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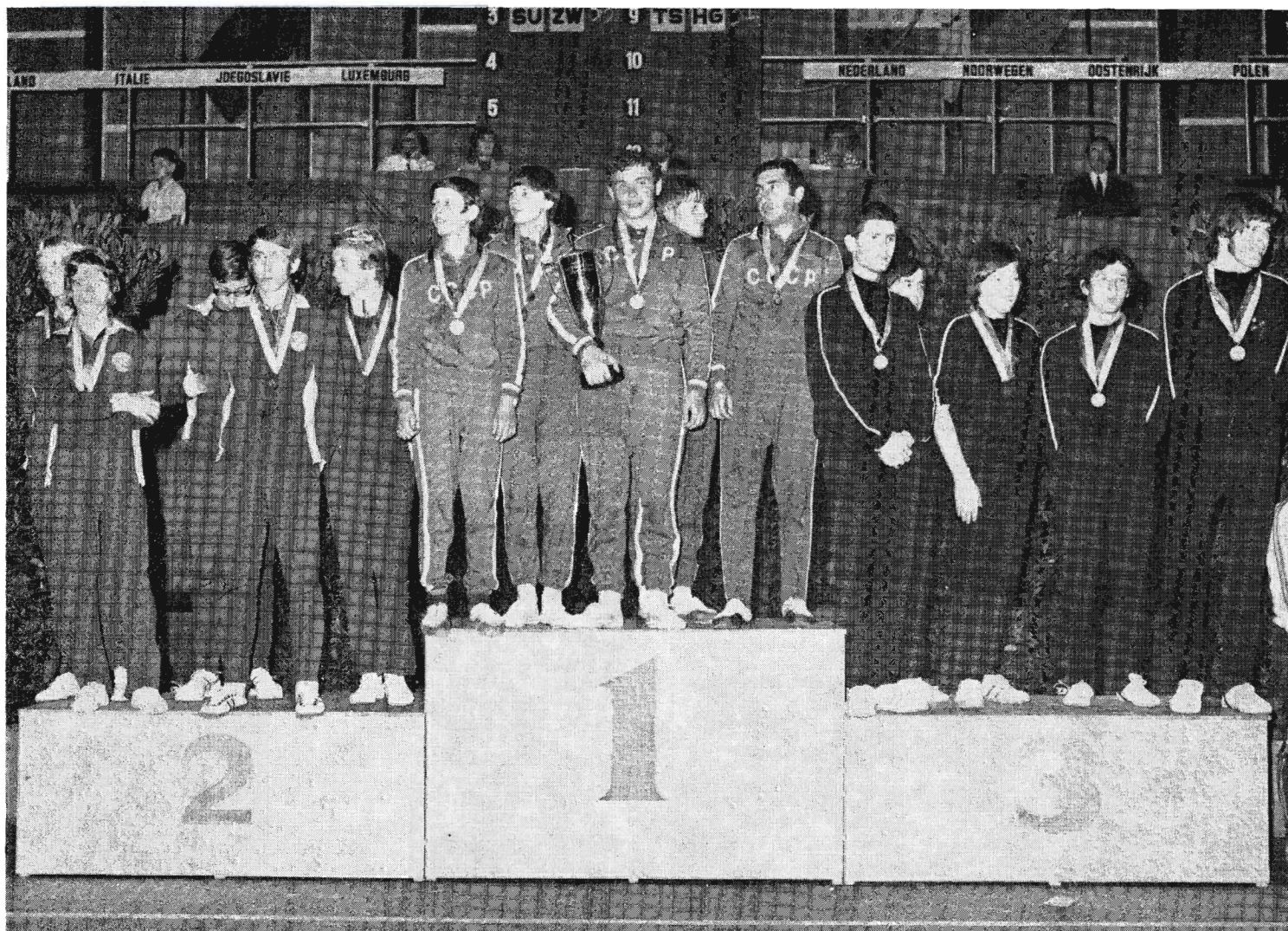
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Principal Factors

Mention will be found elsewhere in this issue of the crushing defeat inflicted on our world championships men's team by Yugoslavia at Earls Court in August.

The point that the match was played at a bad time of the year is only valid in respect of the spectator aspect. What then of our players who proved so inferior in skill, physical fitness and application?

One is left to ponder as to whether the front rank Yugoslav players passed their summer away at holiday camps in Dubrovnik, Opatija, Split or elsewhere on the Adriatic coast.

Such a possibility is remote and yet without such a source of income what are our pseudo professional players to do?

There is little doubt that the successes of the Communist countries at the European Athletic Championships in Helsinki will be repeated at the Munich Olympics next year.

And again the reasons will be obvious for without direct backing, or by sporting university degrees as in the United States, what chance do we stand?

But dedication cannot be bought nor the will to win, no matter how deep the national coffers, and these are the two principal factors that go into the make-up of a champion such as Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson—and at 18 years of age!

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The International Front



CHAMPIONSHIP FOR HUNGARY

AS expected Hungary duly won the Division 1 title of the *European League* beating Czechoslovakia 5-2 to finish off their campaign with an unblemished record, one point in front of Russia the previous holders. Final placings for the 1970-71 season were:

	P	W	L	F	A	Ps
Hungary	6	6	0	35	7	6
Soviet Union	6	5	1	26	16	5
Sweden	6	4	2	28	14	4
Czechoslovakia	6	3	3	21	21	3
ENGLAND	6	2	4	21	21	2
Fed. Germany	6	1	5	13	29	1
Austria	6	0	6	3	39	0

Replacing Austria in the top flight will be France, the Division 2 champions, whose one loss (2-5) was a the Netherlands. Final positions:—

	P	W	L	W/O	F	A	Ps
France	6	5	1				32 10 5
Netherlands	6	4	2				23 19 4
†Greece	5	2	3	1W			21 18 3
Denmark	6	3	3				21 21 3
†Ireland	6	3	2	1L			16 23 3
Switzerland	6	2	4				16 26 2
Belgium	6	1	5				15 27 1

†Greece received a walk-over from Ireland which, by rule, netted them 1 point and a 4-0 match result.

Although finishing bottom of Division 2, Belgium have been granted a 'stay of execution' being, as they were, the victims of unfortunate circumstances.

Firstly, when at home to Greece, their visitors arrived without Emmanuel Diakakis who, because of National Service, could only follow on a later plane. Owing to a strike and bad weather, Diakakis was delayed to the point of missing the match altogether which was concluded with Belgium leading 3-1.

An agreed replay, played in May, resulted in a 4-3 win for Greece to which point another was added when Ireland conceded their match to the Greeks.

Bearing all the foregoing circumstances in mind a sympathetic E.T.T.U. agreed that honour would best be satisfied by allowing Belgium to remain in the division making it, for this season at least, one of eight teams. But in order to revert to the agreed number of seven, two teams will be relegated this season.

Scotland is the promoted country having beaten Spain 7-0 in a play-off between the winners of the West European and Mediterranean Groups.

The season's fixtures are:—

FIRST DIVISION

- October—
- U.S.S.R. v. Hungary
- Fed. Germany v. ENGLAND (27.10.71)
- Czechoslovakia v. Sweden

November—

- Sweden v ENGLAND (23.11.71)
- Czechoslovakia v. France
- Hungary v. Fed. Germany

December—

- Sweden v. Fed. Germany
- Hungary v. France

January

- ENGLAND v. U.S.S.R. (14.1.72)
- Fed. Germany v. Czechoslovakia
- France v. ENGLAND
- U.S.S.R. v Sweden

February—

- Fed. Germany v. U.S.S.R.
- Czechoslovakia v. Hungary
- Sweden v. France

March—

- ENGLAND v Czechoslovakia
- France v. U.S.S.R.
- Hungary v. Sweden

April—

- U.S.S.R. v. Czechoslovakia
- France v. Fed. Germany
- ENGLAND v. Hungary

SECOND DIVISION

October—

- Denmark v Austria
- IRELAND v. Netherlands
- Greece v. SCOTLAND
- Switzerland v. Belgium

November—

- Switzerland v. Denmark
- SCOTLAND v. IRELAND
- Netherlands v. Greece
- Belgium v. Austria

December—

- Denmark v. IRELAND
- Austria v. Switzerland
- SCOTLAND v. Netherlands
- Greece v. Belgium

January—

- IRELAND v. Austria
- Netherlands v. Switzerland
- Greece v. Denmark
- Belgium v. SCOTLAND

February—

- Switzerland v IRELAND
- Denmark v. SCOTLAND
- Austria v. Greece
- Netherlands v. Belgium

March—

- Switzerland v. SCOTLAND
- Austria v. Netherlands
- IRELAND v. Greece
- Belgium v. Denmark

April—

- Netherlands v Denmark
- Greece v. Switzerland
- SCOTLAND v. Austria
- IRELAND v. Belgium

CLASSIFICATION TOURNAMENT

On behalf of the E.T.T.U., a very successful experimental tournament was organised by the Yugoslav Association in Zadar on May 29 and 30. Unfortunately some of the players invited could not participate,

Hungary's Tibor Klampar being one, hospitalised with a throat infection. Hungary had the last laugh, however when Istvan Jonyer and Beatrix Kishazi both completed the tournament undefeated. World champion Stellan Bengtsson finished fourth.

Results:—

MEN:

	P	W	L	F	A	Place
Jonyer (Hungary)	11	11	0	22	7	1
Stipanovic (Yugoslavia)	11	8	3	18	8	2
Surbek (Yugoslavia)	11	8	3	17	9	3
Bengtsson (Sweden)	11	8	3	18	10	4
Secretin (France)	11	6	5	15	12	5 (on points)
Johansson (Sweden)	11	6	5	15	12	6 (on points)
Karakasevic (Yugoslavia)	11	6	5	15	13	7
Orlowski (Czechoslovakia)	11	4	7	11	16	8
Lieck (Fed. Germany)	11	3	8	9	18	9 (on points)
Korpa (Yugoslavia)	11	3	8	9	18	10 (on points)
Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia)	11	2	9	7	19	11
Cordas (Yugoslavia)	11	1	10	6	20	12

WOMEN:

	P	W	L	F	A	Place
Kishazi (Hungary)	5	5	0	15	3	1
Vostova (Czechoslovakia)	5	3	2	12	7	2
Grofova (Czechoslovakia)	5	3	2	9	8	3
Resler (Yugoslavia)	5	2	3	8	12	4
Simon (Fed. Germany)	5	1	4	8	13	5
Hovestadt (E. Germany)	5	1	4	5	14	6

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

Scotland, who have withdrawn their option to stage the European Youth Championships in 1974, have appointed Mrs. Helen Hamilton, 6 Grove Street, Edinburgh as their International Secretary in succession to Jimmie McCormack.

AUSTRIAN OPEN

The 34th International Open Championships of Austria will be held from December 8-10, 1972 in Innsbruck.

HON. TREASURER

Jean Mercier, Hon. Treasurer of the I.T.T.F. changed his address as from August 4 to: No. 61 Le Grand Gland, Bouglainval, 28 Maintenon, France. 'Phone: (16 37) 23 01 69.

EUROPE CLUB CLUB 1970-71

Finals

- Men—Budapesti Spartacus 7,
- Mariestad Bois 2 (in Sweden)
- Budapesti Spartacus 5,
- Mariestad Bois 2 (in Hungary).

Women—Statistika PSC 6,
Start Praha 3 in Budapest,
Statistika PSC 5,
Start Praha 2 (in Prague,
Czechoslovakia).

Ormesby, the Middlesbrough League champions, beat Fellows Cranleigh (East London) 5-0 in the final of E.T.T.A.'s National Club Championship on June 12 thereby qualifying as England's representatives in this season's Europe Cup competition. Against Fellows Cranleigh, the north-easterners had Denis Neale, Nicky Jarvis and Alan Ransome well in control over Derek Johnson, David Bowles and Peter Radford.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Zoya Rudnova (Moscow) won three gold medals in the U.S.S.R. championships played in Kuibyshev. In the semi-final of the women's singles she had little trouble in defeating Laima Amelina (nee Balaisite) and, in the final, she virtually routed the country's third best player, Rita Pogosova (Yerevan) 5, 19, 10.

The Russian champion, together with Svetlana Grinberg (Moscow), beat Pogosova and Bella Anisimova (Moscow) 21, -15, 16, 15 in the final of the women's doubles and, with Stanislav Gomozkov (Moscow) annexed the mixed title.

Sarkis Sarkhoyan (Batumi) won the men's singles defeating the holder, Anatoli Amelin (Moscow), in the semis. In the final, he beat little-known Yevgeny Berkovsky (21) of Odessa 16, 18, 19, the loser making a come-back after a period in the army.

Gomozkov suffered a setback when he lost to the young and talented Anatoli Strokotov of Lvov. As a result Gomozkov was placed no higher than fifth. The 1970 national champion Svetlana Grinberg also made a poor showing coming out sixth losing decisive games to Pogosova and Amelina.

In the men's doubles final Gomozkov/Amelin beat Sarkhoyan/Gegam Vardanyan 15, 15, 16.

Many young players performed well at the championships, including Strokotov, 13-years-old Bagrat Burnazyan (Yerevan), Leonid Geisman (Kishinev), Roman Erentyuk (Odessa) and Alexander Rodelis (Kishinev).

Kjell Johansson was the winner of the men's singles title of the Swedish championships played at Kristianstad beating Stellan Bengtsson (12, -12, 9, 18) in the semis and Hans Alser (15, 13, 21) in the final. Alser's semi-final victim was Bo. Persson (18, 12, 17).

Birgitta Radberg was the women's singles winner beating Marita Neidert 17, 9, 19, Other Results:—

MD: Alser/Persson bt Bengtsson/A. Johansson 10, 16, 15.

WD: Neidert/Siv Petersson bt Ann-Christine Hellman/Birgitta Olsson -9, 14, -8, 19, 18.

XD: Rolf Andersson/Radberg bt Bengtsson/Hellman 16, 19, 14.

In the Federal German championships at Hannover, Ebby Schöler (Düsseldorf) had a hard time of it in his semi-final meeting with Günter Kocher before winning 13, 20, -20, -21, -17. The ace German defender had it easier in the final when beating Wilfried Lieck -19, 17, 13, 12. Lieck's semi victim was Bernt Jansen beaten 21, -19, 19, 15.

Marta Hejma, after beating Di Schöler (9, 15, -19, 18) in the semis went on to account for Edit Wetzel (nee Buchholz) in the final 15, 10,

-19, 10. Other results:—

MD: Klaus Jager/Jochen Leih's bt Martin Ness/Lieck 17, 15, 19.

WD: Schöler/Agnes Simon bt Brigitta Scharmacher/Wetzel 12, 17, 19.

XD: Claus Scholz/Hejma bt Leih's/Scharmacher 19, -20, 18, 24.

CORTI WOODCOCK MEMORIAL AWARD

Mike Watts, Hon. Secretary of the Essex T.T.A. became the latest recipient of the Corti Woodcock Memorial Award, instigated in 1959 and which is made annually in recognition of service to Table Tennis in Essex.

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Fourteen teams have entered the S.E.M. League this season, the sectional divisions catering for Men, Women, Juniors, Veterans and Reserves. Entrants are:—

Bedford, Bletchley, Cambridge, Ely, Hunts Central, Kettering, Northampton, Peterborough, St. Neots, Wellingborough, North Herts, Wisbech, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard.

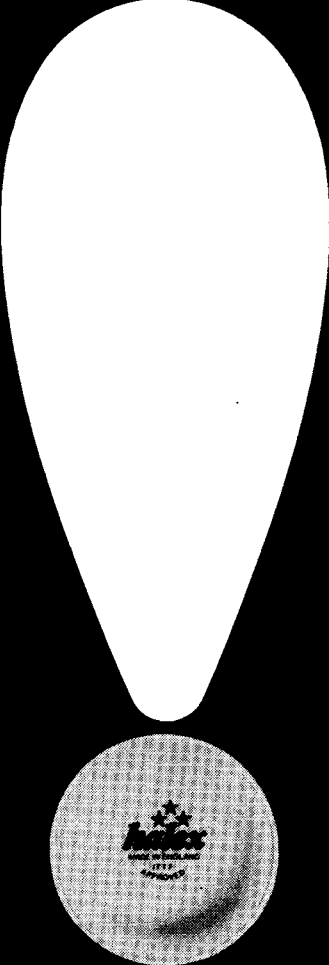
At the A.G.M., Henry Fox was again elected Sec./Treasurer, H. Webb (Chairman), G. Waters (Vice-Chairman) and L. R. J. Constable (Press Officer).

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JILL'S DAY OF DAYS

England's much-travelled 'leading lady', the former Jill Shirley, started out on yet another journey when, on July 3 at St. Thomas's Church, Colnbrook, she filled in her 'entry form' to become the permanent partner of Mr. Nicky Hammersley. All happiness is hereby conveyed to the newly married couple whose address is "Nittaku", 13 Martinsdale Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley, Surrey.

World Rankings

NEALE OMITTED

Yorkshire's Denis Neale has lost his world ranking as a result of missing out at Nagoya. He was listed at No. 23.

England's top woman, Jill Hammersley (nee Shirley) moves up from No. 28 to No. 17 and Karenza Mathews occupies the 30th and last position in the new lists recently released by the International Table Tennis Federation.

Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson and Lin Hui-ching of China are the new No. 1's as a result of their successes in Japan. The full rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:-

Men

1. Bengtsson (Sweden) (10).
2. Itoh (Japan) (1).
3. Surbek (Yugoslavia) (11).
4. Li Ching-kuang (China) (30).
5. Klampar (Hungary) (12)
6. Hsi En-ting (China) (21)
7. Hasegawa (Japan) (2)
8. Stipanec (Yugoslavia) (20)
9. Li Fu-jung (China) (19)
10. Jonyer (Hungary) (14)
11. Liang Ko-liang (-).

