G.M.

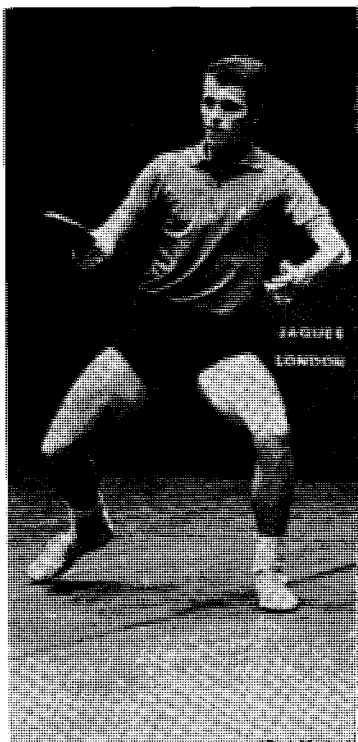
EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Memorable Victory

by Albert Shipley

In the magnificent setting of the Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, on the evening of Monday, 24th April, England's team scored a memorable 4-3 victory over Hungary to achieve a parity in sets with France at the foot of the European League's Premier Division table.

Under the League's rules, the relegation issue is decided on games, then points, average and as we finished just one game ahead of the French our team retained their status, but only just!



Istvan Jonyer, a Neale victim at Southend.

Photo by Tony Ross

Denis Neale laid the foundations of the victory by winning both his singles over Börzsei and Jonyer and, in the latter case, his win by two straight games proved invaluable. Jill Hammersley also turned up trumps with a win over Beatrix Kishazi in which she lost the first game -7 and then proceeded to carry out Captain Bryan Merrett's instructions to wait for the opportunity to loop and kill.

Perhaps the most exciting set of the evening was the Men's doubles, in which Neale and Trevor Taylor clinched it at 23/21 in the third, and hindsight made such a score line even more hair raising.

One of the interesting features of the match at Southend was the use of Fablon which was stuck down over a slippery dance floor and provided almost the best conditions possible for an international match.

Results:—

Neale bt Börzsei -15, 15, 14.
Taylor lost to Jonyer 9, -16, -15.
Hammersley bt Kishazi -7, 17, 12.

Neale/Taylor bt Jonyer/Gergely -16, 19, 21.

Neale/Mathews lost to Jonyer/Magos -17, 16, -14.

Neale bt Jonyer 14, 17.

Taylor lost to Börzsei -17, -13.

FRIENDLY

The following evening an England team of Chester Barnes, Alan Hydes, Karenza Mathews and Linda Howard lost to the Hungarians at the 'Y' Sports Centre in Maidstone, Kent by a score of 7-1. Unfortunately, Chester Barnes was lacking in match practice and was not his usual sharp self, either on or off the table, and he lost both his singles quite easily.

Although Alan Hydes was defeated twice, he gave his usual 100% effort and in the final set of the evening, against Börzsei, the crowd were willing him to win the second game just to see a third of the brand of table tennis being served.

Our solitary victory came from the excellent Mixed Doubles combination of Barnes and Mathews with a two straight win over the defenders, Börzsei and Kishazi.

Linda Howard found the international arena a hard school when faced with someone as relentless in defence as Kishazi but I am sure the experience will not be wasted. Karenza Mathews also found the going tough against this dour defender and although she won the first game, Kishazi gave no quarter from then on and won the next two, both at a score of 21-14.

It was a pity that these matches had to come so soon after the European Championships for both teams were somewhat jaded and would have preferred a break after their ten days in Rotterdam.

Results:—

Barnes lost to Börzsei -17, -14.

Hydes lost to Jonyer 18, -11, -11.

Howard lost to Kishazi -13, -8.

Barnes/Hydes lost to Jonyer/Gergely 15, -8, -17.

Barnes/Mathews bt Börzsei/Kishazi 17, 15.

Mathews lost to Kishazi 16, -14, -14.

Barnes lost to Jonyer -14, -19.

Hydes lost to Börzsei -17, -20.

SOMERSET NOTES

by L. J. Gosling

VICTORIOUS TWOSOMES

Thanks to two wins each by Tony Kinsey and Roger Morris, plus the mixed, Somerset divided the spoils in their final Division 2 West fixture away to Worcestershire. And, as undisputed champions, earned the right to contest the senior promotion challenge matches at Redditch.

In the Somerset Closed, it was nearly a clean sweep for two players, Kinsey and Barbara Bowles who, between them, captured all titles.

Kinsey took the men's singles, doubles (with R. Philpott) and mixed (with Miss Bowles) whilst Barbara added the women's singles and doubles (with Pat Beazer).

Under the auspices of Doreen Henderson, coaching goes on apace, the fruits of her labours being very evident in the Junior Closed when play reached a very good standard.

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Robin Lockwood

Berkshire juniors, in their last match of the season against Bucks at Hazlemere, had an early shock when 'A' grouper Gary Harding was defeated -15, 13, -16 by T. Clark. G. Hamilton then beat Brian Sweetzer -18, 10, 21 and Bucks were riding high. Trevor Fafinski started the fight back when he won a hard fought match against P. Trott, 22, -8, 21 and then Berkshire's Caroline Reeves and Karen Mashford proved to be far too strong for the opposition—the former winning her singles match 3 and 9! With the score standing 7-2 to Berkshire, Clark completed a nice double by beating Fafinski 18, 15. This win gave Berkshire 2nd place in the Junior South division—a very encouraging performance.

Now to the five Berkshire leagues. The Reading first division champions are Woodland 'A' with last year's champions Reading Post Office 'A' in 2nd place. The new champions were represented by Ray Harrison, Norman Byng and Pete Dolton whilst the runners-up team comprised Bert Foster, Dave Jacobs, Colin Finden and Eddie Cripps.

A.W.R.E Aldermaston 'A', represented by Berkshire No. 1 Bob Thornton, Bert Foster, Ron Wells and Dave Large, finished top of the heap in Newbury's Division 1. Bob ended the season with a 100% record! 2nd

place went to Thatcham Social Club 'A', who had pressed hard but had been beaten 6-4 by A.W.R.E. shortly before the end of the season. Duncan Campbell, Dave Wise and Richard Koslowski were the Thatcham team.

The season in Maidenhead has not yet ended, but the championship has already been decided. Maidenhead and Bray Eagles, represented by Richard and John Chester, Colin Dyke and Nicky Heaps are this year's 'top dogs'. The runners-up position will be won by either Legion Tigers or Legion Panthers.

In the premier division of the Bracknell League, Wokingham 'C' became champions when they drew their last match against Wokingham 'B'—who finished in 2nd place. The Wokingham 'C' team was Colin Finden, Graham Wright, Tony Griffin and Gordon Crutchfield, the 'B' team Eddie Cripps, John Creighton, John Burch and Ken Warrington. As in Maidenhead, the Didcot League programme has not yet been completed, but the probable champions are M.G. Abingdon, represented by Oxfordshire county players John Beasley, Clive Alcock and also Peter Benning and Ian Arnold. Last, but by no means least, M.G. had England-ranked Brian Burn to call on when needed. Likely runners-up are the team of Arthur Chilvers (Berkshire No. 2), Oxon county player David White and Dave Wingent, representing Marlborough Club Didcot.

