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## THE GENERATION GAME

Healthy indeed is the gradual infiltration of new generation players into the established senior ranks.

Granted only two of our top boys have been included in the new senior ranking list—compiled purely for the benefit of open tournament referees concerned with seeding, and based on tournament results — but, more important, others are knocking at the door.

David Alderson, with the advantage of being a member of the Ormesby club, has been front stage for some time now and should really be established among the front runners in the senior field.

From other areas than Teesside, however, it is an encouraging sign that Birmingham's Desmond Douglas and Paul Day of Soham, Cambridgeshire, should have broken through to the extent of being afforded special awards at the conclusion of the Norwich Union English Championships.

Accomplishments on that occasion were in respect of senior scalps taken, in best of five sets, against ranked senior opposition.

Such performances are heartening, to say the least, and a continuity of such breakthroughs will doubtless be to the ultimate benefit of an England now lagging somewhat in European and world spheres.

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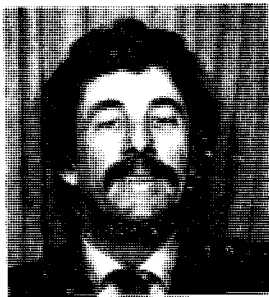
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# Norwich Union English Championships



## Stalemate Broken



by John Woodford

All supporters of English table tennis at Crystal Palace were hoping that Trevor Taylor's triumph in retaining his title in the men's singles final at the National Sports Centre was the beginning of the end. The end that is, of the stalemate between the E.T.T.A. and Taylor, that slim man from Hitchin and latterly of Ormesby of course!

Since then, our hopes have been realised. Taylor has received his rewards, inclusion in the squad for Cardiff and Sarajevo and a No. 1 England ranking. Dare we now hope further? — that having broken the deadlock, he can save England from relegation in the European League?

Spectators early on Friday soon came to the conclusion that the only thing that was not slim about Trevor Taylor was his chances of retaining the title . . . let us hope fervently

Retaining men's singles title holder, Trevor Taylor, receives the solid silver 50th Anniversary Trophy of the Guernsey T.T.A., won by England in the Channel Isles last May. Presenting the award is John McDonnell, Public Relations Manager, Norwich Union Insurance Group.

that Taylor's short-term theory that membership of the national squad would result in loss of earnings can be successfully countered by the opposite theory that his absence from the England team for much longer could lead to an even greater financial loss over the long term.

Looking back now at the draw-sheets, Taylor's progress to the final was not as smooth as Denis Neale's efforts. Laurie Landry is probably not a potential champion's favourite opponent for Round 1. However, Taylor got over Laurie's tenacity 15, 15, 11 and then past Ian Robertson 15, 11, 5. Against the little-known (in the South) wiles of Alan Fletcher, Taylor was nearly involved in a five-gamer just holding out 12, -17, 10, 20. And then it was three close games with last year's shock finalist David Alderson going on to a fourth game, won in a canter by Taylor at 9.

Tony Clayton had rather a better tournament at the Palace than usual. He is a player who frankly, has failed to impress me on a number of occasions but I must admit he was up near the winning post in all three events this time. However, polishing his game admirably for the impending collision with Neale, Taylor made few errors against Clayton.

Neale's progress to the final was a lot easier than the journey of the proverbial pilgrim — three-straight wins over Paul Shirley (Bucks.), Nigel Eckersley (Cheshire), Roger Chandler (Surrey and then 'Connie' Warren (Surrey) in the quarters,

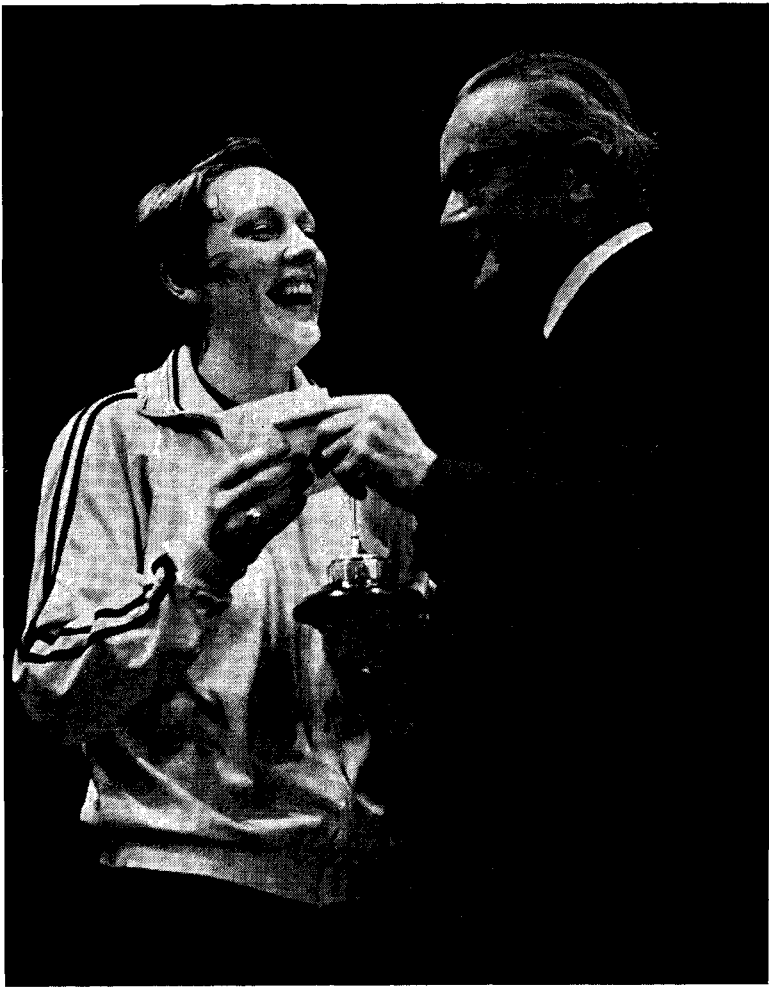
earning a semi-final meeting with Alan Hydes, another player from the middle of the England rankings who played it tight throughout the tournament. Again, hardly varying his game, Neale took adequate care of Hydes 19, 15, 16.

### THE FINAL

The last round carried a suggestion of a meeting of the star gladiators. Taylor realised after they were square at 2—2 that he had to pile on the pressure and he did just that with good effect. Probably the most marked game in Taylor's favour was the third which he won at 21—10 and then surprisingly asked for the five-minute break but, had he elected to play on, Neale might have called for the break. Denis came back in the fourth very strongly as we have seen him do so often in the past to win 22—20. In the fifth, as calm as ever (this must be one of Taylor's greatest assets), the younger man seemed to have energy to spare as Neale visibly wilted. Again, remembering that Taylor enjoys the advantage of being left-handed, he really piled on the pressure to Neale's backhand. Neale tried stepping back a pace to counter

### Cover Photograph

England's Denis Neale takes possession of the British European Airways Commemorative Trophy at Bolton on Jan. 12. Making the presentation on behalf of B.E.A. is Mr. Charles Stuart, Director Super One-Eleven Division.



A smiling first time winner of the women's singles event, Mrs. Jill Hammersley, receives her awards from E.T.T.A. President, A. K. "Bill" Vint, O.B.E.

with his famous half-volley blocking shots (unusually described by one national press columnist as "jabs") but familiarly, with the heat really on, those returns could not make the end of the table, such was the measure of top-spin applied by the champion as he raced home to a popular victory plus the bumper £100 cheque.

#### POOR RESPONSE

I thought the low entry of 32 women for the championship of England was a pretty poor response, but at least there was only one scratching, a notable one, the absence of Judy Heaps, a 'flu victim, leaving an easier path for Judy Williams.

As in the men's singles, the two top seeds **Jill Hammersley** and Karenza Mathews reached the final. Note that these girls are the only two accustomed to playing best-of-five regularly in continental tournaments. My choice of the most improved player was Diane Court who excelled to put out Lesley Radford in Round 2 and then Sue Howard in the quarters at 20 in the fourth.

After Linda Howard had disposed of the ambitious Sussex No. 2 Sue Kavallierou, I must admit I was surprised to see the Surrey girl go down comparatively easily to Judy Williams. Also I noticed that the Berkshire girl Karen Mashford did extremely well to lead Karenza Mathews 2-1, before the Middlesex international's top-spin machine took control to win the last two 6 and 9.

But Jill Hammersley was showing no chinks in her defensive armour. Going through Lancashire's bright hope Susan Lisle 14, 6, 7 was the first sign that this could be Jill's year and so it proved. The quarters still showed Jill at her best with a 7, 8, 6 over Surrey's Judy Vass.

Meanwhile, Karenza was forced to keep on piling on that top-spin for game after game against the defence of both Shelagh Hession in the quarters and then Judy Williams in the semis. Now that is a tough physical assignment for anyone and then the even more daunting prospect of tackling an on-form Mrs. Hammersley on the following day. The story of that final is a short one—Jill defended just as well as she had done the previous day making very, very few errors. In fact only 38 in all, whilst collecting the necessary 63 points to give her a convincing first-ever English championship.

#### HAPPY MARRIAGE ?

The newly-founded relationship between English table tennis and the Norwich Union Insurance Group as our new sponsors came under test at Crystal Palace and I venture to say the result was very harmonious.

A number of executives of the Norwich Union including their Public Relations Manager, Mr. John McDonnell, who presented the prizes at the finals, were on the viewing balcony on all three days of the championships in company with the officers of the E.T.T.A. from president Bill Vint, chairman Charles Wyles,

deputy-chairman George Yates, treasurer Tom Blunn and members of the Management Committee.

#### RISING STARS

One of the great attractions of the English tournament since its birth has been giant-killing by the up-and-coming young players. Some years ago it was the 15-year-old Chester Barnes moving up that led to the Fleet Street contingent grabbing some massive head-lines, regrettably rarely seen today since Barnes's hey-days. Last year David Alderson led us to believe that he might be the next "saviour" of England's pride.

This year we enjoyed a double-injection of hope after watching Cambridgeshire's Paul Day and Warwickshire's Desmond Douglas collecting scalp after scalp. Could Day and Douglas be wearing the Neale-Barnes laurels by the time the 1977 World Championships are held in England ?

Predictions would be foolish, especially with the Ormesby club still churning out young stars by the carload, but I am sure of one thing, if Day and Douglas were by some miracle able to enjoy Ormesby-style facilities, Ormesby coaching and Ormesby practice with the Neales and the Taylors, then we might get somewhere !

Day's display of swash-buckling courage and concentration was well beyond his 14 years of life. After a tremendous battle with 'Les' Haslam, the Jamaican giant was

floored at 19 in the fifth; then a brief encounter with Kent's Clive Morris saw the village lad from Soham provide the most exciting scores of the championships—how he can "come again" after being two games in arrears is astounding. Brown looked set for victory after winning 14 and 17, but then sheer guts took Day through 24-22, 22-20, 24-22!! In the quarter-finals it took Alan Hydes only three games of mainly brainwork, to beat the lad, but what a run !

Desmond Douglas, the pride of Birmingham was a late, late entry, only getting in by virtue of taking a vacant berth. After sailing through the qualifying competition he trounced Lancashire's young hope Donald Parker in three games and then took out the No. 3 seed Nicky Jarvis, at 14 in the fifth !

What a reward for Desmond—in the England squad for both Cardiff and Sarajevo—thank goodness for the piece of sanity that allowed the Birmingham lad to take the scratched player's place !

And then another Ormesby lad, Jimmy Walker, hit the deck as Douglas, now in his last year as a junior swept on. Again, it needed the considerable experience of an England middle-ranked man to beat him—this time Tony Clayton fitted the requirements, but then Douglas was only three points from taking Clayton to a fifth game.

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All eyes on the men's doubles trophy, here held by Denis Neale, the defeated men's singles finalist, with his partner and conqueror, Trevor Taylor.

#### NON-COMPREHENSIVE

Trying to report comprehensively the happenings of a 12-table tournament is a thankless task at the best of times; on this occasion, being Press Officer and also reporting for a national newspaper on the Friday, I missed quite a lot of the play; so please bear with me if you find omissions of seemingly important events!

#### DOUBLES

The combination of the men's singles finalists into a men's doubles pair looked unbeatable on paper and so it proved at the end. It was yet another good day for the well-known pair Laurie Landry and Tony Clayton. They advanced to the final over the No. 2 seeds Alan Hydes and Les Haslam in four action-packed games.

One of the most thrilling clashes in the event was the surprise win of the Kent pair Andy Mitchell and Ray Tilling. They disposed of Mike Johns and "Connie" Warren at 20 in the fifth. Another shock was the defeat of Alan Ransome and David Alderson in Round 3 by the Leicestershire pair Newman and Randell 9, 11, 22. Another pair of stalwarts Tony Piddock and Henry Buist had a great tussle to reach the quarters when they took out the youngsters Andrew Barden and Paul Day 7, 23, -26, 21.

The women's doubles was almost a mini-event with only fourteen pairs.

Now becoming established as an international combination Karenza Mathews and Linda Howard made few errors in their progress to the final putting out Elaine Tarten and Gillian Taylor in three with only a bit more trouble along the way when Diane Court and Lesley Radford took them to 18 in the fifth.

So the shock that didn't quite happen in the top half made way for a minor surprise (for some) when the No. 2 seeds Jill Hammersley and Sue Howard went down at 17 in the fifth to Judy Williams and Shelagh Hession. In the final Linda and Karenza just held on to prevent more than three games winning 21-9, 22-20, 23-21.

#### MIXED

Linda Howard's qualities as a doubles player are now beginning to show in tournaments everywhere. No surprise therefore that teamed up with an on-form Alan Hydes, they were the mixed doubles winners at the Palace.

But let's glance through the draw and see where the giants tumbled. The pair I might have picked to win, Trevor Taylor and Jill Hammersley fell down as early as Round 2 to the all-out aggression of Mike Johns and Diane Court, proving again that with the odd exceptions the finest doubles combination is all-out, accurate attacking by both players. If there's a woman player about who can hit hard and keep it on the table that's the one for mixed doubles.

Having said that of course, we all know how defensive pairs, best example Sam Ogundipe and Judy Williams—can snarl up almost any pair at times. Judy and Sam got past Lesley and Peter Radford in five games but then found Tony Clayton and Sue Howard too much for them, again over the full distance.

In the top quarter, Denis Neale and Karenza Mathews proceeded through to the semis without too much bother, but there they met their match, once more over five games, floored eventually by the winners but the second bouquet must go to the losing finalists Clayton and Sue Howard for their four-game victory over that power-pair Johns and Diane Court.

#### CONSOLATION EVENTS

Hats off once again to probably the most competent veteran in the country today, Derek Schofield. Showing his usual tenacity and unlimited energy he made his way to the final via Cooper (Kent), Muhr (Cambs.), Kitchener (Suffolk), Walsh (Surrey) and then an easy semi-final win over Lancashire's great hope for the future Donald Parker.

In the final, Schofield was faced by the most unshakeable veteran in the South, Gordon Chapman, the man who still manages to get into the Surrey second team (not the veterans)! at the age of—changed my mind, I won't reveal it! Chapman won the first 18 in the final, but the man from Cheshire came again to defeat the Surrey stalwart 11, 15. A quick glance at Chapman's progress through the draw shows that his scalps included Jemmett -12, 17, 11, Shirley 20, -12, 18 and Briggs (Kent) 17, -14, 20. In the semis Chapman excelled once more to stop Peter Radford.

And so finally to the women's consolation singles—winner Susan Lisle whose early task was to take out Janet Hellaby 10, 21. After that no trouble at all, even in the final against that staunch campaigner who never gives up, Jean Williams of Buckinghamshire. Youth beat experience on this occasion with the Lancashire lass hitting too hard, winning 12, 13.

#### THE ORGANISATION

I thought the tournament committee under organiser Geoff Daniels did a superb job from start to finish. The electronic communication equipment was clearly a great help. On the programming side, I was a little bit concerned that the Saturday morning programme of mainly mixed doubles was somewhat anti-climatic.

Perhaps consideration might be given next year to unloading the jam-packed late Friday night show of a couple of the semi-finals so that the interest is kept smooth-flowing right to the end.

Last but not least, words of praise for the fine work carried out by the umpires under the skilled leadership of Doreen Stannard.

#### RESULTS:

##### Men's Singles: Round 3:

D. Neale (Yorks) bt R. Chandler (Surrey) 17, 21, 12;  
C. J. Warren (Surrey) bt A. R. Piddock (Kent) 23, -20, -18, 8, 12;  
P. E. Day (Cambs) bt D. W. Brown (Essex) -14, -17, 22, 20, 24;  
A. W. Hydes (Yorks) bt A. Martin (Yorks) 13, 11, 17;  
D. Douglas (Warwks) bt J. Walker (Yorks) 18, -14, 8, 20;  
L. A. Clayton (Yorks) bt S. A. Smith (Essex) 12, 6, 16;  
D. Alderson (Yorks) bt M. Johns (Ches) 9, 20, 19;  
T. Taylor (Yorks) bt A. Fletcher 12, -17, 10, 20.

##### Quarter-finals:

Neale bt Warren 12, 17, 13;  
Hydes bt Day 21, 11, 12;  
Clayton bt Douglas -11, 15, 10, 18;  
Taylor bt Alderson 19, 19, -20, 9.

##### Semi-finals:

NEALE bt Hydes 19, 15, 16;  
TAYLOR bt Clayton 17, 8, 15.

##### Final:

TAYLOR bt Neale -10, 17, 10, -20, 13.

##### Women's Singles: Round 3:

J. P. Hammersley (Bucks) bt S. M. Lisle (Lancs) 14, 6, 7;  
J. A. Vass (Surrey) bt B. Bird (Kent) 9, -15, 13, -11, 11;  
S. A. Howard (Surrey) bt S. Broadbent (Yorks) 19, 16, 14;  
D. Court (Middx) bt L. Radford (Essex) 12, -16, 16, -14, 16;  
L. C. Howard (Surrey) bt S. M. Kavallierou (Sussex) 13, 13, 13;  
J. Y. Williams (Sussex) bt S. Hamilton (Middx) 8, 14, 11;  
S. M. Hession (Essex) bt J. E. Ellis (Kent) -19, 17, 15, 16;  
K. Mathews (Middx) bt K. E. Mashford (Berks) -20, 9, -17, 6, 9.

##### Quarter-finals:

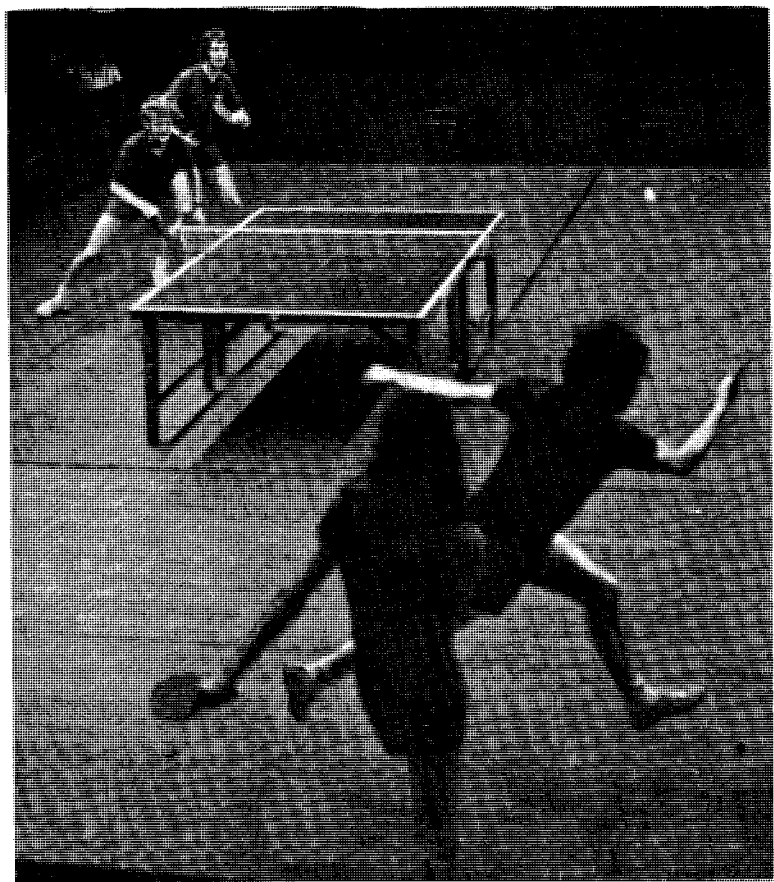
Hammersley bt Vass 7, 8, 6;  
Court bt S. A. Howard 17, 21, -18, 20;  
Williams bt L. C. Howard 16, 7, 13;  
Mathews bt Hession 18, 12, 14.



With eyes elsewhere, Surrey's Linda Howard holds the mixed doubles award, won with Alan Hydes, after presentation by E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles M. Wyles.



Women's doubles winners Linda Howard (left) and Mrs. Karenza Mathews, the defeated women's singles finalist.



Laurie Landry, far side (left), awaits the return of a Tony Clayton power drive being reached for by Denis Neale in the final of the men's doubles.

**Semi-finals:**  
**HAMMERSLEY** bt Court 9, 8, 7;  
**MATHEWS** bt Williams -20, 11, 13, 11.  
**Final:**  
**HAMMERSLEY** bt Mathews 8, 14, 16.  
**Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Neale/Taylor bt A. J. Mitchell/R. W. Tilling (Kent) 13, 12, 9;  
 N. Jarvis (Yorks)/Walker bt Brown/R. Chandler 14, 23, 15;  
 Clayton/L. F. Landry (Middx) bt M. Newman/P. K. B. Randell (Leics) -12, -18, 14, 9, 11.  
 O. B. Haslam (Middx)/Hydes bt H. S. Buist (Kent)/Pidcock -19, 18, 10, 18.  
**Semi-finals:**  
**NEALE/TAYLOR** bt Jarvis/Walker 13, 23, 18;  
**CLAYTON/LANDRY** bt Haslam/Hydes -19, 18, 10, 18.  
**Final:**  
**NEALE/TAYLOR** bt Clayton/Hydes 12, 15, 19.  
**Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 L. C. Howard/Mathews bt E. I. Tarten/G. Taylor (Essex) 10, 18, 15;  
 Court/Radford bt Broadbent/Lisle -19, 19, 19, 15;  
 Hession/Williams bt Bird/Kavallierou 13, 18, -18, 7;  
 Hammersley/S. A. Howard bt A. J. Mellor (Derbys)/A. J. Stevenson (Leics) 12, -17, 11, 11.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 L. C. HOWARD/MATHEWS bt Court/Radford 5, -11, -14, 13, 18;  
 HESSION/WILLIAMS bt Hammersley/S. A. Howard 12, -17, 11, 11.  
**Final:**  
 L. C. HOWARD/MATHEWS bt Hession/Williams 9, 20, 21.  
**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Neale/Mathews bt Day/Tarten 13, 17, -16, 14;  
 Hydes/L. C. Howard bt K. H. Beamish (Essex)/Hession -11, 20, 20, 19;

Clayton/S. A. Howard bt S. Oqundipe (Sussex)/Williams 14, -13, -21, 18, 11.  
 Johns/Court bt Fletcher/J. R. Williams (Bucks) 12, 17, 20.  
**Semi-finals:**  
**HYDES/L. C. HOWARD** bt Neale/Mathews 18, -13, -20, 21, 17;  
**CLAYTON/S. A. HOWARD** bt Johns/Court 15, 14, -18, 13.  
**Final:**  
**HYDES/L. C. HOWARD** bt Clayton/S. A. Howard 17, -13, 18, 18.  
**Men's Consolation Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
 P. R. Radford (Essex) bt B. Johns (Ches) 10, -15, 16;  
 G. Chapman (Surrey) bt M. G. Briggs (Kent) 17, -14, 20;  
 D. Parker (Lancs) bt I. T. Robertson (Essex) 12, 12;  
 D. Schofield (Ches) bt G. Walsh (Surrey) 19, 18.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Chapman bt Radford 10, 20;  
 Schofield bt Parker 13, 12.  
**Final:**  
**SCHOFIELD** bt Chapman -18, 11, 15.  
**Women's Consolation Singles: Semi-finals:**  
 Lisle bt J. Taylor (Berks) 6, 7;  
 J. R. Williams bt J. Hartwell (Midx) 10, 11.  
**Final:**  
 LISLE bt Williams 12, 13.

### CARTOON COMPETITION

There was no all correct entry in respect of the "Win a tenner for Christmas" cartoon competition but a cheque for £10 has been sent to Peter Barber Sports, 45 Winchester Street, Basingstoke, Hants., who submitted an entry which came nearest to the adjudged order of merit which was D A C B E F.

The Basingstoke winner placed the six captions in the following order D A C B F E and added the caption "You are supposed to play the ball".

### PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE BY PETER MADGE

**TOP Spin**

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## The Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Competitions

by Keith Ponting

### HOLDERS GO MARCHING ON

FOLLOWING on a first round walk-over, Wilmott Cup holders, North Yorkshire, were quickly into gear to destroy Rd. 2 opponents Aycliffe 9-0 and, in the Rose Bowl competition, maximums by Judy Williams and Di Court saw the holders, Central London, safely through against Bromley.

It was another trouble free passage for North Yorkshire's boys in the Carter Cup, against Leeds, and in the Bromfield Trophy competition last season's winners, Guildford, represented by Linda Howard, Nicolette Leslie and Diane Elliot, had no difficulty in beating Gosport.

Second round results:—

#### WILMOTT CUP

Aycliffe 0, North Yorkshire 9.  
Northumberland 5, Stockton 4.  
Boston w.o. Worksop.  
Hull 3, Chesterfield 5.  
Preston 6, Halifax 3.  
Huddersfield 5, Burnley 0.  
Bury 0, Manchester 9.  
Stockport 5, Liverpool 2.  
Leamington 0, Nottingham 6.  
Birmingham 5, Leicester 2.  
Norwich 4, Ely 5.  
Gt. Yarmouth 5, Beccles 4.  
Watford 6, Hunts Central 3.  
St. Neots 1, Cheshunt 5.  
Dunstable 1, North Herts 6.  
Chiltern 0, Oxford 6.  
Harlow 0, Southend 6.  
East London 9, Colchester 0.  
Barnets 4, Dagenham 5.  
Romford 1, Barking 5.  
Willesden 5, Wembley 4.  
Central London 6, London Banks 3.  
Tonbridge 5, Tunbridge Wells 4.  
East Grinstead 5, Gravesend 3.  
Worthing 7, Hastings 2.  
Crawley 3, Brighton 5.  
Southampton 4, Bournemouth 5.  
Portsmouth 3, Newbury 6.  
Reading 5, Maidenhead 2.  
Staines 5, Basingstoke 4.  
Cheltenham 4, Bristol 5.  
Plymouth 9, South Hams 0.

Stockton led 4-2 away to Northumberland who put in a fine home run to win 5-4. Derrick Marples was the hero for Chesterfield with a great maximum, a similar return coming from Donald Parker of Preston.

Manchester's team of Kevin Forshaw, Tony Boasman and Phil Bowen far too strong for Bury, as was Brian Kean, for Stockport, against Liverpool. D. Collins, B. Mayfield and A. Croome shared Nottingham's 6 sets.

Leicester, away to Birmingham, won the opening set but thereafter suc-

cumbed to Des Douglas, Derek Munt and Paul Judd. Paul Randall had wins over Douglas and Judd. John Fuller completed a maximum in the final set to give Gt. Yarmouth their victory over gallant Beccles.

For Cheshunt, Barry White, Alan Lamprell and Chris Pickard were always in control, against St. Neots, and last season's beaten finalists, East London ran riot over Colchester.

Sporting Ron Locke tells me that Barking's 5-1 win over Romford was far from easy with Steve Smith, Ian Robertson and David Bowles having to fight for their wins. Laurie Landry in great form for Willesden who, against Wembley, provided the spectators with a great match.

Pete Smith, Selwyn Pokroy and Terry Kirby shared Central London's wins. In a cliff-hanger at Tonbridge, the home team came from behind to take the last two sets, Paul Crisp clinching the issue.

Three wins each for Mike McLaren and Robin Stace took Worthing into the next round and, for Staines, Paul Shirley completed a treble in his final set to win the match.

Brian Parish, for Dagenham, and Tony Hammond for Barnets were the star men whose set-to was, I am told, more exciting than anything seen at Crystal Palace.

Keith Summerfield was brilliant for Southampton but his efforts were in vain as Bournemouth edged home in the final set. Derek Dasden inspired Reading and, for North Herts, Peter Taylor was unbeaten.

Against Crawley, Brighton's Roger Chandler excelled as did Allan Hayes (3) and skipper David Sinden (2) to see East Grinstead through.

#### ROSE BOWL:

Chesterfield 5, Nottingham 1.  
Barrow 8, Wirral 1.  
Liverpool 2, Stockport 7.  
Wisbech 0, Hull 9.  
Spalding 6, Grimsby 3.  
Northampton 0, Leicester 6.  
West Bromwich 8, Derby 1.  
Peterborough w.o. Thetford.  
Gt. Yarmouth 1, Stowmarket 8.  
Bedford w.o. Barnets.  
North Herts 9, Haverhill 0.  
St. Neots 0, Cheshunt 6.  
Reading 5, High Wycombe 0.  
North Middlesex 5, London Civil Service 4.

Acton 3, Willesden 6.  
Bromley 3, Central London 6.  
Tonbridge 1, Medway Towns 8.  
Barking 9, Insurance Offices 0.  
Ilford 0, East London 6.  
Southend 3, Romford 6.  
Colchester 3, Basildon 6.  
Worthing 7, Crawley 2.  
Byfleet 6, Hastings 3.  
Basingstoke 0, Guildford 6.  
Slough 1, Newbury 5.  
Taunton 6, Stroud 3.  
Bristol 4, Exeter 5.

Chesterfield's winning trio comprised Mandy Mellor, Sandra Walters and former English Closed doubles champion, Jackie Billington. Clarice Rose and Yvonne Brockbank unbeaten for Barrow, as were Susan Lisle and Di Johnson for Stockport whose Doreen Schofield lost to Barbara Kirkman and Val Blore.

Hull played Brenda Zealey, Karen Wilson and Lynda Sutton who all registered trebles, as did Jenny Cornock and Kath Perry for West Brom. Ann Baker lost to Marilyn Deakin.

Cheshunt completed a senior double

over St. Neots with Tina Pickard playing herself into form in her first set against Di Bushby. Unfortunately, St. Neots' 14-years-old Belinda Chamberlain caught the full blast of Tina's game in the 6th set. Jane Hartwell and 12-years-old Angela Mitchell also impressive for the visitors.

Mrs. B. Tregoning clinched the issue for N. Middlesex in a tremendous tussle with L.C.S. Julie Kelly, standing in for Gillian Taylor (on County duty), played her part along with another former U-13 national champion, Gillian Locke, and Sue Beckwith, in Barking's whitewashing of Insurance Offices.

Endeavouring to keep pace with their men's team, Janet Hellaby, Lesley Radford and Elsie Carrington took East London through without reply from Ilford. Ann Hewitt and Cathy Stonell unbeaten for Romford. In two vital sets, Ann beat Linda Barrow, 19 in 3rd, and Cathy went even closer beating Maureen Pemberton, 21 in the 3rd!

13-years-old Linda Wales is certainly making her presence felt in the senior Worthing team and along with Suzanne Kavallierou registered a great treble. Former Dorset No. 1, Jenny Vass, and Pauline George accomplished the same feat for Byfleet.

Jean Golding was Stroud's outstanding player against Taunton whose Susan Beazer recovered from being 11-17 down to give the Somerset trio a 2-0 lead and the will to win.

It was another great match between old rivals Bristol and Exeter with the Devonians coming out on top for the second successive season. Two ex-England stars, Pam Mortimer and Joan Crosby had to call on all their experience to stave off the challenge of a fine Bristol team.

Susan Faldo was always in control for Basildon, and the same can be said for Marilyn Jones and Janet List who starred for Stowmarket. Jean White was a treble winner for Spalding as were Daphne Baines, Sandra Harding and Susan Felstead, for North Herts. Karen Rogers was Leicester's star performer against Northampton.

#### CARTER CUP:

Aycliffe 1, Stockton 5.  
North Yorkshire 6, Leeds 0.  
Lincoln 4, Boston 5.  
Hull 5, Grantham 1.  
Blackpool 2, Preston 5.  
Westmorland 5, Bolton 0.  
Stockport 9, North Staffs. BB 0.  
Bury 5, Liverpool 3.  
Nottingham 9, West Bromwich 0.  
Norwich 2, Ipswich 7.  
Gt. Yarmouth w.o. Ely.  
Kettering 5, Wellingborough 4.  
Hunts Central 1, Cambridge 8.  
Leighton/Linslade 5, Luton 1.  
Dunstable 1, North Herts 8.  
Wandsworth 8, Colchester 1.  
East London 0, Southend 5.  
Willesden 0, Barking 9.  
Dagenham 5, Cheshunt 4.  
Staines 0, Thames Valley 9.  
North Middlesex 8, Wembley 1.  
Gravesend 3, Sittingbourne 6.  
Folkestone 8, Tunbridge Wells 1.  
Hastings 6, Brighton 3.  
Worthing 0, Crawley 9.  
Newbury 5, Southampton 4.  
Didcot 2, Gosport 7.  
Basingstoke 8, Aldershot 1.  
Guildford 2, Reading 7.  
Bristol 7, Plymouth 2.

Against Hull, Steven Gray beat Nathaniel Neale 22-20 in the 3rd to win the only set for Grantham.

Boston, with only two players, had a treble winner in J. Brewster and 2 wins for C. Brown in beating Lincoln. Parker was again the strong man for Preston.

Michael Hoy starred for Bury in their win over Liverpool while, for Stockport, Trevor Burrows, John Evans and Graham Jackson were too good for the Boys' Brigade team.

Not much 'chirp' from the Norwich canaries who went under to John Kitchener, Robert Oldfield and Kevin Rose of 'singing' Ipswich. Gary Alden brought off a treble for Kettering with two supporting sets from Stephen West.

Unbeaten for Cambridge were Paul Day and Keith Richardson. It was a surprisingly easy win for Southend though, remembering East London's 9-0 win over Braintree in the previous round.

Willesden took a hammering from Barking's Peter Hunt, Les Eadie and Bruce Kettle but Alan Shepherd thinks his North Middlesex trio of Mark Mitchell, David Tan and Andrew Barden will take some stopping. Wembley will vouch for that!

But last season's surprise team, Crawley, also mean to go far and, will, judged on their impressive win over Worthing when Michael Douglas, Andrew Allars and Gerald Pugh skated home.

David Reeves, for Newbury, beat John Colbourne in the final set to give his team victory over Southampton. Alan Hicks also impressive for the home team.

Guildford's only defeat in the four competitions was brought about by Paul Trott and Adrian Williams of Reading. Chris Sewell was outstanding for Bristol who brought about the only defeat for Keith James conqueror of Hussey and Mike Williams.

#### BROMFIELD TROPHY (Round 1):

Northumberland 5, North Yorkshire 4.  
Barrow 1, Liverpool 8.  
Wolverhampton 5, Birmingham 4.  
Kettering 6, Redditch 0.  
Grantham w.o. Northampton.  
Bletchley w.o. Wisbech.  
Cheshunt 8, Leighton-Linslade 1.  
St. Neots 3, Wembley 6.  
Dagenham 8, East London 1.  
Barking 9, Romford 0.  
North Acton 0, Sittingbourne 6.  
Basingstoke 6, Worthing 3.  
Gosport 1, Guildford 8.  
Exeter 2, Newbury 7.

Barbara Kearney, the match winner for Northumberland in the Tynce/Tees battle. Over on the West coast, at Barrow, Liverpool's Suzanne Manning, Brenda Williams and Julie Black carried last season's beaten finalists to success.

Despite a treble from Di St. Ledger, Birmingham, were forced to play second fiddle by Wolverhampton's Gail Round, Janet Carr and Heather Johnson.

Spearheaded by Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers, Leicester rode the triple defeat suffered by their 10-years-old team-mate Julie Revell

Belinda Chamberlain's three wins for St. Neots were all in vain as, for Wembley, Hazel Santon, Christine Hedge and Laura Stalbow each won two.

Dagenham's team look capable of causing future opponents lots of trouble as they did to East London

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beaten 8-1 by Elaine Tarten, Jane Livesey and Sandra Sutton.

Barking much too strong for Romford whose Lynn Harvey offered any real resistance, taking both Cathy Stonell and Gillian Locke to a deciding game. With Gillian Taylor also in top form a possible match between Barking and Dagenham should be worth going a long way to see.

Once again Susan Tame was unbeaten for Thames Valley with Stephanie Clarke and Kay Greenhough each winning two. Sittingbourne, again strong contenders, represented by Julie and Lynn Holtam with Diane Collar.

As expected Linda Wales was a treble winner for Worthing but even that was not good enough to win the match. Judith Aldren, Linda Wright and Christine Laing all won two for Basingstoke.

In a very interesting match, Newbury gave full value for their win over Exeter with 10-years-old Mandy Smith showing exceptional promise alongside Caroline Reeves and Susan Masters. This was Mandy's first representative appearance.

## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates



### DARWEN'S "MR. SPORTSMAN"

Hon. Coaching Secretary, Harold Myers, recently became the recipient of a trophy which is awarded annually by the Darwen Sports Council to the "Sports Personality of the Year".

The award was made for "His dedication and enthusiasm as a player and a coach which has kept the game of table tennis alive in Darwen. His recent seven-part Granada T.V. series was a great success and did much to promote the sport over a wide area.

"As a sportsman in other fields, he has for long been regarded as an all-round sportsman, having played football, water-polo and cricket as an amateur in the local leagues, and is currently recognised as being one of the best wicketkeepers in the area".

Over in Manchester, Kevin Forshaw overcame stiff opposition to regain the men's singles title in the M. & D. T.T.L. closed championships played at the University's McDougall Centre (writes Les Jones).

Forshaw beat the holder, Tony Boasman, in the semis to gain revenge for last year's final defeat when Tony took the title from him.

Ex-international Jeff Ingber played well to reach the semis before going down to Nigel Eckersley. In the final, Forshaw dropped his first game, but went on to beat the Cheshire county player.

Boasman took some consolation by winning the men's doubles in partnership with Phil Bowen defeating Brian Kean and Eckersley.

Susan Lisle cruised to the final of the women's singles but had to fight hard before beating Mary Leigh to retain the title. Susan took her second title when she and Doreen Schofield beat Mary Leigh and Janice Green in the women's doubles.

Consolation for Mary Leigh came when she joined forces with Forshaw to take the mixed in opposition to Kean and Susan Lisle.

Graham Jackson beat holder Peter Rodwell before going on to win the junior singles from Peter Brugge. And Jack Clayton retained the veterans' title with a win over Terry Donlon.

#### Results:

##### M.S. S-F:

K. Forshaw bt A. Boasman 19, 19; N. Eckersley bt J. Ingber 9, 17.

**Final FORSHAW** bt Eckersley -19, 16, 17.

##### W.S. S-F.:

S. Lisle bt M. Jones 15, 11; M. Leigh bt J. Green -16, 20, 8.

**Final: LISLE** bt Leigh 21, 13.

##### M.D.:

**BOASMAN/P. BOWEN** bt Eckersley/B. Kean -20, 14, 10.

##### W.D.:

**LISLE/D. SCHOFIELD** bt Green/Leigh 15, 18.

##### X.D.:

**FORSHAW/LEIGH** bt Kean/Lisle 19, 19.

##### J.S.:

**G. JACKSON** bt P. Brugge 10, 19.

##### V.S.:

**J. CLAYTON** bt T. Donlon 15, 6.

Derek Schofield reached the quarter-finals of the men's singles but although beginning play against Eckersley had to scratch in giving second best to a 'flu bug.

Not so on Friday, Jan. 19, when the Cheshire county player notched a treble for Bolton (against Preston) in a Lancashire and Cheshire League match at Bamber Bridge. But it wasn't enough for the visitors whose Phil Riley could only manage one win, against Tony Rigby. Colin Lang lost all three and with Schofield went down to Donald Parker and Jim Clegg. It was Schofield's fourth win over Parker this season in singles combat.

Stockport beat Farnworth 7-3 when both Brian Kean and Nigel Eckersley recorded trebles, Phil Mayman losing to Bryn Farnworth and Bob Kelly. Manchester, staging a revival, accounted for Chester 10-0 their invincible trio comprising Tony Boasman, Phil Bowen and Jeff Ingber. Current positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	4	3	1	0	28	12	7
Bolton	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Liverpool	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Manchester	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Stockport	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Farnworth	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Blackpool	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Chester	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

## ANOTHER TREMOUR

Farnworth, holders of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy in the Lanes. and Ches. League, brought off a great 6-3 win over Manchester on Jan. 22.

The Mancunians, conceding four points start per game in this first round home match, found themselves 0-3 down in quick time and never recovered from the shock initially administered by Bryn Farnworth, Bob Kelly and Clive Heap.

Both Tony Boasman and Jeff Ingber were without a singles success, the Mancunian wins coming from Susan Lisle, who beat Sybil Williams, Phil Bowen and Ingber and Miss Lisle in the mixed.

## COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

England's official team, for the team events in the 2nd Commonwealth Championships, to be played in Cardiff from Mar. 26—Apr. 1 has been nominated as follows:—

Trevor Taylor (Herts.), Denis Neale (Yorks.) and Alan Hydes (Yorks.). Tony Clayton (Yorks.), Nicky Jarvis (Yorks.) and Desmond Douglas (Warwks.) will, additionally, compete in the individual events.

Jill Hammersley (Bucks.), Karenza Mathews (Middx.) and Linda Howard (Surrey) will be our female representatives, the non-playing captains being Les Gresswell and Bryan Merrett.

## SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHATTER

by Leslie Constable

### NORTH HERTS PROMINENT

North Herts have been very prominent in all divisions and recent results indicate their overall strength. Ely, however, are well placed in the men's division and may very well again pull off the title.

Recent results:—

#### Men's Division

Cambridge 7, Wellingborough 3  
Wellingborough 3, St. Neots 7  
Hunts. Central 9, Peterborough 1  
Ely 8, Bedford 2  
St. Neots 5, Dunstable 5  
Northampton 5, North Herts. 5  
Kettering 4, Peterborough 6  
Bletchley 2, Hunts. Central 8  
Kettering 2, Bletchley 8  
Cambridge 7, Northampton 3

Table:—

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hunts Central	6	5	0	1	41
Ely	5	5	0	0	40
Northampton	7	4	1	2	39
North Herts.	5	4	1	0	36
Bedford	6	3	1	2	35
St. Neots	5	2	2	1	27
Cambridge	4	3	0	1	26
Bletchley	5	2	0	3	24
Dunstable	6	0	1	5	19
Wellingborough	5	1	0	4	17
Kettering	6	0	0	6	14
Peterborough	6	1	0	5	12

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# The County Championships

—are they obsolete?

by ALAN SHEPHERD

Secretary Junior Affairs,  
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When the Annual General Meeting of the County Table Tennis Championships is held in June this year the delegates are going to have to be very clear in their minds as to what their Counties want. I intend on behalf of my County, Essex, to propose that Rule 14(c) be deleted from the County Championship Rules. This was added to the Rules in 1972 and provided for the Junior Premier Division to be "played on two weekends at venues arranged by the Secretary".

When the matter was discussed in 1972, Mr. Charles Wyles addressed the delegates in support of a proposition being put by the E.T.T.A. itself that the Senior Premier Division should be played on the two weekends basis. He argued that senior international players were too heavily committed and that if their loads could be lightened they would be available for training weekends and the like. This proposition was defeated and it was made clear that the Counties did not want what they considered to be an institution abandoned to the march of progress.

The A.G.M. then went on to consider the proposal relating to the junior game. The same arguments were put forward about junior players being released for training and extra tournaments and it was also contended that there would be a great saving in expense as a result of the reduction in the number of match weekends. The assembled delegates then voted in favour of the proposed Rule change, and so Rule 14(c) was born.

Now let us examine what actually happened. I can of course only speak about that part of the programme in which my County was involved. On November 18th, 1972 Essex, Middlesex, Surrey and Cambridgeshire played matches against each other at Croydon. Before anybody got down to playing there was consternation on the part of the organisers of the Southend Open, a fine southern Tournament in which all of these young players ought to have been taking part. The first reason for this weekend had been broken—the idea was supposed to be that the players would be able to take part in more Tournaments—so why fix it up for a Tournament date? It is difficult to guess why it should have been necessary to go to all this trouble to get four Counties to play all their matches in strange surroundings when most of the fixtures could just as easily have been arranged for mid-week evenings. A trip up the A10 or A11 to Cambridge is very quickly accomplished these days and in fact Essex did play a friendly in Soham on a Thursday evening last August.

The actual match conditions at Croydon unfortunately left much to be desired. The tables were set close together and as a result there were constant interruptions for "lets" as balls came over the barriers. Players, Officials and spectators, not specifi-

cally involved, were wandering about the hall and there was quite a hubbub of noise. This would appear to be unavoidable in "super-league" conditions. The atmosphere of a County match that one has learned to expect was completely missing and the players found it difficult to concentrate.

What perhaps was far worse was the psychological effect upon the players of having three matches one after the other with no chance of the so essential mental build up. I am quite sure that my Essex players were in the correct frame of mind for their first match; they were still "turned on" for the second match, but appeared quite dispirited and wound down for their third, and as it happened, most important match. Not being a medical man I cannot give reasons for this—I merely report the facts and add that officials of at least one other County confirmed that their players had been similarly affected.

So on to Loughborough for Part 2 of the programme. I hesitate to suggest that the new plan was ill-fated but practically the whole of England was shrouded by fog on the day that the eight Counties travelled to the central venue. As a result, when play commenced at 6 p.m. Warwickshire had one player and Lancs., none. Eventually they all made it but the point is that something like 100 people were obliged to make this journey in appalling conditions. Incidentally it does not seem to have occurred to anybody in command that to get the players to Loughborough about 25 officials had to take nearly a whole day off from work, since all this took place on a Friday. Was that really necessary?

The next really remarkable part of these proceedings was that on the Saturday the various players became contestants in the English Junior Closed Championships. The following day they became County players once again and took part in three more matches. Now I do not believe in molly-coddling junior players but I really do not see how they can reasonably be expected to do their best under these conditions and circumstances. To take part in a National Championship should be an end in itself and players should be entitled and expected to build themselves up to a peak of performance in that, not to maintain that peak for one more day of top class inter-county matches, even if that was possible, which I beg leave to doubt. By the time the last matches were played some of the players were virtually on their knees.

I firmly believe that the matches between the Counties were devalued by their lack of presentation and that many of the individual results that took place will have to be ignored. There were some wonderful performances one agrees but equally one must say that some results were caused as much by general lethargy and super saturation of play than by fair contest. As at Croydon there was a complete lack of match atmosphere and proper staging. Whether the

Loughborough League took on more than it could manage I do not know but to do this thing properly they had to provide qualified umpires for 144 matches. One tough character who had stayed over from the "Closed" controlled all 10 sets in the Essex v. Lancs. match which I would not recommend and one way or another the first two series of matches on the Sunday were umpired but by the time the last series of matches was reached the non-playing captains were in the chair again (as they had been on the Friday). This quite frankly was not good enough and reduced the proceedings to what was similar to a badly run Tournament instead of the well staged matches normally put on by the Counties in their own territories.

In the December issue of T.T. News, John Wright wondered whether "the saving in cost, travel and time may well be thought to outweigh the loss of match atmosphere and the gradual development of a competition throughout the season". Well if there had been a saving in cost one might have had second thoughts; in fact the cost to Essex for the Loughborough weekend alone was nearly £100. It was necessary to transport our players and officials in three cars each of which travelled approximately 300 miles. We had to pay for two nights accommodation for each person and were charged more than one pays in most medium class hotels.

It is certainly true that there was no build up of the interest in the competition throughout the season nor was it possible to build up a team or a team spirit. One had to hope that the players selected did well on the day. Poor Cheshire were relegated because their best player had flu and so missed four matches. Can this possibly be fair?

The answer seems to be that this experiment has failed and that in attempting to release junior players for other activities in an already crowded programme the organisers did the exact opposite by committing them to taking part in simultaneous events.

I hope the Counties will think very carefully about this before the A.G.M. so that they come prepared to discuss the position and vote upon the proposal to revert to the normal programme of monthly matches. It may be that it will be thought that I have set out only the bad and none of the good concerning this subject and in this regard I must confess that I have recorded only my immediate thoughts; perhaps I can be convinced otherwise by persuasive arguments; possibly I will be told that if the matches are arranged in a different way at a different place and at a different time my strictures will cease to apply. At any rate I trust that everybody concerned with junior table tennis at its highest level in this Country will consider what I have said and act accordingly.

## S.W. SCHOOLS' CHAMPS

Ian James (Heamoor C.S., Cornwall) was the winner of the U-13 BS event in the South West Schools' Championships at Exmouth and not D Trick—as reported in the January issue—who lost -17, -13 to James in the final.

## COCA-COLA AWARDS 72-73

by Laurie Landry,  
Scheme Administrator.

### KARENZA OVERHAULED

Wins by Jill Hammersley in European League matches, plus successes in the Norwich Union English Championships (50% added) and the Lancashire 2-Star Open, have given the Bucks. international a lead of 10pts. over Karenza Mathews in pursuit of this season's £100 Coca-Cola Award. But the continued success of Trevor Taylor in domestic tournaments still sees him well out in front for the men's Award.