12. Kohno (Japan) (6)
13. Schöler (Fed. Germany) (5)
14. Alser (Sweden) (3)
15. Johansson (Sweden) (9)
16. Chuang Tse-tung (China) (4)
17. Kunz (Czechoslovakia) (-)
18. Secretin (France) (25)
19. Karakasevic (Yugoslavia) (17)
20. Orlowski (Czechoslovakia) (-)
21. Tasaka (Japan) (8)
22. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.) (16)
23. Pak Sin II (North Korea) (15)
24. Imano (Japan) (-)
25. Weber (France) (-)
26. Ohya (Japan) (-)
27. Lieck (Fed. Germany) (-)
28. Beleznay (Hungary) (-)
29. Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia) (26)
30. Chu Chang Sook (South Korea) (28)

Women

1. Lin Hui-ching (China) (6)
2. Cheng Min-chih (China) (3)
3. Vostova (Czechoslovakia) (4)
4. Kowada (Japan) (1)
5. Li Li (China) (15)
6. Ohzeki (Japan) (26)
7. Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) (2)
8. Alexandru (Rumania) (5)
9. Cheng Huai-ying (China) (-)
10. Inoue (Japan) (-)
11. Grofova (Czechoslovakia) (-)
12. Lee Ailsea (South Korea) (12)
13. Hamada (Japan) (9)

14. Grinberg (U.S.S.R.) (8)
15. Konno (Japan) (18)
16. Schöler (Fed. Germany) (7)
17. Shirley (England) (28)
18. Sakamoto (Japan) (-)
19. Choi Jung Sook (South Korea) (21)
20. Simon (Fed. Germany) (13)
21. Ohba (Japan) (-)
22. Antonyan (U.S.S.R.) (-)
23. Kishazi (Hungary) (20)
24. Hejma (Fed. Germany) (-)
25. Pogosova (U.S.S.R.) (14)
26. Hirano (Japan) (-)
27. Magos (Hungary) (-)
28. Neidert (Sweden) (-)
29. Liang Li-chen (China) (11)
30. Mathews (England) (-)

Yugoslavia's Istvan Korpa, previously ranked at No. 7, is the shock omission from the men's list. He went out in the first round of the men's singles in Nagoya to Japan's No. 15-ranked Yukio Shibata. Others missing from the previous list comprise:- Chou Lan-sun (China) (13), Inoue (Japan) (18), Kasai (Japan) (22), Neale (England) (23), Chung Cha Hyun (S. Korea) (24), Amelin (U.S.S.R.) (27) and Sarkhojan (U.S.S.R.) (29).

Former world champion Sachiko Morisawa (Japan) is the chief omission in the women's list having previously occupied tenth position following Munich. And from the list published after Munich the other ten missing players from the new list are:- Hovestadt (East Germany) (16), Li Ho-nan (China) (17), Geissler (E. Germany) (19), Mihalca (Rumania) (22), Calinska (Poland) (23), Itoh (Japan) (24), Crisan (Rumania) (25), Andersson (Sweden) (27), Stephan (E. Germany) (29) and Resler (Yugoslavia) (30).

Pauline Piddock (Kent), previously ranked at No. 3, was not included in the list following the announcement of her retirement.

Junior Lists

End of season ranking for Juniors produced the following lists with * denoting not eligible for junior events for season 1971-72. Previous positions are given in brackets.

Boys

1. *Jimmy Walker (Yorks) (3)
2. *Nicky Jarvis (Yorks) (1)
3. *Tony Boasman (Lancs) (2)
4. Ian Horsham (Essex) (4)
5. Peter Taylor (Beds) (5)
6. Paul Gutormsen (Kent) (8)
7. Robert Broadmore (Warwks) (9)
8. *Michael Harper (Herts) (7)
9. Simon Heaps (Ches) (6)
10. *David Rayner (Yorks) (A)
11. David Alderson (Yorks) (10)
12. Brian Johns (Ches) (A)

Group A

- Robert Aldrich (Middx)
*Paul Bishop (Surrey)
Graham Blomfield (Essex)
Brian Dunne (Warwks)
*Neil Fulstow (Yorks)
*Robert Hellaby (Essex)
*Michael Locke (Essex)
Andy Mitchell (Kent)
Jeffrey Nix (Warwks)
Donald Parker (Lancs)

Girls

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

Group A

- *Susan Beazer (Somerset)
*Rebecca Bryant (Somerset)
Gillian Locke (Essex)
Susanne Manning (Lancs)
*Ann Painter (Middx)
Karen Rogers (Leics)
Anita Stevenson (Leics)
Elaine Tarten (Essex)
Judith Walker (Yorks)
*Gillian Wetmore (Gloucs)

English Rankings

Meeting in London on June 6, the National Selection Committee compiled the following ranking list of senior players which will be operative for the opening tournaments of the 1971-72 season.

As expected after her successes in the Commonwealth and World Championships, Jill Hammersley (nee Shirley) regained the No. 1 women's spot from Karenza Mathews, her final victim in Singapore.

Rankings (previous positions in brackets):-

Men

1. Chester Barnes (Essex) (1)
2. Denis Neale (Yorks) (2)
3. Trevor Taylor (Essex) (4)
4. Alan Hydes (Yorks) (3)
5. Tony Clayton (Yorks) (5)
6. David Brown (Essex) (6)
7. "Les" Haslam (Middx) (8)
8. "Connie" Warren (Surrey) (11)
9. Mike Johns (Ches) (7)
10. Brian Burn (Warwks) (10)
11. Tony Piddock (Kent) (9)
12. Nicky Jarvis (Yorks) (12)
12. Jimmy Walker (Yorks) (-)

Women

1. Jill Hammersley (Bucks) (2)
2. Karenza Mathews (Middx) (1)
3. Judy Williams (Sussex) (5)
4. Lesley Radford (Essex) (4)
5. Shelagh Hession (Essex) (6)
6. Susan Howard (Surrey) (7)
7. Judy Heaps (Ches) (8)
8. Diane Johnson (Lancs) (-)
9. Linda Howard (Surrey) (-)
10. Betty Bird (Kent) (-)

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Pauline Retires



On her return from China, following the Commonwealth and World Championships, in Singapore and Japan, Kent international Pauline Piddock (nee Hemmings) announced her retirement from top flight table tennis. Pauline occupied the No. 3 spot in the English ranking list of last season and achieved fame absolute when, in the 30th World Championships at Munich in April, 1969, she defeated the reigning women's singles title holder Sachiko Morisawa of Japan in Round 1 and went on to reach the last sixteen.

DUNLOP'S INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPANY LIMITED RECEIVES QUEEN'S AWARD TO INDUSTRY FOR EXPORT ACHIEVEMENT

IN welcoming guests at the presentation of the Queen's Award to Industry conferred on Dunlop's International Sports Company Limited at Horbury on August 23, Mr. D. J. Flunder, Dunlop director, said that credit was wholly due to the efforts of all the employees in the Company and congratulated them on their fine achievement.

Mr. G. F. Carr, director and general manager of I.S.C. thanked Brigadier K. Hargreaves, C.B.E., LL.D., T.D., for presenting the Award for Export Achievement. He went on to say, "that although this proud occasion is a reflection of our achievements in the past, what is now equally important is our ability to continue to sell our products on quality and price in the ever-increasing competition of the world market place."

Mr. Carr also took the opportunity of announcing that sales this year had been continuing to increase at home and abroad and at the end of July, exports were 14 per cent. up on the corresponding period in 1970, a year in which exports reached a record £5 million.

In conclusion, Mr. Carr said that he was delighted to see so many guests at today's ceremony from local government, industry and sport, and representatives of the 3,300 employees from the Company's eight factories in the United Kingdom.

International Club MIDLAND LEAGUE

by Laurie Landry

NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED

During the close season, the Club has been active insofar as the annual elections took place as a result of which founder of the Club, Geoff Harrower, relinquished the reins of Chairmanship to Manchester's Leslie Cohen. Both Brian Wright and the writer were returned as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

The Executive Committee sees a new face in Ralph Gunnion who serves with Marjorie Cumberbatch, Betty Griffin, Len Adams and Ron Crayden.

The big event to be staged by the International Club this season is the Hard Rubber Bat Open at the Barnet TT Centre on Sunday, January 9th, 1972. The events will comprise men's and women's singles and mixed doubles. There will also be consolation singles events for which first round losers will automatically be entered.

Within the Club, we have another Rubber Bat tournament at Manchester Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, October 3, from 1 to 5.30 p.m. This will follow the Halex North of England 3-Star Open and it is hoped all members and their guests will play, as this will prove an ideal warm-up for the affair at Barnet.

I should be pleased to hear from any League, Club or Association, wishing to arrange an event for any purpose in which the Club, with its many members, could be of assistance. Please write me at 53, Hillfield Road, London, N.W.6.

by Philip Reid

NEWCOMER FROM WORCESTERSHIRE

Redditch was the only new league to be admitted to the Midland League for the forthcoming campaign and whilst the exact composition of their team is not known at the moment it is expected to be a strong side and one which could easily gain promotion at the first attempt.

At the A.G.M. officers re-elected were Chairman: Malcolm E. Scott, Secretary/Treasurer: Maurice Goldstein, Vice-Chairman: D. J. Pritchard, Press Officer: P. Reid.

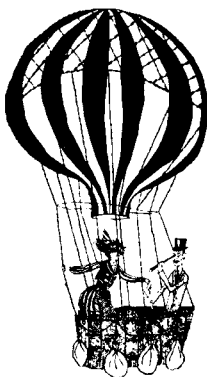
Alterations were made to the rules of the Midland Closed Championships. From now on, only players who have appeared in the Midland League during the current season will be eligible to participate. This should have the effect of substantially curtailing entries.

Finally, at the time of writing, Ernie Taylor (Nottingham) was not in the best of health. Hope you are making a good recovery Ernie and that we shall see you around during the season.

Chinese Tour

Although it has been agreed that the Chinese team will visit this country during the current season, news is still awaited of the proposed dates.

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17th - 24th July, 1971

by Peter A. Webb



Front row: Bryan Merrett, Staff Coach; Peter Hirst, Staff Coach; Hans Soova, 2 Star Coach; Hans Beogli, Switzerland Coach; Pat O'Brien, Ireland Coach.
—Photo by Roger Price

FOR Peter Hirst, the recently appointed Staff Coach for the East Region, his first 'Lilleshall Week' proved to be a great success. He was well supported by a talented array of experienced coaches in persons of Bryan Merrett, Hans Soova, Pat O'Brien (Ireland) and Hans Beogli (Switzerland).

So keen were the 40 members, that on many occasions the organisers had to persuade players not to take part in late evening practice, in order that they did not 'over do it'. To the relief of many, the famed early morning run was dispensed with, and in its place Peter Hirst introduced an ever increasing number of Yoga exercises, to the standard warming-up session. As if this was not enough, the student coaches were finally brought to their knees after a 'Squad Training Session' with Bryan Merrett, no wonder the England Squad is a fit one! The only exercise missing from the training schedule was finger exercises for the coaches after their written examinations.

During the weeks' courses the student coaches were examined for the teaching Certificate and Club Coach status, while a number of the younger players were examined for the Junior Proficiency Awards, at Bronze, Silver and Gold Standards.

The final days highlight was the nailbiting Final of the '1971 Closed Lilleshall Putting Tournament' and the presentation of the prizes by the Secretary of the E.T.T.A., Derek Tremayne. Mr. Tremayne's visit was marked by a special display of Yoga by the super-fit members, which was no mean feat after seven days of table tennis, seven hours a day. Well done and see you next year!

COCA-COLA PRESS COMPETITION

League press correspondents were invited to send in their cuttings appertaining to the coverage afforded them by their local papers of the Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Competitions. Winners of a bottle of Barcardi and a crate of Coke were: L. R. J. Constable (Cambridge), L. Hoffman (North Middlesex), A. Ransome (North Yorkshire), B. Snook (Exeter), G. Stafford (Stockport) and G. R. Yates (Bolton).

For Whom the Bell Tolloed

American Congressmen still regret the failure of Senators William Spong and Hiram Fong to get a Bill through Congress recommending the ringing of church bells to hail the arrival in Hong Kong of the American table tennis team after its tour of China. They had the Bill labelled as:- The Spong-Fong Ping Pong Hong Kong Ding Dong Bell Bill.

—English Daily Mirror.

Tournament Diary

Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Oct. 9/10	North Middlesex 2-Star Open, Alexandra Palace, London, N. 10.	BS, GS, VS.	Mr. A. How, 20, New Road, Canvey, Essex.
10	Bournemouth 1-Star Open, Avonbourne School, Harewood Avenue, Bournemouth, Hants.	JS, VS.	Mr. D. C. Young, 9, Burnett Road, Christchurch, Hants. Closing Date: 30/9/71.
23/24	Sussex 2-Star Open, Sea-End Pavilion, Hastings Pier, Hastings.	VS (Men)	Mr. D. N. Tyler, 206, St. Helens Road, Hastings, Sussex. Closing Date: 7/10/71.
24	Merton 1-Star Open, Winton Y.M.C.A., Jameson Road, Winton, Bournemouth, Hants.	BS, GS.	Mr. C. G. Fugatt, 33, Whitehayes Road, Burton, Christchurch, Hants. Closing Date: 8/10/71.
30/31	Humber-side 3-Star Open Y.P.I., Ferens Recreation Centre, Hull, Yorks.	BS, GS, VS.	Mr. J. H. Popham, The Kennels, Hotham Park, York. YO4 3UN. Closing Date: 12/10/71.
Nov. 6	Cumberland 2-Star Open, Millom School, Millom.	BS, GS.	Mr. R. Rigg, 4, Tower Hill, Loop Road South, Whitehaven, Cumb. Closing Date: 26/10/71.
6/7	Woolwich 2-Star Open, Greenwich Baths.	JS, VS.	Mr. M. R. Ellis, Pogles Wood, Boxley Road, Walde-slade, Chatham, Kent. Closing Date: 15/10/71.
Nov. 6/7	Kent Junior 2-Star Open U-15, U-13, Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.	U-11, BS, GS, U-13 BD, GD U-15 XD.	Mr. J. P. Heritage, 26 Cradle Bridge Drive, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Closing Date: 14/10/71.
20/21	Southend 2-Star Open, Cecil Jones School, Eastern Avenue, Southend, Essex.	BS, GS, VS.	Mr. M. D. Watts, Gleneagles, 25 Church Green, Sycamore Way, Canewdon, Essex.
20/21	Woodfield Invitation 1-Star Open, Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton, Staffs.	BS, GS, VS.	Mr. K. Hodgkiss, 35 Whitehall Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, Staffs.
21	Hastings Tiger 1-Star Open, Bexhill Youth Centre, Station Road, Bexhill, Sussex.		Mr. J. F. Wyles, 48a, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. Closing Date: 6/11/71.
27	Merseyside 2-Star Open, Dunlops Ltd., Speke, Liverpool 24.	BS, GS, VS	Mr. J. C. McKim, 14 Greenhill Avenue, Liverpool. L18 6HT. Closing Date: 13/11/71.
SCOTLAND			
Oct. 23	North of Scotland Open (Aberdeen)		Mr. N. Davidson, 107 Walker Road, Torry, Aberdeen.
Nov. 13	Midlands Open (Dundee)		Mr. I. A. Dunbar, 5 Montrave Place, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
21	East of Scotland (Edinburgh)		Mr. B. Dawson, 20 Mauricewood Park, Penicuik, Midlothian.
WALES			
Oct. 23	Aberdare Open		Mrs. N. Roy Evans, 198 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff. CF2 6BQ.
Nov. 20	Swansea Open		

Note: Closing dates approximately 14 days prior to event.

English Schools' Table Tennis Association

by "Penholder"

Arrangements are already well advanced for the sixth annual 4-a-side school team championships which have gained in popularity since first being held in 1967.

The Championships are open to teams of four pupils in attendance at the same school. There are seven events as follows, with ages being reckoned as at midnight September 1/2, 1971:

Boys Under-19

The Norman Cook Cup

Girls Under-19

The Claud Kichenside Cup

Boys Under-15

The Leach-Carrington Cup

Girls Under-15

The Mick Betts Memorial Cup

Boys Under-13

The T. Austin Harrison Cup

Girls Under-13

The Hartshill Cup

Under-11

The Irene Elliot Cup

Last season over 750 schools of varying types were affiliated to the English Schools' Table Tennis Association through thirty member Associations and almost one thousand teams were involved in the Championships at some stage.

There are five stages in the Championships and in some areas schools will already have set off in pursuit of a place in the National Finals which will again be held at Norwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, on Sunday, March 19th, 1972.

County and Local Schools' Associations are asked to arrange their own competitions by December 31 at the latest and notify the E.S.T.T.A. of qualifying teams by this date. From that point onwards teams compete in one of nine Area Finals which take place in January and February, with the winning teams involved in one of three Regional Finals on Sunday, February 27, to decide the Norwood finalists.

Pupils who wish to participate in the 1971-72 Competition must first ensure that their school is affiliated to the E.S.T.T.A. through a local or county schools' association.

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

Full details of Associations, National Championship arrangements, the E.T.T.A. Proficiency Award Scheme, School Centres, and the Laws of the Game are included in the new 48 page handbook which is being distributed free to all affiliated schools. It can also be obtained for 15p (including postage) from the General Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Main news to emerge from the Annual General Meeting way back in

May was several changes behind the scenes. Former General Secretary, Mr. G. N. Gurney, takes over as Chairman from Mr. J. A. Maxwell of Nuneaton who is one of three new Vice-presidents elected. The others are Mr. H. Levine and Mr. W. S. Mackenzie, formerly of Birmingham, both founder members of the Executive Council.

Mr. J. M. Wright hands over the job of Competition Secretary to Mr. E. Mitchell (The Schoolhouse, Cookhill, Alcester, Warwickshire), but remains on the Executive Council and is also a member of the newly-constituted Development Committee.

The new General Secretary is Mr. D. A. Lomas to whom any enquiries should be addressed at The Old Cottage, Mill Street Redhill, Surrey.

100 Club Corner

SOUTH TO THE SUN

by Albert Shipley

On the evening following the Association's A.G.M. in July, the 100 Club held a most successful Dinner at the Horseshoe Hotel in Tottenham Court Road when the Guest Speaker, the Rt. Hon. Ernest Marples M.P., gave a fascinating talk on his life in politics. Mr. Marples made a generous offer of help in giving publicity to the E.T.T.A. and has kindly arranged for a future Dinner to be held in the House of Commons with wine supplied from his own vineyard in France.