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Personal Call . . .



by Phillip Reid

An interview with STELLAN BENGTTSSON

* Can I perhaps say a few words about Bengtsson first? He is a modest, quiet unassuming young man, well able to carry the mantle of World Champion. "Bill" Vint, Secretary of the I.T.T.F. and President of the E.T.T.A. told me 'Bengtsson has qualities which are as remarkable as they are admirable in one so young. He is a credit to the game'. They are remarks which I echo wholeheartedly.

PR ... When did you first start playing table tennis?

SB ... When I was about 10 or 11.

PR ... And when did you in fact play in local league play first?

SB ... I was 12 or 13. I thereupon gave up football, a sport I was quite keen on, and concentrated on table tennis.

PR ... And then things started to happen?

SB ... Yes, I joined Falkenburg BTK, a table tennis club, and I have played for them ever since.

PR ... Did you go to any training camps or anything like that?

SB ... I did. For three consecutive years I was sent to the big annual training camp, held in my home town of Falkenburg for a month. I also went to several one week camps.

PR ... When you first played for Falkenburg BTK first team can you remember who also played?

SB ... Karl Bernhardt and a player, who was no relation, but his name was . . . Stellan Bengtsson! It might sound unusual to you but both the surname and Christian name are popular names in Sweden.

PR ... When did you first play for Sweden?

SB ... I played for the Juniors in 1967 in Sweden and for the Seniors in 1968 in the Czech and Rumanian Opens.

PR ... Did you do well?

SB ... Terrible. I lost in the first round of both the Czech and Rumanian tournaments, I also played for Sweden in the European Youth

Championships in Vejle. I lost in the first round to a Polish player. In those days, of course I was never seeded—I wasn't good enough to be. So I had to play a good player very early on.

PR ... I remember seeing you win the Youth Singles at Teesside in 1970 without even dropping a game, after having previously been unbeaten in the team event. Previously Sweden had played in the Worlds at Munich in 1969, were you in the side?

SB ... I should have been but I broke my leg at school, so that was me out.

PR ... Can you think of any single factor which accounted for you improving to such an extent that you were able to beat all the World's best players in Nagoya?

SB ... I think the best thing that happened was when Stiga sent me to Japan for three months to be coached by Ogimura. I rate him the best coach in the World. He watches you every second, he sees everything you do and explains what is wrong and what needs doing. He made me speed up a lot and he made me hit a lot more.

PR ... Where were you ranked in the World before the tournament started?

SB ... Yes, tenth.

PR ... I believe you really attracted attention when you beat one of the Chinese players in the 3rd round?

SB ... Possibly. I played Li Chingkuang. He had beaten the World Champion Itoh 3 and 6 in the team event. He led me 14-8 in the fifth. I then played the ball back to him more slowly. I took it later and eased the pressure off. With the ball not coming through so fast he was less effective and I won 21-19.

PR ... Then who did you play?

SB ... Hasegawa. I had played him quite a lot in Japan and felt I had a good chance. Ogimura had coached Bo Persson and I how to beat this type of player.

PR ... And after that?

SB ... Jaroslav Kunz. I managed to win that three straight.

PR ... But then it was back to the East again?

SB ... Yes. I played Hsi En-Ting. I had played him four times previously and had lost every time. But now I was playing his serves better. When I won the first at 19, I was a bit more confident and when I took the second at the same score, I started to think—'If it gets to 19-all, you will win. It did—and I won again—21-19.

PR ... So you were in the final?

SB ... Yes, against Itoh who was playing in front of his own crowd.

PR ... Did you find this unsettling?

SB ... Not really. Once I'm out there I concentrate on every point, the crowd doesn't worry me.

PR ... How about the final?

SB ... Of course, I shall never forget that, in fact I can tell you the scores. I won the first 21-17, lost the second 19-21, then won the next two 13 and 10.

PR ... No doubt you had played Itoh before?

SB ... I had, but I had never thought I should be playing him in the final for the World Singles title.

PR ... What happened in the final?

SB ... Early in the third everything seemed to go for me. As the match wore on I began to think I couldn't miss and I played better I think.

PR ... It must be impossible to say how you felt when you had won?

SB ... I couldn't believe it. Me—World Singles Champion! There was noise everywhere. I was surrounded by Europeans. It was as though every European player felt they had won. When a player wins a tournament then of course all his team-mates are pleased, but in this win it seemed as though my team mates were . . . all Europe!

PR ... Do you play top players like Kjell Johansson very often?

SB ... As often as possible, but he lives 110 kilometers away (about 70 miles).

PR ... How much training do you do?

SB ... About three to four hours a day.

PR ... Do you work for a sports firm?

SB ... Yes, I am connected with Stiga.

PR ... What are your ambitions?

SB ... I want to carry on playing and improving for a while yet. I would like to stay at the top as long as Hans Alser. Then, when I feel I am not playing so well I would like to coach full-time.

PR ... Do you do any coaching at the moment?

SB ... A little in the schools.

PR ... Do you smoke or drink?

SB ... I don't smoke but I like a drink.

PR ... Apart from Sweden where do you enjoy playing most?

SB ... Japan. I like their tables and their conditions.

As I strolled back with Stellan to the Dome and Corn Exchange it struck me with what ease he had when answering questions. There was never any hesitation. I asked him whether he had ever thought about studying languages other than English but he said he hadn't given it a lot of thought. Reading English newspapers gave him no problems. As we walked into the Corn Exchange, Stellan was asked by the doorman whether he was a player. 'Yes, a little' he said as he, World Champion walked inconspicuously along to join his Swedish colleagues.

CHESHIRE NOTES

by Brian Kean

TRANSPENNINE SWITCH?

Tony Clayton to play for Cheshire! That is the exciting possibility for next season. The England and Yorkshire left-hander, unable to command a regular first team place for his native county, due to their embarrassment of top line stars, has made it quite clear that he is not satisfied with second division table tennis. Accordingly, with Cheshire now back with the 'elite', Tony has kindly availed himself for consideration next season.

Cheshire completed their first team fixtures by trekking over the Pennines to honour their re-arranged encounter with Yorkshire II but the absence of Mike Johns and Judy Heaps was too

much of a handicap and we were beaten 7-3. Undaunted the team headed back for home pastures and at Macclesfield held Derbyshire to a 5-all draw to obtain their passport to the Premier Division play-offs.

On the previous night, our Juniors travelled to Birmingham where they defeated Warwickshire 6-4. An outstanding performance by John McNee with two good wins, backed by one each from Simon Heaps and Brian Johns paved the way. A first ever win by Janice Green over Diane St. Ledger, plus victory in the mixed, secured the points and third place in the Junior Premier Division.