The following points table is up to and including the Lancashire 2-Star Open and includes all internationals and county matches to the end of 1972. Grading for the Norwich Union English Championships was 1 plus 50% (for both men and women), whilst it was Grade 1 (men) and Grade 2 (women) in the Lancashire 2-Star Open. The figures in brackets denotes points earned in tournaments, county matches and internationals. Juniors are signified by an asterisk.

### Men

1. T. Taylor (Yorks.) (1054-0-0) 1054
2. D. Neale (Yorks.) (570-30-180) 780
3. P. Taylor (Bucks.) (303-20-0) 323
4. M. Johns (Ches.) (175-85-30) 290
5. N. Jarvis (Yorks.) (262-0-0) 262
6. A. Clayton (Yorks.) (198-30-15) 243
- = O. Haslam (Middx.) (183-15-45) 243
8. D. Alderson (Yorks.) (140-20-30) 190
9. A. Hydes (Yorks.) (183-0-0) 183
10. \*D. Douglas (Wrwks.) (70-75-15) 160
11. J. Walker (Yorks.) (120-35-0) 155
12. R. Chandler (Surrey) (20-85-0) 105
- = C. Warren (Surrey) (20-85-0) 105
14. B. Burn (Warwks.) (15-75-0) 90
15. A. Piddock (Kent) (0-85-0) 85
16. D. Munt (Warwks.) (48-30-0) 78
17. D. Brown (Essex) (15-45-0) 60
18. \*P. Day (Cams.) (40-10-0) 50

### Women

1. J. Hammersley (Bucks.) (891-0-165) 1056
2. K. Mathews (Middx.) (1006-25-15) 1046
3. J. Williams (Sussex) (185-65-0) 250
4. L. Radford (Essex) (214-0-0) 214
5. S. Hession (Essex) (146-35-0) 181
6. S. Howard (Surrey) (148-10-0) 158
7. J. Heaps (Ches.) (85-60-0) 145
8. \*L. Howard (Surrey) (112-20-0) 132
9. S. Lisle (Lancs.) (128-0-0) 128
10. D. Court (Middx.) (106-15-0) 121
11. J. Hellaby (Essex) (81-10-0) 91
12. \*E. Tarten (Essex) (40-50-0) 90
13. \*A. Stevenson (Leics.) (38-10-0) 48
14. B. Bird (Kent) (43-0-0) 43
15. J. Vass (Surrey) (40-0-0) 40
16. S. Kavallierou (Sussex) (23-5-0) 28



# Middlesex Junior 2 Star Open

## LACK OF "TOP" JUNIORS by John Wright

THE second Middlesex Junior Open, held at the Walford Sports Hall, Northolt (by kind permission of the Ealing Education Committee) over the weekend of Jan 13/14, again received a large entry of boys, although the response from the girls was a little disappointing.

The lack of "top" junior players was noticeable: surely if these tournaments are of any use the better players should be encouraged by the E.T.T.A. to enter them rather than discouraged? There may well be differences of opinion between what these players have been told and what they think they have been told, and this is hardly satisfactory.

Kent's Andy Mitchell was on good form to take the Boys' U-17 Singles without loss of a game—in the final he quite demoralised the home County's Mark Mitchell who had also passed easily to the final and had the previous day won the U-15. A fine win in the top event for Martin Shuttle who disposed of Robert Wiley 19, 19 in the 4th round.

The girls' event produced the most successful competitors in Angela Mitchell and Jill Campion. These two collected the U-17 and U-15 doubles titles, and Angela also took both U-13 titles (the doubles with Belinda Chamberlain). Penny Abbot had a fine tournament with U-15

singles wins over Marilyn Sangster 19, -20, 21 in the quarters and Mitchell in the Semi-final 15, -15, 10. Penny also won the U-17 consolation!

Fourteen tables and an efficient P/A system helped the tournament to run far more smoothly than last season, despite an entry which meant that over 800 sets had to be played.

The whole of the £100 prize fund was provided by Currys Ltd. in the form of gift vouchers. Results:—

### UNDER-17 EVENTS

#### Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

A. Mitchell (Kent) bt R. Potton (Essex) 11, 19;

R. Huson (Middx) bt M. Shuttle (Surrey) 19, 15;

M. Mitchell (Middx) bt K. Caldon (Essex) 16, 6;

B. Alderson (Yorks) bt L. Eadie (Essex) 17, 13.

#### Semi-finals:

A. MITCHELL bt Huson 10, 20;

M. MITCHELL bt Alderson 19, 8.

#### Final:

A. MITCHELL bt M. Mitchell 17, 9.

#### Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

C. Stonell (Essex) bt A. Mitchell (Middx) 10, -16, 13;

M. Sangster (Middx) bt J. McLean (Yorks) 10, -10, 18.

#### Final:

STONELL bt Sangster 15, 16.

#### Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Huson/D. Tan (Middx) bt A. Abbott/D. Sehmdi (Essex) 14, 16;

M. Mitchell/R. Wiley (Yorks) bt Eadie/D. Iszatt (Essex) 15, 19.

#### Final:

HUSON/TAN bt M. Mitchell/Wiley 18, 12, 19.

#### Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

J. Campion (Middx)/Mitchell bt C. Randall (Sussex)/Stonell 8, 15;

J. Hartwell (Middx)/C. Reeves (Berks) bt K. Garner (Cams)/Sangster 19, 15.

#### Final:

CAMPION/MITCHELL bt Hartwell/Reeves 14, 12.

### UNDER-15 EVENTS

#### Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

M. Mitchell bt Iszatt 15, 12;

Wiley bt Eadie -18, 10, 19.

#### Final:

M. MITCHELL bt Wiley 20, 20.

#### Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

McLean bt S. Sutton (Essex) 19, 18;

P. Abbott (Essex) bt Mitchell 15, -15, 10.

#### Final:

McLEAN bt Abbott 15, 15.

#### Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Eadie/Iszatt bt P. Dadswell (Kent)/T. Tang (Middx) 19, 10;

A. Allars/M. Douglas (Sussex) bt S. Newman (Essex)/Shuttle -20, 18, 12.

#### Final:

EADIE/ISZATT bt Allars/Douglas -16, 13, 20.

#### Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Campion/Mitchell bt S. Clarke/K. Greenough (Sussex) 18, -10, 20;

S. Smith (Essex)/Sutton bt Garner/Sangster -15, 8, 11.

#### Final:

CAMPION/MITCHELL bt Smith/Sutton 18, 18.

### UNDER-13 EVENTS

#### Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:

D. Newman (Essex) bt D. Wells (Middx) 15, 19;

R. Jermyn (Herts) bt M. Harlow (Beds) 15, 15.

#### Final:

NEWMAN bt Jermyn -15, 15, 19.

#### Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:

Mitchell bt J. Boulter (Essex) 19, -15, 15;

J. New (Hants) bt B. Chamberlain (Hunts) 16, -23, 19.

#### Final:

MITCHELL bt New 16, 12.

#### Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Harlow/S. Harmer (Beds) bt B. Tyler (Middx)/Wells 19, -16, 13;

L. Chapman (Cams)/M. Harrison (Yorks) bt D. Cammiade (Sussex)/I. Kenyon (Kent) 19, 21.

#### Final:

HARLOW/HARMER bt Chapman/Harrison 12, 16.

#### Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:

Chamberlain/Mitchell bt L. Charman (Middx)/New -15, 11, 12;

R. Newman (Cams)/I. Reynolds (Essex) bt C. Bahryj (Bucks)/C. Hedges (Middx) 16, -14, 12.

#### Final:

CHAMBERLAIN/MITCHELL bt Newman/Reynolds 12, 9.

In each singles event, an "automatic consolation" competition was held for those players losing the first match actually played. Results were:—

BS U-17: T. Burrows (Ches) bt Tang 16, 16.  
BS U-15: J. Hook (Ches) bt P. Smith (Surrey) 14, 15;  
BS U-13: C. Leslie (Bucks) bt R. Scott (Surrey) 16, 12.  
GS U-17: J. Skipp (Yorks) bt Abbott 19, -18, 15.  
GS U-15: Clarke bt N. Carne (Yorks) 21, 12.  
GS U-13: Hedges bt Newman 21, -14, 19.

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SQUAD

At a Press Conference held at the Albion Hotel, Ludgate Circus, London E.C.4., on the morning of Monday, Jan. 15, the following personnel were named for the 32nd World Championships being played in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia from April 5 to 15:—

\*Men—Trevor Taylor, Denis Neale, Tony Clayton, Alan Hydes, Nicky Jarvis and Desmond Douglas.

Women—Jill Hammersley, Karenza Mathews and Linda Howard.

Les Gresswell and Bryan Merrett will be the non-playing captains with the E.T.T.A.'s Deputy Chairman, George R. Yates appointed as Team Manager. Physiotherapist John Myers will also accompany the party.

Flying out in advance of the main party will be E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles M. Wyles who, as a member of the I.T.T.F. Council is required to attend a pre-championships Council meeting. Mr. Wyles and Mr. Yates will be England's delegates at the I.T.T.F. Congress.

\*Only five men will eventually make the trip to Yugoslavia and their names were due to be announced on Jan. 29.

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# On the International Front

by Geo. R. Yates

## ORMESBY CONQUERED

After establishing a 3-1 lead over Yugoslavia's champion club, Vjesnik of Zagreb, on Teesside, English club champions Ormesby, slithered to 3-5 defeat and the loss of their **Europe Club Cup** title.

In this semi-final round, played on Jan. 21 at the Ormesby club, Denis Neale set the ball rolling by beating former European champion, Dragutin Surbek—world ranked No. 12—in straight games.

Also world-ranked, at No. 9 Anton Stipancic levelled the scores with an easy 2-straighter over Nicky Jarvis. Trevor Taylor was next into the arena to enthrall the locals with victory of Zlatko Cordas and the cheers again hit the roof when Neale, again in straight games, disposed of Stipancic!

But that, regrettably, was the extent of Ormesby's success for thereafter, the Yugoslavs really got the bit between their teeth to take the next four sets for victory. Cordas had wins over both Jarvis and Neale, Surbek and Stipancic both beat Taylor and the match was over.

It was only by scores of 22-24, 21-23 that Neale went down to Cordas in what might have been the penultimate set which would have set the stage for Jarvis to tackle Surbek in the decider! Individual scores (in match order) were:—

Neale bt Surbek 17, 16.  
Jarvis lost to Stipancic -9, -14.  
Taylor bt Cordas 17, 19.  
Neale bt Stipancic 20, 19.  
Taylor lost to Surbek -14, -10.  
Jarvis lost to Cordas -18, -18.  
Taylor lost to Stipancic -15, -23.  
Neale lost to Cordas -22, -21.

News is to hand from Bas den Breejen in Holland that Delta Lloyd, the Dutch champion club, beat Olympiacus S.F. of Greece 5-4 in Amsterdam on Dec. 23. Scores:—  
Rob Meyer lost to Emmanuel

Diakakis -13, -19.  
Carel Deken bt John Mandilas 14, -19, 12.

Bert Schoofs bt Christos Christodalamatos 16, 13.  
Deken lost to Diakakis 13, -18, -12.  
Meyer lost to Christodalamatos -20, -19.  
Schoofs bt Mandilas -20, 12, 12.  
Deken bt Christodalamatos 15, 12.  
Schoofs lost to Diakakis -13, 12, 12.  
Meyer bt Mandilas 16, 16.

Against Luxembourg, in a Youth B international, Holland represented by Hans Lingen (18) Henk v.d. Zee (17) and Herman Hopman (18) beat Luxembourg 5-3. Scores:—

Lingen bt Scheibel 12, 21; lost to Krier 20, -16, -15; bt Hartman 10, 10.  
v.d. Zee lost to Krier -17, -16; lost to Hartman 19, -20, -10.  
Hopman bt Hartman 14, 21; bt Scheibel 15, -20, 13; bt Krier 7, 18.

In a counterpart female event, won 5-1 by Luxembourg, the only Dutch success was registered by champion

Veronique v.d. Laan who beat Christine Putz. Both Renee Fierlier and Annemieke v. Moorst lost twice.

## EUROPEAN LEAGUE DIV. 2

Before a crowd of 2,000 people in Naples, on Jan. 20, Italy beat Scotland 4-3 the issue depending on the result of the last set in which 16-year-old Roberto Giontella beat Eric Sutherland in straight games.

Elaine Smith, the Dundee girl now at Edinburgh University, was Scotland's outstanding player winning her singles, against Sonia Milic, and, with Richard Yule obtaining success in the mixed.

Individual scores:—

S. Bosi bt E. Sutherland 17, 16.  
R. Giontella bt R. Yule 17, 16.  
S. Milic lost to E. Smith 16, -19, -12.  
Bosi/Giontella bt Sutherland/Yule 19, 16.  
Bosi/Milic lost to Yule/Smith -17, -16.  
Bosi lost to Yule -18, 17, -13.  
Giontella bt Sutherland 15, 17.

The win carried Italy to second position, one set behind Belgium, on equal points. Current positions:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	3	0	14	7	3
Italy	3	3	0	13	8	3
Austria	2	2	0	12	2	2
Luxembourg	2	1	1	8	6	1
Scotland	3	0	3	7	14	0
Greece	2	0	2	3	11	0
Switzerland	3	0	3	6	15	0

## EDINBURGH OPEN

Apprentice engineer David Fraser (19), of Glasgow, provided the new face in the men's singles final of the Edinburgh Open played on Jan. 14 after a win, in the quarters over Bertie Kerr, and Scottish No. 2, Eric Sutherland in the semis (writes Helen Hamilton).

In the final, however, he appeared to find Richard Yule's style difficult but gave a good account of himself although losing in straight games.

Glaswegians D. Mullen and A. McCulloch contested a well-fought boys' singles, but pride of place must go to Elaine Smith who finished the day a triple champion.

In the girls' singles Grace Mackay won her first title impressively by beating M. Smith (Closed girls' champion) and Patricia Fleming, the Scottish No. 1 Junior in the final, -20, 12, 12.

Results:—

**M.S.: S.F.:**  
R. Yule bt B. Kean 17, -15, 17; D. Fraser bt E. Sutherland -15, 16, 16.  
**Final:** Yule bt Fraser 12, 18.

**W.S.: S.F.:**  
E. Smith bt K. Angus 15, 11; M. Neish bt C. Walker 12, 10.

**Final:** Smith bt Neish 4, 20.  
**M.D.: D. Armstrong/P. Hoyles** bt J. Whitton/J. Wilson.

**W.D.: C. McBeath/Smith** bt B. Murtagh/C. Waite 9, -20, 12.

**X.D.: Yule/Smith** bt T. Hamilton/P. Fleming 12, 17.

**B.S.: D. Mullen** bt A. McCulloch 21, 18.

## MAGAZINE COMPETITION

Watch out in next month's edition for a brand new competition, being run by Phil Reid, in respect of league magazines. Be they printed or duplicated the chance will be offered for sponsored prizes.

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

### JUNIORS TRIUMPH

Congratulations to Yorkshire's Juniors, who, despite illness, won the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships on Dec. 31 last at Loughborough, an honour achieved only once previously but long overdue in recent seasons.

Commiserations to Brian Alderson and Melody Ludi, who succumbed to 'flu and tonsillitis respectively during the weekend and were unable to take part in all the matches. The players deserve praise for fine all-round performances, with David Alderson rarely troubled in providing the foundations of success.

Robert Wiley at his best with accurate and sometimes brilliant hitting, and Phil Ward making the most of the opportunity to show how well he could play. On the girls' side, Judith Walker performed creditably, but produced her best form in the Junior Closed on the Saturday, whilst the previously untried girls' doubles pairing of Karen Wilson and Julie McLean combined so well that they held match point over new Junior Closed champions Elaine Tarten and Gillian Taylor at 20-19 in the second, having won the first, but made some simple errors and then lost the third.

David Alderson, Robert Wiley and all the girls are still eligible as juniors next season, so the County is well placed to defend its new title. Yorkshire still favour the two-weekends playing system adopted this season for this division, but consider it would have been better to have played the Junior Closed on the Sunday as a climax to the county team events.

A hint to young Melody Ludi's club in Bradford, Clayton Heights, for whom this promising 13-year-old had a record of just one loss in Division 10 of the Bradford League the first half of the season—promote her! In Hull, her county junior team-mates Karen Wilson and Julie McLean both play in Div. 1, one step down from the top Premier Division, and are by no means without success.

By the time these notes have appeared, an interesting confrontation will have taken place—Julie, who plays for Hull Y.P.I., has to take on her dad in a league match! Dad is club coach, Brian McLean, who plays for Reckitts.

The Yorkshire League Div. 2 title race is hotting up, with Halifax now looking strong contenders. The clash between Halifax and Sheffield II, both hitherto unbeaten, resulted in a resounding 8-2 win for Halifax, but the latter dropped their first point when the local "derby" between them and Bradford III was a 5-5 draw.

Halifax now have 9 points, with Bradford III, Hull III and Sheffield II all on 6 points, but Hull III have yet to play Halifax.

Apologies to all for the late appearance of the "White Rose" annual this season, due to a change of editor and pressure of work.

## TOURNAMENT 1974

The 7th Asian Games will be held in Tehran, Iran from Sept 1 — 16, 1974.

# NEW SENIOR RANKINGS

## TAYLOR TAKES OVER AS No. 1

As a result of a string of victories on the home tournament circuit, capped by his retention of the men's singles title in the Norwich Union English Championships, Trevor Taylor supersedes Denis Neale in the "hole" position at No. 1 in the revised ranking lists announced on Jan. 15/73.

Surprise at No. 3 (from No. 7) is Yorkshire's Liverpool University student Tony Clayton who takes over from Chester Barnes who has not been ranked because of insufficient evidence.

Peter Taylor, younger brother of Trevor, moves up from No. 12 to No. 5 and Nicky Jarvis, despite his impressive win in the star-studded Lancashire 2-Star Open, is demoted from No. 4 to No. 7.

Newcomers to the men's list are Desmond Douglas, the English Junior Closed champion, Derek Munt and Tony Piddock. Omitted from the previous list, in addition to Barnes, are David Brown and Ian Horsham (Essex). The latter, of course, in pursuit of his Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship Award has no home form having been out in China and Japan since the early days of the season.

Only change of note in the women's list is the demotion of Linda Howard, from No. 3 to No. 5, and the exclusion of Betty Bird (Kent), previously at No. 8, and the inclusion of Loughborough's Anita Stevenson, the No. 2 England junior.

New rankings (previous positions as at June 26/72 in brackets):—

### MEN

1. T. Taylor (Herts.) (2)
2. D. Neale (Yorks.) (1)
3. A. Clayton (Yorks.) (7)
4. A. Hydes (Yorks.) (5)
5. P. Taylor (Beds.) (12)
6. M. Johns (Ches.) (9)
7. N. Jarvis (Yorks.) (4)
8. O. Haslam (Middx.) (6)
9. C. Warren (Surrey) (8)
10. \*D. Douglas (Warwks.) (—)
11. \*D. Alderson (Yorks.) (16)
12. J. Walker (Yorks.) (10)
13. R. Chandler (Surrey) (11)
14. B. Burn (Warwks.) (13)
15. D. Munt (Warwks.) (—)
16. A. Piddock (Kent) (—)

### WOMEN

1. J. Hammersley (Bucks.) (1)
  2. K. Mathews (Middx.) (2)
  3. L. Radford (Essex) (4)
  4. J. Williams (Sussex) (6)
  5. \*L. Howard (Surrey) (3)
  6. S. Hession (Essex) (5)
  7. S. Howard (Surrey) (7)
  8. D. Court (Middx.) (10)
  9. S. Lisle (Lancs.) (11)
  10. J. Heaps (Ches.) (9)
  11. J. Hellaby (Essex) (12)
  12. \*A. Stevenson (Leics.) (—)
- \* Denotes Junior.

## ITALIAN RANKINGS

MEN: 1. Bosi; 2. Giontella and Malesci; 4. Felizzola; 5. Macerata; 6. Bisi.

WOMEN: 1. Marccone; 2. Santifaller; 3. Marccone; 4. De Mitri; 5. Milic; 6. Piccini.

# fanfare Fanfare for Europe

## COMMON MARKET TOURNEY AT BOLTON

England's Denis Neale, after surviving a tightrope walk in opposition to Claus Pedersen of Denmark in his first set, subsequently used all his aggression to triumph in the 'Fanfare for Europe' tournament which involved players from all the European Economic Community countries at Bolton Institute of Technology on Friday, Jan. 12.

Few gave much for Neale's chances in the opening encounter against the bearded Dane, who led the Yorkshire international 20-19 in the third and deciding game!

Nicky Jarvis, too, gave his fellow Tyke a deal of trouble but, in the final against Jacques Secretin, the French champion, it was Neale all the way, with the Frenchman never being allowed to employ the tactics he had used—crowd pleasing as they were—to dispose of English champion, Trevor Taylor.

Play throughout a memorable evening was of an extremely high standard and much to the delight of an audience whose applause was thunderous when Neale stepped finally into the arena to receive the top prize of £100, sponsored by the Fanfare for Europe committee, as well as the British European Airways Commemorative Trophy.

Twelve players were initially involved, forming four groups of three, the group winners going forward to contest the semi and final stages when two courts were broken down and a spacious single arena was set up.

Apart from the considerable involvement of B.E.A. whose co-

operation in flying in the contestants, from as far away as Rome, was greatly appreciated, Littlewoods Mail Order Stores also concerned themselves with the undertaking by providing attractive and welcome gifts.

Furthermore, Bolton Corporation generously donated £75 for the provision of a buffet duly prepared, in all its splendour, by the wives and friends of the Bolton S.S.S. League's officers and committeemen.

### MINISTRY APPROVAL

The whole affair was held in conjunction with the United Kingdom Celebrations for the entry into the European Community arranged by the committees under the chairmanship of Lord Goodman and Lord Mancroft. George R. Yates, deputy chairman of the E.T.T.A. and tournament organiser in Bolton subsequently received the following letter, dated Jan. 16.

Lord Mancroft:

"Dear Mr. Yates,

On behalf of Her Majesty's Government and the Fanfare for Europe committee I would like to thank you, and through you, all your colleagues and friends who did so much to make last Friday's event a very successful part of the Fanfare programme.

I am writing separately to Mr. Wyles (E.T.T.A. Chairman) to thank him for the Association's part, but I know that the success of the evening owes an equal debt to all those in Lancashire who under your leadership

gave freely of their time and talents to bring about an event unsurpassed for spectacle, smoothness and professionalism.

As you will understand, I cannot write individually to all, much as I should like to do so, and I would therefore be grateful if you would kindly convey to everybody concerned our thanks and appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

MANCROFT"

Results:—

### Group A

J. Secretin (France) bt A. Griffiths (Wales) 8, 16; bt J. Krier (Luxembourg) 8, 12.

Griffiths bt Krier 15, -15, 12.

### Group B

T. Taylor (England) bt S. Bosi (Italy) 8, 16; bt B. v. d. Helm (Holland) 17, 15.

v. d. Helm bt Bosi 14, 17.

### Group C

N. Jarvis (England) bt N. Van de Walle (Belgium) 10, 6; bt J. Langan (Ireland) -21, 14, 13.

Langan bt Van de Walle 20, 12.

### Group D

D. Neale (England) bt C. Pedersen (Denmark) -19, 18, 20; bt H. Micheiloff (Federal Germany) 18, 11.

Pedersen bt Micheiloff 14, 15.

### Semi-finals:

SECRETIN bt Taylor 15, 19; NEALE bt Jarvis 17, -8, 15.

### Final:

NEALE bt Secretin 14, 13.

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The Mayor of Bolton, Ald. A. Clarke, accompanied by E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles M. Wyles, is introduced to Jacques Secretin (France).



A Galaxy of stars line up in the Ethel Ryley Sports Hall of Bolton Institute of Technology on Jan. 12. From the left: Stefano Bosi (Italy), Alan Griffiths (Wales), Bert van der Helm (Holland), Nicky Jarvis (England), Jean Krier (Luxembourg), Jimmy Langan (Ireland), Denis Neale (England), Claus Pedersen (Denmark), Jacques Secretin (France), Trevor Taylor (England) and Norbery Van De Walle (Belgium). Missing from the line-up is Federal Germany's Hans Micheiloff who failed to make it in time for the opening ceremony.

### QUIZ TIME WITH JOHN PIKE

My idea of a Christmas quiz was certainly well received and it brought in entries from wide and far. The most interesting, and I am glad to say he came second in the competition, came from Hans Giesecke in Germany.

The winner, with an all correct entry, was D. Seymour, 11 Rupert Crescent, Newark, Notts., and in third place was Geoff T. Scruton, 96 Forest Lane, Harrogate, Yorkshire. The address of my German friend is 28 Bremen 1, Buntentorsteinweg 496, F.R. Germany. To the three winners, who will now have received their prizes from the E.T.T.A. may I add my congratulations.

### ANSWERS

1. March 9, 1923 v. Wales; 2. Yes; 3. April 24, 1927; 4. No; 5. Ivor Montagu 1927-8-9; 6. No; 7. Fred Perry; 8. 15; 9. Cardiff; 10. Any two from the following: Italy, Belgium, Austria, Luxembourg, Greece, Switzerland.