The lucky winners in the 100 Club Draw were David R. Wolstencroft of Bolton (£100), Mrs. Doreen Stannard of Acton, W.3. (£50) and Miss M. C. Bateson of Oxford (£10).

In December, a party of 65 members, relatives and friends will be spending a weekend in Majorca at an all-inclusive cost of £15 per head. The local paper in Majorca has already given the event some publicity for we are hoping to obtain a Guest Speaker from among the many well-known British personalities who winter on the island.

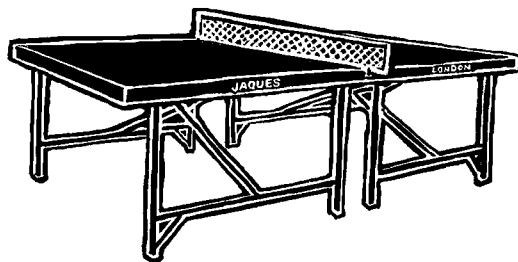
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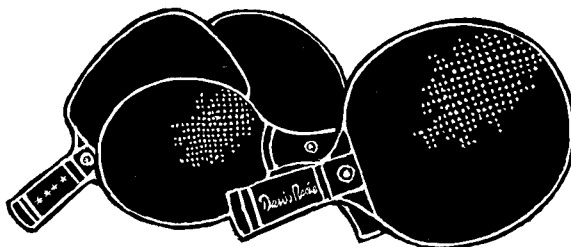
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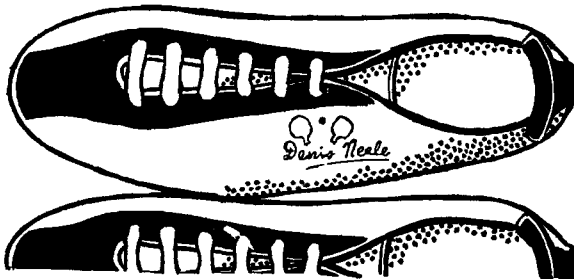
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

TOUGHER STILL WITHOUT CLODE

Fresh from their successes of last season the Cambs. Team will be all out to do well in their new and higher division but will find the opposition somewhat tougher and will have to be on their toes to hold their place.

They have been deprived of the assistance of DICK CLODE who is leaving the district and who was such a staunch player last season and had a fine record. TONY LITTLECHILD is again available as are STEPHEN ANDREWS, ALAN PONDER, KEN MUHR, GERALD COTEMAN and JOHN THURSTON who again showed splendid form last season despite getting near the veteran stage.

The ladies have a problem in that CAROL PAYNE may not always be available and some of the junior girls who played so splendidly last year, such as EMMA SWAN & DEBORAH CLARK, are not quite ready for senior play. SALLY BROWNING will again be available and she with CAROL PAYNE will form the main ladies' section in the County Team.

The Junior County Team will again have the services of PAUL DAY, JOHN WILLIS and CARL DELLAR who, with EMMA SWAN and DEBORAH CLARK, will again form a fine side. Another name from SOHAM, that of KEITH RICHARDSON may hit the headlines

as some say that he is a bigger prospect than PAUL DAY. That is saying something!

The Cambridge City side, who again won the South-East Midlands League title, retain the services of THURSTON, LITTLECHILD, ANDREWS, MUHR and COTEMAN. The City have only lost one match in four years in this division and look like succeeding a fifth time. The reserve City side, who won the Reserve Section in its first season, will again have the services of a number of players including PAUL CHISNALL, and DAVID JARVIS, and they will again be a tough team to remove from the top of the division. The Juniors, who did so well in last season's CARTER CUP competition, should do better in the league this season as they now have more confidence and with the help of MICK HARPER they seemed to excel themselves.

KEN MUHR did well to reach the National Westminster Banks' finals before losing in Madrid but not until after a great fight. Ken has been elected Coaching Secretary of the Cambs T.T.L. and has already been busy in organising courses etc. Keep the good work up Ken!

In the 'Hobbs Table Tennis Bats' Award, sponsored by Hobbs Sports Shop to the winners of the National Proficiency Scheme, Deborah Clark (gold) and Chris Fuller (silver) were successful. Deborah Clarke a 16-year-old PERSE SCHOOL girl has represented Cambs. Ladies and Cambs. Juniors on several occasions.

Although Cambs. Juniors were successful in their bid to gain promotion to the PREMIER division in the County 'play-offs' last season, Deborah was the outstanding Cambs. player, being a party to six wins out of eight doubles matches she contested.

A 15-year-old Cambridge Grammar Schoolboy, CHRISTOPHER FULLER, last season won most of his games when representing Cambs. Juniors in the South-East Midlands League. He has yet to play for the County Juniors but his hopes for selection should be fulfilled in the near future.

LAURIE LANDRY, the former England and Middlesex player made a recent visit to Cambridge, taking charge of a coaching session at the Y.M.C.A., and was impressed by 10-year-old LUDOVIC CHAPMAN from BARRINGTON.

In the Cambs. Summer League, TELEPHONES beat ST. GEORGE'S on a closely fought final culminating a season of interesting play.

This season the Cambridge and District League has attracted an entry of 107 Teams and these will be formed into nine divisions with UNIVERSITY I all out to retain their title.

The Annual General Meeting of the newly formed Cambs. League drew an attendance of over 40 which was pleasing to see although many more should have been present. There was an active meeting and the Treasurer (MR. A. BROTCHE) presented a

Balance Sheet which showed a profit of £100.

The Officers elected were **President:** Mr. W. J. ROGERSON, **Hon. General Secretary:** Mr. L. R. J. CONSTABLE, **League Secretary & Treasurer:** Mr. A. A. BROTCHE and **Match Secretary:** Mr. J. A. THURSTON, **Chairman:** Mr. G. WATERS, **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. K. WINTERBOTTOM, **Coaching Secretary:** Mr. K. MUHR.

8th EUROPEAN T.T.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

This season's European Championships will be played in the Enerhiehal, Rotterdam, Holland from April 15th-22nd. Team events will occupy Saturday, April 15th to Tuesday, April 18th and the individuals will be from Thursday, April 20th to Saturday, April 22nd, with Wednesday, April 19 being the free day.

Finals of the team events will start at 19.00 hrs. on Tuesday, April 22nd and of the individual events at 13.30 on Saturday, April 22nd.

Situated in Abr. van Stolkweg, Rotterdam, the Enerhiehal measures 140 metres by 40 metres and it is within this space that 14 tables will be courted leaving spectator accommodation for some 3,500 people.

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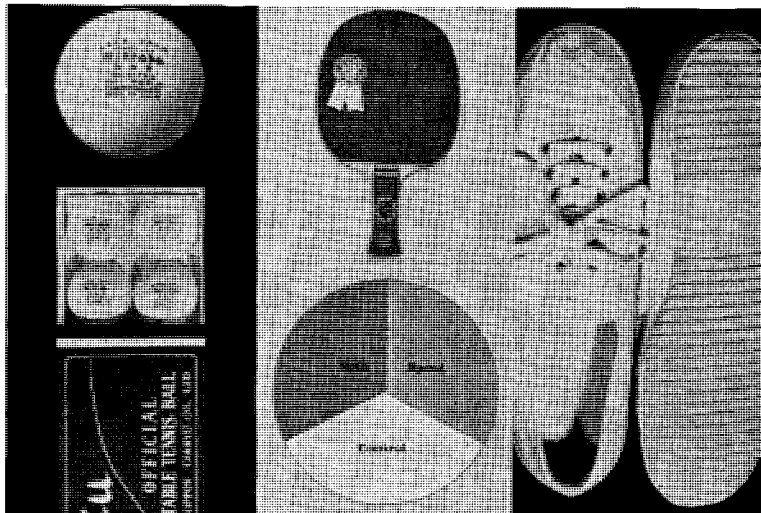
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A WORD OF APPRECIATION



from **E.T.T.A. Treasurer,
Tom Blunn**

I encroached on valuable space in the last four issues of Table Tennis News to put before the members the reasons for an increase in affiliation fees. I would now like to take a little more space to express my appreciation to the members for the sympathetic treatment given to the proposals at the A.G.M.

I never really stressed the consequences of the vote being lost as I hoped to convince members that the increase was reasonable and necessary to permit progress according to a plan that has been accepted as being reasonable and in the interests of the game. To have lost the vote would have put the clock back a considerable number of years and would have meant us giving up the fight to improve our position in international affairs.

As it happened the members expressed confidence in the National Council's ability to control the destiny of the Association by accepting the proposals with a substantial majority. There were, of course, some pockets of resistance and a very strong case was put forward in opposition.

It is obvious that certain areas are better than others in providing facilities for improvement and some sympathy is due to the more remote areas. This is a problem that is recognised and improved travel facilities should bring some benefit in the future. An attempt has been made already this season to make contact in all parts of the country by spreading the net covering junior assessment camps. These have been organised on a special low cost basis due to the generosity of Dunlop Sports Co. Ltd.

No particular area has a monopoly of junior players and if there is any talent in the more remote areas, the assessment camps should find it and provide an opportunity for further development.

It will be appreciated that the increased fees will not be payable until season 1972/73 and that the current season therefore is going to be a very difficult one. Due to the loss of T.V. fees and other revenue the income in future seasons is going to be no more than adequate and expenditure, as always, will have to be watched very closely. It will be very important to see that the benefit of the increased fees is spread over as large an area as possible.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

Everything seems set fair for another good season. Seven local players have taken part in the English Junior Assessment Camps and there are high hopes that at least two will reach the National finals in Loughborough.

Seven local players made the trip to Ostend to cheer on the England team in the European Youth Championships. As there were only nine from the whole of England on the trip it does seem as though Leicestershire have become very 'National-minded'.

The A.G.M. of the County Association brought one or two changes. Ernest McLeish who has been a wonderful fighter as a player and won many honours in the game has been made captain of the senior team and he is contemplating having regular practice sessions with his first team squad.

John Bowness takes over the captaincy of the junior team who should have a good season. John Ellis continues as captain of the veterans' team, a team which much appreciates the extended future list for the coming season. Other officials elected were:- President—Mr. A. G. Thomas, Chairman/Secretary—Philip Reid, Treasurer—John C. Grimley, Auditor—John R. Rogers.

The **Leicester League** continue with seventeen divisions and their outstanding change is that of President. Cyril Frith decided not to stand for a further term and has been succeeded by Leslie Corral, a popular choice. Cyril has worked tirelessly and conscientiously for table tennis ever since the game began in Leicester in the early 1930's and has always been a fine model of sportsmanship and a credit to the game both off and on the table.

It is only fairly recently that he retired as a player. It is quite impossible to even start to enumerate his achievements in such a short space as this but suffice to say he has secured every honour open to him in the county and that but for the war he would quite probably have achieved even greater fame. Cyril fortunately continues as a Vice-President and it is hoped he will still be seen at various functions.

The **Loughborough League** too show few changes but one significant one is that of Chairman. Dave Arterton has done trojan feats for the Loughborough League over the past few years but has now decided to vacate the chair. He is succeeded by Les Cairns, who hails from Liverpool. Les is very active in the coaching sphere in Loughborough. Dave, manager of the Loughborough Sports Centre has always been of every assistance when table tennis matches needed to be staged there and it is no little credit to him that within the last two seasons an international (England v. Hungary) has been staged in the town as has the Nissen tournament.

The **Hinckley League** continues to flourish under the guidance of Ernie McLeish and there is every likelihood of two divisions operating this season.

All in all a very promising situation.

TABLE TENNIS BALLS

by Victor Barna

TO those who are not quite familiar with table tennis it may come as a surprise that the game was played as far back as the beginning of the century. However, at the outbreak of the First World War the game died down, and it was not until around the early 1920's that people started to play it again. For one reason or another it quickly became popular in many parts of the world, as far apart as London and Adelaide. Eventually in 1926 the International Table Tennis Federation was formed, and the first World Championships took place in early 1927. From then on the sport has never looked back, and today there are over a hundred national associations belonging to the International Table Tennis Federation.

This is a very short history, and I only mention it so that you have a better idea when talking about table tennis equipment. Actually, here I only want to discuss table tennis balls.

In the early 1900's the ball used was made of cork coated with rubber. Then a table tennis enthusiast noticed

a baby playing with a toy celluloid ball. He was rude enough to take it away from the baby and try it out on a table tennis table. The idea worked; celluloid became the material for table tennis balls.

When the International Table Tennis Federation laid down the rules of the game they had no difficulty where bats or the size of the table, etc. were concerned. They could experiment and see what was best for the game. However, where balls were concerned it was a different matter altogether. There were not many ball manufacturers, and their products often were not good enough for serious table tennis. Hence rules were made to suit the equipment available rather than the other way round. The balls were to be made from celluloid; a material which expands in heat and contracts in cold, thus exhibiting differing playing characteristics. Complaints from players never ceased. Even today it is very common to see players spin many balls on the table before beginning a game, to find a ball which is spherical.

Personally, throughout my career I have never worried about the size or weight of the ball; the most important thing to me was that the ball was truly round. If it was round, I did not have to watch the bounce, and I knew exactly how it would behave. If the ball was not round I had to watch its bounce very carefully, thereby losing speed, timing and accuracy.

There is no need to say that I was delighted when a few years ago I was

told by our Dunlop research people that they had developed a new manufacturing process utilising a material other than celluloid for making table tennis balls. This new material is not affected by different climatic conditions or storage, it would last longer, play better and, what is very important, would not be inflammable.

As I said, I was delighted, but little did I know about the difficulties that lay ahead. To begin with the balls were "too good", inasmuch as they bounced too high by the standard laid down by the rules. Therefore, the material had to be changed slightly. Spin tests for accuracy had to be developed, other special tests were made for durability, sphericity, forward bounce, etc., etc., etc. All this has taken a lot of time, much effort, and special care and attention.

I am not going to make this article too long, let us simply say that we in Dunlop strongly believe that in the New Barna Super Ball we have the ball of the future. Present production shows an absolutely regular bounce which makes play much easier, and the balls are perfectly round. Climatic conditions have no effect whatsoever and the ball is not inflammable. It is well known that many governments, and definitely the British Government, do not allow the use of celluloid in toys and many other products, and it is now mainly restricted to spectacle frames and table tennis balls. Even where spectacle frames are concerned plastic is taking over. This means that the quality of celluloid is going down and the price is going up.

We are very proud to be the first to introduce this revolutionary new ball. In all respects it is better than the old type celluloid ball and, of course, it is gaining popularity all over the world. Naturally we expect our rival manufacturers to play down

the advantages of the New Super Ball. One thing they might say is that it plays slightly differently from the celluloid one, but 90% of the players will not notice any difference whatsoever. If there is a difference, it is very slight and two minutes play is enough to get accustomed to it. I am pleased to say however that no manufacturer has said this is a bad ball. Furthermore any difference is for the better and the ball is being rapidly accepted all over the world for its many advantages.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

MORE THAN USUAL INTEREST

In the ever-decreasing period between one season and the next, there has been more than the usual interest for Worcestershire followers. The return of the County first team to Division 2 West, for 1971-72, and the entry of a Veterans' side for the first time, make a total of 22 fixtures to be fulfilled in the coming campaign. This increased activity is made possible by the improved financial position reported at the Annual Meeting, but caution must remain the watchword in expenditure with these additional calls to be met.

Not yet resolved is the main talking point of recent months: the Special General meeting to be held on September 19th will reach the final decision on the controversial proposal that only players competing regularly in the County League shall be eligible for Worcestershire team selection. The advocates of this move feel that those holding County rankings must be in regular opposition to the leading contenders, and that this would, in any case, raise the entire playing standard within the County League.

On the other hand, the Worcester League representatives, in particular, would have difficulty in implementing any such decision, as their top men are required for Midland League fixtures, and would not welcome any increase in their playing commitments.

It was with regret that members learnt of Ken Green's illness during the summer; Ken, one of several Lancastrian exiles active now in Worcestershire, took over the mantle of County Secretary at the end of May, but, before taking up his duties in full, was admitted to hospital in mid-June. Let us hope he makes a complete recovery, and can soon resume his dual role of player-administrator.

Another recent appointment is that of Redditch's Eddie Mitchell to the unenviable task of succeeding John Wright as the E.S.T.T.A.'s Competitions Secretary. With the expansion of schools' activities in other parts of the country, it is gratifying to learn that Eddie and Brian Selby of Hartlebury are leading a move to form a Worcestershire Schools' Association; the scope exists if this initial breakthrough can be made.

Congratulations to Clive Kendall who has now been awarded the Diploma One Star Coach status. Clive, just 19, made his County second team debut at the end of last season, but has been active at coaching rallies and courses for some years; his enthusiasm and willingness to help and encourage others has been recognised in an award which probably makes him the youngest Diploma Coach in the country.

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TWO-TIER QUALIFICATION FOR REFEREES

by **GEOFF JAMES**

Chairman
Umpires and Referees Committee

"Oh, Oh, What a Referee!" says the song of poor old Billy Cotton. "Refer to Referee" is the stock answer to many an umpiring problem culled from the more conservative I.T.T.F. But who is this being and what do he and his position represent? To the less devoted outside our sport the term is only a synonym for umpire but inside he is known as the person whose responsibilities cover a wide area of tournament and match play and give him considerable powers over umpires. But umpires at all major events are highly qualified officials of considerable experience and proven knowledge. Can the same be said of referees?

Most of us can remember the days when some organisations felt that the referee's office was most adequately filled by a senior official or civic dignitary whose only contribution was to grace the event with his presence in its latter stages. Throughout the event referee's decisions were having

to be taken by another committee official, present and capable of deciding. Such a situation was manifestly unfair both to those seeking justice and to the official who was in fact having to dispense it. Thus when the Association originally tightened up its regulations the first rationalisation was an insistence on an experienced referee and later that he should be approved as such by the Umpires and Referees Committee.

MERE EXPEDIENT

However, even this was only a faltering step in the right direction. With full inspection of every tournament being impractical—as well as somewhat undesirable—this meant that a list of approved referees was drawn up, based on the County or National Umpire qualification—to ensure at least some knowledge of law—and a lack of any adverse report on previous refereeing occasions. This was a mere expedient and totally unsatisfactory in virtually all respects. Good umpires have to prove they are good umpires but not that they are good referees, while many experienced referees have neither time nor inclination to become good umpires, and in any case lists compiled on such inadequate data result in anomalies which discredit the whole system.