On conclusion of this season's county matches, I feel that the highly efficient manner in which Len Green has carried out his duties as County Match Sec. deserves a mention. Len has shown great enthusiasm in his first year in office and has been a great asset to the administration of the County. Whilst I am congratulating officials, thanks to retiring chairman Vince Hankey are in order. Regrettably Vin has moved to the Midlands due to business, and will be unable to stand for chairman next season. The Stockport League will be losing the services of Secretary, Frank Thomas—he could well succeed Vin as County chairman—and Match Sec., Alan Jeffrey who has held office for 15 years.

Macclesfield's championships, played on March 25th at Fence St. Girls' School produced some highly entertaining play. Top of the bill and show stopper was veteran Mike Tew who figured in 5 finals. He won the men's doubles, partnered by Cliff Benson, the mixed, with Jenny Whittaker, the veteran and first division title. The only defeat he suffered was in the men's singles final where the volatile Derek Abbott talked himself to the champions rostrum. The women's singles saw defending champion, Jenny Whittaker, lose a battle of nerves with Margaret Lea.

In the Manchester School's championship, Gatley YMCA had its fair share of success being represented in three finals. Christine Hancock sprung a surprise when she beat Gatley club-mate Helen Garrett in the U-15 girls' final. Helen rallied, however, and showed spirit to win the U-19's title. In the boy's event, the Gatley banner was carried to the final by Graham Jackson, the colours being lowered by the young Manchester YMCA star Peter Brugge.

Sale celebrated their 25th anniversary by staging their closed championships at the I.C.I. Social Club, Stretford. A large gathering saw Phil Bowen retain his men's singles title without difficulty when opposed by K. Israr who had accounted for No. 2 seed, Ian Walmsley in the quarters.

Marion Hayes had a similar easy passage in the women's singles final when opposed by the attractive Val Bowden. As expected the junior winner was the Cheshire starlet Graham Jackson.

Although the season is virtually at an end, we hope to remain active by running various types of top level coaching and training sessions. I expect them to be run on similar lines to last year with integration with Alan Ransome's juniors from Ormesby.

Details of these sessions can be had from me at my new address: 20 Ashsteads Road, Brooklands, Sale, Cheshire. Phone: 061-973 8744.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

NORFOLK, having drawn with Cambridgeshire II and then beaten Huntingdonshire 6-4, in a well-staged match at Thetford, became second in the Eastern Division of the National County Championships. It was somewhat disappointing that when, in their final match, they challenged leaders Essex III at Maldon, they should have gone down 1-9. It is some measure of Essex strength that their players on show were ranked 18, 19, 20 and 21, whereas Norfolk's were Nos. 1, 2 and 3!

Norwich League have held their Championships at the University of East Anglia. There was a record entry with eleven tables in use. The new champion is that seasoned player, Dave Hardy, of Sprowston, who twice previously had been a losing finalist. For Dave, and his equally seasoned bat (16 seasons, someone said, and with hard rubber now spin-resistant!) it was third time lucky. His sound defensive game until it is time for the kill makes him a very difficult player to beat, and Bob Mitcham never looked like winning. Mrs. Freda Burrell, of Norfolk House, did well to defeat the holder, Mrs. Valerie Hartman, in the Women's Singles.

Results:—

MS: D. Hardy bt R. Mitcham 18, 17;
WS: Mrs. F. Burrell bt Mrs. V. Hartman 13, 17;

JS: P. Burton bt A. Beard 23, 10;
VS: L. Holdom bt R. Morley, -12, 8, 10;

MD: D. Skedge/S. Francis bt D. Blanch/R. Mitcham, -20, 18, 18;

XD: A. Hipperson/Mrs. V. Hartman bt R. Mitcham/Miss B. Baker, 12, 12.

Norwich League Champions are once again Lad's Club, who also won the Readwin Team Cup.

The Norfolk Junior Championships were also held at the U.E.A. Yarmouth players won eight of the nine events, the exception, I hear, being Doug. Bennett's win for Norwich in the Under-13's. Again at the U.E.A. were the North Norfolk League Championships. Mike Shelley, of Wymondham, became champion when he beat Jim Defty of King's Lynn, 8 and 18 in the final. In the Men's Doubles, Gordon Wood/Charlie Armstrong (Wymondham) beat Jim Defty/Mike Futter (King's Lynn) 18, 17.

Yarmouth League champions are Iron Duke 'A' and at Dereham the supreme club is Hippos.

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

One of the major upsets of the season occurred when leaders of the men's division, Newbury, were beaten 6-3 at home, by Weymouth. A brilliant treble by Cyril Bush, supported by two wins from Cliff Diffeey and a solo by Dennis Applebee carried the men from Dorset to their triumph. It was Newbury's first defeat of the season and one which could cost them the championship.

A lot will now depend on Newbury's home match against Plymouth who, despite also having lost one

match, have the better sets average.

Taunton also sprung a surprise when they beat Newport 5-4 at home, thanks to a good maximum by John Phillott. This reverse has virtually ended Newport's chances of staying with the leaders, more especially as they still have to receive Plymouth.

As a follow-up to their victory over Newbury, Weymouth accounted for Weston 5-4 but the star performer in this encounter was young Paul Drew with a treble. Weymouth also beat Swindon 5-4 despite a treble against them by Tony Wolff.

Away to Taunton, Swindon won 7-2 with Wolff once more unbeaten, as was Harrison. Plymouth had a comfortable 8-1 home win against Weymouth II. Weston had a hard struggle with Swindon II whose B. Hey provided the stumbling block before the Somerset team got home 5-4.

Following their surprise defeat at Taunton, Newport gave an improved performance to beat Exeter 6-3. Both teams were forced to make last minute changes with Andrew Evans making his debut for the Welsh county side. Mike Rattue was an absentee for Exeter in whose stead Kevyn Rice played.

Certainly Evans proved an efficient deputy, beating Stone and Rice, to support the two wins obtained by both John Bloomer and Tony Watkins.

In the *Women's section* Newbury are still unbeaten and maintain their leadership. At home to Weymouth, the Berkshire trio won 7-2 with young Joyce Taylor a treble winner including a commendable victory over Jenny Vass.

Newbury also had a 9-0 away win over Newport with Caroline Reeves giving an impressive display. Betty Jones returned to Newport's team for this match after a 2 years absence.

Devizes had a good 7-2 home win over Bristol with Alison Boyce securing a maximum.

Leading Positions:—

Men—	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Newbury	7	6	1	44	19	12
Weymouth	8	6	2	39	33	12
Plymouth	6	5	1	42	12	10
Newport	7	5	2	40	23	10

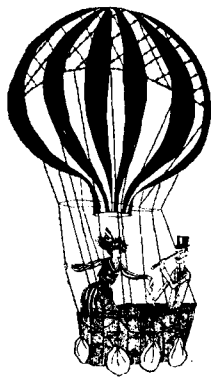
Women—	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Newbury	6	6	0	45	9	12
Exeter	6	5	1	34	20	10
Devizes	6	4	2	32	22	8
Plymouth	6	3	3	29	25	6

Despite the power cuts and the resultant upset of fixtures, it has been another good season for the League and I would like to thank all secretaries for their wholehearted cooperation whilst looking forward to renewing acquaintances at the AGM in June at Bristol.