# County Notes Supplement

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### "WONDER BOY PAUL"

ONCE again Paul Day is the main centre of attraction with his brilliant display in the Norwich English Union Championships. His victory over "Les" Haslam in the first round was all the more meritorious by the fact that he was trailing by two games to one. Haslam, who was the fifth seed, must have been rather "surprised" to be beaten by the 14-year-old "boy wonder".

In the third round Paul disposed of David Brown — also in five — and in this set he was trailing by two games to love!

Day is the most exciting prospect for Cambridgeshire since the halcyon days of John Cornwall, of twenty or more years ago, and he has a good chance of gaining a regular place in the England team in the not too distant future.

He has been the spear-head of the Cambridgeshire Junior Team, who have succeeded in retaining their place in the Junior premier division of the County Championships, and also the Cambridge Team which has been so successful in the Carter Cup. He is No. 1 for Cambs, Senior Team and while he is there the County have a very good chance of retaining their present status.

The only Cambs, player to beat Paul in the last few months was Ken Muhr, who has been largely concerned with Paul's rise to fame after initial coaching by John Ashman. Muhr also played at Crystal Palace, losing in the first round to Peter Radford.

After a thrilling series of matches in the County Championships, Cambs, Juniors succeeded in avoiding relegation by a one-set margin! By beating both Lancashire and Cheshire 6-4, they were instrumental in sending these two counties down. These victories were gained in their last two matches and once again Day was to the fore being invincible in the singles, including a memorable victory over Donald Parker.

Young Keith Richardson, also of Soham, gave an excellent display and it is most fortunate for Cambs, that Day and Richardson still have a few years to go as juniors. Karen Garner made a very important contribution to the win over Cheshire by beating Pat Allen. In the match against Lancashire, Carol Ellis and Davina Silk gained their first victory in the Championships when they were successful in the Girls' Doubles.

In the English Junior Closed, Day shared the Boys' Doubles title with Andy Barden of Middlesex, and the Mixed when partnered by Elaine Tarten. But the Soham player was surprisingly beaten in the first round of the Boys' Singles by unseeded Philip Ward of Yorkshire. Karen

Garner reached the quarter-final of the Girls' doubles partnered by M. Sangster of Middlesex.

Following their 10-0 win over Soham III, New Chesterton Institute have taken over top position in the first division of the Cambridge League. At the other end of the table, University Press II have yet to win their first set! Other relegation strugglers are University II and Soham III, both with 2 points.

St. George's still lead in Division II, with 18 points in 10 matches. Mick Byrd and Martin Murden were both unbeaten in their 7-3 win over Torchbearers. N.C.I. II and Fire Brigade are in close attendance with the former club having a match in hand. In the same division, Melbourn are still looking for their first point and look set for relegation. Also at the bottom are Impington II and University II, with level points.

In a top match in Division III Spicers had a narrow win over close rivals Torchbearers II. This was a good team effort by Spicers, with Whiffen, Saunders and Walton all winning two each. Valerie Scripps won all her sets for Torchbearers, including a first defeat for Horace Saunders. Tony Rayner made a welcome return in this Division, winning all his singles in St. George's 6-4 victory over Haverhill II. Fisons are still unbeaten in Division IIIB and had a narrow 6-4 win over R.A.F. Oakington for whom P. Kingsford was unbeaten. Telephones II hold on to second place, thanks to three wins by Veteran Tommy Catlyn, in their 6-4 victory over Bassingbourn.

In the South East Midlands League, Cambridge City were successful in the Men's Section, with a 7-3 victory over Northampton. In this match David Tiplady was outstanding and Stephen Andrews was also a tower of strength. The women were successful by 8-2 with Sally Hirst and Valerie Scripps unbeaten. The Juniors went down 2-8 but, of course, were without the services of John Willis—Ludovic Chapman won both for Cambridge. Although John Thurston was included in the Veterans' Team, he could only manage one win being surprisingly beaten by dour veteran, Bob Ingle, in 2-straight. Cambridge were beaten 6-4.

In the Carter Cup, Cambridge beat Hunts Central 8-1 and so, once again, are on the trail.

Not a single player who has completed a minimum of six matches at the half-way stage in the Cambridge League has remained unbeaten. Mick Palmer, the Soham and Suffolk County player, with only one defeat leads in the first division, while veteran Ron Nunn heads the Division II list. Horace Saunders and John Dyer head Divisions IIIA and B respectively, and Division 4A and 4B are led by P. Davies and J. Asplin.

## KENT NOTES

by Brian Jordan

### CANTERBURY "A" HOLD BROMLEY!

AT the half-way stage of the season, competition remains keen in most of the ten divisions of the Kent League. In the Men's Section,

Bromley "A" lead the First Division and are one of two unbeaten sides. Bromley however dropped a point in a shock 5-5 draw away to Canterbury "A" and much will depend now on the result of their match with unbeaten Woolwich. At the foot of the table Beckenham "B", with only one point, look doomed to relegation, probably with Sittingbourne "A".

The Second Division is led by Bromley "C" but as they cannot be promoted Tunbridge Wells "A" and improving Canterbury "B" will be hoping to move into the top division. In Division Three Beckenham "C" are unbeaten but Maidstone "A" and Thanet "A" are both making a strong challenge. Dover "B" and Ashford "B" are the unbeaten leaders of the Fourth Division.

In the Women's Section of the League, Medway continue their unbeaten run, which started last season, and are firm favourites to retain their title. With county player Joyce Ellis and County Veteran player Kath LeMilliere in their side it is difficult to see them dropping a point. Second place will probably go to Maidstone who can also include a county player, Betty Bird.

The three divisions of the Junior Section continue to produce good class table tennis. The first division title will presumably go to the winners of the Folkestone "A" — Tunbridge Wells clash and with both sides able to include at least two county-ranked players the result could go either way. The second division is currently led by Canterbury "B" who are unbeaten and their well balanced side will not be easily overcome. Woolwich "B" look to be out of their class in the third division, and should take the title with ease. The new Girls' Section has completed six of its ten sets of fixtures but the division lacks competition. Sittingbourne with the top four ranked girls in the county can only be given a real match by Folkestone who in turn are much too strong for the other three.

First tournament of the new year in the county was the 3rd Annual Canterbury Junior Inter-Association held on Jan. 7. Seven associations sent representatives, the only surprise omission, from the eastern end of the county, being Sittingbourne whose strong contingent of girls again declined the invitation to enter against the leading boy players in the county. Favourite to win the singles trophy, The Elvy Cup, was Kent's number two junior Dean Dino-Smith but his failure to arrive on the day left the competition wide open.

Robert Williams (Folkestone) was the ultimate winner beating Bob Mellin (Ashford) in the final 18, -19, 13. Williams, who is ranked No. 9 Kent Junior was in Dino-Smith's half of the draw and had the easier passage to the final. Mellin, ranked six, defeated both Peter Kemp and Michael Luckhurst, ranked eight and ten before almost succumbing to the unranked Peter Fisk (Canterbury) who he beat 12, -19, 17 after trailing 4-11 in the third.

The Under-15 event was also won by a Folkestone player, Luckhurst, who defeated Canterbury's 12-year-old starlet John Gardiner 13, 17. Gardiner was clearly tense for it was

his first final of consequence and was watched by a surprisingly large number of spectators.

The doubles event gave Mellin his chance for revenge against Williams for he and Richard Just (Ashford) defeated Luckhurst and Williams 16, -15, 7. Big surprise of this competition was the success of the scratch Canterbury pair Charles Horswill and Roger Jordan who had never played together before, yet reached the semi-final before losing to Just and Mellin.

The fourth event was a new one this year, for girls who had already played in the Elvy Cup. The winner of an all-Folkestone final was Jill Gavin who defeated Mary Heffernan 17, 9.

The Canterbury Junior Inter-Association is now clearly established as second only to the Kent Junior Closed as a competition for junior players in the county and it is to be hoped all the leading associations in the county will support it in the future.

## WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

### PLYMOUTH GO FOR DOUBLE

NEWBURY men's team certainly put up an excellent performance in beating Exeter 8-1. Home invincibles were R. Kozlowski and D. Campbell over the visitors' Mike Putland, Mike Rattue and Paul Shepherd. P. Schooler lost in the third to Rattue.

Away to Weston, Newbury's women had a comfortable 8-1 win with Jackie Godwin and Caroline Reeves each winning three beating Doreen Henderson, Rebecca Bryant and Jill Wilson, the latter accounting for Carol Houghton.

Salisbury head the Men's Division with 5 good wins and they are certainly having a very good season while Plymouth also have yet to taste defeat having won their three matches fairly convincingly.

In the Women's Division, Plymouth are well on top with four excellent victories including a win over last season's champions, Newbury, by 5 sets to 4. It now looks 'odds on' that they will win this division while their male team will strive to capture their sectional title. The match against Salisbury should decide the issue.

Divisional tables:—

MEN:						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Salisbury	5	5	0	24	12	10
Plymouth	3	3	0	20	7	6
Newbury	4	3	1	25	11	6
Bristol	3	2	1	16	11	4
Weston	5	2	3	17	28	4
Bournemouth	3	1	2	12	15	2
Newport	4	1	3	13	23	2
Exeter	5	1	4	15	20	2
Weymouth	3	0	3	11	16	0
WOMEN:						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	4	4	0	30	6	8
Newbury	3	2	1	17	10	4
Bristol	1	1	0	7	2	2
Exeter	2	1	1	9	7	2
Bournemouth	2	1	2	13	14	2
Devizes	3	1	2	11	16	2
Newport	3	1	2	9	18	2
Weston	5	0	5	10	35	0

**SUSSEX NOTES**

by **ROBIN PIERCE**

**DIRE TROUBLE**

It looks as if the Sussex Premier Division side is in dire trouble following the 5-4 defeat at the hands of Essex. With some tough matches ahead only near-miracles will bring the much-needed points down to the English Channel.

Perhaps the 2nd South side will be in a position to challenge for Premier status should the need arise. Emile Emecz, the capture from Surrey, is doing this team a power of good. Burly Emile is undefeated and he could inspire his colleagues to achieve what was thought to be impossible at the start of the season.

Crawley's Keith Horton had a good debut for the reserves when he won a singles and combined with Stephen Marley for a doubles success against Kent. The 27-years-old slim giant has been knocking on the door for quite a few years now. Perhaps his high hopes will now be realised.

But Horton took quite a knock in the Coca-Cola Wilmott Cup tie in which Brighton defeated Crawley. Keith went right up to the clouds after taking a third game expedite victory from Sussex 'Closed' champion, Sam Ogundipe, but crashed like a spent space rocket when in play against Len Gunn in the tie that allowed Brighton to pass into the next round.

Len smiled from ear to ear. Not only had his anti-loop bat downed the new county player at 9 and 12, but it was his second win over Horton in three weeks. Not bad for a 49-years-old.

Hastings did well to upset Brighton in the Carter Cup by 5-3. This was sweet revenge for the recent Inter-League defeat by Brighton.

I've just had a letter from the former Sussex player, Arthur Downer, in which he tells me that he was discharged from Derby Royal Infirmary two days before Christmas.

Arthur faces many months of outpatient treatment and has to wear an ankle-to-chest plaster cast known as a 'spiker'.

Entries for the Sussex 'Closed' should now be coming in to Dave Woosnam, 'Normanshurst', Thornhill Avenue, Brighton thick and fast. Forms should be in by the 17th of February. You have been warned!

**NORFOLK NOTES**

by **J. S. Penny**

**SAD RECORDING**

Norfolk in the County Championships have their first team in Division 2 East, their second string in the Eastern Division, and their Juniors in Junior East. On one dark Saturday just before Christmas all three teams were in action together. It is sad to have to record that at Norwich the first team could get no change at all from a young, fast-moving and hard-hitting Middlesex II, the second team at Peterborough went down 4-6, to Hunts., although Mick Musson and Ron Butler played well, and a travel-

weary Junior side fell 2-8 to Herts. at Boreham Wood.

On Dec. 28 Ipswich (John Kitchener, England's No. 4 Junior, Robert Oldfield and Kevin Rose) visited Norwich for a Coca-Cola Carter Cup match and the home side (Peter Burton, Doug Bennett, Trevor Bunn) were forced to concede the honours by 2-7. Rose lost the two. One thing one noticed was that the players were forced to umpire their own games. We know it was rather soon after Christmas, but the impression created was not good.

In the second round of the Coca-Cola Wilmott Cup, Yarmouth beat Beccles 5-4, John Fuller winning his three sets, including the deciding clash against Simon Ball, the Lowestoft champion. Another Wilmott Cup match was between Norwich and Ely. Norwich built up a 4-2 lead, thanks to Chris Bensley, who defeated Paul Day, who had just carried off the award for the top performance by a Junior at the Norwich Union English Championships, and Stan Honor. Unfortunately Mick Musson had an off day, and Norwich lost the next four sets and the match. But Ely had to concede their Carter Cup tie with Yarmouth owing to transport difficulties. Yarmouth Juniors will meet Ipswich in the next round. In the Coca-Cola Rose Bowl Yarmouth women made a hasty exit, going down 1-8 to Stowmarket.

Four Norwich players took part in the Norwich Union English Championships at Crystal Palace. They were Bob Mitcham, Chris Bensley, Stan Honor and Ron Butler. Although they were all unable to get past the first round, the experience gained must be useful.

**NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES**

by **Pauline Jackson**

**MIXED FORTUNES**

Northumberland teams had mixed fortunes this month in the County Championships. The first team had another difficult fixture away to a strong Yorkshire II team at Norton, but performed creditably although going down 8-2. Alan Jones, although not fully fit, gained a most courageous and determined win over Jimmy Walker, while Pauline Jackson had a splendid women's singles win over Yorkshire Closed Champion Lynda Sutton.

The second team, however, restored some prestige by easily beating Cumberland 10-0 at North Shields Y.M.C.A. Terry Hart, David Armstrong, Malcolm McMaster, Barbara Kearney and Lucille Clark being the successful players. A special mention must be made here of a fine win by Barbara over Clarice Rose in the women's singles.

The juniors, meanwhile, had entertained a strong Yorkshire II team earlier in the day at the same venue, and not surprisingly, lost 9-1, the only success coming from Barbara Kearney and Lucille Clarke in the girls' doubles.

A weakened Northumberland team survived a thrilling cliffhanger against Stockton in the first round of the

Wilmott Cup to win 5-4 at North Shields Y.M.C.A. Peter Hoyles and David Armstrong won two each, and Malcolm McMaster one. The scores are shown below so that it can be appreciated how close this match really was. (Northumberland names first):

David Armstrong lost to John Alsop 17, -16, -19; bt Peter Edon -19, 15, 18; bt Malcolm Corking 13, -11, 14.

Peter Hoyles lost to Alsop 16, -19, -19; bt Edon 8, -17, 17; bt Corking 16, -18, 12.

Malcolm McMaster bt Alsop 17, 19; lost to Edon 15, -12, -19; lost to Corking 18, -11, -10.

The Rose Bowl draw for the women's team has not been received as yet, but it is anticipated that our opponents will again be North Yorkshire. Last season, we made our first-ever exit at the hands of the same team, so we are hoping for revenge this time.

The junior boys made a quick exit from the Carter Cup in their first round match against a strong Stockton team by 8-1, Andrew Clark winning the only set for Northumberland. The girls, however, made amends in their first round Bromfield Trophy match also against North Yorkshire at North Shields Y.M.C.A., by winning a close match 5-4. Barbara Kearney won all her three singles, and Lucille Clark two. Carol Walker, the Durham County junior who qualifies for this competition by playing for Northumberland League team Leam Lane C.C., made her debut in this match and although losing all her three sets, will have undoubtedly benefited from the experience.

**DORSET NOTES**

by **Barry Weller**

**FIRST JUNIOR ASSESSMENT**

Dorset are at last getting to grips with the future potential in the County and in the middle of a series of monthly coaching sessions they held the first ever junior assessment. This was extremely successful with 33 juniors from nine towns taking part at Shaftesbury and a ranking list being drawn up.

The main inspiration behind the junior activity is the newly appointed coaching officer, Brian Rookes and the 2-star coach from Bournemouth, John Luther. Both are doing a splendid job for the County and they are hoping to run a special course at Poole at the end of the season.

The ranking list drawn up is: Boys: 1, Graham Hill (Poole League); 2, John Robinson (Poole); 3, S.M. Broughton (Shaftesbury); 4, Michael Hughes (Wimborne); 5, Colin Trim (Shaftesbury); 6, Richard Trim (Shaftesbury); 7, Paul Baird; 8, Ian Searle (Shaftesbury); 9, Timothy Greenshields (Lyme Regis). Girls: 1, Janet New (Poole); 2, Jackie Walker (Beaminstor); 3, Sandra Roberts (Shaftesbury); 4, Gail Fudge (Shaftesbury).

It is hoped to organise a friendly county junior match in the near future and the County are looking to these juniors for potential in the future.

It is certainly needed. The County suffered a set back even before the season started when four of their leading players were not available, having moved to other counties and this has left Dorset very short of county material.

They surprised even themselves by beating Cornwall 6-4, but were brought down to earth one week-end in December, losing 10-0 to Somerset and 8-2 to Devon. There is little hope in January's fixture away to Glamorgan, but some chance against Wilts. Still, the strongest side were unable to win any last season and three of the players, Micky Doyle, Sid Brice and Ros Symes are improving all the time. Doyle got off the mark with an excellent win over John Bassett and Brice likewise against Barry Davis, both players have been a thorn in the flesh against Dorset in recent years.

A good addition to the County this season is the affiliation of the Shaftesbury League, and with the interest being shown at the moment in other untapped areas in the County, the future is bright, but obviously the senior side will struggle in the immediate seasons, unless a strong player moves into the district.

**SURREY NOTES**

by **Geoff Ryan**

**RUNNERS-UP TO YORKSHIRE!**

Pride of place this month goes to the Junior Premier Division team of Gerry Walsh, Steve Lyons, Dave Bangerter, Linda Howard, Nicolette Leslie, Max Crimmins, Sue Tame and Martin Shuttle who finished in second place behind mighty Yorkshire after the 2nd round of matches at Loughborough.

They were the only side to take a point from Yorks, and with any luck it could have been two. After the first round of matches at Monkshill we were lying 3rd in the table and we would have been happy to maintain our level. However, the team really pulled together to give the County this magnificent result. Linda and Nicky were mainly responsible that we only lost two girls' events and the rapid improvement of Gerry and Steve put pressure even on the Day's and Douglas's.

David, whilst a little below par in singles, proved his worth in the doubles. Max and Susan when called upon did all that was asked of them along with Martin who did not complain of being left on the sidelines. Obviously we will miss Linda and Gerry but this should give the others added incentive to prepare for next season and I feel there will be an even bigger battle for places.

On a discordant note, the English Junior Closed caused some concern to the Surrey camp on arrival at Loughborough on finding Linda Howard omitted from the draw, her entry not having arrived. After much discussion she was given her rightful place as No. 1 seed but not allowed to play in the girls' doubles or mixed. However despite waiting around to find whether she was in or out despite the tension of knowing you are expected to win without trouble. Linda won the girls' singles.

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She was in trouble with both Karen Mashford and Karen Rogers but neither Gillian Taylor (semi) nor Judy Walker (final) could get near her. To win in such circumstances shows how far she is ahead in her age group.

Latest Junior ranking list issued by E.T.T.A. puts Gerry Walsh at No. 8, Steve Lyons at 15 in the boys and Linda Howard No. 1 and Nicolette Leslie at No. 12 in the girls.

Latest results in the inter-league competitions are as follows: P.J. Group I: Croydon "A" 3, Wandsworth "A" 6; Dulwich 3, Guildford "A" 6; Group II: C.B.H. 2, Byfleet 7; Wandsworth "B" 4, Guildford "B" 5; Redhill 7, Leatherhead 2. A.W. Rosebowl: Thames Valley 2, Byfleet 7; Guildford 8, Leatherhead 1. Harding Cup: Byfleet 5, Thames Valley 3; Leatherhead 5, Guildford 3. Sutton Trophy: Guildford "A" 8, Byfleet 0; Leatherhead 8, Guildford "B" 0.

A full report on the 'Closed' will appear next month.

There is a strong possibility that the County will be awarded a friendly match against the Australian team when they are touring this country in March, final details have still to be arranged and will be reported in this column when known.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

### DOWN TO THE JOB

No longer it seems is it an honour to play for Staffordshire. I get this impression when talking to the County selectors about one or two players who are not available these days for selection. If there are problems in the senior squad, the players in question should be invited to meet the selectors, or the county committee, to put their case, and then perhaps Staffs. can get down to the job of winning some matches with a full strength side.

Staying with county matches, John Wright has my sympathy when it comes to venues for his County Diary in Table Tennis News. It is difficult at times to get the news fed through on two local venues, so on a national scale, it must be a real headache.

Staffs. had a tough programme to open the second half of the season although at the time of writing no results are at hand.

The coaching weekend at Lilleshall last month went well with players and coaches enjoying their short stay in Shropshire.

With twelve events, players and officials should have a busy day on Sunday, March 11, when the County hold their closed championships at the Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke. Entry forms to be sent to R. H. Colclough, 105 Rosemary Crescent West, Goldthorn Park, Wolverhampton, not later than Feb. 24.

Another tournament which I hope will do well in its first year is the one-star Leckie Junior Open, to be held at the Walsall School, Walstead Road West, on the weekend of May 5 and 6. The under-11, 13 and 15 events will be played on the Saturday,

while the under-17's will have their turn on the Sunday.

The tournament organiser and secretary is S. H. Parker, 3 Moreton Close, Gospel Oak, Tipton, Staffs. No fewer than 14 events will be held and already it looks like players will be coming from as far afield as Exeter and Newcastle.

Around the leagues, things still seem to be going well over at West Bromwich where the women head the Midland League with an unbeaten record, while the men are joint top of the Staffs. County League with 9 points from their five matches.

At Wolverhampton, the town are still supplying players to each of the four county teams, while the Highfield Centre is going from strength to strength. Ralph Gunnion is coming over from Birmingham every week to help Jim Hayward with his two classes of 14 advanced pupils and his 24 beginners.

The following teams represented Staffordshire in the area school finals at Matlock at the end of last month, Riverside Stafford, Churchfields West Bromwich, Tettenhall Wolverhampton, Cannock Grammar School and Stoke 6th Form College.

In the Midland section of the National Club Championships, Cambridge (Walsall) were drawn away to Cookhill (Redditch) in the first round, while Shifnal also had to travel to meet the strong Central Y.M.C.A. at Birmingham.

## ESSEX NOTES

by Alan Shepherd

### HOPES ENDED

The gallant effort by our junior squad to retain their County Championship title last month was unfortunately swallowed up in the Loughborough fog. After a win over Cheshire which kept us in close contention we were defeated by Lancashire perhaps a little unluckily. This really ended our hopes but then Yorkshire were much too good for our team and deservedly have become the new champions. After their repeated failures over the past few years despite having players such as Alan Fletcher, Nicky Jarvis and Jimmy Walker in their ranks, we can hardly begrudge them this triumph and I would like to congratulate Kathy Thompson and her team most sincerely on behalf of our County.

The matches at Loughborough showed that our top junior boys were just not good enough but our younger brigade, namely David Iszatt, Andrew Bowden and Alex Abbott turned in some fine displays, which gives great encouragement for the future. With other very young boys such as David Newman and Kevin Caldon available and Gillian Taylor, Elaine Tarten, Cathy Stonell and Julie Kelly all good for a few years yet, I am confident that the title will return to Essex within the next two seasons.

The County Committee considered at its December meeting the incredible behaviour of the National Selection Committee regarding Trevor Taylor, who was in our Championship Team last season. They deplored the fact that whereas Trevor had indicated at the beginning of October, 1972 that

he was prepared to abide by the International Squad conditions of membership the National newspapers continued to tell us that Trevor was not playing for England because he refused to agree to these conditions. Meanwhile the National Selectors failed to announce publicly that this was untrue but lent strength to the lie by omitting Trevor from the England team which lost to Hungary, Germany, Sweden and Russia. That they have now, without any explanation as to why, selected Trevor to play against Czechoslovakia (though apparently still not including him in the International Squad) is unlikely to satisfy the table tennis public. If England are relegated the Selection Committee certainly ought to resign en bloc; their actions have done nothing but bring discredit to the game.

Essex players should make an early note of the fact that the Essex Junior Closed Tournament will be held at the Paternoster Sports Centre, Paternoster Road, Waltham Abbey on Sunday, 18th February, 1973 and the Senior at the same venue on Sunday, 18th March, 1973. The Essex 2-Star Open is of course being held on April 14th and 15th. The venue for this will be announced later. Enquiries regarding all three events should go to Ron Locke at 10 Corporation Street, London, E.15.

## DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Walter Reeves

### LOUGHBOROUGH DISAPPOINTMENT

Following the Junior area trials at Newark, scheduled for Jan. 14, Derbyshire are hopeful of gaining places for the Regional Camps. In the U-17 boys, I expect to see David Yallop, Neil Marples, Sidu Singh and Paul Vickers making the grade as with Mandy Mellor, Susan Holmes and Wendy Brown on the distaff side.

In the U-14 sphere Stephen Yallop, Mark Jenkins, Andy Nield, Linda Holmes, Diane Nield and Alyson Marples should all be in with a chance.

Congratulations are again in order to Chesterfield's Mandy Mellor on making the Junior Rankings again, in the No. 9 position. Derbyshire hope she climbs the ladder well and truly this time. If effort is a measure of success then she certainly should.

Following last season's successes in the English Junior Closed at Crystal Palace, Derbyshire had great hopes for this season's tournament held on our doorstep, at Loughborough.

As it turned out most of our players made their exit in their first played rounds, a most disappointing show. The results must also be a disappointment to Peter Simpson who spends a lot of his time with our juniors, both at Derby and Lea Green.

It would appear that we have the talent but all seem to suffer from big occasion nerves, an aspect our coaches will have to work on. David Yallop should be getting used to the big time having made the semi-final of the Yorkshire Junior Open at Hull, although going down to David Alderson -14, -16.

Partnered by Mandy Mellor, David again made the semis in the mixed with no better fortune and, in partnership with Paul Vickers, the Derbyshire pair went out in the quarters of the boys' doubles.

Susan Holmes reached Rd. 3 of the girls' singles and, with Vickers, reached the quarter-final of the mixed.

Saturday, Apl. 7, is the tentative date for the Derbyshire Closed at the BREL Loco Works Canteen, Derby. What with the Midland Closed to be held in Chesterfield on Apl. 15, the end of the season looks to be a busy time for the Derbyshire officials.

On the County League front, Derby are going great guns in all three divisions. Having already beaten Chesterfield I, the first division title now seems well in sight. Again in Div. 2, Derby's third string have won all their three fixtures without conceding a single set!

Most closely contested division is the Junior with Derby I and Chesterfield the pace setters. They are due to clash during the week beginning Feb. 12 and the championship could well be at stake on the night in question.

The odds must favour Chesterfield, as they will be at home, but I feel sure that David Yallop, Vickers and Singh will fight every inch of the way on Derby's behalf.

## HUNTINGDON & PETERBRO' NOTES

by David Obee

### SHOCK WIN FOR ST. NEOTS

Although no County Championships matches have taken place since the last report all three member leagues within the County have been extremely active with South East Midlands League commitments, as well as national knock-out team competitions. Here is a brief round-up of news:—

#### St. Neots

Cheshunt proved too tough a nut to crack for both the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl teams, the margins being 0-5 and 1-5 respectively. The girls too also made an early exit at the hands of Wembley 3-6 despite three valiant wins from Belinda Chamberlain.

Congratulations are due at this point to Belinda, the County's only selection for the Eastern Area "A" squad in the new national coaching set up.

In the SEML, the men's side is enjoying quite a successful season, with Alan Lamprell a tower of strength, never more so than during the shock 10-0 win against County rivals Hunts Central. The women's and junior sides are faring only moderately but hopes are high of the veterans, although near the foot of the table at the time of writing with only 3 matches played.

#### Hunts Central

Congratulations to Tim Speller and Kevin Moore, both "B" squad selections for the forthcoming coaching programme. They have been the foundation for a successful junior side in the SEML. Here again the women's team has been faring only moderately,

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as has the veterans, but the men have excelled with seven straight wins up to the disaster against St. Neots mentioned above!

Watford proved too strong in the Wilmott Cup winning 6-3 but Geoff Atkinson played well to take 2 singles. In the Carter Cup, Cambridge with a very strong Day, Richardson, Willis line up triumphed 8-1, only Speller, with a win over John Willis preventing a whitewash.

## Peterborough

The women progressed to the zone final of the Rose Bowl for the second time in recent years, but in a most unsatisfactory way, winning by default against Thetford. The visitors suffered a breakdown in their car and since the match was being played on the last day permitted had to concede.

On the SEML front only the successful run of the junior team relieves the gloom. They have been turning in some surprisingly good results with mainstay Peter Berna doing particularly well. Although the women hold a mid-table position at the time of writing the men's and veterans' teams are finding the going tough.

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

Not by any stretch of imagination could it be said that recent results had been encouraging for Leicestershire although there were some good signs too.

In the Midland League Loughborough lead both the Intermediate and Junior 2nd divisions but that apart results aren't very exciting. Leicester Mens 1st team have collected enough points to guarantee a place in the Midland League 1st Division next season but Hinckley will clearly have a tough task on here to avoid the bottom spots. Leicester Mens 2nd team are firmly entrenched in the last place but there have been some good results by young Graham Hall. Hinckley's two teams continue to struggle in the third division but credit must be given to the league for their enthusiasm and foresight in entering three teams. Certainly players like Simon Bown will feel the benefit. Junior-wise Leicester still have an excellent chance of winning the Junior 1st Division. The veterans team have yet to collect a point but they will surely avoid relegation.

The Coca-Cola Wilmott Cup saw Leicester, minus Graham Hughes making a 5-2 exit at the hands of Birmingham. Highlight here was Paul Randell's fine win over Desmond Douglas.

The English Junior Closed went off very smoothly at Loughborough thanks to the tireless Reg Billson and his willing band of workers. Vince Hand spent all Christmas and Boxing Day typing and duplicating the programme. Ron Forster, Fred Glover and Colin Truman worked tirelessly but the real hero was Reg Billson. Reg has never played table tennis but his enthusiasm for the game is unlimited. Both his son and daughter have represented the county at junior level (and in the case of Janet at senior level too). Unfortunately result-wise the host

county didn't fare so well. Karen Rogers gave perhaps her best-ever performance to lead Linda Howard 21-20 in the third before losing. Anita (with Judith Walker) and Karen (with Andy Barden) reached the final of the girls and mixed doubles respectively but neither could manage to annexe a title.

Leicestershire, though, are still very prominent on the tournament circuit and barely a week passes without one tournament or another being entered.

A delightful concert arranged by Eileen Randell produced £35 towards the purchase of track-suits for the county team. The county team responded splendidly with all the team being represented at the concert.

Barwell Constitutional held another of their excellent buffet-dances which always proves such a big attraction.

The County senior and junior teams are both still fighting strongly to reach the play-offs—next month the picture should be a little clearer!

## WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

### DISCONTENT EXPLAINED

Your correspondent has been taken to task for not making clear the reasons for the Redditch League discontent over their disqualification from this season's Carter Cup competition. The whole matter revolves round the interpretation of Regulations 4.1 and 4.3. The former states that a League shall be represented by three players, each a member of that League, taking part in the League competition. Regulation 4.3 then requires, for the Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl only that each player must have played in at least four matches in the league competition of the League represented, during the current season and/or the immediately preceding season. The contention is that the requirements for the two junior competitions are deliberately less stringent: certainly the rules were so framed when these two competitions were inaugurated in 1965, as it was known that some juniors could not comply with the rules as applicable to seniors. Instances were quoted of young players coming to the fore as a result of close season coaching schemes, but whose winter involvement had to be limited to week-end tournaments and representative matches because parents were rightly unwilling to sanction participation in week night League matches with late finishes and travelling necessities.

If the outcome of this unfortunate episode is that the Regulations are carefully examined to clarify beyond all doubt just what is a League competition and to insert specific procedures for the lodging of claims, some good will then have come from the dispute.

With sponsorship now a way of life for the organisers of the larger events, it is encouraging to learn that the Worcestershire Closed championships at Redditch on February 18th are again to receive the support—most appropriately—of Lea and Perrins, the manufacturers of the World-renowned Worcestershire Sauce.

Records are made to be broken, or so we are told! One equalled on February 3rd, when Worcestershire met Warwickshire II in Division Two Midlands saw Joyce Lloyd make her eighty eighth County first team appearance—level with the total achieved by Mick Hawkins between 1952 and 1969. Joyce registered four second team appearances before becoming a first team regular in 1957, so, all being well, should become a "ton up girl" sometime during 1974!

A different type of record to fall was that of the Cookhill T.T.C.'s first team, which had not met with defeat at the hands of any other Worcestershire team since the formation of the club in 1969. This record finally fell on 12th January when they lost a Redditch League Division One match by 4-6 to the Senior members side, their nearest contenders for this season's title.

It is interesting to learn that Worcestershire may for the first time act as hosts to one of the European touring clubs which visit this country from time to time. There is a strong likelihood that the Swedish party which will be in England in the first week of March will include in their itinerary a visit to Worcester on March 8th. Should this come about, the commendable enterprise shown by Worcester juniors' captain Frank Claxton will prove another step in putting the Faithful City firmly on the junior table tennis map.

## CHESHIRE NOTES

by Brian Kean

### FLU VICTIMS

Owing to a winter 'flu virus Cheshire's Juniors were relegated from the Junior Premier division of the County Championships.

The bug which hit our No. 1, Simon Heaps, was the unfortunate reason for our demotion.

The loss of international Simon proved too great on the day and consequently left our remaining inexperienced Juniors with the formidable task of conquering the Country's top Juniors.

The Norwich Union English Championships, at Crystal Palace, didn't hold too many roses for Cheshire as our lads and lasses slipped into oblivion without much fuss.

It took our 'Veteran King' Derek Schofield to bring us to joy, this he did in the form of the Men's Consolation title.

The dominance of Gatley players shone through at the recent Manchester Closed Championships.

At one point no less than ten players were involved in semi and final events.

Susan Lisle collected two titles (as predicted), the women's singles and doubles, the latter in partnership with Doreen Schofield. Alas, however, the triple crown was snatched from her grasp when in partnership with Brian Kean they crumbled to Forshaw and Mary Leigh in the mixed final.

Two finals was the extent of Nigel Eckersley's performance, but only to the tune of runner-up on each occasion. Stand up and take a bow Graham Jackson. Despite the strength

and challenge of Manchester's Juniors, "Jacko" fought through to collect his first major Junior title.

And now here is general news over the past month or so.

An elephant has just shed its load on the M.1. and police request motorists to treat this as a round-about!!! — Ten Scotsmen and five Jews were injured in London when the mini cab in which they were travelling collided with a lorry!!!

You may be reading this and thinking that I have gone mad. However, I assure you that I have not.

It's simply this, to write an interesting article I require news, so if players could ask their local league secretaries what they have done with the NEWS REQUEST LETTER I sent before Christmas we may be able to publish a wider and more variable article. Despite my efforts I'm still waiting for my first scoop!

## OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Cheshire executive committeeman Don Godsell. Don, who has been the backbone of table tennis in the Wirral for many years, both as a coach and an administrator, leaves a gap that will be hard to fill.

On behalf of the C.T.T.A. and his many friends throughout the Lancashire and Cheshire League, I convey my deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

## MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

### FAULTS RECTIFIED

A very successful Middlesex Junior Open was held last month and many of the faults of the previous season were overcome. What a pity that the leading ranked players played truant for this was a splendid tournament.

Last month our second team match against Herts could well have been a North Middlesex league match. The Middlesex trio comprised Bob Aldrich, Andy Barden and Mark Mitchell, and the three for Herts were Barry White, Alan Lamprell and Mick Borshell—all six regular players in the local league. Aldrich and White play for the same club and so do Mitchell and Lamprell.

The Middlesex Inter-League competition is starting to take shape with Acton trying hard to retain their Premier division title. Close behind North Middlesex are also unbeaten. The second division is led by Central attempting to regain Premier status but they must watch Wembley II who have also won all their 4 matches. Willesden II are still looking for their first win.

In Division 3, North Acton, who were relegated last year, look like making a quick return accompanied by Barnets II who are also 100%. North Middlesex, who do not call upon any of their top boys, still carry all before them in the Junior Division.

On results at Barnet there will be an assessment session for the top boys and girls of the County in order to form the Area squad which involved Beds, Herts, Essex and Middlesex.

# From the Editor's Postbag

## DATES CLASH

It is encouraging to note that several articles in the County Notes section of the January issue include details of School's activities, but I see that in one instance the correspondent refers to a clashing of dates whereby players were selected for both a Schools' event and an activity of their Senior Association. This is a problem of which the officials of both the E.T.T.A. and the E.S.T.T.A. are very well aware, and was amongst several points agreed when the leading administrators of the two Associations met on 9th April 1969. That meeting accepted without reservations the conclusion on this problem of the Working Party on Schools' Sports Associations, set up in 1968 by The Sports Council: the first loyalty of a school player selected for two (or more) simultaneous activities involving both his or her school and a non-schools organisation must be to the school. This remains the policy of the E.T.T.A., and the decision was, in fact, applied to a recent clashing of events which came to the notice of both the English Associations.

One hopes most earnestly that the same harmony will be created between County Senior bodies and County Schools' organisations. For this reason, I spoke about the problem at the 1972 Annual General Meeting of the County Championships, since County Match Secretaries are so closely involved in the compilation of

their own county's calendar of events. The congestion of events often involving the same comparatively small groups of players clearly demands maximum co-operation between all organising bodies. May I therefore repeat the request then made that the senior and schools' bodies of each area should establish and maintain close liaison, preferably by reciprocal Committee attendance invitations, and ensure the fullest possible exchange of information on the dates of all activities arranged, indicating the likely player involvement. Only mutual respect and maximum co-operation can solve what poses otherwise a considerable problem for the future.

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Executive Committee.

## SURPRISE ANALYSIS

I have been checking the results when the third game was needed to decide the outcome. Whether in full internationals, county matches, finals of tournaments, or junior matches, in all types the victory went to the player who won the second game, rather than to the winner of the first.

This implies that the better player won through, by altering or raising his play—while the player with the incentive of having won the first game, seems surprisingly to have faded.

The percentages involved are quite marked, though possibly the same might not apply in the lower divisions of local leagues, which I have not checked.

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## EXEMPLARY CONDUCT

Through the medium of the magazine I would like to convey the thanks of the Organising Committee to all those who attended the English Junior Closed and the County Junior Premier division matches at Loughborough for their co-operation and exemplary conduct over the three days of play. We hoped that they all enjoyed their stay here and that all had a safe journey home.

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## PROGRESSIVE POLICY

As a continuation of the venture, started during the current season, whereby three of our leading Juniors of Under-13 years of age have been transported around the Star Tournaments further successes were obtained at the Middlesex 2-Star Tournament. Owing to illness Colin Wilson was unable to travel but Richard Bergemann did well to reach the Quarter-Finals of the Boys' Under-13 event.

The highlight of the visit was the triumphs obtained by Miss Janet New in both the Under-13 and Under-15 events. By reaching the Quarter-Finals of the Girls Under-15's and the Semi-Finals of the Girls' Under-13 Doubles Championships it is clear that she has acquired valuable experience in this field. Greater success was hers in the Singles where she defeated the No. 5 seed in the Under-15's and went on to a win over Miss B. Chamberlain—No. 2 seed in the Under-13's before meeting Angela Mitchell in the Final.

Many congratulations are due to our three young representatives, who have

little opportunity for wide experience in competitive play, and thanks to parents and/or friends for taking them around.

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## JAQUES TABLE DRAW

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Over 200 Clubs supported this raffle for a top quality table and it is hoped that the venture may be repeated in future seasons.

## KOREA DPR RANKINGS

**MEN:** 1. Pak Sin Il; 2. Kim Chang Ho; 3. Kim Yong Sam.

**WOMEN:** 1. Cha Gyong Mi; 2. Pak Yong Ok; 3. O. Yong Suk.

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**NICKY JARVIS**, winner of the men's singles event in the star-studded Lancashire 2-Star Open at Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, nr. Bolton on Jan. 13.

## LANCASHIRE 2-STAR OPEN

by **GEORGE R. YATES**

Yorkshire's Nicky Jarvis brought off the win of his life at Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, nr. Bolton on Jan. 13 when he won the men's singles title in the Lancashire 2-Star Open. And fourth-seeded Jarvis clinched the championship without the loss of a single game.

Sponsored by Deane Motors of Bolton, with an overall prize fund of £200, the championships attracted a star-studded international field in which players from Italy, Federal Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, Ireland and Wales fought it out with an impressive array of top Englishmen.

Jimmy Langan, of Dublin, was the beaten finalist, the major shocks having been effected prior to the semi-final when the holder, Trevor Taylor, was beaten by David Alderson and Denis Neale, the top seed, was hammered by O. B. "Les" Haslam.

In his seven strides to the title, Jarvis beat Lancashire's Jim Clegg (16, 11), Alan Ransome, his Ormesby mentor, (14, 11), Brian Mitchell and Phil Bowen (both Lancashire) by scores of 16, 14 and 17, 11 up to reaching the quarters.

Top-seeded Neale had thundered his way through to a like stage with 2-straight wins over Nigel Eckersley (Ches.), I. Johns (Ches.), Donald Parker (Lancs.) and Federal Germany's Hans Micheloff. But, on this occasion, Haslam unleashed a barrage of hits the likes of which could only be likened to El Alamein.

By comparison, the quarter-final win by Jarvis over Italian champion, Stefano Bosi, who had ousted Jean Krier of Luxembourg in the previous round, was akin to robbing a perambulator's occupant of sweets.

In this second quarter, Welsh champion, Alan Griffiths, after beating Brian Johns, lost 18, -11, -19 to Krier.

Taylor, much fancied to retain his title, had to struggle before overcoming Derek Munt but, on the day, proved unable to stop Alderson who took his revenge for the hammering he took from Taylor at Crystal Palace in last season's English Closed men's singles final.

The Ormesby boy got the bit between his teeth when in Round 2, he disposed of Italy's fourth-ranked Alberto Pelizzola, followed by a straight-games win over Laurie Landry. But it was Langan who triumphed in this quarter-final after wins over Paul Day (17, 20) and Tony Clayton (10, -12, 12).

Sussex Open winner, Norbert Van de Walle of Belgium, was seeded No. 3 and downed Desmond Douglas, England's top junior with scores of 16, 17. Earlier the Birmingham left-hander had acquitted himself well by beating such experienced opposition as Graham Davies (Wales) and Derek Schofield.

Alan Hydes saw off the Belgian champion in the quarters, over three entertaining games, after disposing of Mike Johns in two.

### REPEATED

Jill Hammersley repeated her

Norwich Union English Championships success with another win over Karenza Mathews, who had earlier been given a run for her money by Susan Lisle.

Hydes and Neale retained their men's doubles title with a tight win over Johns and Taylor, and Jarvis, partnered by Jimmy Walker, justified No. 4 seeding by beating Clayton and Landry.

There was little opposition to prevent Jill and Karenza from winning the counterpart women's event but second-seeded Sue Lisle and Anita Stevenson did well to beat Diane Johnson and Doreen Schofield.

A major electrical fault held up the start of the day's proceedings which had its repercussions later on when the mixed doubles event had to be cancelled.

Burnley's Arthur Hartshorn lost his grasp of the veterans' title when beaten, in the quarters, by Brian Starkie of Barnsley who went on to win the award with final victory over Derek Schofield.

Highlight of the staged finals, off court, was a speech by I.T.T.F. President, Roy Evans who amply made up for the lack of Welsh successes in the tournament.

### Results:—

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
O. B. Haslam (Middx) bt D. Neale (Yorks) 21-15, 21-17;  
N. Jarvis (Yorks) bt S. Bosi (Italy) 21-10, 21-13;  
A. Hydes (Yorks) bt N. Van De Walle (Belgium) 21-19, 14-21, 21-10;  
J. Langan (Eire) bt D. Alderson (Yorks) 21-16, 21-18.

**Semi-finals:**  
Jarvis bt Haslam 21-19, 21-12;  
Langan bt Hydes 21-12, 18-21, 21-13.  
**Final:**  
JARVIS bt Langan 21-15, 21-19.

**Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
J. Hammersley (Bucks) bt M. Mellor (Derbys) 21-10, 21-11;  
D. Johnson (Lancs) bt A. Stevenson (Leics) 21-13, 19-21, 21-15;  
S. M. Lisle (Lancs) bt J. Walker (Yorks) 21-16, 15-21, 21-12;  
K. Mathews (Middx) bt S. Broadbent (Yorks) 21-9, 21-17.

**Semi-finals:**  
Hammersley bt Johnson 21-14, 21-10;  
Mathews bt Lisle 21-18, 20-22, 21-16.  
**Final:**  
HAMMERSLEY bt Mathews 21-17, 21-11.

**Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
Hydes/Neale bt R. Cooper (Warwks)/Langan 21-16, 21-16;  
Jarvis/J. Walker (Yorks) bt L. A. Clayton (Yorks)/L. F. Landry (Middx) 22-20, 21-19;  
Haslam/Van De Walle bt Bosi/A. Pelizzola (Italy) 21-15, 19-21, 22-20;

M. Johns (Ches)/T. Taylor (Yorks) bt P. Freeman (Durham)/B. Mitchell (Lancs) 21-14, 21-6.

**Semi-finals:**  
Hydes/Neale bt Jarvis/Walker 19-21, 21-11, 22-20;  
Johns/Taylor bt Haslam/Van De Walle 21-13, 21-17.

**Final:**  
HYDES/NEALE bt Johns/Taylor 21-19, 21-19.

**Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
Hammersley/Mathews bt C. Crumblehulme/J. Dixon (Lancs) 21-11, 21-12;  
S. Hamilton (Middx)/Mellor bt Broadbent/Walker 21-18, 11-21, 21-12;  
Johnson/D. Schofield (Ches) bt L. Clark/B. Kearney (Nthld) 21-10, 21-11;  
Lisle/Stevenson bt H. Jane/W. Shaw (Lancs) 21-8, 21-10.

**Semi-finals:**  
Hammersley/Mathews bt Hamilton/Mellor 21-12, 21-16;  
Lisle/Stevenson bt Johnson/Schofield 21-11, 22-20.

**Final:**  
HAMMERSLEY/MATHEWS bt Lisle/Stevenson 21-8, 21-12.

**Veteran Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
B. Starkie (Yorks) bt A. Hartshorn (Lancs) 22-24, 21-12, 21-7;

G. K. Smith (Lancs) bt G. Brook (Yorks) 21-12, 21-18;

M. H. Tew (Ches) bt L. J. Browning (Yorks) 21-15, 14-21, 21-16;

D. Schofield (Ches) bt D. Marples (Derbys) 21-15, 23-21.

**Semi-finals:**  
Starkie bt Smith 21-19, 11-21, 23-21;  
Schofield bt Tew 23-21, 18-21, 21-5.

**Final:**  
STARKIE bt Schofield 18-21, 21-16, 21-18.

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Ireland's Jimmy Langan, the defeated men's singles finalist in the Lancashire Open.

Photo by Frank Davies, Bolton.

# YORKSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN

by Rea Balmford

England's No. 2-ranked David Alderson retained his boys' singles title at Hull in the Yorkshire 2-Star Junior Open played over the weekend of Jan. 6/7. But it was very disappointing to note that he was one of only four nationally ranked players to compete in one of the season's major junior competitions.

His beaten opponent was Ormesby colleague Robert Wiley, who went down in a hard-hitting final. The tournament was, in fact, dominated on the boys' side by Ormesby club players and a group from Essex.

Only Leicester pair, Graham Hall and Chris Rogers, David Yallop of Derby and Mike Thirkettle from the host city of Hull broke the stranglehold in the later rounds of all five boys' events.

Yallop and David Newman (Essex) were the beaten singles semi-finalists. Steven Souter came through to the last eight of a 77-strong U-15 boys' event, in which four Essex boys reached the quarters, to claim the title in 2-straight when finally opposed by Les Eadie.

Only in the U-13 singles, where Rogers beat Thirkettle, were Ormesby and Essex not represented.

The senior boys' doubles was an all-Ormesby affair with, following the withdrawal of Brian Alderson and, consequently, David, Wiley and Phil Ward getting the better of Souter/Andrew Kilburn, while in the U-15 event, Eadie/David Iszatt beat Peter Hunt/Robert Potton in an all-Essex final.

Commiserations and congratulations were the order of the day on the girls' side, the first to top seed Di St. Ledger of Birmingham—incidentally a fine and sporting loser—who reached all three U-17 finals without tasting success; the latter to Northumberland's Barbara Kearney who, having come through her group, disposed of the challenge of the seeded Mandy Mellor in the quarters, and then went on to the title via Bradford's rising start Melody Ludi (semi) and Miss St. Ledger.

Local girl Julie McLean and Wendy Brown of Chesterfield took the girls' doubles over the scratch pairing of St. Ledger/Jill Campion, while the mixed went to Rogers/Cathy Stonell with Ward/St. Ledger the victims.

At U-15 level Karen Wilson, the rapidly improving local junior who, like beaten finalist Julie McLean, has another year in this age group, took both titles, the doubles with Beverley Shepherd, also from Humberside, while Angela Mitchell (Middx.) who was unfortunately able to compete in only the one event, won the U-13 singles from Jane Boulter.