Therefore the Council has approved a plan which will enable people to qualify themselves as referees by examination and proven knowledge gained by experience. It will be con-

finer to tournament referees as opposed to match referees required for international matches, county matches, etc., which is a subject that will be examined once the present scheme is in operation. There will be two grades of which the lower will be "Tournament Referee" and the higher "National Referee". Qualification for each will follow broadly the present County and National Umpire test but there will be certain significant differences.

COUNTY NOMINATION

Candidates for both grades will be accepted only upon County nomination and will be required to show experience of tournament organisation either as referee, assistant referee or tournament committee member. Also, Tournament Referee candidates must have passed at least the written part of the County Umpire Test and National Referee aspirants must have successfully completed the written part of the National Umpire examination.

Candidates for the lower grade will then be required to complete a test paper, in their own time and with access to reference books. The paper will require a knowledge of most referee's aspects of tournament organisation and will include a general exercise in tournament planning and scheduling.

National referee candidates will be required to take a similar test but under examination room conditions and without access to reference books, followed by an oral test. It is intended that these higher grade examinations be taken at local centres on the same day with only those who reach a certain standard being called to other centres for interview at a later stage—thus avoiding the great waste of time waiting for interview that we have had in some National Umpire examinations.

Two major departures from the Umpire Scheme are that the Tournament Referee papers will be marked at national level instead of county and that a fee of £1 will be charged to each candidate for each grade; the fee will, however, include free copies of the necessary reference books and regulations and, for successful candidates, an appropriate lapel badge.

IMMEDIATE APPLICATION

It is intended to put these plans into operation immediately and application forms are now being sent to all counties and tournament organisers. For the present season the original published lists of referees will run in parallel with the lists compiled from the successful candidates but for next season, 1972-73, the Council has agreed that only qualified referees will be allowed to referee any tournament and that only National Referees will be permitted to referee the National Championship and 3-Star Tournaments.

Eventually it is intended to bring 2-Star Tournaments into this latter category, as the major differences between the various grades of tournaments are between 2 and 1-Star, but to introduce this regulation initially might make life too difficult for organisers; hence the longer period to enable sufficient people to reach the appropriate grade.

Candidates will normally be expected to become Tournament

Referees first and then, if they wish, sit for the National Referee Examination, but for the first season it is intended to allow candidates to sit direct for the higher grade as it is appreciated that with the ultimate extension of this grade to 2-Star Tournaments many established referees would wish to attempt the higher grade as soon as possible.

INTERMEDIATE PASS

Therefore, in the first National Referee Examination there will be an intermediate pass mark which will automatically entitle those reaching it to become Tournament Referees, even if, having reached a higher standard they fail the oral part of the National Referees test. Later in the season a test paper will be available for those interested solely in the Tournament Referee qualification and desirous of availing themselves of the right to take the test in their own time.

Let it be quite clear that the Council is not out to prevent anybody doing a job which he has already been doing for many years. If he has been doing it well, he knows the job and will have no difficulties in passing the examination and proving it. Thus we hope not only will general tournament standards be even further improved but, what is even more important, tournaments will be seen to be under the control of officials who have PROVED that they know what they are doing.

Book Review

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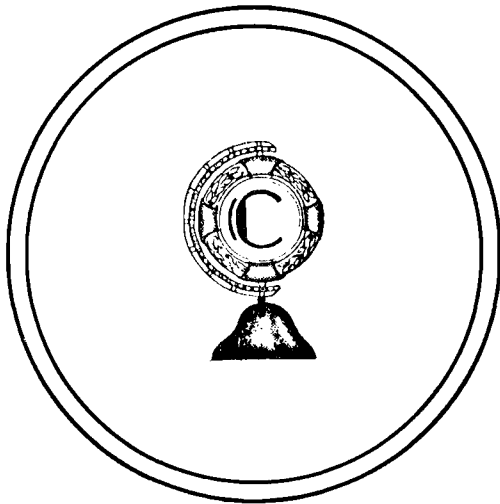
SAM AND SHARON LEARN TO PLAY TABLE TENNIS

by Dolly Harmer.

Considered suitable as an Xmas present for the under-12's Dolly Harmer is to publish her newest book in November. Its contents are similar but more informative than "Play right from the Start" and, written as a story, should have an appeal to the children rather than to the teachers.

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CONTROVERSY

John Woodford

starts a new season of verbal debate on DISCIPLINE AT LEAGUE LEVEL

THE E.T.T.A. and most county associations usually have enough problems on their hands without getting involved in local leagues "domestic" affairs when it comes to discipline at the table. The exception is when of course disputes lead to appeals.

Annually, nearly all local leagues go through their rules, or at least they should do, to seek improvements. The controversial point is what steps are taken at local level when a player persistently misbehaves himself? Quite often I am sure, very little happens. Odd swearwords are overlooked frequently but there comes a time in the history of most leagues when a player or players begin to lose their self-control.

Usually they are young players. Frequently, they grow out of it. Sometimes they don't . . . we've all seen it. Under-the-breath oaths get louder, balls are hit into the lights and bats are thrown to the floor. At the end of the game the bat is thrown

down quite violently and the traditional handshake is not made, or at least not in the spirit in which it should be made.

The cause is usually self-admonishment for a poor display but it often succeeds in deliberately upsetting the concentration of the opponent and other members of the opposing side.

In severe cases, the result is that a written complaint is made to the league secretary which is passed on to a disciplinary sub-committee who usually start by warning the player and then by deciding on a period of suspension varying from a fortnight to a whole season. In some cases, some of the more organised clubs will impose their own suspension.

Is this the best remedy? My experience is that sometimes it does the trick and sometimes it doesn't. It takes all types to make a world. We all have weaknesses. One of the most unfortunate flaws is to be unable to lose at sport gracefully.

I have found that a number of leagues do not carry in their rules the power to refuse a player's registration at the start of the season. In many towns the worst-behaved and ill-mannered table tennis player in the country can come to live in the area and nothing can stop him continuing to spoil pleasant evenings of competitive table tennis.

The recommendation is that leagues should check to see that their rules can, if they so wish, exclude a known troublemaker and to go one step further, add the power to terminate a registration mid-season should the number of disturbances warrant it.

Like the H-bomb, its a powerful deterrent which might never be used but its a very useful weapon to have in the league's cupboard designed to nip trouble in the bud and save long and embarrassing arguments and the reading of letters of complaint at meetings where discipline has to be enforced.

And of course an "axed" player still has the right of appeal.

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SERVICES RENDERED by 'The Cheeky Chappie'

It would have seemed fairly obvious from the so-called controversial column written by John Woodford that despite his good intentions and his desire to cause us all furiously to think, that he started

and finished at the bottom of the barrel and thus failed in his objective.

This, it may well be felt, is a great pity for there is nothing like a good old argument to brighten up a dull game of Table Tennis. It is therefore with great pleasure that under the code name of 'The Cheeky Chappie' I propose my first stirring words of the season.

These are concerned with the service; a part of the game that quite blätently does no service to the game.

The latest ruling, to the best of my somewhat shallow memory, suggests that the ball should be flat on the hand and thrown from there straight upwards or nearly so and only struck as it comes down. Ha! Ha! Ha!

It might well be agreed at International level that this is the most desirable way of performing this little chore, but who is taking any notice of it?

It might be thought that at top player and top Umpire level that the rule would be strictly enforced but is it?

It could well be expected to be enforced at the major tournaments throughout the year but there are those who still defy the Umpire to 'call' every service.

With conditions like these prevailing at the higher levels who can blame the youngsters and the lesser players if they continue to service as they frequently have done in the past, giving as their excuse that they have never had any trouble before and rather suggesting that the Umpire

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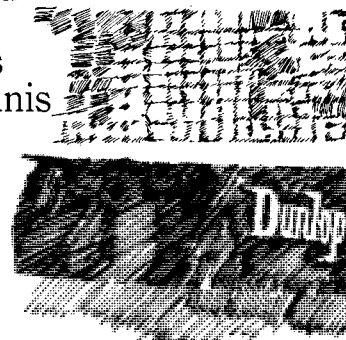
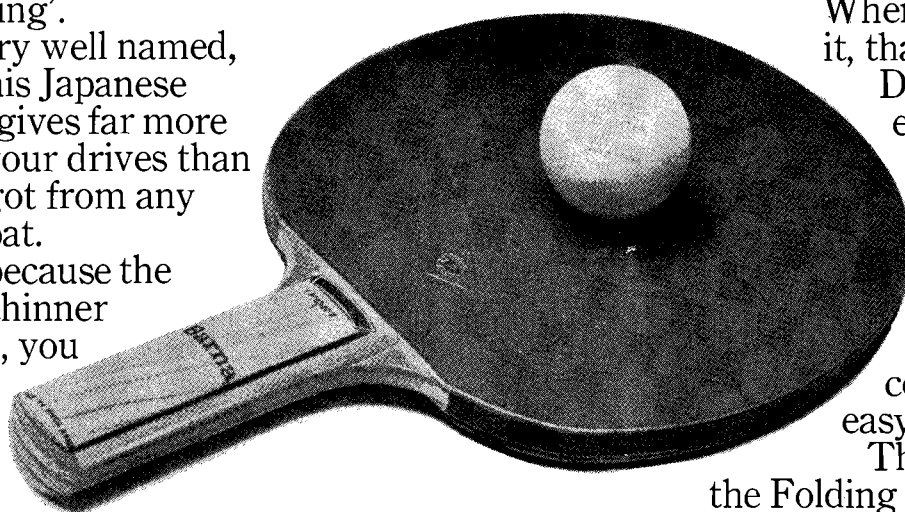
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on this particular occasion is not only usurping any slight authority he might temporarily possess, but is also looking for trouble and obviously biased since he is clearly trying to put the player in question off his game.

This might perhaps be construed as an attack on our Umpires, possibly they do not have sufficient regard for the strictest letter of the law and by allowing some licence indicate that some licence is allowed. Or are there two few of them to insist that this particular law is always insisted upon.

There was, if one recalls correctly, a letter in one of last season's issues, suggesting methods of getting matches umpired. Again, if one recalls correctly, several answers were suggested, taking the player nearest to the table was one asking for volunteers another.

These methods may well assist the poor organiser to get his games through but it is questionable as to whether a player, either volunteer or pressman, will be as strict about the service rule as would a County or National Umpire. Perhaps, if he himself has a service which is not of the highest standards he will not even be looking to see whether either service is foul or not.

If this state of affairs exists what point is there in insisting on a specified method of serving? Why not return to the good old days when finger spins etc., were the order of the day? No rule, after all, can be a good rule which cannot be enforced

and it would certainly appear that this is one in that category. What is the answer? Should there be a Clubman Umpire category, a lower level test for people who do not want to necessarily do umpiring in any wider sphere, or should this level perhaps be the starting point for all Umpires of any inclination a level at which they would learn and put into practice the fundamentals of the game before going on to the higher level?

Should the Rules section of the Silver award for Juniors be made stricter so that a better definition of the rules is given at an early age, or should the 'Gold' contain a further selection of questions about the game to ensure that the best youngsters are fully aware of the precise rulings? Can the E.T.T.A. make more strenuous efforts to get the message across to all leagues and clubs so that there is less necessity for Umpires of high calibre to be used?

Or what is the answer? O.K. folks get the wooden spoons out if you wish or don't if you wish not. Do have a think about it though . . . and Oh yes, if you do happen to meet me in a match please watch that B . . . service.

1972 Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship

Once again sport features in the activities which are eligible for Winston Churchill Travelling Fellow-

ships. There is a section which will be of interest to anyone involved as an Organiser, Coach or player for their own particular sport and many readers will know that Alan Hydes was successful in obtaining a 1971 Fellowship. The details are not yet finalised but Alan hopes to visit Japan and possibly China to enable him to improve his own playing ability and also to give him a wide knowledge of the coaching methods employed in major table tennis countries.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, established as a result of the National Appeal in 1965, is a unique form of memorial. It enables men and women who might never otherwise have the chance, to travel abroad, to widen their knowledge not only in their own field of activity, but of other peoples' lives and work in different parts of the world, and as a result of the experience they gain, to contribute more effectively to their profession, community and country.

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The grants cover all Fellowship expenses, the average length of which is three months. Interviews will be held in London in January 1972 and

successful candidates will be expected to start their travels during that year.

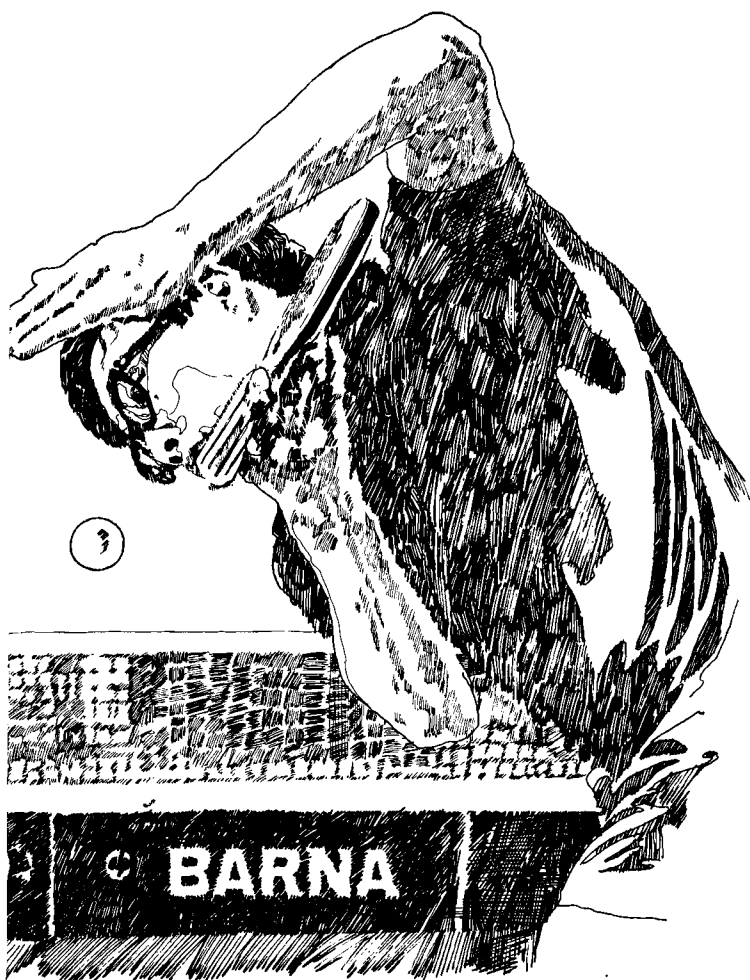
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Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps

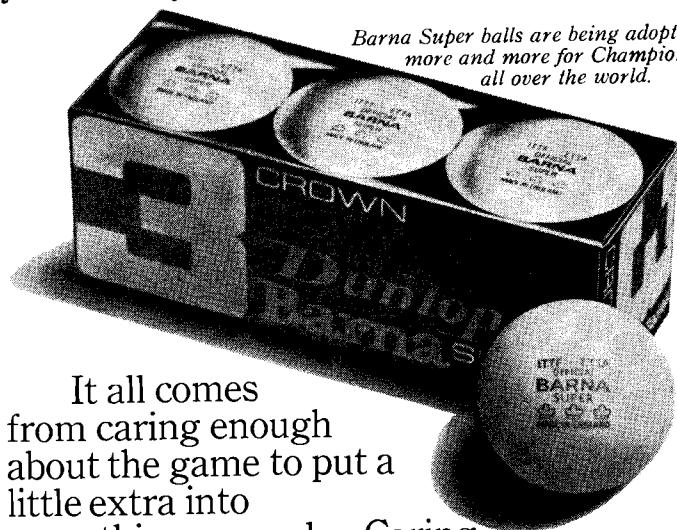
Beginning at Plymouth Y.M.C.A. on July 30th, five Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps have been held during the summer all of which have been attended by the senior Staff Coach, Bryan Merrett.

Apart from the South West camp in Devon, the other Dunlop sponsored camps have taken place at Sheffield Y.M.C.A. (North), Crystal Palace Sports Centre (South), Wensum Lodge, Norwich (East) and finally from Aug 27-29 at Cheltenham Y.M.C.A. (Midlands).

It is expected that for the final camp, to be held at Loughborough University over the weekend Sept. 18-19, fourteen boys and twelve girls will be invited subsequent to which the Selection Committee will draw up a new Junior Ranking List.



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Team Events

by TONY ROSS

RUSSIAN DOMINATION

Led by Nicky Jarvis, with strong support from Ian Horsham, England's assault for the boys' team championship trophy broke all opposition but Sweden, and earned them a deserved third place, a considerable improvement on last year's seventh. The girls, however, slumped from fifth to eighth position, and must continue to be a worry for England's selectors.

Title-holders of 3 years' standing in the boys' event, Czechoslovakia found no advantage in the evaluation of the surviving member of last year's team, Pavel Ovcarik, to the perhaps unexpected status of No. 1 seed in the singles. They crashed 0-5 to Russia after a narrow loss 4-5 to Federal Germany.

No team could match the all-round strength of the Russians, who beat Sweden 5-3 in the final in spite of a 3 set maximum from Ingemar Vikström from Sweden. Vikström finished the team event unbeaten, but could not emulate his now illustrious predecessor, Stellan Bengtsson, by maintaining a like record in the singles event.

The final was tense and nervous, with not a great deal to excite the packed spectator benches. Sweden's non-playing captain, Christer Johansson, gambled on the inclusion of the youngest member of his squad, Bo Isaksson, in the place of Andersson, to pull something out of the hat. Unfortunately, Isaksson proved to be no conjurer and only in the sixth set, with his side trailing 2-3, was he able

to excite Sweden's supporters by winning the second game 21-19 against Aleksandr Saprykin.

SUPERB WIN

England began their campaign with a 5-0 victory over Switzerland and a less certain 5-2 win over Netherlands, with Jimmy Walker and Tony Boasman each losing a set. Following the superb 5-straight win over Hungary to begin the second stage group, England's 2-5 loss to Sweden was disappointing, when a finals place was definitely a possibility.