Applications for next season should be addressed to me at 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon. (Phone 71964) and this invitation applies to any would be newcomers who I would be pleased to give all the necessary details.

Matches are played on a home and away basis in alternate seasons in both the Men's and Women's divisions. We would also like to run a junior section for players under 17 on July 1/72 and leagues are cordially invited to join. If sufficient entries are forthcoming both a boys and a girls section could be formed for next season in the Western League.

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County Championships

LEADING INDIVIDUAL

AVERAGES 1971-72

Qualifications: 2 matches and average of 50% (Premier Division) or 60% (all other divisions).

PREMIER

	P	W	%
D. Neale (Yks)	12	12	100
T. Taylor (Ex)	12	11	92
A. Hydes (Yks)	8	7	87
N. Jarvis (Yks)	12	10	83
M. Sugden (Mx)	10	8	80
O. Haslam (Mx)	14	11	79
A. Clayton (Yks)	8	6	75
P. Williams (Sx)	4	3	75
C. Warren (Sy)	14	9	64
E. Coster (Mx)	8	5	63
D. Brown (Ex)	14	8	57
R. Chandler (Sx)	14	8	57
R. Bishop (Gn)	8	4	50
A. Lindsay (Mx)	8	4	50
Mrs. K. Mathews (Mx)	5	5	100
Miss L. Howard (Sy)	3	3	100
Miss S. Lisle (La)	2	2	100
Miss S. Hession (Ex)	5	4	80
Miss J. Williams (Sx)	6	4	67
Mrs. B. Bird (Ke)	7	4	57
Miss L. Bashford (Yks)	2	1	50

2 SOUTH

	P	W	%
J. Clarke (Sx)	4	4	100
E. Coster (Mx)	4	4	100
D. Johnson (Ex)	6	5	83
I. Robertson (Ex)	10	8	80
D. Wellsman (Sy)	4	3	75
R. Yule (Mx)	4	3	75
L. Landry (Mx)	6	4	67
B. Meisel (Ke)	6	4	67
K. Beamish (Ex)	8	5	63
A. Mitchell (Ke)	8	5	63
P. Shirley (Bu)	8	5	63
D. Whittaker (Ke)	8	5	63
P. Beck (Sy)	10	6	60
Mrs. J. Hammersley (Bu)	5	5	100
Mrs. J. Ellis (Ke)	5	4	80

2 NORTH

	P	W	%
A. Ransome (Yks)	12	12	100
M. Johns (Ch)	8	8	100
B. Kean (Ch)	10	9	90
J. Walker (Yks)	10	8	80
C. Judson (Li)	8	6	75
J. Hanson (Nd)	4	3	75
N. Eckersley (Ch)	6	4	67
D. Foulds (Dy)	6	4	67
N. Fulstow (Yks)	6	4	67
Mrs. S. Walters (Dy)	5	5	100
Miss J. Heaps (Ch)	3	3	100
Miss L. Sutton (Yks)	3	3	100
Miss J. White (Li)	4	3	75

2 MIDLAND

	P	W	%
R. Gunnion (Wk)	6	6	100
P. Hirst (Ca)	4	4	100
R. Cooper (Wk)	12	11	92
D. Munt (Wk)	12	11	92
P. Randell (Le)	12	11	92
B. Burn (Wk)	6	5	83
G. Warwick (St)	10	8	80
C. Jacques (Le)	12	8	67
M. Newman (Le)	6	4	67
B. Keates (St.)	8	5	63
P. Taylor (Bd)	8	5	63
Miss J. Cornock (Wk)	4	3	75
Mrs. B. Hammond (Bd)	6	4	67
Mrs. J. Golding (Gs)	6	4	67
Miss K. Rogers (Le)	3	2	67

2 WEST

	P	W	%
R. Bishop (Gn)	4	4	100
R. Morris (So)	12	11	92
A. Kinsey (So)	10	9	90
J. Bassett (Co)	10	8	80
M. Rattue (Dv)	12	8	67
J. Bell (Wo)	6	4	67
M. Owen (Gn)	6	4	67

	P	W	%
S. Davies (Gn)	8	5	63
J. Heathcote (Wo)	8	5	63
D. Baddeley (Wo)	10	6	60
R. Smith (Wi)	10	6	60

Miss P. Mortimer (Dv)	6	5	83
Mrs. J. Vass (Do)	6	5	83
Mrs. J. Lloyd (Wo)	6	4	67

SOUTHERN

	P	W	%
G. Harding (Bk)	8	8	100
R. Thornton (Bk)	8	7	88
D. Campbell (Bk)	6	5	83
T. Bruce (Ha)	8	6	75
P. Crane (Ha)	4	3	75
A. Davies (Ox)	4	3	75
R. Morris (He)	6	4	67
Miss B. Peters (He)	2	2	100
Miss J. Taylor (Bk)	4	3	75

NORTHERN

	P	W	%
W. Allanson (La)	4	4	100
B. Mitchell (La)	4	4	100
P. Bowen (La)	8	7	88
J. Keogh (La)	10	8	80
T. Bull (Ng)	4	3	75
P. Edon (Du)	4	3	75
A. Warents (Nd)	4	3	75
J. Ellis (Ng)	10	7	70
D. Marples (Dy)	10	7	70
P. Spencer (Ng)	8	5	63
D. Foulds (Dy)	10	6	60
Miss S. Manning (La)	3	3	100
Miss S. Lisle (La)	2	2	100

MIDLAND

	P	W	%
R. Brown (Wk)	4	4	100
M. Hall (Wk)	4	4	100
B. Hayward (Wk)	4	4	100
D. Douglas (Wk)	8	7	88
P. Eaton (St)	6	5	83
A. Isaacs (St)	6	5	83
K. Fellows (St)	4	3	75
J. Heathcote (Wo)	4	3	75
N. Bottomley (Wo)	10	7	70
A. Huish (Mo)	6	4	67
J. Bloomer (Mo)	10	6	60
Mrs. A. Jones (Wk)	3	3	100
Mrs. P. Perrett (Mo)	3	2	67
Miss S. Warner (St)	3	2	67

EASTERN

	P	W	%
J. Kitchener (Sk)	6	6	100
G. Blomfield (Ex)	10	9	90
M. Read (Ex)	8	7	88
C. Bensley (Nk)	10	8	80
P. Day (Ca)	8	6	75
J. Andrews (Ex)	4	3	75
B. Parrish (Ex)	4	3	75
B. Jones (Ca)	4	3	75
R. Marchant (Np)	10	7	70
A. Hipperson (Nk)	8	5	63
J. Thurston (Ca)	10	6	60
Mrs. B. Cassell (Nk)	3	3	100
Miss G. Locke (Ex)	3	3	100
Miss J. Youngs (Sk)	2	2	100
Miss D. Youngs (Sk)	3	2	67
Mrs. C. Bane (Np)	5	3	60