Altogether, there were some most interesting young starlets on view, but, oh for some of them to have had the chance to try their luck against some of the established juniors! Could it be that the fate which befell the seeded girls could have awaited others who were not so willing to put their rating to the test? Results:—

**UNDER-17 EVENTS**  
D. Alderson (Yorks) bt 1. Williams (Yorks) 10, 10;

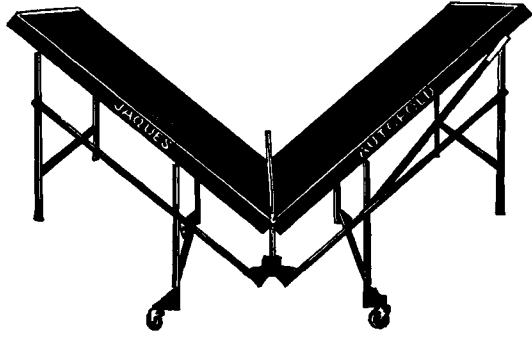
D. Yallop (Derbys) bt P. Vickers (Derby) 19, 15;  
D. Newman (Essex) bt M. O'Mahoney (Middx) 19, 14;  
R. Wiley (Yorks) bt C. Rogers (Leics) -16, 18, 12.  
**Semi-finals:**  
ALDERSON bt Yallop 14, 16;  
WILEY bt Newman 17, 8.  
**Final:**  
ALDERSON bt Wiley 19, 19.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
B. Kearney (Northld) bt M Ludi (Yorks) 10, 11;  
D. St. Ledger (Warwks) bt K. Greenhough (Surrey) 11, 15.  
**Final:**  
KEARNEY bt St. Ledger 18, 18.  
**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
P. Ward (Yorks)/Wiley bt L. Eadie/A. Iszatt (Essex) 22, -23, 17;  
A. Kilburn/S. Souter (Yorks) bt G. Baines/B. Towell (Westmld) 8, 14.  
**Final:**  
WARD/WILEY bt Kilburn/Souter 16, 17.  
**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
W. Brown (Derbys)/J. McLean (Yorks) bt Greenhough/M. Sangster (Middx)

-21, 19, 10;  
J. Campion (Middx)/St. Ledger bt C. Grayson/J. Kinnersley (Yorks) 14, -15, 10.  
**Final:**  
BROWN/McLEAN bt Campion/St. Ledger 17, 17.  
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Rogers/C. Stonell (Essex) bt S. Abraham (Essex)/Ludi 19, -17, 15;  
Ward/St. Ledger bt Yallop/M. Mellor (Derbys) 19, -17, 18.  
**Final:**  
ROGERS/STONELL bt Ward/St. Ledger 16, -16, 13.  
**UNDER-15 EVENTS**  
**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
Souter bt A. Abbott (Essex) 19, 13;  
Eadie bt D. Sehmbi (Essex) 14, -19, 17.  
**Final:**  
SOUTER bt Eadie 18, 15.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
McLean bt Greenhough 19, -19, 16;  
K. Wilson (Yorks) bt Campion -16, 19, 16.  
**Final:**  
WILSON bt McLean 15, 8.  
**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Eadie/Iszatt bt Abbott/Sehmbi -18, 7, 18;

P. Hunt/R. Potton (Essex) bt K. Hall (Leics)/Rogers -20, 17, 21.  
**Final:**  
EADIE/ISZATT bt Hunt/Potton 19, 18.  
**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
B. Shepherd/Willson bt M. Allen/K. Groves (Warwks) 21, -19, 17;  
B. Chamberlain (Cambs)/S. Dove (Middx) bt M Featherstone/S. Hunt (Lincs) 17, 9.  
**Final:**  
SHEPHERD/WILSON bt Chamberlain/Dove -11, 18, 18.  
**UNDER-13 EVENTS**  
**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
Rogers bt Newman 12, 18;  
M. Thirkettle (Yorks) bt A. Stonell (Essex) 9, 12.  
**Final:**  
ROGERS bt Thirkettle 16, -19, 14.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
A. Mitchell (Middx) bt J. Skipp (Yorks) -17, 18, 16;  
J. Boulter (Essex) bt Chamberlain 19, -14, 18.  
**Final:**  
MITCHELL bt Boulter 18, 14.

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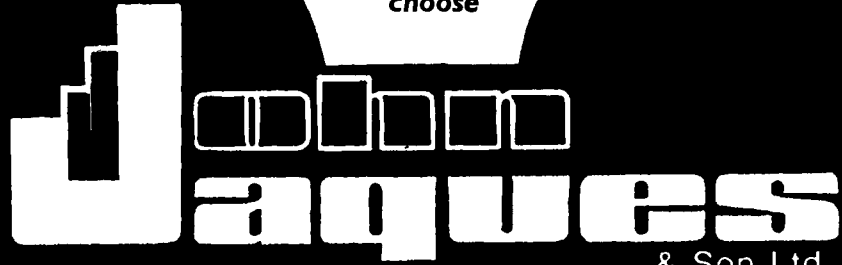
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# Controversy

**JOHN WOODFORD has sympathy with the referee**

Three times recently we have had referees in a quandary over late entries for major national tournaments. Now I have every sympathy for the referee in this situation—here is the man who has to take important decisions and pay the penalty should there be one at a later inquest.

Two of the instances I have heard about concern young star players of the highest calibre and great promise. Without going into the details of how their entry forms failed to reach the appointed spot by the dead-line after a great deal of bother and pressure from various quarters both the young stars eventually got in and made a very considerable impact right into the final stages.

A third example occurred of another young but relatively unknown player who forwarded a late entry but she did not make it, her entry was refused.

In this situation, the referee has to consider two things at least, (a) his own reputation should he be keel-hauled for taking a wrong decision and (b) what is best for the game of table tennis?

My view is that the game is more important than the person—the best decision was to let in the two top youngsters and tough luck on No. 3!

Now that sounds like more bait for the E.T.T.A. Rules Committee for one can guess what their decision would have to be—that these players should not be allowed to compete. A correctly-organised appeal (a rare happening these days) could lead to some very red faces indeed.

Playing tournaments without the young stars would be farcical.

I was relieved to hear that the Essex T.T.A. have decided to reinstate Chester Barnes with immediate effect. His name is still the best-known of all inside and outside the sport. He still has several years left to make considerable contributions in the playing arena not to mention exhibitions and coaching. Ask any league interested in staging an exhibition match which player they would prefer to buy for the evening—the vast majority would say Chester Barnes.

At an international tournament ask any national journalist which player his editor and sub-editors would prefer to carve up his opponents—the same answer, Chester Barnes, because despite his chequered career he is a legend.

# COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR FEBRUARY, 1973

## PREMIER

Feb. 10 Sussex v Yorkshire, Holy Family Convent, Norfolk Road, Littlehampton. (7.30).  
 .. 11 Surrey v Yorkshire, Bellfields Youth Centre, Bellfields Road, Guildford. (3.30).  
 .. 17 Cheshire v Surrey, I.C.I. Canteen, Macclesfield. (7.15).  
 Middlesex v Essex, Barnet TT Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet. (7.30).  
 Warwickshire v Essex, Cheylesmore Community Centre, Arundel Road, Cheylesmore, Coventry. (7.00).  
 Yorkshire v Kent.

## 2 SOUTH

Feb. 17 Surrey II v Kent II, Sports and Social Club, Banstead Hospital, Sutton Lane, Sutton. (7.00).  
 Sussex II v Buckinghamshire, Holy Family Convent, Norfolk Road, Littlehampton. (7.30).

## 2 NORTH

Feb. 17 Durham v Northumberland, School of the Sacred Heart, Hart Lane, Hartlepool. (7.00).  
 Lancashire v Cheshire II, Montague Burton's Canteen, Halliwell, Bolton. (6.30).  
 Lincolnshire v Yorkshire II, North Hykeham Youth Centre, Middle Street, North Hykeham, Lincoln. (7.15).

## 2 MIDLAND

Feb. 17 Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire.  
 .. 24 Gloucestershire v Leicestershire, New Ramblers Boys' Club, Milton Avenue, Podsmead Road, Gloucester. (7.00).

## 2 EAST

Feb. 17 Cambridgeshire v Middlesex II, Haverhill Sports Centre, The Pightle, Haverhill. (7.15).  
 Norfolk v Essex II.  
 .. 18 Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire, Pioneer Boys' Club, A5 High Street, Dunstable. (4.00).

## 2 WEST

Feb. 17 Cornwall v Glamorgan.  
 Somerset v Wiltshire, YMCA, High Street, Weston-super-Mare. (7.00).  
 .. 18 Devon v Glamorgan, Devonport Guildhall, Ker Street, Plymouth. (2.30).

## SOUTHERN

Feb. 17 Buckinghamshire II v Hampshire II.  
 Hertfordshire II v Oxfordshire, Brookside Boys' Club, Buckton Road, Borehamwood. (7.00).

## NORTHERN

Feb. 17 Cheshire III v Lancashire II, Montague Burton's Canteen, Halliwell, Bolton. (2.30).  
 Derbyshire II v Cumberland.  
 Northumberland II v Durham II.

## MIDLAND

Feb. 17 Monmouthshire v Shropshire.  
 .. 25 Staffordshire II v Worcestershire II.

## EASTERN

Feb. 17 Northamptonshire v Cambridgeshire II, Weatherbys Sports Hall, Finedon Road Industrial Estate, Wellingborough. (6.30).  
 Suffolk v Norfolk II.

## JUNIOR SOUTH

Feb. 17 Berkshire v Sussex.  
 Buckinghamshire v Oxfordshire, St. John's Club, Equity and Law, Amersham Road, High Wycombe. (2.30).  
 Hertfordshire II v Surrey II, Brookside Boys' Club, Buckton Road, Borehamwood. (2.30).  
 Kent v Hampshire.  
 .. 24 Surrey II v Oxfordshire.

## JUNIOR NORTH

Feb. 17 Cheshire II v Cumberland, St. Michael's School, Newhey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead. (3.00).  
 Durham v Northumberland, School of the Sacred Heart, Hart Lane, Hartlepool. (2.30).  
 Yorkshire II v Westmorland.

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

Feb. 17 Derbyshire v Staffordshire.  
 Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.

## JUNIOR EAST

Feb. 17 Cambridgeshire II v Huntingdonshire, Newham Institute, Hardwick Street, Cambridge. (2.30).  
 Norfolk v Essex II.  
 Suffolk v Hertfordshire, The Dome, Defoe Road, Ipswich. (2.30).

## JUNIOR WEST

Feb. 10 Somerset v Devon.  
 Feb. 17 Wiltshire v Monmouthshire.  
 .. 18 Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.

## VETERAN SOUTH

Feb. 17 Huntingdonshire v Hampshire.  
 Kent v Northamptonshire.

## VETERAN MIDLAND

Feb. 10 Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire.  
 Worcestershire v Staffordshire.  
 .. 17 Leicestershire v Cheshire.

## INSURANCE FOR CLUBS

by Alan J. Cavell

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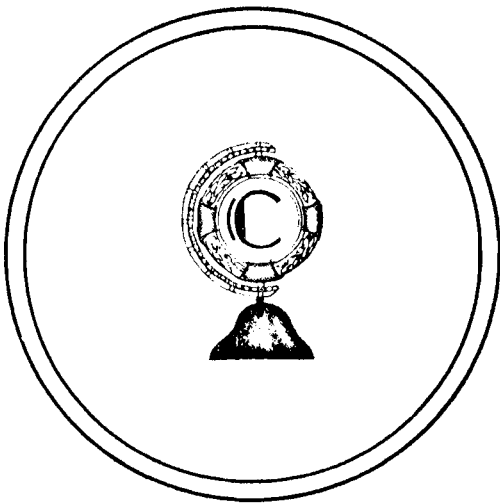
The premiums for effective public liability policies for sports clubs are quite small and details can be obtained from any insurance broker.

## PONTEFRAC T 1-STAR

Both Tony Clayton (Yorks) and Susan Lisle (Lancs.) retained their respective singles titles in the Pontefract 1-Star Open played on Jan 27. Big surprise in the men's event was the ousting of Luxembourg international, Jean Krier, by Steve Rossington of Hull.

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# TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IN NEW SCHEME

by GORDON STEGGALL,  
Chairman, National Coaching Scheme.

As Chairman of the National Coaching and Schools' Committee for some years and now, this season, having the new title of 'Co-ordinator' I take pleasure in explaining the new and exciting activities within the coaching scheme.

Because of the extent and ramifications of a national operation, the scheme for the last few years has worked on a system of splitting the country into three Areas. Success has been achieved by this method but, to afford even better coverage, the country has now been further subdivided to provide 10 Panel Areas. The set-up is as follows:—

**Eastern Region**—Regional Adviser: John Cornwell. Coach: Peter Hirst.

## Panel

1. Kent, Surrey, Sussex. Chairman: M. Kercher, 69 Titchfield Road, Carshalton, Surrey.
2. Beds., Essex, Herts., Middlesex. Chairman: J. Carrington (Acting), 82 Hermitage Court, London. E18 2EP.
3. Cambs., Hunts., Norfolk, Northants, Suffolk. Chairman: K.

J. Marchant, 83 Gordon Road, Wellingborough, Northants.

**Midlands and South West Region**—Regional Adviser: Leo Thompson. Coach: Bryan Merrett.

## Panel

4. Berks., Bucks., Hants., Oxon. Chairman: W. J. Luther, G/F Flat, 66 Frederica Road, Winton, Bournemouth, Hants.
5. Cornwall, Devon, Dorset. Chairman: B. T. Worts, 18 Danby Terrace, Exmouth, Devon.
6. Gloucs., Herefordshire, Somerset, Wilts., Worcs. Chairman: P. Cruwys, 20 Salisbury Avenue, Warden Hill, Cheltenham, Gloucs.
7. Leics., Salop, Staffs., Warwks. Chairman: J. Hayward, 22 Limes Road, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

**Northern Region** — Regional Adviser: Harry Dignan. Coach: Peter Simpson.

## Panel

8. Ches., Cumbld., Lancs., West-morl. Chairman: Derek Schofield, 21 Corbar Road, Mile End, Stockport, Ches.
9. Derbys., Lincs., Notts. Chairman: Doug Foulds, 18 Hillcrest Road, Chaddesden, Derby.
10. Durham, Northbd., Yorks. Chairman: Alan Ransome, 21a Church Lane, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside.

The terms of reference for the foregoing Panels are:—

- (a) To co-ordinate coaching activities within its counties according to the policies laid down by the

National and Schools' working party.

- (b) To plan activities which will increase the coaching activity within the Area.
- (c) To link training activities with the National training programme.
- (d) To be responsible for the organisation of Regional and School centres.
- (e) To introduce inter-county coaching activities.
- (f) To promote the Coaching Award Scheme.
- (g) To promote the Proficiency Award Scheme.

Each Region has an Adviser who sits on all Panels and whose tasks include:—

- (i) Supervising the activities of the Staff Coach.
- (ii) Advising area Panels and co-ordinating activities within the Region.
- (iii) Acting as an Assessor for the Region, in addition to the Staff Coach.
- (iv) Presenting reports to the National Coaching and Schools' Working Party.

It has taken some months for this comprehensive organisation to be set up involving the recruitment of Coaching Representatives in each County. But already meetings are taking place and Panels are reporting back of tremendous co-operation by all concerned.

At National level there is very close liaison between the Coaching and Selection committees involving the Staff Coaches. The result of all this organisation is the launching of an entirely new Squad format.

## NEW LOOK SQUADS

From the beginning of the year a much closer relationship between these people will allow an attempt to be made to raise the overall standard of play and to try and tap the vast potential of talent spread throughout England. It will initially begin with juniors by establishing Junior Squads in each Panel Area. Reasons for this development are threefold:—

1.—It will give a close liaison between all levels of play and provide detailed information of players' activities.

2.—It will provide opportunities for youngsters to play regularly and to experience 'Quality' opposition.

3.—It will ensure correct development and make them aware of the high standards which exist at national level.

## RESPONSIBLE

The Staff Coaches will be entirely responsible for the selection of the squads and its arrangements. They will obviously call in the help of the Panels and, through them, the counties, local officials and, of course, the local coaches of promising players. Indeed, it will be the co-operation at this stage that will decide the very success of the scheme and if local support is forthcoming, not only will the junior players benefit but the whole area in general.

A high and dedicated standard of play will be demanded and those players wishing to achieve success will have the opportunity to progress and gain recognition. As it is early days yet, the Staff Coach may only be able to see a squad once every two

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weeks but it will be up to the players to take this chance to discuss any problems he or she may have, be it technical, physical, lack of facilities or general.

It is hoped, at a later date, to encourage the squads to mix by exchange visits involving both competition and practice, perhaps by the use of Region or school centres.

Not all juniors can attend tournaments and by creating a more localised channel, they can still have the opportunity, not only to play, but perhaps learn about the national tournament system as it appears, often by luck, that they know such exists.

The situation now is that Tournaments, especially Junior Tournaments, comprise of the same people at nearly every meeting. To raise the standard of the Tournaments is to get a large and varied competitive entry and by raising talent through the new squads may possibly achieve this aim.

### COMPLACENT

The squads will obviously link up with the new Assessment Camp Scheme thus forming a bridge to national level. It is hoped that this liaison between the Coaching committees (represented by Staff Coaches) and the Selection Committee (represented by Les Gresswell who has helped write this report) will at last eradicate the continual stream of complacent internationals that England has produced over the last decade.

The importance of these squads cannot be stressed too highly and any youngster with the desire to improve should aim to get selected. There will be many queries, I am sure, such as how do I go about this?

Arrangements for the first six months have been made in most regions and each Staff Coach is at this very moment rushing around forming plans for premises and dates. It must be borne in mind that because of an already far too extensive programme of fixtures, it is extremely difficult to cope with plans to satisfy all juniors. But I firmly believe they must look at the long term and put all their energies into their squad performance and attendance.

Table Tennis in England needs a new look and I would ask you all to give your support. There will be mistakes, but be flexible, try to assist, not hinder. If there are problems that cannot be sorted out at local level, there is always the Regional Adviser and, failing that, a letter to me through the E.T.T.A. office will always get prompt attention.

### PANEL SQUADS

**Eastern Region** Staff Coach, Peter Hirst, has formulated Panel 1 with the following squad players:—

**Boys:** D. Bangarter, S. Lyons, G. Walsh (Surrey), D. Dino-Smith (Kent) and G. Pugh (Sussex).

**Girls:** L. Howard, N. Leslie (Surrey) and S. Kavallierou (Sussex).

Probable venue will be Larkhall Evening Institute, Victoria, London and the dates: Feb. 2, 16, 23; Mar. 9, 23; Apr. 6, 20; May 4, 18; June 1, 15, 29.

Panel 3 playing squad will com-

prise P. Day (Cambs.) and from Suffolk, S. Ball, G. Hamilton, J. Kitchener and G. Hamilton as the boys and A. Wallis (Northants), B. Chamberlain (Hunts.) and K. Garner (Cambs.) representative of the girls.

Haverhill Sports Centre will be the venue on the following dates: Feb. 17; Mar. 17; Apr. 7, 21, 22; May 5, 12; June 2, 3, 30; July 1. Dates at Ipswich R.C. are: Mar. 4; Apr. 1 and June 10, and, at St. Neots R.C. Mar. 18.

A 'B' squad will comprise K. Richardson (Cambs.), K. Moore and T. Speller (Hunts.), D. Bennett (Norfolk), I. Gilbert (Northants) and K. Rose (Suffolk) as the boys and C. Ellis (Cambs.), M. Wallis (Northants) and J. Langridge (Suffolk) as the girls.

This latter squad will assemble at St. Neots Regional Centre on Feb. 4; Mar. 4; Apr. 1; May 6 and June 3.

### MIDLANDS & SOUTH WESTERN PANELS

Because of his commitments in respect of the Commonwealth and World Championships, it will be impossible for Coach Bryan Merrett to commence his squad training until after his return from Sarajevo.

Nonetheless the following players have been earmarked for attendance in due course.

#### Panel 4

**Boys**—A. Hicks, D. Reeves, P. Trott (Berks) J. Brixton, S. Kinge, K. McQuade, S. Wilson (Hants)

**Girls**—C. Reeves, K. Mashford (Berks) J. New, J. Redding (Hants)

#### Panel 5

**Boys**—I. James A. Trehwela (Cornwall) K. James, S. Murphy (Devon)

**Girls**—E. Lamb, S. Tilley (Devon)

Two other players will be added to this panel squad at Okehampton on Feb. 11.

#### Panel 6

**Boys**—M. Green, C. Sewell (Gloucs) S. Claxton, A. Oakley, I. Schofield (Worcs) A. Svendsen (Somerset)

**Girls**—J. Wilson (Somerset) D. Morton (Worcs)

This panel will have sessions at Worle and Worcester with a subsidiary group to be added.

#### Panel 7

**Boys**—G. Hall, K. Hall, C. Rogers (Leics) G. Alden (Northants) D. Douglas (Warwks).

**Girls**—K. Rogers, A. Stevenson (Leics) D. St. Ledger (Warwks)

Wolverhampton will be the meeting place for this panel, again with a subsidiary (to be selected) squad operating, at the same centre.

### SQUAD TRAINING FOR THE NORTHERN REGION

THE following players have been selected to attend Squad Training on the undermentioned dates and venues: **TEESSIDE**—Actual venue to be confirmed.

31st January.  
14th February.  
28th February.  
14th March.  
28th March.  
11th April.  
25th April.  
9th May.  
23rd May.

### Boys:

D. Alderson  
B. Alderson  
R. Wiley  
P. Edon  
P. Hoskins

### Girls:

B. Kearney  
L. Clark  
J. McLean  
K. Wilson

**KENDAL**—at Kendal Lads Club, Kendal, Westmorland.

1st February.  
15th February.  
1st March.  
15th March.  
29th March.  
12th April.  
26th April.  
10th May.  
24th May.

### Boys:

D. Parker  
B. Towell  
R. Wilson  
G. Bains  
P. Polczynski

### Girls:

Y. Brockbank  
J. Pachul  
K. Guildford

**DERBYSHIRE**—at Lea Green Sports Centre, Matlock, Derbyshire.

7th February.  
21st February.  
7th March.  
21st March.  
4th April.  
18th April.  
2nd May.  
16th May.  
30th May.

### Boys:

P. Vickers  
D. Yallop

### Girls:

S. Holmes  
W. Brown  
M. Mellor

M. Deakin  
J. Walker

**MANCHESTER**—Levenshulme Baths, Barlow Road, Manchester.

8th February.  
22nd February.  
8th March.  
22nd March.  
5th April.  
19th April.  
3rd May.  
17th May.  
31st May.

### Boys:

T. Burrows

### Girls:

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B. Kirkman  
S. Lisle  
P. Allan  
M. Ludi

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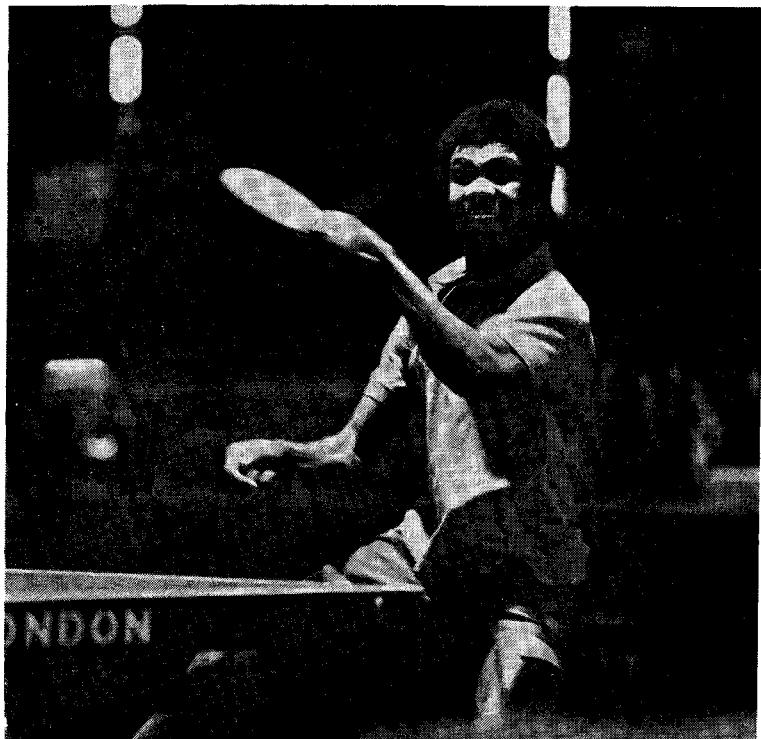
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# ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED

by **GEORGE R. YATES**



Warwickshire's exciting prospect, Desmond Douglas, winner of the English Junior Closed at Loughborough.

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## Major Titles for Linda and Des

Sandwiched between two sessions of Junior Premier County matches, the English Junior Closed, played at the P.E. Centre, Loughborough College of Education on Dec. 30, had, as was to be expected, a bigger entry than usual.