Ian Horsham beat Kjell Hellstrom in straight games to open England's account, after being 18-20 down in the first, and from 19-all in the second. Jimmy Walker led Ingemar Vikström 11-8 in the first, but was caught at 12-all and lost 14-21! Hopes of a repeat of Walker's English Junior Open success against Vikström vanished when the Swedish boy took a 13-3 lead in the second game, and although Walker pulled back from 10-20 to 15-20 it was too late.

Nicky Jarvis was a comfortable winner over Tommy Andersson but Horsham could not hold Vikström and the score was 2-2. Jarvis looked to have the set against Hellstrom sewn up when he led 15-8 in the third, and then 20-17, when Hellstrom flat-killed a Jarvis loop. 20-18! Nicky pushed a backhand off and then could only block two loops into the net. The next point he netted his own loop and unbelievably Hellstrom had won, turning the match definitely Sweden's way.

Walker led Andersson 8-2 in the third but again suffered misfires and lost 12-21, leaving Jarvis the task of beating Vikström to save the match. However, Nicky could not stem the tide of winners and that was that.

France and Federal Germany were well beaten, each 5-2, to secure third place. Jarvis won all his sets in these matches, including that against his conqueror at the English Junior, Manfred Baum, and Horsham lost only one, to French defender Martin.

RETENTION

The girls' team event was retained by Czechoslovakia, who won for the fourth year out of five. Russia was a notable non-entry in this event, as their girls were entered in the Cadet team event and according to the rules could not play in both. Czechoslovakia's final opposition was provided by Hungary's Eszter Juhos and Henriette Lotaller. After Blanka Silhanova had lost to the quick hitting Lotaller, Ilona Vostova put her side level by beating Juhos. The Czech girls won the doubles, and then the fourth set, between Vostova and Lotaller, caused tremendous excitement. The Hungarian girl matched the implacable Czech hit for hit, and having won the first 21-18, held two set points at 20-18 in the second, but to no avail. Vostova won 23-21, and ran away with the third game 21-9 as the Hungarian girl wilted.

England's fortunes took a sharp knock when, having beaten a weak Italian side 3-0, our girls went down 1-3 to Luxembourg, with Linda Howard playing only in the doubles, our only success! The girls won their second stage group by beating Scotland and Denmark, but lost to France in the play-off for 7th place, with Linda Howard conceding set points in a close third game with Brigitte Thiriet.

In the cadet team events, the boys were unlucky to be drawn in the same group as the eventual winners, Russia, but were by no means out-classed. David Alderson played magnificently to beat Leonid Geisman and his set against the No. 1, Bagrat Burnazyan, was desperately close. John Kitchener, although without success in this match, played throughout as though his life depended on the result. What more could one ask?

COOL AND STRONG

The cadet girls also showed plenty of fight, and undismayed by the hammering they received from the Russian girls, went on to contest the third place with Federal Germany. This was a long, long match, all five sets going the full distance, and required cool heads and strong nerves. Judith Walker and Elaine Tarten showed they possessed both, and although the match was lost in the third game of the fifth set, when Elaine went down 18-21 to Birgit Balke, after Judith had held but lost match point against Hannelore Egner in the preceding set, both girls deserve praise for their efforts. The title was won by the powerful Russian girls, who had a comfortable 3-1 victory over Rumania.

With Strokotov and Fursov still eligible of the boys, and strong rein-

forcements available from the cadet ranks, Russian players will again present a formidable challenge in next year's event. Is it possible that there might be England teams capable of meeting that challenge a year hence?

TEAM EVENT

RESULTS:

Boys

1ST STAGE

v. Switzerland (won 5-0)
I. Horsham bt D. Bradic 10, 12;
N. Jarvis bt E. Heri 11, 21;
J. Walker bt R. Spescha -20, 6, 12;
Horsham bt Heri 20, 16;
Walker bt Bradic 11, 8;
v. Netherlands (won 5-2)
A. Boasman lost to H. Lingen -19, 14, -19;
N. Jarvis bt H. Hopman 15, 10;
J. Walker bt H. van der Zee 9, -17, 16;
Jarvis bt Lingen 11, -17, 16;
Boasman bt van der Zee 17, 20;
Walker lost to Hopman -16, -17;
Jarvis bt van der Zee 19, 15.

2ND STAGE

v. Hungary (won 5-0)
I. Horsham bt G. Bodrogi 20, 19;
A. Boasman bt G. Nemeth -12, 16, 20;
N. Jarvis bt G. Mohai 12, 13;
Horsham bt Nemeth -19, 11, 17;
Jarvis bt Bodrogi 15, 11.
v. Sweden (lost 2-5)
I. Horsham bt K. Hellstrom 20, 19;
J. Walker lost to I. Vikström -14, -15;
N. Jarvis bt T. Andersson 15, 16;
Horsham lost to Vikström -11, -12;
Jarvis lost to Hellstrom 16, -15, -20;
Walker lost to Andersson 17, -16, -12;
Jarvis lost to Vikström -11, -13
v. France (won 5-2)
A. Boasman bt T. Roesch 14, -19, 18;
N. Jarvis bt C. Martin 9, 10;
I. Horsham bt J. D. Constant 22, -8, 9;
Jarvis bt Roesch 9, 14;
Boasman lost to Constant -16, -15;
Horsham lost to Martin -10, -18;
Jarvis bt Constant 14, 9.

Play-off for positions 3 and 4

v. Federal Germany (won 5-2)
A. Boasman lost to M. Baum -14, -13;
N. Jarvis bt, H. Faik 19, 12;
I. Horsham bt H. Deutz 16, 19;
Jarvis bt Baum 12, 12;
Boasman lost to Deutz 12, -14, -14;
Horsham bt Faik -15, 16; 20;
Jarvis bt Deutz -19, 13, 13.

Final—U.S.S.R. bt Sweden 5-3

R. Erentjuk bt K. Hellstrom -17, 11, 17;
A. Saprykin lost to I. Vikström -18, -15;
A. Strokotov bt B. Isaksson 12, 12;
Erentjuk lost to Vikström 14, -18, -10;
Strokotov bt Hellstrom 13, 12;
Saprykin bt Isaksson 15, -19, 13;
Strokotov lost to Vikström -13, -17;
Erentjuk bt Isaksson 18, 17.

Final Positions

(last year's positions in brackets)

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

LEADING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS—

FIRST EIGHT COUNTRIES

	%
1. I. Vikström (Swe), 16-0	100
2. A. Strokotov (USSR), 13-1	93
3. R. Erentjuk (USSR), 11-1	92
4. N. Jarvis (Eng.), 13-2	87
4. P. Ovcarik (Cz), 13-2	87
6. S. Bosi (It), 13-3	81
7. I. Horsham (Eng.), 8-2	80
8. J. D. Constant (Fr), 11-6	65
9. K. Hellstrom (Swe), 7-4	64

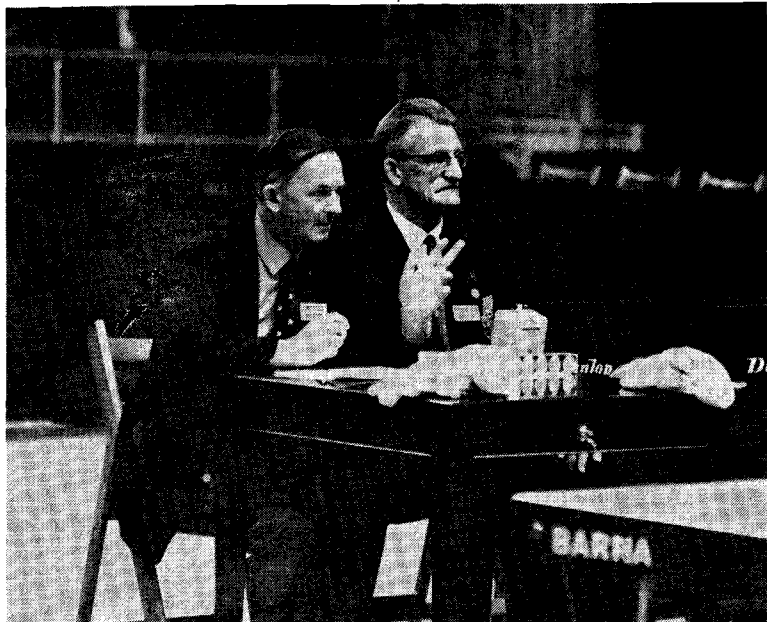
Other English Records

J. Walker, 3-3	50
A. Boasman, 3-4	43

Girls

1ST STAGE

v. Italy (won 3-0)
L. Howard bt S. Milic 13, 15;
S. Hamilton bt M. Marcone 13, 24;
Howard/J. Hellaby bt Marcone/F. Marcone 19, 11.



National Umpires Rea Balmford and Fred Lee in action at Ostend.

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v. Luxembourg (lost 1-3)
J. Hellaby lost to B. Krier -16, -13;
S. Hamilton lost to J. Dom -11, -9;
L. Howard/Hellaby bt Dom/Krier -11, 15, 18;
Hellaby lost to Dom -16, 18, -13.

2ND STAGE

v. Scotland (won 3-0)
J. Hellaby bt L. Montague 21, 21;
L. Howard bt E. Smith 16, 19;
Howard/Hellaby bt Smith/Montague 8, 16.
v. Denmark (won 3-1)
L. Howard bt M. Henriksen 19, 10;
J. Hellaby lost to B. Andersen 14, -18, -14;
Play-off for positions 7 and 8
Howard/Hellaby bt Henriksen/Andersen 17, 17;
Howard bt Henriksen 19, 14.
v. France (lost 0-3)
J. Hellaby lost to C. Bergeret 17, -15, -14;
L. Howard lost to B. Thiriet 15, -14, -21;
Howard/Hellaby lost to Bergeret/Thiriet -12, 18, -16.

Final—Czechoslovakia bt Hungary 3-1
B. Silhanova lost to H. Lotaller 19, -14, -15;
I. Vostova bt E. Jubos 10, 10;
Vostova/Silhanova bt Juhos/Lotaller 14, 20;
Vostova bt Lotaller -18, 21, 9.

Final Positions

(last year's positions in brackets)

1. Czechoslovakia (1)
2. Hungary (3)
3. Yugoslavia (—)
4. Luxembourg (11)
5. Federal Germany (6)
6. Netherlands (9)
7. France (10)
8. ENGLAND (5)
9. Sweden (7)
10. Denmark (13)
11. SCOTLAND (20)
12. Switzerland (14)
13. Poland (18)
14. Austria (8)
15. IRELAND (19)
16. Belgium (16)
17. Italy (—)
18. Spain (15)
19. Norway (—)

LEADING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS— FIRST SIX COUNTRIES

1. I. Vostova (Cz), 7-0	100
2. H. Lotaller (Hu), 5-1	83
2. E. Korpa (Yu), 5-1	83
4. E. Jeler (Yu), 4-1	80
5. E. Juhos (Hu), 2-1	67
5. S. Heltzel (Neth), 4-2	67
7. B. Silhanova (Cz), 3-2	60
7. U. Hirschmuller (FG), 3-2	60
7. B. Krier (Lu), 3-2	60
English Records	
1. L. Howard, 4-1	80
2. S. Hamilton, 1-1	50
3. J. Hellaby, 1-4	20



Words of encouragement from Christer Johansson to Bo Isaksson during the Boys' team event final.

RESULTS

Cadet Boys

1ST STAGE

v. Belgium II (won 3-0)
J. Kitchener bt M. Vastmans 18, 7;
D. Alderson bt B. Vastmans 10, 6;
Alderson/Kitchener bt Vastmans/Vastmans 11, 15.

v. U.S.S.R. (lost 1-3)
D. Alderson bt L. Geisman 27, 13;
J. Kitchener lost to B. Burnazjan -13, -15;
Alderson/Kitchener lost to Geisman/Burnazjan -17, -14;
Alderson lost to Burnazjan -20, 21, -15.

2ND STAGE

v. Spain (won 3-1)
D. Alderson bt J. Carrillo 10, 12;
J. Kitchener lost to J. Lupon -18, 16, -17;
Alderson/Kitchener bt Carrillo/Lupon 20, 13;
Alderson bt Lupon 14, 19.
Play-off for positions 5 and 6
v. Denmark (won 3-0)
D. Alderson bt C. Jacobsen 12, 13;
J. Kitchener bt J. Hansen 20, 10;
Alderson/Kitchener bt Jacobsen/Hansen 13, 13.
Final U.S.S.R. bt Federal Germany 3-0
B. Burnazjan bt J. Beck 18, 17;
L. Geisman bt P. Stellwag 14, -10, 18;
Burnazjan/Geisman bt Beck/Stellwag 16, 13.
Final Positions

1. U.S.S.R.
2. Federal Germany
3. Rumania
4. Sweden
5. ENGLAND
6. Denmark
7. Netherlands
8. Spain
9. Luxembourg
10. Belgium II
11. Belgium I
12. Italy
13. Austria

Cadet Girls

1ST STAGE

v. Spain (won 3-2)
E. Tarten bt M. Sanahuja -17, 17, 13;
J. Walker lost to P. Lupon -15, -17;
Tarten/Walker bt Sanahuja/Lupon 19, -12, 19;
Tarten lost to Lupon -15, -14;
Walker bt Sanahuja 15, 10.

v. U.S.S.R. (lost 0-3)

J. Walker lost to T. Ferdman -15, -9;
E. Tarten bt E. Antonjan -9, -2;
Walker/Tarten lost to Antonjan/Ferdman -9, -8.
v. Hungary (won 3-1)
E. Tarten bt Ruszensky 16, -12, 20;
J. Walker bt C. Juasko 14, 18;
Tarten/Walker lost to Ruszensky/Juasko 18, 23, -12;
Walker bt Ruszensky 23, -15, 13.

v. Netherlands (won 3-0)

J. Walker bt S. Verboort 11, 17;
E. Tarten bt M. Wagemakers -15, 20, 15;
Walker/Tarten bt Verboort/Wagemakers -19, 14, 11.
Play-off for positions 3 and 4
v. Federal Germany (lost 2-3)
E. Tarten lost to H. Egner 18, -19, -13;
J. Walker bt B. Balke 18, -12, 17;
Tarten/Walker bt Balke/Egner -17, 21, 20;
Walker lost to Egner 18, -20, -19;
Tarten lost to Balke 18, -7, -18.

RESULTS

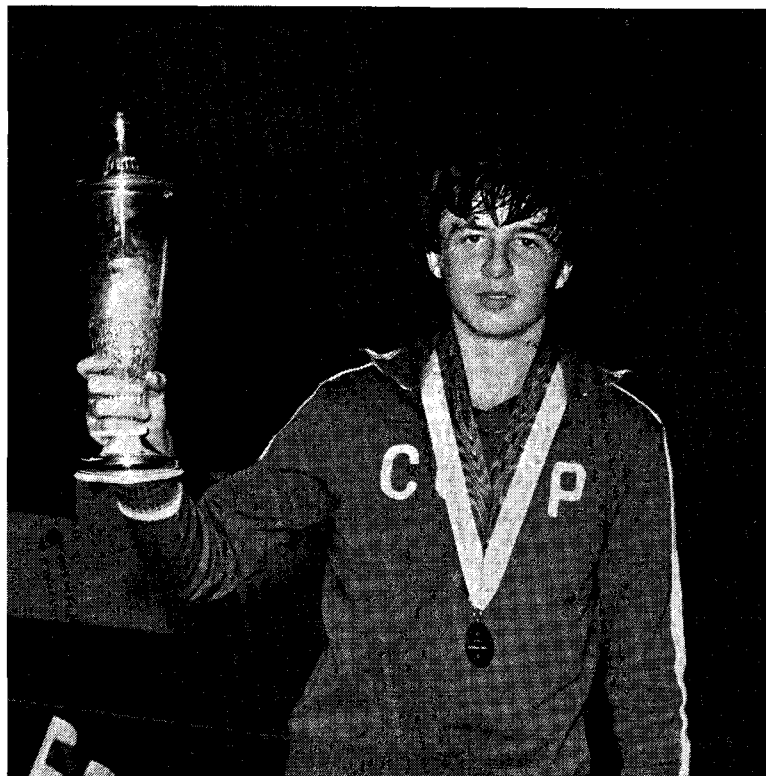
Final U.S.S.R. bt Rumania 3-1

E. Antonjan bt M. Sinteoan 14, 17;
T. Ferdman lost to L. Lupu 15, -17, -17;
Antonjan/Ferdman bt Sinteoan/Lupu 18, 11;
Antonjan bt Lupu 15, 16.

Final Positions

1. U.S.S.R.

2. Rumania
3. Federal Germany
4. ENGLAND
5. Austria
6. Hungary
7. Spain
8. Luxembourg
9. Belgium
10. Netherlands



Triple champion Anatoli Strokotov here holds the Boys' Singles trophy.

Individual Events by REA BALMFORD

SUPERIORITY EMPHASIZED

Team championship winners Russia and Czechoslovakia emphasized their superiority as their players continued to dominate in the Individual Events, which followed the Team Competition, and, although ANATOLY STROKATOV and ILONA VOSTOVA, with 3 and 2 titles respectively, took much of the glory, it was the strength in depth of these nations which created the greatest impression.

Only boy to challenge the Russians at the semi-final stage of the singles, where ALEXSANDR SAPRYKIN and VICTOR FURSOV joined STROKATOV in the staged part of the event, was the unseeded PHILIPPE MOLODZOFF (France), while in the BD, ROMAN ERENTJUK teamed up with his three colleagues to make up an all-Soviet final.

On the girls' side, Miss VOSTOVA, the title holder and No. 1 seed, retained her crown, but not until unseeded team mate BLANKA SILHANOVA, with the spectators cheering her on, as always is the case with the 'underdog', had pushed her to 19 in the third in a thrilling game of hit and counterhit.

SET FAIR

Inevitably the Czech girls paired to take the GD; while the Mixed went to the Russians, with ELMIRA ANTONJAN, the losing cadet finalist, coming in to partner STROKATOV.