JUNIOR PREMIER

	P	W	%
B. Alderson (Yks)	4	4	100
S. Heaps (Ch)	10	9	90
I. Horsham (Ex)	10	9	90
B. Johns (Ch)	14	12	86
M. Mitchell (Mx)	6	5	83
D. Alderson (Yks)	10	8	80
M. Wright (Yks)	10	8	80
D. Douglas (Wk)	14	11	79
A. Barden (Mx)	12	9	75
J. Willson (Ex)	4	3	75
R. Aldrich (Mx)	10	7	70
J. Drew (Ex)	6	4	67
J. McNea (Ch)	10	6	60
Miss K. Deem (Mx)	3	3	100
Miss L. Howard (Sy)	2	2	100
Miss J. Hellaby (Ex)	7	6	86
Miss J. Hartwell (Mx)	4	3	75
Miss J. Walker (Yks)	5	3	60

JUNIOR SOUTH

	P	W	%
J. Avey (Sx)	8	8	100
R. Mellin (Ke)	6	6	100
A. Terry (Sx)	6	6	100
S. Marley (Sx)	4	4	100
G. Harding (Bk)	8	7	88
G. Pugh (Sx)	8	7	88
K. McQuade (Ha)	12	9	75
G. Taylor (Sx)	8	6	75
T. Clark (Bu)	10	7	70
M. Caudrey (Ha)	6	4	67
G. Longland (Ha)	8	5	63
Miss K. Mashford (Bk)	4	4	100
Miss C. Reeves (Bk)	2	2	100
Miss A. Terry (Sx)	2	2	100
Miss L. Williams (He)	2	2	100
Miss C. Randall (Sx)	3	2	67

JUNIOR NORTH

	P	W	%
R. Wiley (Yks)	12	11	92
B. Alderson (Yks)	12	10	83
P. Edon (Du)	12	10	83
P. Fennon (Yks)	12	10	83
M. Foulkes (La)	12	10	83
J. Crawford (Du)	10	7	70
J. Alsop (Du)	12	8	67
P. Riley (La)	8	5	63
Miss S. Manning (La)	3	3	100
Miss B. Kearney (Nd)	2	2	100
Miss A. McCarthy (Yks)	2	2	100
Miss G. McKenzie (Nd)	4	3	75
Miss C. Walker (Du)	6	4	67
Miss B. Williams (La)	3	2	67

JUNIOR MIDLAND

	P	W	%
R. Dawkins (Ng)	12	10	83
S. Rowe (St)	12	10	83
A. Ashley (Ng)	10	8	80
G. Keers (Ng)	10	8	80
K. Pilgrim (Wk)	12	9	75
P. Blincoe (Np)	4	3	75
S. Dunning (St)	12	8	67
N. Marples (Dy)	12	8	67
I. Warner (Dy)	12	8	67
S. Penny (Le)	6	4	67
S. Morley (Li)	8	5	63
Miss K. Rogers (Le)	5	5	100
Miss M. Mellor (Dy)	5	4	80
Miss J. Burbage (Ng)	6	4	67

JUNIOR EAST

	P	W	%
P. Taylor (Bd)	4	4	100
P. Day (Ca)	10	9	90
J. Kitchener (Sk)	10	8	80
J. Willis (Ca)	10	8	80
P. Hunt (Ex)	4	3	75
S. Ball (Sk)	10	7	70
T. Speller (Hu)	10	7	70
J. Andrews (Ex)	6	4	67
D. Boulter (Ex)	6	4	67
Miss C. Stonell (Ex)	5	5	100
Miss E. Swan (Ca)	5	4	80
Miss S. Richards (Hu)	5	3	60

JUNIOR WEST

	P	W	%
W. Hussey (Gn)	12	12	100
M. Owen (Gn)	10	10	100
K. James (Dv)	12	11	92
A. Thomas (Gn)	12	10	83
P. Twigg (Gs)	12	9	75
C. Sewell (Gs)	4	3	75
N. Woodward (So)	4	3	75
W. Dawe (Gs)	10	7	70
K. Reeve (Dv)	12	8	67
M. Ashcroft (Dv)	10	6	60
M. Green (Gs)	10	6	60
Miss S. Beazer (So)	6	6	100
Miss M. Minnock (Gs)	3	3	100
Miss D. Michael (Gn)	4	3	75
Miss P. Weatherill (Dv)	4	3	75
Miss J. Mortimer (Gs)	3	2	67

VETERAN SOUTH

	P	W	%
A. Davies (Ox)	10	9	90
R. Etheridge (Ke)	10	9	90
J. Baxter (He)	6	5	83
J. Ewles (Ha)	6	5	83

	P	W	%
S. Norton (Ex)	10	8	80
J. Osborne (Ex)	4	3	75
P. Curtis (Ex)	10	7	70
K. Beamish (Ex)	6	4	67
K. Jordan (Ex)	6	4	67
R. Williams (Ke)	6	4	67
Mrs. K. Le Milliere (K)	5	4	80
Mrs. K. Rowden (Ex)	4	3	75
Mrs. M. Davies (Ox)	5	3	60
Mrs. M. Know (Ex)	5	3	60

VETERAN MIDLAND

	P	W	%
L. Moran (Ch)	6	6	100
D. Schofield (Ch)	4	4	100
E. Edwards (Wo)	6	5	83
R. Bolton (Ng)	8	6	75
J. Bryant (Le)	8	6	75
J. Burraston (Ng)	8	6	75
V. Hankey (Ch)	4	3	75
D. Pritchard (St)	10	6	60
Mrs. P. Hammond (Ng)	4	4	100
Miss M. Leigh (Ch)	5	4	80

The following players were unbeaten in the only match in which they played singles:

PREMIER

I. Horsham (Ex); Miss S. Hamilton (Mx); Miss S. Kavallierou (Sx); Miss L. Sutton (Yks).

2 SOUTH

A. Barden (Mx); S. Gibbs (Ex); I. Horsham (Ex); Mrs. B. Bird (Ke); Mrs. J. Head (Sy); Miss J. Williams (Ke).

2 NORTH

L. Barclay (Ch); B. Hill (Li); N. Jarvis (Yks); J. Krier (Yks); Miss M. Deakin (Dy).

2 MIDLAND

K. Muhr (Ca); Mrs. B. Andrews (He); Miss J. Billson (Le); Miss K. Perry (St).

SOUTHERN

A. Chilvers (Bk); G. Collins (Ox); Mrs. D. Baines (He); Mrs. V. Scripps (He).

NORTHERN

B. Mayfield (Ng); F. Mitchinson (Nd), MIDLAND
R. Coley (St); B. Jarvis (Wo); Miss D. St. Ledger (Wk); Mrs. D. Hazzard (Wk).

JUNIOR PREMIER

R. Williams (Ke).

JUNIOR SOUTH

A. Allars (Sx); M. Luckhurst (Ke); K. Lythgoe (Ke); M. Penney (He); Miss D. Roseberry (He); Miss L. Wales (Sx).

JUNIOR NORTH

B. Hudson (Wd).

JUNIOR MIDLAND

B. Skuse (Ng); Miss J. Billson (Le); Miss K. Turlon (Dy).

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WILTSHIRE NOTES

by "Moonraker"

West Wilts champion Richard Arney was unbeaten when Wiltshire gained their first Second Division (West) success this season 6-4 away to a Dorset line-up weakened by the absence of regular No. 1 Cyril Bush.