But from the massed ranks of boys, Birmingham's Desmond Douglas streaked through with the loss of only one game, to John Kitchener, to claim the title undefeated by a 'flu stricken Simon Heaps.

Behind the bow wave of the England No. 1 boy floated the flotsam of Steven Newman (Essex), beaten 8 and 8, Chris Rogers (Leics.), down by 13 and 11, and David Boulter (Essex) who took the count at 13 and 15. Such deeds were prior to the quarters, at which stage Kitchener had a middle game 21-15 success over the Warwickshire left-hander but only just managed double figures in the decider.

Young Andrew Barden next barred the progress of the Midlander, in the semis, but it was back to the two-straight pattern for the champion who achieved the title with final victory over Donald Parker.

First shock in this event was brought about by Ormesby's Philip Ward who, in the second round, ousted No. 4 seed Paul Day with scores of 16, -6, 18. But Barden put a stop to the Teessider's gallop with a -7, 16, 14 win in Round 4.

Michael Bawden was the player to come through in the place of Heaps to oppose Mark Mitchell in the quarters at which stage David

Alderson was tumbled out of it by Parker, the Lancastrian reaching the final with a succession of 2-straight wins which took in Michael Hoy (Lancs.), Grahame Hall (Leics), Kevin Pilgrim (Warwks.), Alderson and Mark Mitchell.

In the counterpart girls' singles event no one was more surprised than Linda Howard to find herself not included in the draw! After due deliberation by the tournament committee, Linda was afforded the No. 1 seeded position forcing the original No. 8 seed Mandy Mellor of Derbyshire into the field.

Although it had been confirmed that an entry form, plus remittance, had been sent on behalf of Linda, by her father, no form had filtered through to the Hon. Referee. But it was only in respect of the singles event that a place was found for the England No. 1 girl!

Nor was it an easy passage for the Surrey international who was taken to a deciding game by Karen Mashford, to be followed by a real nail-biter in opposition to Karen Rogers who almost brought off a sensational win as scores, in favour of Miss Howard, -19, 19, 20 would indicate.

Second-seeded Anita Stevenson was beaten in the quarters by Judith Walker who further accounted for Elaine Tarten before falling to Linda Howard in the final.

Soham's Paul Day made suitable amends for his failure in the singles by winning both the boys' and mixed doubles titles in partnership with

Andrew Barden and Miss Tarten respectively.

Miss Tarten had a second success in the girls' doubles with her Essex team-mate Gillian Taylor. On the receiving end of this Essex combine were Anita Stevenson and Judith Walker. Results:—

**Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
D. Douglas (Warwks) bt J. Kitchener (Suffolk) 16, -15, 10;  
A. Barden (Middx) bt G. Walsh (Surrey) 17, 14;  
M. Mitchell (Middx) bt M. Bawden (Essex) 7, 12;  
D. Parker (Lancs) bt D. Alderson (Yorks) 12, 14.  
**Semi-finals:**  
DOUGLAS bt Barden 17, 11;  
PARKER bt Mitchell 14, 10.  
**Final:**  
DOUGLAS bt Parker 12, 18.  
**Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
L. Howard (Surrey) bt K. Rogers (Leics) -19, 19, 20;  
G. Taylor (Essex) bt B. Williams (Lancs) 14, 15;  
E. Tarten (Essex) bt D. St. Ledger (Warwks) 17, 15;  
J. Walker (Yorks) bt A. Stevenson (Leics) 18, 19.  
**Semi-finals:**  
HOWARD bt Taylor 12, 12;  
WALKER bt Tarten 13, -18, 18.  
**Final:**  
HOWARD bt Walker 14, 18.  
**Boys' Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
D. Bangarter (Surrey)/Douglas bt N. Hallows (Lancs)/Parker 13, 18;  
Kitchener/D. Tan (Middx) bt M. Crimmins (Surrey)/Mitchell 16, 8;  
B. Alderson (Yorks)/D. Alderson bt K. Hall/C. Rogers (Leics) -16, 19, 15;  
Barden/P. Day (Cambs) bt E. Lasek/K. Pilgrim (Warwks) 14, 21.  
**Semi-finals:**  
BANGERTER/DOUGLAS bt Kitchener/Tan 20, 19;  
BARDEN/DAY bt Alderson/Alderson 10, 15.  
**Final:**  
BARDEN/DAY bt Bangarter/Douglas 17, 16.  
**Girls' Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
Tarten/Taylor bt M. Ludi (Yorks)/L. Mellor (Derbys) walk-over;  
N. Carne/C. Williams (Yorks) bt K. Garner (Cambs)/M. Sangster (Middx) 17, 17;  
K. Mashford/C. Reeves (Berks) bt C. Stonell (Essex)/K. Wilson (Yorks) 22, 16;  
Stevenson/Walker bt J. Hartwell (Middx)/E. Lamb (Devon) 17, 14.  
**Semi-finals:**  
TARTEN/TAYLOR bt Carne/Williams 9, -18, 14;  
STEVENSON/WALKER bt Mashford/Reeves 17, -12, 16.  
**Final:**  
TARTEN/TAYLOR bt Stevenson/Walker 19, 17.  
**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
Day/Tarten bt D. Iszatt (Surrey)/Reeves 18, -13, 8;  
Kitchener/Taylor bt Mitchell/Hartwell 10, -18, 9;  
Barden/Rogers bt Crimmins/C. Randall (Sussex) 16, 19;  
Parker/Williams bt D. Yallop (Derbys)/Mellor 10, 9.

**Semi-finals:**  
DAY/TARTEN bt Kitchener/Taylor 17, -14, 18;  
BARDEN/ROGERS bt Parker/Williams 6, -18, 14.  
**Final:**  
DAY/TARTEN bt Barden/Rogers 17, 7.

## European League

### AYLESBURY PREPARE

THE Aylesbury league are privileged to have been given the opportunity to stage the European League match between England and France. The match, on which the relegation issue may well be settled, is to be held at the Stoke Mandeville Sports Centre on March 5.

Already intensive publicity is in hand and a special committee is meeting every Friday to ensure the smooth handling of arrangements. The M.P. for Aylesbury has been invited and it is expected that the head of the Stoke Mandeville centre, Sir Ludwig Goodman, will also be present.

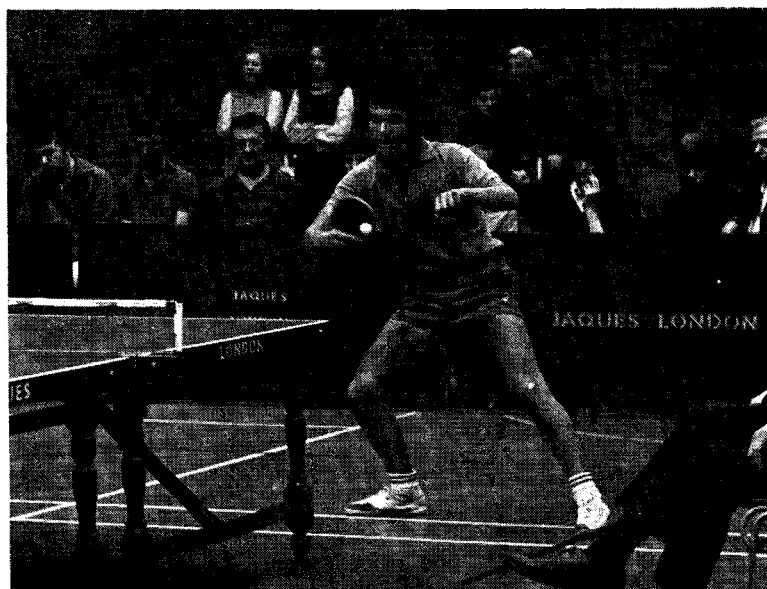
The band and trumpeters of R.A.F. Halton have been invited to open the proceedings and the C.O. of Halton has also been invited as a guest.

The match is being sponsored by a local builder, Mr. W. Gibbard, and the Aylesbury league are expecting a crowd of over 600. With the possibility of Mrs. Jill Hammersley being included in the England team after her Norwich Union English Championships singles win this number could easily be passed.

It is hoped that all seating will be tiered to enable everyone to obtain a good view. Refreshments will be available after the match in the stadium restaurant.

The publicity material for the match should have been available by Jan. 19, and the match is being publicised in the local press. There is ample car parking facilities and coaches can also be catered for.

Tickets are priced £1 and 75p and can be obtained by applying to Mr. C. H. Thorne, 83 Old Stoke Road, Aylesbury enclosing remittance and a stamped addressed envelope.



Donald Parker, Lancashire's beaten finalist in the boys' singles event.  
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# LOOKING AHEAD

by **RON CRAYDEN**  
Chairman, National Selection Committee

Since first taking over the hot seat of the Association's most harassed Committee it has been my practice to use the medium of the Magazine to pin-point the plans and policies of the Selectors. At the start of a new year, when so many are overflowing with resolutions, what better time could I choose than to unveil our plans for 1973.

Looking back to the start of this season, the significant change in our set-up has been the appointment of Les Gresswell as Trainer/Coach, who also takes over the duties of Senior Team Captain. This move has brought about a reduction in the size of the Committee which in turn has improved the lines of communication. The official Selectors are now three in number, namely Les Gresswell, Brian Wright (Junior Captain) and myself, with Albert Shipley responsible for the secretarial duties. At our initial meeting it was felt that by following the patterns of previous years, England's standing in the International arenas of the world could only take a downward path: we simply had to strike out in a different direction. When we took the decision

to alter course we were fully aware that initially the going would be slow and that criticism would be poured on our heads. We fully realise that this season is unlikely to produce any worthwhile results, but the seeds we have sown are already beginning to sprout in the Junior field. We look ahead with optimism.

## SQUADS

We are not unmindful of the fact that a Squad system has been part of the scene for several years but in the main only a chosen few were able to benefit from it. It is our intention to broaden the Squad system, to operate it through the Staff Coaches, so that eventually we can get coverage of the whole Country.

At the top there will still be the International Squad, the main source from which the European and World Championship teams will be selected. Playing ability alone is not the pass key to this Squad, there are other dominant factors to be considered. Ability is of course essential, but with it must go self discipline, dedication, a desire to succeed and to train with this aim in view. Co-operation with the Team Captains and Staff Coaches is of paramount importance and it is obligatory to attend training Camps and the three star tournaments. It is hoped that all the International Squad members will have a sense of pride in their achievements and will serve the England team with the same urgency and attachment as a trained soldier serves his regiment. Les Gresswell has been empowered to select the mem-

bers of this elite squad. The Staff Coaches who will be working in the field together with County and Area Coaches will form Squads of lower ranked players so that eventually the length and breadth of the Country is covered. To assist in the extra work that is involved, Ken Mathews has been appointed as Squad Administrator.

## JUNIORS

The splendid performances of our top Juniors in the Norwich Union English Championships were most heartening and we hope the big breakthrough is now imminent. Special attention will still be given to the development of our young players with regular Training Camps and practice sessions. It is also our intention to introduce a Squad system for Juniors on a similar basis to that of the Seniors. In addition plans are afoot for increased participation in top competition with more International matches and foreign tours.

## TRAINING CAMPS

The importance of Training Camps for improving the physical skills, the work rate and stamina of players cannot be denied and as these are vital factors for Championship play, regular Training Camps have been programmed for both Juniors and Seniors. It is hoped that in the future a regular exchange of ideas and Camp visits can be carried out with other Countries.

## ASSESSMENT CAMPS

Although fulfilling a vital need, it

was felt that the method used previously for running the Dunlop Assessment Camps tended to skim the cream from the Country's Junior talent and overlook the late developers and those who might be classified as borderline cases. A change therefore has been made, a change that will bring the County and Staff Coaches into the picture and will allow for a greater intake of Junior players. This should make a much fairer basis for assessing ability.

To explain in more detail, there will be three stages of assessment—Primary, Intermediate and Final. The Primary stage will involve the Staff Coaches, who will work in close collaboration with the County officials responsible for Junior affairs in each of the ten Coaching Areas. By organised rallies and competition a cross ranking list of the top 20 boys and the top 10 girls from each of the three regions will be produced based solely on ability. The three Staff Coaches with their lists, will meet the Selectors early in July and an overall list of 44 boys and 20 girls will be drawn up. The chosen 64 players will then be invited to one of the Intermediate Assessment Camps at Lillieshall.

The Intermediate stage will consist of a week's residential camp in the Fordhall facilities at Lillieshall Sports Centre in Shropshire. Four weekly camps have been arranged, at each of which there will be 16 players under the control of a Staff Coach

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assisted by a P.E. trainer. The programme content for the Intermediate assessment will be similar to that of a training camp, combining physical activity with competitive play. The dates of these four camps are shown below:—

28th July—3rd August, 1973. 4th—10th August, 1973. 11th—17th August, 1973. 25th—31st August, 1973.

From the above, 26 players will be selected to go forward for Final Assessment.

The Final stage will be held at the Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre from 23rd to 28th September, 1973. The programme here will revolve around match play practice, with competition on a round-robin basis. The results obtained at this Camp will have a great bearing on the National ranking which will be carried out shortly afterwards.

#### RANKING LISTS

For the past two seasons we have published three Senior Ranking lists for the guidance of tournament organisers. It is our intention to continue with this policy and the lists will be made, as near as possible, at the end of October, mid-January and at the end of the season. The ranking of Juniors will normally take place three times in a season, but not necessarily at the same time as those of the Seniors. Performances in three star tournaments will receive special consideration.

#### COCA-COLA SCHEME

The Coca-Cola points scheme will operate again this season and the sorting, sifting and compiling of results will be in the capable hands of Laurie Landry.

#### CONCLUSION

In addition to the above we have other plans in the pipeline even to the extent of having our own Centres but such progressive steps take much effort and time. Time and effort are as much a part of the officials world as they are of the players, but the results can be very rewarding. Let us therefore, by joint effort, look ahead to a successful future.

#### CLAYTON WITHDRAWS

Yorkshire's Tony Clayton has had to withdraw from England's squad for both the 2nd Commonwealth and 32nd World Championships to be held in Cardiff and Sarajevo respectively.

In his fourth and final year at Liverpool University, where he is studying Geography and Geology, forthcoming final exams, in June, necessitate his presence on a Field Trip to Ibiza from Mar 24—Apl 7.

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## TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Mar. 3/5	NORWICH UNION INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton, Sussex.	VMS, VWS.	E.T.T.A., 21 Claremont, Hastings, Sussex. Closing date: 1/2/73.
4	Fenland 2-Star, The Corn Exchange, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.	BS, GS.	J. R. Moorhouse, 14 Dawnay Avenue, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. Closing date: 6/2/73.
11	Lancashire 2-Star Junior, Institute of Technology, Deane Road, Bolton, Lancs.	U-15 BS, GS, U-13 BS, GS.	G. Campbell, 1 Winslow Road, Hunger Hill, Bolton, BL3 4SR. Closing date: 16/2/73.
17	East of England 2-Star, West Common Sports Hall, Scunthorpe, Lincs.	BS, GS, VS.	Mrs. A. J. Robinson, 24 Croppers Lane, Frieston, Boston, Lincs. Closing date: 2/3/73.
24	Northumberland 1-Star, Dept. of H. & S.S., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	BS, GS, VS.	T. A. Morpeth, 59 Preston Avenue, North Shields, Northumberland. Closing date: 7/3/73.
24/25	Newbury 2-Star, Base Gymnasium, R.A.F., Greenham, Newbury, Berks.	VS.	Mrs. G. M. Smith, Greenacres, Pinchington Lane, Newbury, Berks. Closing date: 4/3/73.
25	Sussex 2-Star Junior, Sports Centre, Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing, Sussex.	U-15 BS, GS, BD, GD, U-13 BS, GS.	R. Crump, 105 Portland Road, Worthing, Sussex. Closing date: 5/3/73.
April 7	Milton Keynes 1-Star.		L. A. Wooding, 173 Glebe Road, Deanshanger, Wolverton, Bucks. Closing date: 14/3/73.
8	Bedford 1-Star.		P. H. Smith, 72 Spruce Walk, Kempston, Bedford, Beds. Closing date: 14/3/73.

#### IRELAND

Mar. 9/10	N.W. Ireland Open (Strabane).		C. A. Moore, 78 Orby Drive, Belfast, BT5 6AG.
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#### SCOTLAND

Mar. 10/11	SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Meadowbank Sports Centre, London Road, Edinburgh.		Mrs. H. Hamilton, 6 Grove Street, Edinburgh. Closing date: 15/2/73.
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#### WALES

Mar. 17	Gwent Open, Standard Telephones and Cables Canteen, Corporation Road, Newport, Mon.	BS, GS.	G. E. Motlow, 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon. NPT 8NX. Closing date: 3/3/73.
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## English Schools' Table Tennis Association

### SECRETARY CRISIS

by E. J. Mitchell,  
National Competition Sec.

The E.S.T.T.A. Annual General Meeting to be held at the Mermaid Hotel, Leicester, on Sunday, May 13th will be faced with a crisis if no one can be found to replace David Lomas, the present General Secretary who has had to resign owing to ill health.

The main activity within the Association at present is the four-a-side National Team Competition with seven areas contested on the weekend of January 20/21. This year's competition has attracted a record entry with new ground being broken in Cornwall and a great increase in Nottinghamshire. Only a soothsayer would try to predict a winner but I think the strongest team must be St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough who although without Nicky Jarvis are led by Philip Ward and Tony Martin. Plaistow Grammar School—now renamed Cumberland High School—are still very strong in the girls under-19 although Elaine Tarten has now left school.

The Area 7 clash at Cambridge brings Paul Day, John Kitchener and John Fuller into confrontation in the boys under-19.

The E.T.T.A. had arranged an Eastern Coaching Weekend for January 20/21 and the Schools' Association appreciates the senior body's decision to release players like Day, Kitchener and Gillian Taylor to play for their schools.

The Stiga company's sponsorship has been of great help—they have provided tables for five areas as well as lending tables for many county association play-offs. This latter help was not included in the agreement between the E.S.T.T.A. and Stiga. Additionally, Halex Table Tennis Ltd., have supplied sufficient balls for their ball to be used exclusively for the competition.

A proposition has been tabled for the A.G.M. to bring in an individual tournament for school players subject to suitable sponsorship being obtained.

The Competition progresses with the Regional finals on March 4th and the National finals a fortnight later at Stoke-on-Trent.

## In the Coaching Field

with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

I RECENTLY attended a course at Leeds Athletic Institute, with the formidable title "A Progressive Resistance Training Course for Table Tennis".

On arrival, Mr. Paish the instructor, spent some little time explaining the various ways in which weights, springs and other pieces of apparatus could

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be used to develop muscles in almost any part of the body.

If my interpretation of Mr. Paish's talk is correct, it appears that any exercise carried out to improve muscle in any part of the body, should be followed by exercises to develop the counter muscles.

For example, if you spend some time every day doing exercises to strengthen the stomach muscles, but do nothing about the back muscles, it is possible to develop a stoop. The stomach muscles become stronger than the back muscles and pull the body forward.

This may seem to be an exaggeration of doing simple exercises, but the result, even if not visible as a stoop, must be detrimental to suppleness and agility.

Mr. Paish is not a Table Tennis coach, but a trainer for many sports. His knowledge of the body and its muscles enables him to advise players on the most beneficial training for their particular sport.

This sort of knowledge can prevent players wasting effort on the wrong sort of training. As Mr. Paish had been a Table Tennis player of a reasonable standard, he knew just what sort of information we were seeking.

It was at this point that the terminology changed and I found that we required "explosive muscle force and muscle stretch". A player moving at speed in one direction may suddenly have to change to the opposite direction. The strain put on the leg and especially the ankle in performing this manoeuvre is quite excessive.

Although we take this sort of movement for granted, unless some form of training has been undertaken to strengthen the joints and muscles, one of two things could happen.

1. You are much slower completing the manoeuvre, thus affecting your playing ability.
2. You could cause damage to the joint or muscle by a sprain, cartilage trouble or a pulled muscle.

Returning after lunch, we started the practical side of the course. We split into groups of four and under supervision went through various exercises, using weights, to strengthen wrist, arms and legs. The weights were kept at a manageable level and were used on a bar, other smaller weights were held in the hand. It was emphasized that it is not wise to do any work with weights without supervision unless proficient in weight training.

We then moved into the gym where Mr. Paish had laid out his idea of a circuit which would benefit a table tennis player, if carried out at regular intervals.

The Circuit was divided into exercises to improve mobility and to strengthen arms, legs and stomach or waist muscles, and included a lot of work using medicine balls, which, I am assured, can be filled with anything from sand to scrap iron.

The final session was based on running and jumping, which was carried out in such a way that points could be earned. A chart was supplied by Mr. Paish and by comparing distances achieved, personal improvement could be checked.

Starting with the familiar hop, step and jump, then two hops, step

and jump and so on, each time checking our distance with the chart.

If by any chance you decide to have a go at the exercises, take a warning, and only do small sessions. After the session, it was two days before my legs would support me properly, and it was over a week before I was back to normal. Like all medicine it can be beneficial in small doses, so do not over do it.

Having previously requested news of the Basingstoke Coaching Association, I was delighted to hear from Mr. Caudrey.

He tells me the Association is just twelve months old, having been formed in January 1972 with a donation of £10. This in itself should

give heart to other organisations who always cry "we can't afford it".

The Association's funds were further boosted by £80 earned by the juniors staging a T.T. Marathon.

The local sports centre was booked for 16 three-hourly sessions on Sundays which attracted about 32 members per session. This was followed by further sessions attended by Bryan Merrett.

Advanced coaching sessions were held in a local school, and beginners were catered for in a local boys' club.

An invitation tournament was held, the prizes being donated by a local sports shop.

Two members were sent to a course at Crystal Palace, the cost being met

by the Association, as is the transport to local tournaments. The juniors are only charged a nominal fee of 10p. Two teams of juniors have been entered in the local league.

This is obviously a well run Association and the officials are to be congratulated on achieving so much in their first year.

The final note from Mr. Caudrey was a plea for help from senior members of the league. May I on behalf of Mr. Caudrey and the Basingstoke Coaching Association ask any senior players in this league, with a little time to spare, to invest it in helping to coach juniors.

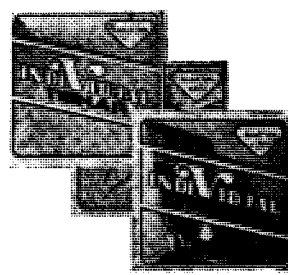
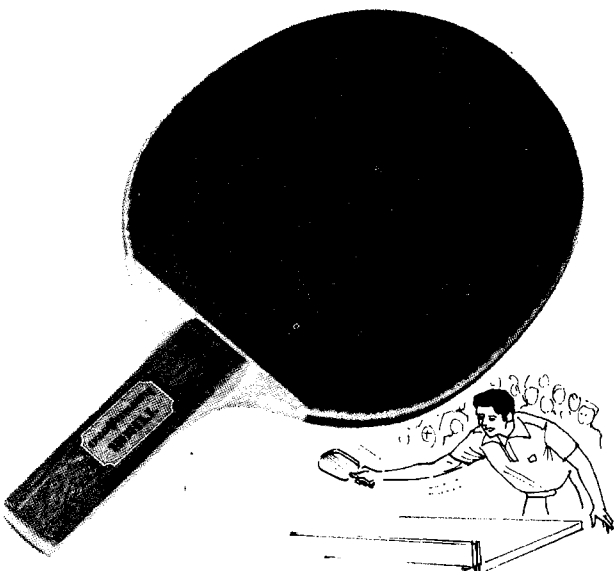
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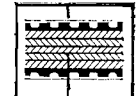
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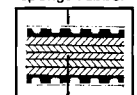
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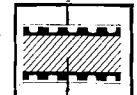
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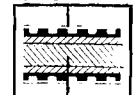
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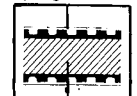
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# NORWICH UNION INTERNATIONAL

The National Selection Committee have announced the following teams to represent England at the Norwich Union International Championships, formerly the English Open, to be held at the Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton from Mar 1-3.

## MEN

England I—T. Taylor (Herts.), D. Neale (Yorks.).

England II—A. Hydes (Yorks.), N. Jarvis (Yorks.).

England III—L. A. Clayton (Yorks.), D. Douglas (Warwks.).

## WOMEN

Mrs. J. Hammersley (Bucks.), Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.) and Miss L. Howard (Surrey).

In the men's doubles event, the pairing will be as per the foregoing teams. Karenza Mathews will be partnered by Linda Howard in the women's doubles leaving Jill Hammersley free to pair up with Beatrix Kishazi of Hungary. This latter Anglo/Hungarian combine, it will be recalled, reached the final of the women's doubles event in the European Championships in Rotterdam.

Mixed doubles pairings are:—Neale/Mathews, Taylor/Hammersley and Hydes/Howard.

Invitations to compete at Brighton have been sent to Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Federal Germany, France, Hungary, Ireland, New Zealand, Rumania, Scotland, Sweden, Wales and Yugoslavia. The Draw is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Feb. 8.