Prospects in both countries, too,

seem set fair with BAGRAT BURNAZYAN taking a straight games win at the expense of fellow Russian LEONID GEISMAN in the Boys' Cadet Singles, and LUDMILA SMIDOVA (Czechoslovakia) getting the better of Miss ANTONJAN -17, 18, 20 in the parallel Girls' match.

ACHIEVEMENT

STROKATOV, a 16 years old schoolboy from Lvov in the Ukraine, with another year to go in the Junior ranks, pulled off an achievement which has not been accomplished since 1961, when V. POLAKOVIC (Czechoslovakia) took the 'treble' although in 1965 EVA JOHANSSON of Sweden made a clean sweep of GS, GD and XD.

Seeded at 2 in the singles, he was never in trouble, coming through in straight games until he faced SAPRYKIN in the final, where, in a typical hit and half-volley match, he dropped the middle game before getting home at 18, -17, 18.

SAPRYKIN himself had put an end to the hopes of the No. 1 seed, PAVEL OVCARIK (Czechoslovakia) in a three game quarter-final, while another seed to feel the weight of the Russian team roller was Federal German star MANFRED BAUM, who was beaten by FURSOV, also in the last eight.

INGEMAR VIKSTROM, who must have regarded his chances highly, following his unbeaten run in the team event, came a cropper in Round 3 of the singles, losing in straight games to third-ranked Rumanian MARIN FIRANESCU, who went on to become STROKATOV'S quarter-final victim.



Ian Horsham, surprise packet in the Boys' Singles, in play in the quarter-finals against Philippe Molodtsov (France).

From the English point of view, the successes were those boys who had borne the major burden of carrying their team to third place in the Team Event with a play-off win over West Germany.

NICKY JARVIS reached his allocated place in the last 16 with wins over ERWIN HERI (Switzerland) and BERT VAN DER HAM (Netherlands), and here the Teessider lived up to his former No. 1 ranking with a typical fighting display which saw him save no less than five match points in an advantage third-game before going down 11, -18, -26 to SAPRYKIN.

SPELL BROKEN

Young Essex starlet IAN HORSHAM provided one of the major shocks of the BS when, after getting through in three against first JOSE FERRAN (Spain) and then MICHAEL FERGUSON (Ireland), he shot out the seeded ERENTJUK 19, 18 and went on to overcome Sweden's TOMMY ANDERSSON 14, 13 to clinch a place in the Quarters.

Here the spell was broken, however, MOLODZOFF, who had created his own stir by disposing of IVICA STIPANCIC (Yugoslavia) and MIHAI BOBOCICA (Rumania), proving too sharp and taking the semi-final place in straight games.

JIMMY WALKER did not reveal the flair which took him to the top England ranking, and was beaten in his second outing by defender ZIVAN TRNIC (Yugoslavia), TONY BOASMAN fell at the same stage to in-form Federal German HANS DEUTZ, at 19 in the third, and PETER TAYLOR, the fifth English boy, was also a Round 2 victim, this time to MILO SMID, (Czechoslovakia) in a tight -20, -20 match.

SALT IN WOUND

As in the Team Championships, the English girls gave a disappointing display in the Singles, Luxembourg rubbing salt into the wound of the team win with victories by JEANNY DOM (over LINDA HOWARD) and CHRISTIANE PUTZ (over JANET

HELLABY), and ELAINE SMITH of Scotland proving too good for SHEILA HAMILTON.

Some self respect was salvaged in the GD where HOWARD/HELLABY made the last four, going down -17, -10 to eventual winners VOSTOVA/SILHANOVA.

In the Boys Doubles all the senior English players, including TAYLOR, who was paired with Sweden's BJORN DANIELSSON, reached the Quarters, with the scratch pair's Round 2 win over Hungary's top team of GYORGY NEMETH/GABOR MOHAI particularly meritorious. Three tight matches saw the end of England's interest at this stage, however, although in each case our boys came within an ace of victory.

With two finalists in last year's Cadet event on Teesside, England juniors had a difficult standard to maintain, and both boys, alas, went down on their second visit to the table, JOHN KITCHENER to STEFAN MORARU (Rumania) and DAVID ALDERSON, seeded No. 2, to LEONID GEISMAN, whom he had already beaten in the team competition.

RESULTS:

BOYS SINGLES Quarter Finals
Aleksandr Saprykin (Soviet Union) bt Paval Ovcarik (Czechoslovakia)
Philippe Molodtsov (France) bt Ian Horsham (England)
Victor Fursov (Soviet Union) bt Manfred Baum (Fed. Germany)
Anatoli Strokotov (Soviet Union) bt Marin Firanescu (Rumania)

Semi-Finals
Saprykin bt Molodtsov 18, 12.
Strokotov bt Fursov 16, 7.

Final
STROKATOV bt Saprykin 18, -17, 18.

GIRLS SINGLES Quarter Finals
Ilona Vostova (Czechoslovakia) bt Jeanny Dom (Luxembourg) 15, 13.
Henriette Lotaller (Hungary) bt Erzebet Korpa (Yugoslavia) 14, 14.
Blanka Silhanova (Czechoslovakia) bt Petra Gassong (Fed. Germany) 11, 10.
Ezter Juhos (Hungary) bt Martine Lafrogne (France) 19, 4.

Semi-Finals
Vostova bt Lotaller 13, 17.
Silhanova bt Juhos 10, 16.

Final
VOSTOVA bt Silhanova -19, 13, 19.

BOYS DOUBLES Semi-Finals

Strokotov/Fursov bt Bagrat Burnazjan/Leonid Geisman (Soviet Union) 18, 15.
Saprykin/Roman Erentjuk (Soviet Union) bt Ingemar Vikstrom/Kjell Hellstrom (Sweden) 16, 19.

Final

STROKATOV/FURSOV bt Saprykin/Erentjuk 14, 16.

GIRLS DOUBLES Semi-Finals

Vostova/Silhanova bt Linda Howard/Janet Hellaby (England) 17, 10.
Elmira Antonjan/Fatima Batyrova (Soviet Union) bt Juhos/Lotaller 19, 14.

Final

VOSTOVA/SILHANOVA bt Antonjan/Batrova 12, 17.

MIXED DOUBLES Semi-Finals

Manfred Baum/Elsa Toninger (West Germany) bt Pavel Ovcarik (Czechoslovakia)/Vostova 18, 15.

Strokotov/Antonjan bt Gyorgy Nemeth (Hungary)/Lotaller 14, -8, 13.

Final

STROKATOV/ANTONJAN bt Baum/Toninger 13, -14, 10.

CADET SINGLES (Boys) Semi-Finals

Burnazyan bt Stefan Moraru (Rumania) 15, 14.

Geisman bt Ake Gronlund (Sweden) 12, -19, 6.

Final

BURNAZYAN bt Geisman 15, 13.

CADET SINGLES (Girls) Semi-Finals

Antonjan bt Ligia Lupu (Rumania) 13, 16.

Ludmila Smidova (Czechoslovakia) bt Tatjana Ferdman (Soviet Union) 19, 17.

Final

SMIDOVA bt Antonjan -17, 18, 20.

BOYS CONSOLATION SINGLES Final

IVICA STIPANCIC (Yugoslavia) bt Erwin Heri (Switzerland) 18, 17.

GIRLS CONSOLATION SINGLES Final

RUTH RICHTER (Fed. Germany) bt Claude Bergeret (France) 10, -17, 15.

BOYS SINGLES

JIMMY WALKER bt Uffe Peterssen (Denmark) 19, 16;

lost to Zivan Trnic (Yugoslavia) -18, -16.

NICKY JARVIS bt Erwin Heri (Switzerland) 18, 8;

bt Bert Van Der Ham (Netherlands) 14, 14

lost to Aleksandr Saprykin (Soviet Union) 11, -18, -26.

TONY BOASMAN bt Erling Larsen (Denmark) 13, 19;

lost to Hans Deutz (Fed. Germany) 16, -18, -19.

IAN HORSHAM bt Jose Ferran 24, -19, 5;

bt Michael Ferguson (Ireland) -14, 16, 11;

ot Roman Erentjuk (Soviet Union) 19, 18;

bt Tommy Andersson (Sweden) 14, 13;

lost to Philippe Molodtsov (France)

PETER TAYLOR bt Herman Hopman (Netherlands) 13, 17;

lost to Milo Smid (Czechoslovakia) -20, -20.

GIRLS SINGLES

LINDA HOWARD bt Gertrud Potocnik (Fed. Germany) 16, -19, 14;

bt Catherine Boppe (Switzerland) 18, 20;

lost to JEANNY DOM (Luxembourg) 15, -17, -16.

JANET HELLABY lost to Christiane Putz (Luxembourg) 12, -18, -19.

SHEILA HAMILTON bt Beverley Stewart (Ireland) 15, 17;

lost to Elaine Smith (Scotland) -10, -6.

BOYS DOUBLES

WALKER/HORSHAM bt Peter Doherty/Martin Doherty (Ireland) 9, 3;

bt Orjan Glans/Ake Gronlund (Sweden) 17, 18;

bt Johnny Hansen/Carsten Jacobsen (Denmark) 23, 19;

lost to Burnazjan/Geisman 13, -12, -16.

JARVIS/BOASMAN bt Stefan Moraru/Alexandru Buzescu (Rumania) 12, -18, 23;

bt John McNeer/Robert Thompson (Scotland) 15, 13;

bt Smid/Jaroslav Suchopar (Czechoslovakia) 8, 17;

lost to Erentjuk/Saprykin 18, -13, -19.

DAVID ALDERSON/JOHN KITCHENER

lost to Didier Mouyart/Bernard Sine (Belgium) -17, -21

TAYLOR/BJORN DANIELSSON (Sweden)

bt Dirk Verstraete/Luc Zwaenpoel (Belgium) 12, 15;

bt Gyorgy Nemeth/Gabor Mohai (Hungary) 20, 18;

bt Hopman/Helmut Heigelsberger (Netherlands) -16, 18, 8;

lost to Ingemar Vikstrom/Kjell Hellstrom (Sweden) -19, -21.

GIRLS DOUBLES

HOWARD/HELLABY bt Jeanny Dom/Berthy Krier (Luxembourg) 18, 13;

bt Britta Andersen/Minna Henriksen (Denmark) -18, 12, 6;

bt Ligia Lupu/Maria Sinteoan (Rumania) 18, 8;

lost to Vostova/Silhanova - Semi-Final -17, -10.

HAMILTON/MAGGY LANGERS (Luxembourg) lost to Maria Reifberger/Carmen Teunig (Austria) 16, -12, -18.

ELAINE TARTEN/JUDY WALKER bt Kris Otte/Ingrid Alaerts (Belgium) 14, 16;

lost to Eszter Juhos/Henriette Lotaller (Hungary) -7, -11.

MIXED DOUBLES

WALKER/WALKER bt Lars Breidahl/Britta Andersen (Denmark) 16, 17;

lost to Cornel Popovici/Maria Sinteoan (Rumania) -9, -14.

JARVIS/HELLABY bt Kjell Hellstrom/Ann Christin Johansson (Sweden) 13, 12;

lost to Bagrat Burnazjan/Tatjana Ferdman (Soviet Union) -17, -10.

BOASMAN/HAMILTON lost to Ramon Erentjuk (Soviet Union)/Zsuzsa Ruzsensky (Hungary) 16, -12, -18.

HORSHAM/HOWARD bt James Wilson/Karen Senior (Ireland) 16, 14;

bt Erwin Spangl/Maria Reifberger (Austria) 19, 17;

lost to Peter Stellwag/Hannelore Egner (Fed. Germany) 16, -16, -14.

ALDERSON/TARTEN lost to Manfred Baum/Elsa Toninger (Fed. Germany) -19, -11.

TAYLOR/VALERIE FINLAY (Ireland) lost to Milo Smid/Ludmila Smidova (Czechoslovakia) -9, -12.

CADET SINGLES (Boys)

DAVID ALDERSON bt Wilfried Dumez (Netherlands) -11, 13, 17;

lost to Leonid Geisman (Soviet Union) -17, 19, -17.

JOHN KITCHENER bt Michel Birel (Luxembourg) 19, 14;

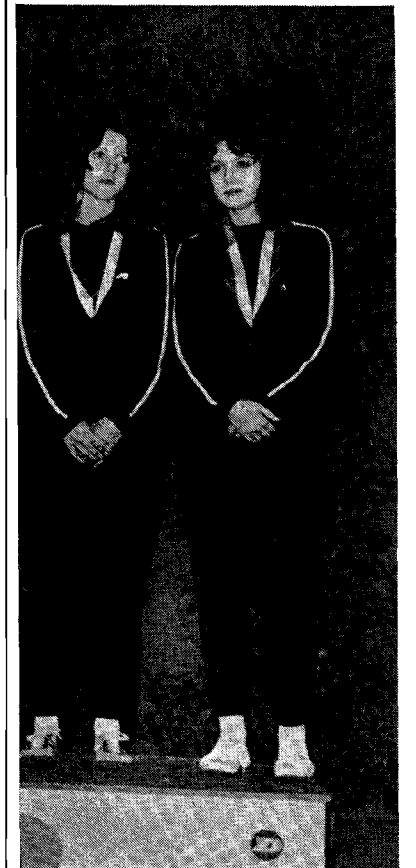
lost to Stefan Moraru (Rumania) -14, -18.

CADET SINGLES (Girls)

ELAINE TARTEN lost to Eva Bogner (Austria) -18, 18, -18.

JUDY WALKER bt Carin Verachtert (Belgium) 10, 9;

lost to Ligia Lupu (Rumania) -6, -17.



Linda Howard and Janet Hellaby, England's losing semi-finalists in the Girls' Doubles event.

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THE HALEX SUPER LEAGUE

by Lou Hoffman

Now it can be revealed, the name of the overall sponsor of the Super League, Halex, one of the greatest supporters of Table Tennis, have put their name to it and the Halex Super League is a reality.

£1000 is the amount put up by Halex inclusive of £200 for the sponsorship of one team. John Jaques, another good friend of the E.T.T.A. have also sponsored a team for £200 as have B.X.L., Reddings Tea and the London School of Flying. These five firms will shortly be joined by another and teams will be named after them.

At the time of going to press the following players have signified their acceptance to compete:- Chester Barnes, David Brown, Roger Chandler, Eric Coster, Stuart Gibbs, Mike Johns, Keith Lawrence, Denis Neale, Tony Piddock, Bobby Stevens, Trevor Taylor and Peter Williams together with juniors Robert Aldrich, Graham Blomfield, Michael Harper, Robert Hellaby, Ian Horsham, Michael Locke, Andy Mitchell and Peter Taylor.

Once the six captains have been established, the teams will be chosen and a draw for sponsors will take place.

In the last issue of the magazine a full explanation of how the organisa-

tion of the League will run was given. Now let me tell you the committee of the League, whose back-stage work has enabled the League to come to fruition and who will be working throughout the season to enable players and spectators to be given something to remember, and look forward to, each match evening.

Mrs. Alma Reeve is the League's Secretary with husband Norman looking after the publicity. Combining treasurership with being in charge of the umpires will be Mrs. Doreen Stannard, and the Referee duly appointed is Louis Hoffman, who also combines the onerous duties of Organiser. Fred Smith will be the representative of Haringey Council, being their Entertainments Officer, and Halex will have Leslie Gilbert to represent them. M.C. will be Albert Shipley, the Assistant Secretary of the E.T.T.A.

Price of admission is 30p which will guarantee a seat. A season ticket covering the ten sessions will cost £3 and tickets will be on sale at the E.T.T.A. office or direct from me. And we are doing our best to keep the tickets away from the touts who will charge you double!

First matches will commence on Oct. 5th. The opening ceremony will be at 6-30 p.m. and play should commence at 6-45 p.m. There are plenty of car parks in the vicinity of the venue and buses stop outside the Hornsey Town Hall from Finsbury Park and Turnpike Lane Tube Stations. Come and see good table tennis and try to pick the winning teams.



MALCOLM MARRIES

Michael Maclaren captured this charming picture of Scottish international Malcolm Sugden with his bride, the former Wendy Smith, who were married on May 29 at the Church of St. Saviour, Warwick Avenue, London. The reception was held at the King's Arms, Edgeware Road. Best wishes to the happy couple who now reside at 138 Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, W.9.

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England Outclassed by Yugoslavs

by Albert Shipley

On the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 28th, as part of the mammoth World Spectacular '71 multi-sports festival, sponsored by Esso and the London Evening Standard at Earls Court Stadium, England's world championships team were humbled 9-0 by Yugoslavia.

Six of the sets were won in straight games by the dedicated Slavs with only Trevor Taylor being in with a chance when he achieved a third game score of 20-all against Milivoj Karakasevic.

Alan Hydes also raised hopes of a fight back, after the visitors had taken a 4-0 match lead, by taking the first game, at 17, from world-ranking No. 3 Dragutin Surbek. But the former European Champion then raised his game as though by the realisation of his exalted ranking and proceeded to give the Yorkshire left-hander a 21-13, 21-11 drubbing.

Poor publicity by the organisers at a bad time of the year for table tennis resulted in a crowd of only 250 assembling in a stadium capable of holding thousands. It was like witnessing a match played in a

cathedral. Add the vast distance between the table and the nearest spectator to the dismal score-line, and the whole affair became something to be forgotten quickly.

Scores in match order were:-

A. Hydes lost to M. Karakasevic -13, -14;
T. Taylor lost to I. Korpa -12, -13;
A. Clayton lost to D. Surbek -13, -14;
Taylor lost to Karakasevic 9, -18, -20;
Hydes lost to Surbek 17, -13, -11;
Clayton lost to Korpa -17, -15;
Taylor lost to Surbek -10, -14;
Clayton lost to Karakasevic -10, 11, -17;
Hydes lost to Korpa -20, -19.

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Official News

NEW COUNCILLORS

Dorset, without a representative on the E.T.T.A.'s National Council last season, will have Mr. J. J. Dickinson of 151 Radipole Lane, Weymouth as their member for the 1971-72 season.

Additionally, five other newcomers have taken over for counties previously represented by P. E. Harmer (Beds.), A. M. Lijinsky (Berks.), J. K. Kennerley (Ches.), P. Norman (Derbys.) and D. N. Mitchell (Kent).