Richard has certainly had a chequered county career this season. Omitted from the first ranking list, he was re-called for several games—with success—dropped, then picked for the game at Weymouth.

One thing should emerge from this state of affairs. A more realistic selection and seeding policy is a MUST for next season.

Wiltshire's chance of entertaining Cornwall seem pretty slim with the Westcountrymen still unable to agree dates in mid-April.

Turning to the County League, Swindon are strongly fancied to lift Division One honours with Devizes their main challengers. Though West Wilts 'A' lead the Mixed Division Devizes 'A' and 'B' look like again filling both top and runners-up places. 100% Burford School look set to win the Junior Title.



KEN BOSTOCK

44-year-old Wilts reigning veteran title-holder and Wilts League Secretary Ken Bostock has certainly emerged as giant-killer "extraordinary" this season.

Starting with County league victories over Wilts seeds Ken Harrison and Roy Smith, Ken proved this was no mere fluke when he ko'd both Richard Arney (Wilts No. 2) 18, 12 and Roy Smith (Wilts 3) -18, 18, 11 in the preliminary rounds of the Salisbury Championships.

However ex-Surrey No. 11, Clive Heywood, proved his semi-final downfall, the Salisbury College of Ar. Student beating holder Bill Moulding 21, -12, 16 in the final before an enthusiastic three figure audience which included ETTA General Secretary Derek Tremayne.

It was noticeable that the veteran singles final, featuring the hitting of Terry Cash versus the retrieving master John Candy attracted the biggest applause of an evening when no fewer than nine present or former county players were on view.

Other Salisbury results were: WS.: Miss K. Waters bt Mrs. E. Eyres (Holder) 19, 17; VS.: T. Cash (Holder) bt J. Candy 21, -12, 16; JS.: A. Catlin bt A. Penny 20, 10; MD.: Moulding/Arney bt Bruce/Heywood 19, 17; WD.: Eyres/Waters bt Baker/Bostock 10, 15; MXD.: Moulding/Eyres bt D. and K. Waters 13, 17.

Wiltshire players collected four titles at the Bath Championships with Swindon's RAF Title-holder Richard Clode lifting the Men's (Williams) Cup while Alison Boyce (Devizes) won the Women's (Anchor) Cup.

For the first time ever Mixed Doubles (Hillier Rose Bowl) was won by a Wilts-based pair with the Westinghouse combination of Miss E. N. Boyd and D. Hole, the new title-holders while Alison Boyce teamed up with Helen Rusby to lift the Women's Doubles award.

Richard Arney lifted the fifth title for Wilts winning the Bath Chronicle Cup, this year staged as a separate event.

I think it is fitting to end this season's notes in a sentimental manner. May I appeal to any player or former official who has either seen or heard of the whereabouts of a former Westinghouse player Les Parmenter, who played last in the Bath Open about 1964, to kindly write to ex-international David House c/o Foxhall Farm, Upper Weston, Bath, who would like to re-establish contact with his long lost friend.

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d deserved a mention for slamming Simon Heaps 12, -21, 8.

Junior South

Buckinghamshire 3, Berkshire 7

Hertfordshire II 8, Oxfordshire 2

Two convincing BS wins for Michael Penney on debut: Miss J. Cambrey recorded Oxon's first singles of the season when she beat a slightly unlucky Christine Hunt -18, 21, 20.

Oxfordshire 2, Buckinghamshire 8

Junior North

Northumberland 5, Westmorland 5

The second attempt to play this match proved more successful than the power-cut marred first. Visiting No. 1 Brian Towell outstanding; the home girls however were too good. Fine recovery by Billy Lynn who recovered from 12-18 in 2nd to beat David Lambert -13, 21, 12 for the draw.

Junior Midland

Nottinghamshire 10

The whole Notts. team nervous at first but played better when the match was won. Best set GS with continually changing lead.

Northamptonshire 6, Lincolnshire 4

Junior West

Devon 4, Gloucestershire 6

Veteran South

Northamptonshire 3, Hertfordshire 6

The hosts looked good until caught at 3-3; then Herts. showed their class.

Official correction: **Yorkshire v. Sussex (Premier Division)**—The score by which Miss S. Kavallierou beat Mrs. P. Bassano was 9, -19, 5 and not as reported previously.

FINAL DIVISIONAL TABLES SEASON 1971-72

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	7	7	0	0	41	22	14
Yorkshire	7	6	0	1	45	18	12
Middlesex	7	5	0	2	44	19	10
Sussex	7	4	0	3	32	31	8
Kent	7	3	0	4	25	38	6
Surrey	7	2	0	3	27	36	4
Glamorgan	7	1	0	6	18	45	2
Lancashire	7	0	0	7	20	43	0

2 SOUTH

Kent II	6	4	1	1	33	27	9
Essex II	6	2	3	1	35	25	7
Middlesex II	6	3	1	2	29	31	7
Bucks.	6	2	2	2	27	33	6
Surrey II	6	1	3	2	31	29	5
Sussex II	6	1	2	3	28	32	4
Hampshire	6	2	0	4	27	33	4

2 NORTH

Yorkshire II	6	6	0	0	50	10	12
Cheshire	6	4	1	1	45	15	9
Notts. II	6	4	0	2	29	31	8
Derbyshire	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Lincs.	6	2	1	3	23	37	5
Northmbld	6	1	1	4	17	43	3
Durham	6	0	0	6	18	42	0

2 MIDLAND

Warwicks.	6	6	0	0	46	14	12
Leics.	6	4	1	1	36	24	9
Staffs.	6	3	1	2	33	27	7
Gloucs.	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Cambs.	6	2	0	4	23	37	4
Herts.	6	1	1	4	26	34	3
Beds.	6	1	0	5	19	41	2

2 WEST

Somerset	6	3	3	0	40	20	9
Glamorgan II	6	2	4	0	32	28	8
Worcs.	6	2	3	1	35	25	7
Devon	6	3	1	2	32	28	7
Wiltshire	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Dorset	6	0	3	3	26	34	3
Cornwall	6	1	1	4	18	42	3

SOUTHERN

Berks.	4	4	0	0	35	5	8
Hants. II	4	3	0	1	19	21	6
Herts. II	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Oxon.	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Bucks. II	4	0	0	4	9	31	0

NORTHERN

Lancashire II	5	5	0	0	42	8	10
Derbys. II	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Northnd II	5	3	0	2	21	29	6
Notts. II	5	2	1	2	28	22	5
Durham II	5	0	2	3	16	34	2
Cumberland	5	0	1	4	16	34	1

MIDLAND

Warwks. II	5	5	0	0	42	8	10
Staffs. II	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Monmouths.	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Worcs. II	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
Denbighs.	5	0	1	4	13	37	1
Shropshire	5	0	1	4	11	39	1

EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex III	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Norfolk	5	3	1	1	25	25	7
Suffolk	5	3	0	2	28	22	6
Cambs. II	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
Northants.	5	0	1	4	18	32	1
Hunts.	5	0	1	4	15	35	1