Make-up of the new Council is:-

Beds.: G. Bebb; Berks.: R. Smith; Bucks.: L. Thompson; Cambs.: J. D. Cornwell; Ches.: J. C. McKim; Cornwall: L. F. Landry; Cumb.: R. Rigg; Derbys.: L. A. Chatwin; Devon: K. T. O. Ponting; Dorset: J. J. Dickinson; Durham: F. J. Inch; Essex: P. Dukes; Gloucs.: L. C. T. Davis; Hants.: M. S. Greatrix; Herts.: H. G. Stevens; Hunts.: S. E. Roberts; Kent: C. A. Burden; Lancs.: A. E. Upton; Leics.: P. Reid; Lincs.: Mrs. A. J. Robinson; Middx.: L. Hoffman; Norfolk: E. J. Fairhead; Northants.: K. J. Marchant; Northld.: H. S. Lawson; Notts.: E. Taylor; Oxon.: A. J. Hobday; Salop: A. J. Cavell; Somerset: D. Pope; Staffs.: M. E. Scott; Suffolk: D. J. Barrett; Surrey:

J. Zenthon; Sussex: K. Watts; Warwks.: M. Goldstein; Wilts.: Miss K. Waters; Worcs.: I. R. Crickmer; Yorks.: F. Briggs.

Following the formation of a county association in Westmorland, only Herefordshire and Rutland remain on the outside.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the first meeting of the National Council, held in London on July 17th the four members of the Management Committee of last season successfully held their seats in a ballot which produced the following figures:-

ELECTED: W. Watts 27 votes
M. Goldstein 26 votes
I. R. Crickmer 19 votes
L. Hoffman 17 votes

Unsuccessful were:- L. C. T. Davies (10 votes), A. E. Upton (9), M. S. Greatrix (8), M. E. Scott (6) and P. Reid (2).

LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS

From the commencement of this 1971-72 season there is a significant change in the Laws of the game concerning the ball. The Law now reads "the ball shall be white or yellow".

Although at the moment, no yellow ball has I.T.T.F. approval, it is likely that yellow balls from both Halex and Dunlop will soon receive approval and this will be followed automatically by E.T.T.A. approval.

Therefore, Leagues, Counties and Tournament Organisers would be well

advised to make some local legislation to provide for the use of a yellow ball. For example, in a league match it should be clearly defined as to who has the final choice of colour and in most cases this would be the home team. Furthermore, it may be advisable to state that the whole match must be played with the same colour ball instead of having a variation dependent upon the whims of various players.

Similarly, tournament organisers should state on their entry forms the colour of ball to be used.

APPROVED BALLS FOR 1971-72

The following makes and grades of white balls have received E.T.T.A. approval for play in this country:-

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(The Nittaku ball was used at the 1971 World Championships and is distributed in this country by Ascot Sports Limited of Uckfield, Sussex).

No approval as yet has been given to the Schildkrot ball owing to difficulties in concluding a satisfactory agreement with their agents in this country. A decision will be taken on this matter in the near future on the confirmation or otherwise, of approval of this ball.

TOURNAMENT DIARIES

These diaries contain details of all

Open Tournaments, European League matches and other internationals and are available from the E.T.T.A. office, price 15p each, plus 3p for postage. For orders of 12 or more the price is £1.50 per dozen and for large orders a contribution towards postage would be appreciated.

For anyone who has a cover left from last year, the printed insert only will cost 10p each, or £1 per dozen.

PERMIT MEMBERS

May we remind you that all Permit Members are required to renew their membership each September 1st at the fee of £2, and that any member earning money from his skill at table tennis, such as coaching, should hold a permit to do so. Application forms are available on request.

DUSSELDORF CLUB VISIT

We have received a letter from the "DJK TUSA 08 Club" in Dusseldorf, Germany, who would like to visit this country in April 1972, bringing nine young players between the ages of 16 and 21, plus 3 escorts. They would prefer to visit the London area and to play several Club sides during a stay of about 10 days. Should you know of any Club who would be interested in entertaining these visitors, would you please ask them to contact:-

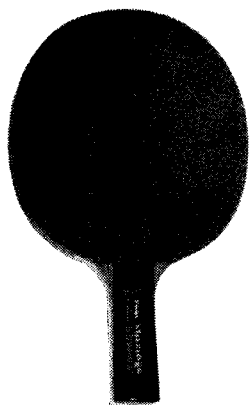
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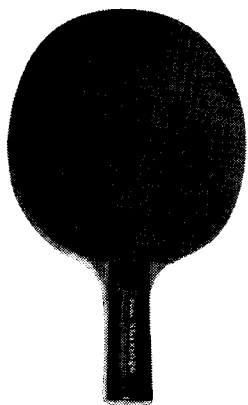
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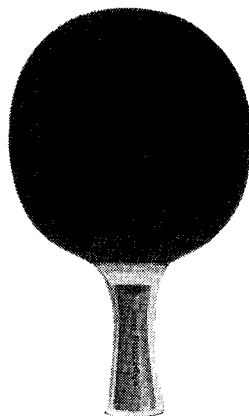
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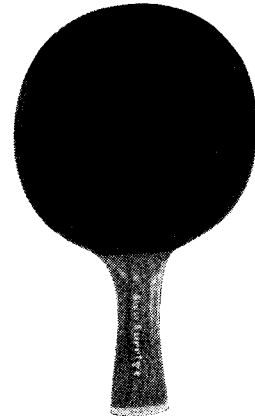
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ORMESBY ENTERTAIN CZECH STARS



by Alan Ransome

N.H.K.G. Ostrava, the 1970-71 Czechoslovak Club Champions visited Teesside during the period June 19th-July 1st engaging in two tournaments and a 7-match series against Ormesby T.T.C., the English Club Champions.

Overall, the 18-strong Ostrava contingent proved to be the better team winning the series 4-3, taking four out of five titles in the South Shields tournament and completely sweeping the board in the Ormesby "Closed."

The 7-match series proved very successful, Ormesby winning the opening encounter at Langbaugh School, Middlesbrough 5-4 but, despite the introduction of guest star Tony Clayton, being beaten 6-3 at Billingham Synthonia in the second match.

Suffering from a bad start, the Teessiders never recovered from a 0-3 deficit and eventually lost 3-6 at Stevenson Hall School, Billingham in the third meeting.

Two matches were played on Friday, June 25 when the spoils were shared. At Huslers School, Middlesbrough, Denis Neale and Nicky Jarvis were in good form and Ormesby won 6-3 but with the match score standing at 4-all in the subsequent encounter, Stefan Kollarovits beat Neale for a Czech win.

Despite taking a 3-1 lead in the penultimate match, Ormesby fell disastrously at James MacKinley School, Redcar when Ostrava fought back to win 5-4 so giving them a winning 4-2 series lead despite Jarvis winning both his singles as he did in the previous match.

The final match was played at Halifax and turned out to be the best with Ormesby winning 5-4 although the final victory of the match went to Ostrava when Kollarovits beat Neale, 18 in the third, of a truly classic set.

Linda Bashford produced her best table tennis in this series winning 6 out of 7 sets she contested.

In the South Shields tournament, arranged at short notice, only Neale could halt the Czech onslaught by winning the men's singles title with a final win over Kollarovits after nearly coming unstuck against Pavel Spacek in the semis being, at one stage, one game and 1-10 down! Clayton had no joy in this tournament losing to Premysel Fulin in the quarters.

Philomena Clark (Northumberland) excelled to reach the women's singles final but found Milina Serafinova too good as did Linda Bashford in the semis.

The Czechs had it all their own way in the Ormesby "Closed", played at Stockton Sports Centre, the major title being fought out by Spacek and Kollarovits with the former running out the winner.

In late August a 19-strong Ormesby party paid a reciprocal visit to Ostrava with the leading juniors staying on to compete in the Czech Junior Open scheduled for Sept. 10/11th.

Whilst on Teesside, the Czech visitors had day visits to Whitby, York and Leeds and sampled English night life with a visit to Len Heppell's Hexham night club and an evening barbecue at Pam Richmond's farmstead home.

Two official functions, given by the Mayor of Teesside, Alderman Ron Hall, also figured on the agenda and to cap it all off an evening at Middlesbrough A.F.C. Social Club where the Czechs played Bingo for the very first time!

Results:

Ormesby 5 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 4

A. Ransome bt Sondor 15, 12;
lost to Spacek -16, 15, -19.
J. Walker lost to Spacek -12, -13;
bt Adamek 11, 19.
D. Alderson bt Adamek 15, 10;
lost to Sondor -20, -14.
Miss L. Bashford bt Miss J.
Sedlackova -15, 16, 17.
Alderson/Walker lost to Adamek/
Spacek -15, -12.
Ransome/Bashford bt Sondor/
Rettova 9, 20.

Ormesby 3 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 6

A. Clayton lost to Fulin -12, -10;
lost to Kollarovits -21, -17.
N. Jarvis lost to Kollarovits -8, -15;
bt Hybner 21, 16.
Walker lost to Hybner -19, -20;
lost to Fulin -13, -12.
Bashford bt Serafinova 15, 16.
Jarvis/Ransome lost to Fulin/
Kollarovits -9, -20.
Ransome/Bashford bt Hybner/
Sedlackova -14, 17, 16.

Ormesby 3 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 6

Jarvis lost to Sondor -12, -14;
bt Fulin -20, 14, 13.
Ransome lost to Fulin -16, -18;
lost to Spacek 17, -19, -16.
Alderson lost to Spacek -20, -23;
bt Sondor 19, 21.
Bashford bt Slezakova 25, 21.
Alderson/Jarvis lost to Fulin/Sondor
-14, -12.
Ransome/Bashford lost to Spacek/
Serafinova -18, -15.

Ormesby 6 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 3

D. Neale bt Sondor 11, 11;
bt Kollarovits 8, 15.
Walker lost to Kollarovits -7, -8;
bt Spacek 16, 20.
Jarvis by Spacek 13, 15;
bt Sondor 18, 14.
Bashford lost to Rettova -12, 14, -18.
Jarvis/Neale bt Fulin/ Kollarovits
-15, 12, 20.
Walker/Bashford lost to Fulin/
Serafinova -14, 20, -12.

Ormesby 4 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 5

Neale bt Fulin 10, 10;
lost to Kollarovits -12, -18.
Ransome lost to Kollarovits -9, -15;
lost to Spacek -18, -12.
Jarvis bt Spacek -16, 17, 13;
bt Fulin -18, 17, 11.
Bashford bt Sedlackova -22, 20, 18.
Jarvis/Neale lost to Fulin/
Kollarovits 12, -6, -20.
Ransome/Bashford lost to Spacek/
Sedlackova -19, -15.

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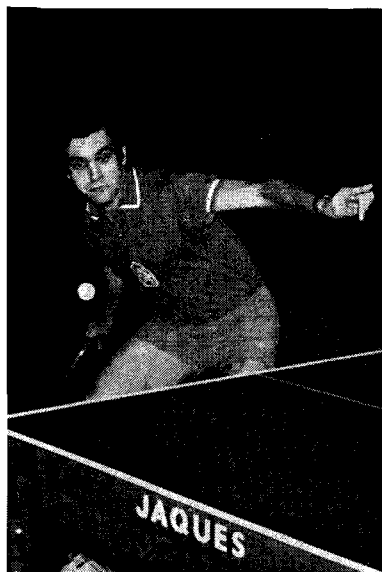
Jarvis bt Adamek 16, 17;
bt Spacek -20, 12, 18.
Walker lost to Spacek -16, -11;
lost to Sondor 14, -6, -15.
Ransome bt Sondor 15, -16, 19;
lost to Adamek -17, -20.
Bashford bt Slezakova 13, 14.
Jarvis/Walker lost to Sondor/Adamek
-13, -16.
Ransome/Bashford lost to Spacek/
Sedlackova 20, -20, -20

Ormesby 6 N.H.K.G. Ostrava 3

Neale bt Fulin -16, 16, 11;
lost to Kollarovits -16, 14, -18.
Jarvis lost to Kollarovits 19, -9, -12;
bt Spacek 10, -20, 20.
Ransome lost to Spacek 13, -9, -7;
bt Fulin 17, 18.
Bashford bt Rettova 17, -18, 10.
Jarvis/Neale bt Fulin/Kollarovits
-19, 19, 21.
Ransome/Bashford bt Spacek/
Rettova 19, 19.

South Shields Open

M.S. Semis: Kollarovits bt Fulin
9, 12; Neale bt Spacek -19, 19, 12.
Final: Neale bt Kollarovits 22, -18,
18.
W.S. Serafinova bt P. Clark 5, -13,
18.
M.D.: Fulin/Kollarovits bt Clayton/
Neale -18, 25, 19.
W.D.: Serafinova/Slezakova bt
Sedlackova/Rettova 16, -19, 21.
X.D.: Kollarovits/Slezakova bt
Fulin/Serafinova 16, 18.



Stefan Kollarovits
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BACK TO THE FIORDS

by Allen Fisher

PAUL GUTTORMSEN lived in Oslo, Norway until January 1968 when his family moved to Chislehurst, Kent. Two years previously, at the age of ten, he had started to play table tennis and, by emulating the older players around him, progressed sufficiently to win a few local under-15 events.

Once in this area, he joined the Bromley Junior T.T. Centre where he was encouraged to develop his undoubted talent. Too young to play many local league matches, he still made his mark by winning the South London League's junior singles; the Division 6 title in Bromley's divisional singles, and by playing for Bromley juniors in the Kent League.

Through the 1968-69 season, Paul began to travel to Open tournaments, collecting U-13 titles at Newbury, Burford, Slough and Sussex, and reaching the finals in Essex and Yorkshire. He also took Bromley's Division 2 title, and helped Bromley junior "A" team to win the Kent League for the sixth time.

By 1969-70 Paul was proving himself in the U-15 ranks. He took titles

from the Sussex and Slough tournaments; played for the Kent junior team that won the Southern Division of the County Championships, and helped Bromley to regain their hold on the Carter Cup.

In the European Youth Championships on Teesside in August 1970 he was runner-up to Simon Heaps in the Cadet singles. He was ranked nationally at No. 12 that season but improved on that last season finishing at No. 8.

He gained wins over several top senior players and represented Kent's senior second team and got an England Junior badge when he played against Wales at Lancaster.

Paul has now returned with his family to Norway and is living at 9, Tormodsvei, Bekkelagshogda, Oslo. Most certainly this highly dedicated and determined youngster is going to be missed in table tennis circles in this country by the many friends he made.

A Stiga Robot is hardly likely to replace satisfactorily the concentrated match play he obtained in England. But one hopes he will be able to fulfil the potential he undoubtedly possesses.

He will be returning to England in December to play in a couple of tournaments during a brief visit but the fact remains that Norway's gain will be England's loss.

More East-West Diplomacy

Taking the lead set by Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai which resulted in the doors of the People's Republic of China being thrown open to us in April, Tao Ching Chun, master of the S.S. Guilin, put the red carpet down on the gangplank of his vessel when berthed in Liverpool's Huskisson Dock.

On this occasion it was four members of the Knotty Ash Table Tennis Club who vacated the "jam butty mines" and, in response to the invitation made by Captain Chun,

through the ship's Liverpool-based agents, Lambert Bros., furthered the cause of East-West relationships.

And it was a truly diplomatic result that was obtained by Peter Doyle, Allan Hall, Robert Davies and John Ainsworth with the 6-set match ending in a 3-all draw.

But it wasn't until after the visitors had sampled Chinese hospitality, and the opposition had pinned on their Chairman Mao lapel badges, that battle commenced.



The hand of friendship is extended to Allan Hall prior to the start of the first set.

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TRIUMPH FOR PETER TAYLOR

by Geo. R. Yates

One of the main attractions of this year's Kendal Gathering in Westmorland was a representative table tennis match between teams from the North and South of England.

It was played in Kendal Town Hall on Friday, Sept. 3rd, and resulted in a 6-4 win for the South whose 'man of the match' was junior international Peter Taylor.

Without any show of emotion, the Stofold youngster disposed of Tony Clayton, Mike Johns (standing in for Alan Hydes) and Tony Boasman with clinical efficiency.

His northern counterpart, Boasman, promised much but achieved little even allowing David Brown to come back from 15-20 to win seven points in a row for an equating second set after Clayton had given the North an opening lead with victory against Tony Piddock. Results in match order were:—

- A. Clayton (Yorks) bt A. Piddock (Kent) 16, 10;
- A. Boasman (Lancs) lost to D. Brown (Essex) -17, -20;
- M. Johns (Ches) lost to P. Taylor (Beds) 19, -15, -17;
- Boasman lost to Piddock -19, -15;
- Clayton lost to Taylor -17, 18, -17;
- Clayton/Johns bt Brown/Piddock -14, 12, 14;

Johns lost to Brown -23, -16;
Boasman lost to Taylor 20, -21, -16;
Johns bt Piddock 13, 15;
Clayton bt Brown -19, 12, 11.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

As from August 4 Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leach took up residence at: 8 Tanglewood Close, Upper Shirley Road, Shirley, Surrey. ('Phone: 01-656 4182).

Nick and Jill (nee Shirley) Hammersley have named their house "Nittaku" at 13 Martindale Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley, Surrey.

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HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

Last season was a strange one for the County. The first team started with high hopes of doing well in their first season back in the stronger South Division but turned in some disappointing performances with players not showing their true form except for the occasional flash. Then at the end of the season they entered the play-off from the lower reaches of the Division, more to give their younger players experience than in any hope of doing well. Surprisingly however all players excelled, producing their best table-tennis of the season and came within a hair's breadth of gaining Premier Division status.

Had they gained the extra set they needed to be promoted I would not have liked the job of explaining to the County A.G.M. that extra funds were needed for a season's excursion into the heights of the Premier Division with its nationwide travel. Perhaps the most encouraging form in these play-off matches was that of Keith Summerfield who at last produced the kind of form of which he is capable, in beating all three opposing No. 1's.

Little can be said about the performances of the second and junior teams who achieved what was expected of them — but no more. There were successes — Jeff Spencer gradually re-gaining his Welsh International form had some good matches and Janet Wolff did sufficient to show she could be challenging for a first team place soon.

The juniors could, I feel, have done better for with Colin Sargeant, Phil Crane and Chris Wilshire they had on paper the best County Trio for some years. Leslie King with a number of junior years ahead is fulfilling the promise expected and is perhaps the best girl prospect in years in the County.