JUNIOR PREMIER

Essex	7	6	1	0	47	23	13
Middlesex	7	5	1	1	49	21	11
Cheshire	7	5	0	2	43	27	10
Yorkshire	7	4	0	3	44	26	8
Warwicks.	7	3	1	3	36	34	7
Surrey	7	1	2	4	27	43	4
Kent	7	1	0	6	18	52	2
Herts.	7	0	1	6	16	54	1

JUNIOR SOUTH

Sussex	6	6	0	0	54	6	12
Berkshire	6	4	1	1	39	21	9
Hampshire	6	3	1	2	36	24	7
Kent II	6	2	2	2	33	27	6
Bucks.	6	2	2	2	28	32	6
Herts.	6	1	0	5	18	42	2
Oxfords.	6	0	0	6	4	56	0

JUNIOR NORTH

Yorkshire II	6	5	1	0	49	11	11
Lancashire	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Durham	6	4	1	1	40	20	9
Northmbld	6	2	1	3	30	30	5
Westmorland	6	1	1	4	20	40	3
Cheshire II	6	1	0	5	17	43	2
Cumberland	6	1	0	5	11	49	2

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Notts.	6	5	1	0	42	18	11
Leics.	6	4	2	0	41	19	10
Derbys.	6	4	1	1	41	19	9
Staffs.	6	3	0	3	31	29	6
Northants.	6	2	0	4	19	41	4
Warwks. II	6	1	0	5	21	39	2
Lincs.	6	0	0	6	15	45	0

JUNIOR EAST

Cambs.	5	4	1	0	34	16	9
Essex II	5	4	1	0	32	18	9
Suffolk	5	3	0	2	31	19	6
Hunts.	5	2	0	3	20	30	4
Beds.	5	0	1	4	19	31	1
Norfolk	5	0	1	4	14	36	1

JUNIOR WEST

Glamorgan	6	6	0	0	50	10	12
Gloucs.	6	5	0	1	39	21	10
Devon	6	3	1	2	38	22	7
Somerset	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Monmouths.	6	2	0	4	16	44	4
Worcs.	6	1	0	5	23	37	2
Wiltshire	6	0	0	6	9	51	0

VETERAN SOUTH

Essex	5	5	0	0	34	11	10
Kent	5	4	0	1	27	18	8
Oxon.	5	3	0	2	27	18	6
Herts.	5	2	0	3	23	22	4
Northants.	5	1	0	4	8	37	2
Hants.	5	0	0	5	16	29	0

VETERAN MIDLAND

Cheshire	4	4	0	0	25	11	8
Notts.	4	3	0	1	23	13	6
Staffs.	4	2	0	2	13	23	4
Leics.	4	1	0	3	18	18	2
Worcs.	4	0	0	4	11	25	0

SENIOR CHALLENGE (Redditch)

Warwicks.	3	3	0	0	21	6	6
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	20	7	4
Somerset	3	1	0	2	6	21	2
Hampshire	3	0	0	3	7	20	

County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

PROMOTION FOR WARWICKSHIRE & CHESHIRE

Warwickshire and Cheshire return to the Premier Division as a result of the Senior Challenge. Staged at Redditch, the contest was less interesting this season possibly because the eventual outcome had seemed likely from the outset.

Special mention must be made of Tony Kinsey who played very well to beat Derek Munt; later, with Somerset trailing 2-4 to Hants., Kinsey also accounted for Chris Pickard by switching to a style quite foreign to him.

No man escaped unscathed: Mike Johns lost to Brian Burn who lost to Simon Heaps who fell to Pickard—the women Judy Heaps had an untarnished singles record.

Warwickshire selectors sprang a big surprise for their last match when they omitted Derek Munt. Bitterly disappointed, Derek told me that he had not missed a match since he was 16 and a check on his record shows him to have played 49 consecutive matches, including two seasons in the Premier and four Promotion Challenges: of the 98 singles sets played he has won 72, a record most players would envy. Trailing 0-2 to Cheshire, the selectors may have doubted their decision but a narrow win for Des Douglas over Brian Johns turned the tide.

It is, of course, not rare for a pair of brothers or a brother and sister to play in the same match, but the Cheshire teams playing v. Hants. and Somerset may have created a record with two families providing all the players in Simon and Judy Heaps, Mike and Brian Johns.

Challenge match details:—

Somerset 0, Cheshire 9

B. Reeves lost to M. Johns -15, -7; lost to B. Johns -15, -15.
A. Kinsey lost to S. Heaps -10, -11; lost to M. Johns -19, 17, -19.
R. Morris lost to B. Johns -18, -17; lost to S. Heaps -11, -16.
Miss P. Beazer lost to Miss J. Heaps -16, -13.
Kinsey/Morris lost to Johns/Johns -13, -20.
Reeves/Miss Beazer lost to Heaps/Miss Heaps -19, -17.

Hampshire 1, Warwickshire 8

C. Shetler lost to B. Burn 15, -16, -17; lost to R. Cooper -9, -18.
C. Pickard lost to D. Munt -14, -16; lost to Burn -9, -11.
K. Summerfield lost to Cooper -12, -14; lost to Munt -12, -14.
Mrs. C. Davies bt Miss J. Cornock 19, 15.
Shetler/Summerfield lost to Burn/P. Judd -19, -12.
Pickard/Mrs. Davies lost to D. Douglas/Miss D. St. Ledger -19, 9, -19.

Warwickshire 8, Somerset 1

Munt lost to Kinsey -19, -19; bt J. Hartry 9, 20.
Burn bt Reeves 20, 11; bt Kinsey 11, 14.
Cooper bt Hartry 10, 14; bt Reeves 13, 15.

Miss Cornock bt Miss B. Bowles 12, 12.
Burn/Judd bt Hartry/Reeves 20, 11.
Douglas/Miss St. Ledger bt Kinsey/Miss Bowles 17, 18.

Cheshire 7, Hampshire 2

Heaps lost to Pickard -19, 19, -17; bt Summerfield 17, -16, 17.
M. Johns bt Shetler 18, 18; bt Pickard 15, 16.
B. Johns bt Summerfield -17, 14, 16; bt Shetler 15, -19, 21.
Miss Heaps bt Mrs. Davies 16, 18.
Heaps/B. Johns bt Shetler/Summerfield 10, 15.
M. Johns/Miss Heaps lost to Pickard/Mrs. Davies 17, -16, -18.

Cheshire 4, Warwickshire 5

Heaps bt Burn 17, 17; bt Douglas -17, 16, 18.
M. Johns bt Cooper 14, 18; lost to Burn -17, -16.
B. Johns lost to Douglas 9, -13, -18; lost to Cooper -10, -13.
Miss Heaps bt Miss Cornock 15, 14.
Johns/Johns lost to Burn/Judd -16, 14, -16.
D. Schofield/Miss Heaps lost to Judd/Miss St. Ledger -16, 14, -16.

Somerset 5, Hampshire 4

Reeves bt Pickard -14, 18, 17; bt Summerfield 17, 16.
Kinsey lost to Shetler -14, -14; bt Pickard -20, 16, 19.
Morris lost to Summerfield 17, -16, -20; bt Shetler 8, 17.
Miss Beazer lost to Mrs. Davies -19, -13.
Kinsey/Morris bt Shetler/Summerfield 14, 14.
Hartry/Miss Bowles lost to Pickard/Mrs. Davies -18, -15.

JUNIOR CHALLENGE

Lancashire and Cambridgeshire earned themselves promotion to the Junior Premier Division when they came out on top of a 5-county play-off at Hartshill High School, Nuneaton over the weekend of April 22-23.

Having been held to a 5-all draw by both Sussex and Glamorgan, after beating Nottinghamshire 7-3, Lancashire were then committed to beating Cambs. 8-2 in their final match to top the pool. This they did by 9-1, the losers only victory being obtained in the second set when Paul Day beat Philip Riley.

Results:—

Glamorgan 3, Cambridgeshire 7

Lancashire 7, Nottinghamshire 3

Sussex 5, Lancashire 5

Nottinghamshire 4, Glamorgan 6

Lancashire 5, Glamorgan 5

Sussex 3, Cambridgeshire 7

Cambridgeshire 8, Nottinghamshire 2

Glamorgan 5, Sussex 5

Nottinghamshire 3, Sussex 7

Cambridgeshire 1, Lancashire 9

VETERAN CHALLENGE

Essex 5, Cheshire 4

K. Beamish lost to D. Schofield -19, 12, -11; bt L. Moran 16, 17.
P. Curtis bt Schofield 17, 18; bt T. Donlon 15, 8.
S. Norton bt Moran 23, 17; bt Donlon 8, 15.

Curtis/Norton lost to Moran/Schofield -14, -13.
Mrs. M. Know lost to Miss M. Leigh -16, 17, -18.

Beamish/Mrs. Know lost to Donlon/Miss Leigh -16, -21.

Great start for Essex with Percy Curtis overcoming "anti-loop" Derek Schofield: the next two M.S. gave them a 3-0 lead. But Cheshire took both doubles, then a long pushing game saw Mary Leigh get the better of Marie Know for 3-all. Schofield's win over "plain wood" Beamish put Cheshire in the lead but Stan Norton and then Curtis made no mistake.

HANG-OVER RESULTS

Premier

Sussex 4, Essex 5

R. Chandler lost to T. Taylor -18, -19; bt D. Brown 23, 22.
J. Clarke lost to Taylor -15, -14; lost to I. Horsham -13, -17.
S. Ogundipe bt Brown 16, 17; lost to Horsham 16, -13, -15.
Chandler/Clarke lost to Brown/R. Stevens -12, 12, -17.
Miss J. Williams bt Miss S. Hession 15, -12, 22.
Ogundipe/Miss Williams bt Stevens/Miss Hession 16, 9.

A fine Premier debut for Ian Horsham who, following the surprise defeat of David Brown by Sammy Ogundipe, found himself playing for the match and also the Championship! Had Essex faltered the winner of the Middlesex-Yorkshire match would have taken top spot but Horsham made no mistake against John Clarke. The sixth Essex success in eight seasons.

Middlesex 4, Yorkshire 5

O. Haslam lost to A. Hydes -21, -12; lost to N. Jarvis 12, -20, -18.
M. Sugden lost to Hydes -17, 17, -13; bt A. Clayton -19, 17, 19.
A. Lindsay bt Jarvis -13, 18, 18; lost to Clayton -17, -17.
E. Coster/Sugden lost to Hydes/Jarvis -14, 18, -15.
Mrs. K. Mathews bt Miss S. Broadbent 14, 15.
Coster/Mrs. Mathews bt Clayton/Miss Broadbent -16, 13, 11.

Difficult to pick highlights from so much exciting and skilful play. Sylvia Broadbent (5th woman used this season by Yorks.) held Karenza Mathews well in first and earlier held the Middlesex pair in XD. Having a lead with the "wrong order" in MD, Middlesex then lost 9 quick points (11-7 to 12-16) and hope of that set. Alan Lindsay just knew too much for Nicky Jarvis and both Malcolm Sugden and Alan Hydes very sharp. Yorks. take 5th consecutive 2nd place, and this match ends 5-4 for 6th season running!

2 South

Hampshire 4, Buckinghamshire 6

Bucks. needed a win, Hants. a draw to go to the Challenge matches and it looked all over when the visitors led 5-1. Hants. fought back to 4-5 (including the only defeat in WS or XD inflicted on Jill Hammersley: she and Stan Hahn lost -18, 15, -19 to Chris Pickard and

Celia Hutchings) but then Pete Sears wrapped it up for Bucks. After indicating that they would challenge, Bucks, reversed this decision so Hants. went forward after all.

Essex II 5, Sussex II 5

Two "gift" sets to Sussex by late arrival of Ian Robertson and David Bowles helped them to an unexpected draw which therefore places Hampshire—who competed in the Promotion Challenge—in bottom place.

2 North

Yorkshire II 7, Cheshire 3

Yorks. clinched the title against a below-strength Cheshire team for whom Derek Schofield fought bravely. A good performance by the Yorkshire girls; also by Alan Ransome who maintained 100% MS and XD records.

Cheshire 5, Derbyshire 5

A mixture of youth and experience for Cheshire v. the Derbys. choppers. Schofield fell heavily when trailing Doug Foulds by a game and 21-22, losing the point while on the floor: counted out?

2 Midland

Cambridgeshire 3, Hertfordshire 7

Herts. have had some unlucky matches this season, but this was not one of them. Taking all 3 doubles at deuce in 3rd, they also go two of the other four sets to go the distance. Last minute substitute Ken Muhr took both MS for the hosts, and the result removed the threat of relegation for Herts.

2 West

Devon 5, Worcestershire 5

Trailing 11-19 in 3rd, Mike Rattue took the next 10 points for victory. But was it v. John Bell whom he beat -14, 10, 19 or v John Heathcote (-16, 19, 20)? Derek Baddeley took 2 x MS and XD in an exciting match which produced excellent entertainment.

Worcestershire 5, Somerset 5

No report on this one ("Crick" was with me in London) but it looks as if Worcs. could have won. The 8th draw in this division.

Wiltshire 10, Cornwall 0

Of the regular players, only John Bassett seemed to be available and Cornwall's Roger Bunt declined to make the trip with what he considered a below-strength team.

Midland

Denbighshire 1, Staffordshire II 9

Eastern

Essex III 9, Norfolk 1

Not the hammering this might appear with D. Blanch twice forcing a deciding game and Chris Bensley doing well to beat Joe Andrews 12, 16. Successful debut for Brian Mailey and Essex women (as usual) too good: this time it was Tina Dale and Ann Fearnley.

Northamptonshire 5,

Huntingdonshire 5

Although Hunts. took all 3 doubles, Rod Marchant and David Hogg scored 2 MS each and Connie Bane's WS was enough to give Northants. a point to narrowly avoid the wooden spoon. A see-saw match, with lead changing often.

Junior Premier

Warwickshire 4, Cheshire 6

Warwicks. offer no comment, but I would have thought Des Douglas

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