Outside the county teams what were the successes of the past season? My own prize for the individual performance of the season was that of Phil Brown in winning the Southampton Closed from an entry which included most of the top county stars. The 1969/70 win by Phil was looked upon by some critics as perhaps a

lucky draw — but you cannot make that excuse twice and he proved himself a worthy champion by retaining his title. While handing out congratulations to Phil Brown I must also add good wishes to him and Nina on their recent wedding.

On the administrative side the successes of last season were the Hampshire Closed, excellently run by Portsmouth and producing two worthy champions in Chris Pickard and Daphne Gray. The new Club Knock-out competition with teams of two playing on Corbillon Cup lines was extremely popular and has come to stay.

In the Inter-Town League, Southampton lost the mixed title although they retained the men's division. Bournemouth's all round strength gave them the mixed division for the first time in seven years followed closely by Basingstoke. Similarly Bournemouth took the junior title for the first time since 1965. Basingstoke's loss of this division after one year was a little surprising but unfortunately as with their mixed team they lacked the female strength.

What of the County's prospects for the new season which starts with the County Trials preceding the Four T's Tournament at Southampton University? The senior teams have little new to offer and the trials look like merely deciding which men players appear in the first and which in the second team. The standard is very even amongst the top players and it will be the players on form on the day who are likely to be played in the first matches.

In the junior ranks with Phil Crane and Chris Wilshire now too old and Colin Sargeant, perhaps not available, the way is open for completely new blood. Kevin McQuade from Gosport and Gary Longland from Southampton could be fighting for the No. 1 boys' ranking while no-one at present looks likely to disturb Leslie King from her No. 1 girls' place.

DURHAM NOTES

by Fred Inch

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The visit to Japan and China by our National team and the publicity that came from it seems to have sparked off a fire of enthusiasm for the game the like of which I have never seen for many years. One league in Durham County, namely Philadelphia, have more than doubled their membership and a new league at Washington is in the process of formation and there is a general increase throughout the County.

May I take this opportunity of congratulating young Martyn Day on many successful tournaments last season and look forward to the continued progress of the brightest prospect that Stockton League and Durham County have had for many seasons.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

Like other forward looking counties, Middlesex has concentrated

this summer on developing the younger players. With this objective we joined Essex, Kent, Surrey and Sussex in a residential U-14 Inter-County competition.

This proved a wonderful success and 14-years-old Robert Huson, Mark Mitchell (13) and Andrew Barden (12) are in the top six juniors in the County whilst the girls, Angela Palmer (13), Jill Campion (12) and Angela Mitchell (11) are not far behind.

The regular weekly coaching sessions have been taking place throughout the close season whilst U-14 sessions have been run in parallel. Additionally four large rallies have taken place at Barnet bringing many new players to light and giving our coaches a chance to show their talents. It is hoped to have a coaches session during the coming season.

The Premier side will still be relying on Malcolm Sugden, Orville Haslam and Karenza Mathews but we are still thin on the follow-up. Among the younger players, 16-years-old Robert Aldrich stands out but Eric Coster, Firoz Nilam and Brian Petch, all in their early 20's, will be in the fight for team places.

After magnificently leading the Junior team to victory in the Junior Premier division last season, Mike Wilkinson has had to retire due to pressure of work. Fortunately Harry Edwards is able to return to the job he had done for so many years.

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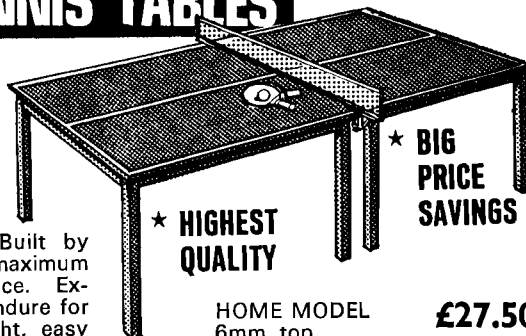
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From the Editor's Postbag

PRIVILEGE TO LEAD

May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the squad of National Umpires, which I was privileged to lead at the European Youth Championships in Ostend, for their unfailing support, tireless application to their task, and infectious good humour at all times.

As an indication of the measure of respect for their work it should be recorded that between them they were entrusted with handling the Finals of both the major Team Competitions, and with four of the seven staged events in the Individual Finals.

On their behalf I must record our thanks to the officials of the Federation Royale Belge de Tennis de Table for their hospitality and kindness, the memory of which will long be cherished by all of us. We are sure that this exchange of umpire squads between nations can bring nothing but an increase of goodwill and a more uniform application of the laws of the game.

It may interest readers to learn that the score was called in English or French to suit the circumstances of the match concerned, and that on the one occasion for the application of the expedite rule the stroke counting was spoken in German.

Derek N. Tyler N.U.,
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APPEAL FROM SWEDISH ASSOCIATION

A club from Gothenburg has contacted us. They wish interchanges with clubs in London or its surroundings. The club which plays in our third division would like to come over to England during the spring 1972 with both men and women players, in all about 10 persons.

We would appreciate very much if you could assist with making contact with clubs which are interested in interchanges. They can write directly to our club under the address:

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PEN PAL WANTED

I am an Indian boy, aged 14, and am T.T. mad! I play table tennis regularly, being the school champ, and am very interested in corresponding with other T.T. fans.

Already I am in correspondence with a T.T. club in Italy and would like to extend my writing to a fan or a club in England. It can be a union, and thus we can exchange ideas and learn more about each other's playing standards and also exchange T.T. news.

B. R. Prakash
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IF FOREIGN, SO WHAT ?

Despite new manufacturing and testing processes (so we are assured) the unfortunate fact is that table tennis balls produced in this country do not match those from foreign companies.

In this respect I feel the E.T.T.A. must take some blame. It would appear that more concern is given as to how much sponsorship the manufacturer will give the national body than to the quality of the product they are approving.

Without wishing to be unpatriotic, I consider only the top quality balls should be approved and given the E.T.T.A. seal of approval and if these are foreign—so what!

It is up to the British manufacturers to produce a better ball. I agree to "Buy British" if there is no difference in the quality of the product, but why should one be forced to buy an inferior product, because a better ball has not got a stamp which says "E.T.T.A. Approved".

To give some idea of the difference in quality of balls I will give an example from my own club's experience. For the 1969/70 season my club, for the first time, used a then approved foreign ball. We went through the year with about 8 dozen balls and I had individual teams using only 6 balls for the whole of their league programme of a dozen or more matches.

Last season, as we understood this foreign ball was not likely to be approved, we changed to a British ball. We purchased a gross which were entirely used up by early January and the report of team captains was that, in some instances, not a true ball was to be found in a box of six.

I think these figures speak for themselves. It is therefore a question of economics. Balls are a club's major expenditure except rent. Is it fair for them to be forced to buy inferior balls and increase their costs because a better ball on the market has not been approved? Is the E.T.T.A. getting its priorities right?

DAVID COSWAY

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South America.

ST. GEORGE'S KNOCK 'EM FOR SIX!



by Rev. A. J. Cadwallader

It is amazing what can be achieved with a little ingenuity, interest and enthusiasm. In May of this year, teams from St. George's College, Weybridge completed a most successful season. It was only their second full season of table tennis, yet they managed to win six out of a possible eight Surrey Schools' competitions, including all three of the boys' leagues: U-13, U-15 and U-19. They also won the U-13 and U-15 knock out competitions and the U-19 pairs.

The Surrey Schools' T.T.A. is the third largest in England according to the returns of the E.S.T.T.A. It had 57 affiliated Schools and 71 School teams participating in the 1970-71 competitions. Affiliation forms were sent out at the end of June for the new season which should have been returned to J. M. Wright at 124 Rusthall Avenue, Bedford Park, W.4. Schools must, of course, be in Surrey.

The photograph shows the St. George's U-15 team which won both the Surrey Schools' U-15 League and Knock-out competitions. The players from left to right: Jeremy Howard, William Yvanovich, Anthony McGloin and Brendan McCabel. Brendan won the Surrey Schools' U-15 singles title and, with Anthony also holds the U-15 doubles title.

I only decided to take up coaching two years ago although, at the time, I could not play a forehand shot of any kind—as Jack Carrington soon spotted! But Jack is a born teacher and patiently taught me. Confidence in one's ability must be the keynote to success.

Having attended coaching sessions at Crystal Palace, I found it a great help to watch the good coaches in action. I have a high regard for Mike Kerscher and Dave Smith, especially Dave who personally encouraged me at the beginning.

Within Surrey, my players are very competent, but on the various occasions when they have met players from other Counties, they have realised the difference in standards. I must confess to having a long way to go to produce a very good player.

SURREY NOTES

by Geoff Ryan

CLOSED AT GUILDFORD

John Zenthon, our National Councillor, was unanimously voted into the office of Hon. General Secretary in succession to Percy Lawes who reverts to Chairman. Only other change on the administrative front was that putting Mrs. Margaret Williams in charge of the county competitions in succession to Miss Dorothy Allison.

Surrey open their Premier Division programme against Middlesex at Guildford, the II's are away to newly promoted Sussex, and the Juniors face Essex at home.

This season's Surrey Closed will be held at Guildford, in the newly opened Sports Centre, on Jan. 29/30. Entry forms will be available from Trevor Channing nearer the date. Guildford have also landed a "plum" in the shape of the Nissen Invitation Tournament to be held on Friday, Nov. 19.

The senior trials were due to be held at Rosehill and Stockwell on Sept. 18th and 25th and no new faces were expected to make a breakthrough. But it could be that Chris Strathearn, a dedicated player from Croydon, might do just that.

It is most important that I draw your attention to the 25th Anniversary Dinner and Dance to be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Park Lane, Croydon (opposite Fairfield Hall's) on Friday, Nov. 26th. Proceedings commence at 7-15 (for 7-45) and will go on until midnight. Tickets are reasonably priced at £2.25 but the numbers are limited. Dress is optional. Tickets are available from Mrs. Williams at 68 Greenwood Road, Mitcham (Phone: 01-764 5596) and remittance with orders please.

Finally a note from our overworked treasurer. Would all league secretaries please ensure that subscriptions are paid by the due date (Oct. 31st). Last, but no means least, may I wish you a successful season, one and all,

County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

FURTHER INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

No fewer than 15 new teams line up for County Championships duty this season. With the Veteran Competition now established, and following the campaigning of Malcolm Scott in this field, I had expected a big increase from this direction, but only 4 teams have come forward to join the pioneers of last season, all of whom continue.

The other 11 new teams (including the return of some which had lapsed) are made up of 5 Senior and 6 Junior. Very nice to see the new Westmorland Association entering a Junior side; life will not be easy if the experience of most other new Junior Counties is a guide.

In the **Premier Division**, assuming Denis Neale turns out for Yorkshire, both this County and Essex will have a strong male trio and few would predict a Champion other than one of these. Promoted Glamorgan seem likely to struggle and Lancashire will hope for great things from Tony Boasman and young Donald Parker in an effort to consolidate their place.

Division 2 South, even with five 2nd teams, again looks strong (remember how close 5th placed Hampshire came in the Challenge?). Hertfordshire move to **2 Midlands** where they join promoted Cambridgeshire and relegated Warwickshire who will hope for a rapid return to higher things.

The most improved team of 1970-71, Nottinghamshire, aim to recapture the form which took them to second place in 2 Midland in their new placing in **2 North**, but Cheshire and Northumberland will not give them an easy passage. Promoted Glamorgan are replaced by their own 2nd team in **2 West**, and Worcestershire again move sideways to a Division in which they have often done well.

Lancashire enter a second team after a lapse of several seasons and are placed in **Northern** with the re-entered Cumberland. Also in this Division is the new Durham II, likely to be a young side, and this augmented division should prove far more worthwhile than last season.

After two bad seasons, Monmouthshire want a quick rise from **Midland**, but may be thwarted by Warwickshire II (always impressive at this level). Cambridgeshire take the opportunity of entering a second team in **Eastern**, but could yet another success be notched up here for Essex by their new third team?

With Lancashire feeling unable to continue in **Junior Premier**, Hertfordshire were not relegated. Many of last season's top Juniors are now too old and predictions are rash: I would, however, expect to see Warwickshire improve on their fifth position.

Good to see Oxfordshire back with a Junior team (in **Junior South**) and Kent enter a 2nd team. So too do Cheshire and Yorkshire in **Junior North** where Cumberland return after

an absence of a season: Westmorland's first ever team is placed here. Interesting to note that only 2 of the seven teams competing in this division were similarly placed last term.

Kent and Northamptonshire join the **Veteran South** teams, and Gloucestershire and Worcestershire augment **Veteran Midland**. I never think four teams is much of a division, and with both now six a better season should be in prospect.

All in all, a promising season: I hope Match Secretaries will give me their usual co-operation in the writing of this column.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Championships, held in London on June 12th the following officers were unanimously re-elected for a further term:- Tom Blunn (Chairman), Keith Watts (Treasurer), John Wright (Secretary) and Tony Wickens (Referee).

The Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy, which is awarded annually at the discretion of the Awards Committee to anyone in the administrative capacity in a County affiliated to the County Table Tennis Championships who has rendered the greatest contribution to Table Tennis in the County Field, was awarded to Mr. Fred Moody of Derbyshire.

National Councillor Malcolm Scott made the presentation to Mr. Moody at the Derbyshire A.G.M. on June 15.

Compilation of divisions for the 1971-72 season is:-

Premier:
Essex, Glamorgan, Kent, Lancashire, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex and Yorkshire.

2 South:
Buckinghamshire, Essex II, Hampshire, Kent II, Middlesex II, Surrey II and Sussex II.

2 North:
Cheshire, Derbyshire, Durham, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire II.

2 Midland:
Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

2 West
Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Glamorgan II, Somerset, Wiltshire and Worcestershire.

Southern:
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire II, Hampshire II, Hertfordshire II and Oxfordshire.

Midland:
Denbighshire, Monmouthshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire II, Warwickshire II and Worcestershire II.

Eastern:
Cambridgeshire II, Essex III, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire and Suffolk.

Northern:
Cumberland, Durham II, Derbyshire II, Lancashire II, Northumberland II and Nottinghamshire II.

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

Premier:
Cheshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

South:
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire II, Kent II, Oxfordshire and Sussex.

North:
Cheshire II, Cumberland, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Westmorland and Yorkshire II.

Midland:

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire II.

East:

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex II, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

West:

Devon, Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire, Somerset, Wiltshire and Worcestershire.

VETERAN DIVISIONS

South:
Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Midland:

Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

PREMIER			
Oct. 16	Glamorgan v. Yorkshire.		
	Lancashire v. Sussex, Montague Burton's Halliwell Clothing Works, Bolton.	7.00 p.m.	
	Surrey v. Middlesex.		
Oct. 30	Essex v. Kent, The Rochway Youth Centre, Rochway, Rochford.	7.00 p.m.	
Nov. 5	Champion County (Essex) v. The Rest, Brays Grove School Tracys Road, Harlow.	7.30 p.m.	
2 SOUTH			
Oct. 16	Essex II v. Hampshire, Brays Grove School, Harlow.	7.00 p.m.	
	Kent II v. Middlesex II.		
	Sussex II v. Surrey II.		
2 NORTH			
Oct. 16	Cheshire v. Lincolnshire, Gatley Y.M.C.A.	7.00 p.m.	
	Derbyshire v. Durham.		
	Nottinghamshire v. Yorkshire II.		
	Yorkshire II v. Durham.		
Oct. 23			
2 MIDLAND			
Oct. 17	Cambridgeshire v. Warwickshire.		
	Leicestershire v. Gloucestershire.		
	Leicestershire v. Staffordshire.		
Oct. 31	Staffordshire v. Hertfordshire, Woodfield Sports & Social Club, Penn, Wolverhampton.	3.30 p.m.	
Nov. 7			
2 WEST			
Oct. 16	Cornwall v. Somerset.		
	Dorset v. Glamorgan II.		
	Worcestershire v. Wiltshire, Cripplegate Pavilion, Tybridge St., Worcester.	7.00 p.m.	
Nov. 6	Dorset v. Worcestershire.		
SOUTHERN	No Fixtures		
NORTHERN	No Fixtures		
MIDLAND			
Oct. 24	Worcestershire II v. Staffordshire II, Cripplegate Pavilion, Tybridge St., Worcester.	7.00 p.m.	
EASTERN			
Nov. 6	Huntingdonshire v. Cambridgeshire II, Eaton Socon Institute, Eaton Socon.	7.30 p.m.	
JUNIOR PREMIER			
Oct. 16	Hertfordshire v. Essex.		
	Yorkshire v. Warwickshire		
	Hertfordshire v. Middlesex.		
Oct. 22			
JUNIOR SOUTH			
Oct. 9	Hertfordshire II v. Kent II.		
Oct. 16	Buckinghamshire v. Sussex.		
	Oxfordshire v. Hampshire.		
JUNIOR NORTH			
Oct. 16	Cheshire II v. Lancashire, Gatley Y.M.C.A.	3.00 p.m.	
	Cumberland v. Westmorland.		
	Yorkshire II v. Northumberland.		
Oct. 23	*Cheshire II v. Yorkshire II, Gatley Y.M.C.A.	3.00 p.m.	
JUNIOR MIDLAND			
Oct. 16	Lincolnshire v. Leicestershire, College of Technology, Temple St. (off Monks Rd.), Lincoln.	3.00 p.m.	
	Staffordshire v. Nottinghamshire.		
	Warwickshire II v. Northamptonshire.		
JUNIOR EAST	No Fixtures		
JUNIOR WEST			
Oct. 9	Wiltshire v. Worcestershire, Clarence St. School, Swindon.	7.00 p.m.	
Oct. 16	Monmouthshire v. Devon.		
	Somerset v. Gloucestershire.		
Oct. 17	Worcestershire v. Devon, The Villige Hall, Cookhill, near Redditch.	11.00 a.m.	
VETERAN SOUTH			
Oct. 16	Hampshire v. Hertfordshire.		
VETERAN MIDLAND			
Nov. 6	Cheshire v. Nottinghamshire.		
	*Provisional.		

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