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Surrey	3	3	0	0	20	7	6
Warwicks	4	3	0	1	17	19	6
Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	15	3	4
Cheshire	4	2	0	2	18	18	4
Essex	4	2	0	2	18	18	4
Middlesex	4	1	0	3	16	20	2
Kent	4	1	0	3	15	21	2
Sussex	3	0	0	3	7	20	0
2nd SOUTH							
Surrey II	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Bucks.	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Kent II	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Sussex II	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Hampshire	3	0	2	1	13	17	2
Berkshire	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
2nd NORTH							
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Yorkshire II	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Cheshire II	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Lincolnshire	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Northumberland	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Durham	3	0	1	2	6	24	1
2nd MIDLAND							
Leicester	4	2	2	0	26	14	6
Warwicks II	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
Notts.	4	2	1	1	19	21	5
Staffs.	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Derbys.	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Worcs.	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Gloucs.	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
2nd EAST							
Essex II	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Middlesex II	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Bedfordshire	3	1	2	0	16	14	4
Cambridge	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Norfolk	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
2nd WEST							
Devon	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Glamorgan	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Somerset	3	2	0	1	23	7	4
Wiltshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Dorset	4	1	0	3	10	30	2
Cornwall	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

SOUTHERN	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex III	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
Berkshire II	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Hertfordshire II	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Oxfordshire	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Hampshire II	2	0	1	1	6	14	1
NORTHERN							
Lancashire II	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Cheshire II	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Durham II	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
N'th'bl'nd II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Derbyshire II	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
MIDLAND							
Glamorgan II	3	2	0	1	22	8	4
S'affords II	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Monmouths.	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Worcesters. II	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Shropshire	2	0	0	2	0	20	0
EASTERN							
Northants	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Hunts	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Suffolk	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Cambs. II	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Norfolk II	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
JUNIOR PREMIER							
Final table has already appeared							
JUNIOR SOUTH							
Hampshire	4	4	0	0	34	6	8
Sussex	4	3	0	1	33	7	6
Berkshire	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Surrey II	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Kent	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Bucks.	4	1	0	3	8	32	2
Herts. II	4	0	0	4	8	32	0
Oxfordshire	4	0	0	4	2	38	0
JUNIOR NORTH							
Yorkshire II	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
N'thumb'land	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
Westmorland	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Cumberland	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Durham	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Cheshire II	3	0	1	2	9	21	1

JUNIOR MIDLAND	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicestershire	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Notts.	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Derbys.	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Northants.	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Staffs.	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Warwicks. II	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Lincs.	2	0	0	2	1	19	0
JUNIOR EAST							
Essex II	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Suffolk	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Herts.	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Norfolk	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Hunts.	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Bedfords.	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Cambs.	3	0	0	3	1	29	0
JUNIOR WEST							
Glamorgan	4	4	0	0	37	3	8
Gloucestershire	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Somerset	3	2	0	1	23	7	4
Devon	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Worcesters.	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Wiltshire	3	0	0	3	2	28	0
Monmouths.	4	0	0	4	1	39	0
VET. SOUTH							
Hampshire	4	4	0	0	28	8	8
Kent	4	3	0	1	26	10	6
Oxfordshire	3	2	0	1	14	13	4
Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	6	21	2
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Northants.	3	0	0	3	8	19	0
VET MIDLAND							
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Staffords.	3	1	0	2	11	16	2
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**JUNIOR WEST**

**Devon 2, Glamorgan 8**

The visitors far too strong and kept up pressure throughout. Nicely turned-out team—a credit to their County.

**Monmouthshire 0, Worcestershire 10**

Worcs. worthy winners, never letting the home side reach best form. A young Worcs. team which could be good if kept together.

**Gloucestershire 7, Somerset 3**

Even without the unwell Chris Sewell, Gloucs, boys proved too good with Mick Green and W. Dawe on form. Jill Wilson worried by Julie Mortimer (who led 20—17 in second) before winning -19, 20, 13.

**VETERAN SOUTH**

**Hampshire 5, Kent 4**

This eagerly awaited fixture became the saddest I have yet had to report on. A 6-30 scheduled start, but no visiting players arrived until 7-50 by which time Hants. had gone "off the boil". Working the customary "5 minutes grace, then claim a set every 15 minutes" Hampshire entitled to claim 5 sets as Kent had no real justification for their late arrival: however, in telephone conversation with me they generously agreed to limit this to 3 sets. They later added WS and XD to gain a victory that will probably give them the Division. One must have some sympathy with the visitors, whose late departure was caused by a serious family illness, but this was not a "day of match" occurrence and had they (a) played a reserve (b) requested a later start, or (c) made an arrangement for the player concerned to arrive late, these circumstances would not have arisen. Main sympathy, in my book at least, goes to Hampshire who should not have been placed in this position, and who had the courage to risk accusations of unsporting actions.

**Northamptonshire 3,**

**Huntingdonshire 6**

**VETERAN MIDLAND**

**Worcestershire 1, Nottinghamshire 8**

Too much dour play here, which included an expedite victory for J. Burraston over M. Gilbert. The women provided the most enterprising play, and Malcolm Crane prevented a "whitewash" in the last set.

**Cheshire 7, Staffordshire 2**

Even without their top 3 men Cheshire too strong. Mary Leigh 4—11 down in second v. Mrs. Hall but won 19, 23 with the final point needing 50 strokes to settle it!

**Warwickshire 6, Leicestershire 3**

**JUNIOR PREMIER DIVISION**

Detailed results of the second series of matches played at Loughborough on Dec. 29 and 31:—

**Cambridgeshire 4, Warwickshire 6**

J. Willis lost to D. Douglas -11, -4; lost to E. Lasek -19, -15.

P. Day bt J. Nix 17, 16; lost to Douglas -14, -14.

K. Richardson bt Lasek 21, -19, 17; bt Nix -17, 9, 15.

Miss K. Garner lost to Miss D. St. Ledger -17, -10.

Richardson/Willis bt Lasek/Nix -14, 10, 21.

Day/Garner lost to Douglas/Miss K. Groves -8, 13, -19.

Miss C. Ellis/Miss D. Silk lost to Groves/St. Ledger -14, -14.

**Cheshire 2, Essex 8**

T. Burrows lost to D. Boulter -15, -12; lost to D. Iszatt -16, 21, -17.

J. McNeen bt M. Bawden -20, 18, 14; lost to Boulter -13, -21.

J. Hook lost to Iszatt -15, -13; lost to Bawden -20, -13.

Miss P. Allen lost to Miss G. Taylor -10, -19.

Burrows/McNee bt Bawden/Boulter 17, 9.

Hook/Miss J. Truman lost to A. Bawden/Miss E. Tarten -12, -13.

Allen/Truman lost to Tarten/Taylor -17, -14.

**Lancashire 3, Middlesex 7**

N. Hallows lost to A. Barden -8, -19; lost to D. Tan -18, -15.

D. Parker bt M. Mitchell 16, 13; bt Barden 17, 20.

M. Hoy lost to Tan -15, -14; lost to Mitchell -7, -13.

Miss B. Williams lost to Miss J. Hartwell -17, -12.

Hallows/Parker lost to Mitchell/Tan -17, 15, -10.

Hoy/Williams bt Barden/Miss M. Sangster 18, 20.

Miss S. Jackson/Miss S. Thompson lost to Hartwell/Sangster -7, -11.

**Yorkshire 5, Surrey 5**

R. Wiley lost to G. Walsh -22, 20, -19; bt D. Bangerter 11, 13.

D. Alderson bt S. Lyons 14, 10; bt Walsh 16, 19.

B. Alderson bt Bangerter -17, 11, 17; lost to Lyons -15, 19, -17.

Miss J. Walker lost to Miss L. Howard 20, -15, -12.

Alderson/Alderson lost to Bangerter/Walsh -15, 17, -19.

Wiley/Walker bt Lyons/Miss N. Leslie -12, 12, 17.

Miss M. Ludi/Miss K. Wilson lost to Howard/Leslie -5, -17.

**Essex 4, Lancashire 6**

M. Bawden lost to Parker -11, -10; bt Hoy 14, 20.

Boulter lost to Hallows -16, -14; lost to Parker -17, -15.

A. Abbott lost to Hoy 18, -12, -18; bt Hallows 23, -20, 18.

Taylor lost to Williams -22, 21, -16. Iszatt/D. Newman lost to Hallows/Parker -10, -17.

A. Bawden/Tarten bt G. Young/Williams 18, 14.

Miss C. Stonell/Tarten bt Jackson/Thompson 12, 13.

**Middlesex 9, Cheshire 1**

Mitchell bt McNee 13, 14; bt G. Jackson 6, 20.

Barden bt Burrows 23, 16; bt McNee 17, 17.

Tan bt Jackson -26, 10, 8; bt Burrows 7, 18.

Hartwell bt Allen 9, 18.

Mitchell/Tan lost to Burrows/McNee -17, -20.

Barden/Hartwell bt Jackson/Truman 6, 15.

A. Mitchell/Sangster bt Allen/Truman 20, 18.

**Surrey 5, Warwickshire 5**

Lyons lost to Douglas 20, -13, -7; bt Lasek 20, 13.

Walsh bt Nix 14, 17; lost to Douglas -18, -8.

Bangerter lost to Lasek -18, -20; lost to Nix -12, -20.

Howard bt St. Ledger 12, -18, 16.

Bangerter/Walsh bt Lasek/Nix 21, -16, 16.

Lyons/Leslie lost to Douglas/Groves 17, -7, -10.

Howard/Leslie bt Groves/St. Ledger 12, -18, 16.

**Yorkshire 10, Cambridgeshire 0**

Wiley bt Day 15, 9; bt Richardson 14, 10.

D. Alderson bt Willis 17, 6; bt Day -13, 8, 14.

P. Ward bt Richardson 16, 15; bt Willis 7, 11.

Walker bt Garner 12, 4.

D. Alderson/Ward bt Richardson/Willis 13, 20.

Wiley/Walker bt Day/Garner 21, 20. J. McLean/Wilson bt Ellis/Silk 16, 15.

**Essex 3, Yorkshire 7**

P. Hunt lost to D. Alderson -14, -13; lost to Ward -15, -16.

Boulter lost to Wiley -15, -19; lost to Alderson -13, -11.

M. Bawden lost to Ward -16, -11; lost to Wiley -19, -10.

Tarten bt Walker 19, -20, 11.

M. Bawden/Hunt lost to D. Alderson/Ward -18, 19, -9.

A. Bawden/Taylor bt Wiley/Walker 18, -18, 13.

Tarten/Taylor bt McLean/Wilson -15, 20, 16.

**Lancashire 4, Cambridgeshire 6**

Hallows lost to Day -11, -18; lost to Richardson -15, -11.

Parker bt Willis 9, 9; lost to Day 19, -13, -17.

Hoy lost to Richardson -12, -16; bt Willis 18, 12.

Williams bt Garner 12, 18.

Hallows/Parker bt Richardson/Willis 16, 17.

Young/Williams lost to Day/Garner -13, -10.

Jackson/Thompson lost to Ellis/Silk -18, 19, -18.

**Middlesex 4, Warwickshire 6**

Mitchell lost to Douglas -16, -18; bt Lasek -16, 13, 9.

Barden bt Nix 16, 10; lost to Douglas -15, -20;

Tan lost to Lasek -16, -18; lost to Nix 16, -16, -24.

Hartwell bt St. Ledger -16, 18, 20.

Barden/Tan bt Lasek/Nix -18, 15, 8.

Mitchell/Hartwell lost to Douglas/Groves -16, 19, -14.

J. Campion/A. Mitchell lost to Groves/St. Ledger -12, -17.

**Surrey 7, Cheshire 3**

Lyons lost to McNee -9, -17; bt G. Jackson w.o.

Walsh bt Burrows 17, 10; lost to McNee 16, -18, -9.

M. Crimmins bt Jackson 15, -20, 16; bt Burrows 20, 21.

Howard bt Truman 7, 9.

Bangerter/Walsh lost to Burrows/McNee 15, -10, -16.

Bangerter/Leslie w.o. Jackson/Allen.

Howard/Leslie bt Allen/Truman -10, 18, 16.

**Cambridgeshire 6, Cheshire 4**

Willis lost to McNee -9, -17; lost to Hook -19, -18.

Day bt Burrows 14, 5; bt McNee 21, 14.

Richardson bt Hook 14, -15, 13; lost to Burrows -19, -16.

Garner bt Allen -13, 19, 20.

Richardson/Willis bt Burrows/McNee -20, 14, 22.

Day/Garner bt Hook/Truman -20, 18, 13.

Ellis/Silk lost to Allen/Truman -9, -17.

**Surrey 8, Lancashire 2**

Lyons lost to Parker -13, -13; bt Hoy 12, 18.

Walsh bt Hallows 20, 16; lost to Parker -10, -11.

Bangerter bt Hoy 13, 15; bt Hallows 18, 8.

Howard bt Williams 8, 11.

Bangerter/Walsh bt Hallows/Parker -19, 18, 22.

Lyons/S. Tame bt Young/Williams 15, 18.

Howard/Tame bt Jackson/Thompson 7, 12.

**Yorkshire 6, Middlesex 4**

Wiley bt Barden 13, 19; lost to Tan -19, -14.

D. Alderson lost to Mitchell -14, -19; bt Barden 19, 17.

Ward bt Tan 18, 19; lost to Mitchell -12, -11.

Walker bt Hartwell 19, 12.

D. Alderson/Ward bt Barden/Tan -14, 18, 18.

Wiley/Walker lost to Mitchell/Hartwell -15, -15.

McLean/Wilson bt Campion/A. Mitchell 18, 11.

**Warwickshire 7, Essex 3**

Nix bt Boulter 19, 13; bt A. Bawden 19, -12, 14.

Douglas bt Hunt 13, 11; bt Boulter 13, 15.

Lasek lost to Bawden -14, -12; lost to Hunt -15, -18.

St. Ledger bt C. Stonnell 16, 18.

Lasek/Nix bt Iszatt/D. Newman 20, 19.

Douglas/Groves bt A. Abbott/Stonell 11, 13.

Groves/St. Ledger lost to Tarten/Taylor -14, -19.

**DURHAM NOTES**

by Fred Inch

**BRIGHT FUTURE**

Congratulations to Framwellgate Moor Comprehensive School who go forward to the E.S.T.T.A. Regional Finals after becoming Durham County Schools' Champions.

The team, comprising P. Flowers, K. Crossling, I. Nalyan and C. Hunt, has an average of 14. In winning the U-19 championship, all credit is due to Mr. Pearson, teacher and coach, whose perseverance will ensure even greater results in the future.

Players with 100% records in County Durham Inter-League matches are:—

Division 1—P. Gillespie (Sunderland), M. Corring (Stockton) and J. Armstrong and C. Eltringham (Philadelphia).

Division 2—C. Neath (Sunderland) and E. Minto (Philadelphia).

Boys—M. Sowerby and N. Stark (Aycliffe), P. Edon and S. Hosking (Stockton).

Women—Nil.

Girls—C. Walker (Philadelphia).

Leading positions:—

Division 1	P	W	L	Pts
Philadelphia .....	6	6	0	17
South Shields .....	7	5	2	16
Stockton .....	5	5	0	15
Sunderland .....	4	4	0	11

Division 2	P	W	L	Pts
Philadelphia .....	6	6	0	18
Sunderland .....	4	4	0	11
Hartlepool .....	5	3	2	9
South Shields .....	4	3	1	7

Boys'	P	W	L	Pts
Aycliffe .....	5	5	0	15
Sunderland .....	7	5	2	15
Stockton "A" .....	4	4	0	12
Philadelphia "A" .....	6	4	2	12
Murton "A" .....	4	4	0	11

Women	P	W	L	Pts
Philadelphia .....	5	5	0	15
Tyne Dock .....	6	4	2	11
Sunderland .....	4	3	1	8
Bishop Auckland .....	6	2	4	7

Girls'	P	W	L	Pts
Murton .....	3	2	1	4
Philadelphia "A" .....	2	2	0	4
Sunderland .....	2	1	1	2

# County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

## CHESTER BACK FOR ESSEX

It may be many years since this stage of the season has seen Middlesex languishing in 6th place of the Premier Division (and that only by virtue of a slightly better set average!) but more probable that they have never been so low.

There seems little sign of panic in that camp, however, as they still have the two teams below them to meet. Warwickshire may never have been as high as now, although their 2nd placing is a little flattering as Yorkshire have two matches in hand.

Surrey continue to do well at all levels, leading in both Premier and 2nd South, 2nd (final placing) in Junior Premier, and likely to pick up half a dozen more points in Junior South to take the title should Hampshire slip.

If Bucks. are in a position to challenge for promotion to the Premier it will be interesting to see if they will again decline: Glamorgan and Lancashire are nicely placed in their divisions but 2nd Midland and 2nd West still have a long way to go.

Some thoughts on Loughborough, and conversations with some of the officials involved lead to the conclusion that a two-weekend Junior Premier should ideally not tie-in with the Junior Closed, but that if such a link is to be made the 'Closed' should be on the Sunday and not sandwiched between CTC matches. Most Counties felt under an obligation to accommodate their players for two nights—"a 1 match Friday, 3 Saturday" arrangement would make it possible for most to return on the Saturday if their players were not in the 'Closed'. Additionally, this season's arrangement did not take into account "foreigners": poor John McNee was ineligible for the 'Closed' and had a wasted Saturday, and should Glamorgan return to the top flight next season the whole of their team would be similarly placed.

## PREMIER

### Kent 2, Essex 7

A. Piddock lost to C. Barnes 19, -19, -12; lost to D. Brown -21, -16.  
C. Morris lost to Barnes -16, -14; bt S. Gibbs 14, 19.  
A. Mitchell lost to Brown -15, -20; bt Gibbs -16, 11, 15.  
H. Buist/Piddock lost to Brown/Gibbs 19, -15, -14.  
Mrs. J. Ellis lost to Mrs. L. Radford -16, -13.  
Morris/Ellis lost to Barnes/Radford -15, -18.

The re-instated Chester Barnes still clearly far from his best or fittest, but just good enough. A disappointing result for Kent, with just two singles recorded over Stuart Gibbs. When last did Barnes play XD for his County? My records go back to 1964-5 and he had not in that period!

### Sussex 2, Surrey 7

P. Williams lost to C. Warren -11, -16; bt R. Chandler -19, 17, 19.  
S. Ogundipe lost to Warren -16, -21; lost to G. Chapman 10, -10, -18.

J. Clarke lost to Chandler -19, -18; lost to Chapman -10, 17, -7.  
Clarke/Williams lost to Chandler/Warren -18, -20.

Miss J. Williams bt Miss L. Howard -19, 23, 14.

Ogundipe/Williams lost to B. Hill/Howard -7, -16.

### Warwickshire 6, Cheshire 3

B. Burn bt M. Johns 16, 20; bt S. Heaps -17, 14, 9.

D. Munt lost to Johns 19, -17, -13; bt D. Schofield 21, 22.

D. Douglas bt Heaps 11, 22; bt Schofield 19, -13, 17.

Burn/Douglas bt Johns/Heaps 19, 19.  
Miss J. Cornock lost to Mrs. D. Schofield 19, -16, -10.

P. Judd/Cornock lost to Schofield/Schofield 3, -19, -20.

Probably the best performance by Brian Burn in Warwick's colours, and impressive displays too from Derek Munt (although beaten by Mike Johns) and the still improving Des Douglas. Half the games ended at 19 or closer in a good evening's play between sporting teams and before a large appreciative audience.

### Yorkshire 6, Middlesex 3

D. Neale bt O. Haslam 17, 12; bt M. Sugden 14, 19.

N. Jarvis bt Haslam 17, 12; bt L. Landry 11, 18.

J. Walker lost to Sugden 17, -15, -15; bt Landry 15, -17, 19.

Neale/Walker bt Haslam/Landry 21, 10.

Miss J. Walker lost to Mrs. K. Mathews -17, -17.

Jarvis/Walker lost to Sugden/Mathews -19, -9.

Nothing but praise for all players on both sides for a splendid match—packed house at Harrogate. Denis Neale and Karenza Mathews both first class and the remainder only a little way behind them.

## 2nd SOUTH

### Buckinghamshire 9, Berkshire 1

### Kent II 5, Hampshire 5

### Surrey II 6, Sussex II 4

Evenly contested, with Surrey having the edge. Emil Emez must have taken great delight in his two MS from players much younger than himself and because of whose selection he transferred to Sussex! Nicolette Leslie saved the day for Surrey in XD.

## 2nd NORTH

### Durham 1, Yorkshire II 9

The best set here was WS where Linda Sutton let slip a 20-15 lead in 1st game and stood at 19-all in 3rd before winning -23, 14, 19. Yorkshire's spin service played an all-important part in their victory.

### Lancashire 7, Lincolnshire 3

A busy day for Wally Allanson who followed 2 x MS + XD in the 2nd team match with 2 x MS on first team debut. Donald Parker also in sparkling form, but Jim Clegg (brought in for both doubles) did not show up well.

### Northumberland 5, Cheshire II 5

Northd fought back from 2-4 to 5-4 but had to settle for a draw. Peter Hoyles impressed (he beat Brian

Kean 15, -18, 7) as did visiting Phil Mayman who won 2 x MS including the vital 10th set (v. Alan Jones -20, 18, 17). Janice Green knew just enough to account for Barbara Kearney 19, -12, 19.

## 2nd MIDLAND

### Derbyshire v. Staffordshire—

postponed

### Nottinghamshire 6, Gloucestershire 4

### Leicestershire 5, Warwickshire II 5

What is now becoming the old story—Paul Randell and the girls (Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers) winning, and precious little else.

## 2nd EAST

### Cambridgeshire 8, Norfolk 2

The hitherto disappointing Michael Harper came good here impressively winning both MS and MD, all in straight games. Every other set went the distance, with two '19 in the 3rd' victories for Norfolk's successes (Mike Musson over Ken Muhr, and Betty Cassell and Edna Fletcher in WD).

### Middlesex II 6, Hertfordshire 4

Herts. recovered well from 1-5 and only a cool performance by Andy Barden gave Middlesex their second point. Poor Barbara Peters—she lost WS and WD both at -20 in 3rd!

### Bedfordshire 5, Essex II 5

Never a dull moment and a superb match: the whole of the Beds. team deserve "A" for effort. Everyone exhausted after the final set when Paul Harmer beat David Bowles 19, -20, 20 for a point.

## 2nd WEST

### Glamorgan 8, Dorset 2

### Somerset 9, Cornwall 1

### Wiltshire 5, Devon 5

## SOUTHERN

### Hertfordshire II 5, Essex III 5

A fair result to an even match. Colin Jackson on debut for Herts. won 2 x MS.

### Oxfordshire 3, Berkshire II 7

## NORTHERN

### Cheshire III 8, Northumberland II 2

A "double first" for Cheshire, with John McNee picking up both his MS for first (senior) time, and the home girls also recording a maximum. Nice to see the full scores of all matches, and not just the Premier? But does anybody read what appears in these notes anyway? And think of the space!

### Cumberland 3, Durham II 7

### Lancashire II 8, Derbyshire II 2

Carol Downer's 15, -18, 24 win over Barbara Kirkman the visitors first win, and their second notched by Neil Marples 10, 16 over Colin Lang. Lancs. allowed nothing else to escape them.

## MIDLAND

### Worcestershire II 5, Monmouthshire 5.

Following MD won from 18-20 in 3rd, and good WS win for Janet Hunt, Worcs. led 4-2. The visitors took the next 3 (all in 3 games) and Brian Jarvis had to hang on for a point at the end. John Mansfield inspired the visitors—he was unbeaten—and Mike Sykes had a promising debut for Worces.

### Staffordshire II 6, Glamorgan II 4.

## EASTERN

### Norfolk II 5, Cambridgeshire II 5.

A fine, unbeaten debut for Mick Broughton.

### Suffolk 9, Huntingdonshire 1.

## JUNIOR SOUTH

### Berkshire 8, Buckinghamshire 2.

### Hampshire 10, Oxfordshire 0.

Hants. outclassed Oxon, who deserve credit for continuing to fight against odds.

### Kent 8, Hertfordshire II 2

### Sussex 4, Surrey II 6

A very close, tense game from which only Susan Tame emerged unbeaten. Two BS wins for Max Crammins, including one at 22, -12, 10 over Gerald Pugh, 7 sets went the distance, and a result which makes the division very interesting.

## JUNIOR NORTH

### Northumberland 7, Cheshire II 3

The hosts' stronger girls gave them this victory, and Andrew Clark also looked very useful. First BS win for Glen McCardle.

### Westmorland v. Cumberland

postponed

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

### Lincolnshire v. Northamptonshire

This match at present the subject of a complaint.

### Nottinghamshire v. Warwickshire II

postponed

### Staffordshire 1, Leicestershire 9

Staffs. only success in GD, but Anita Stevenson had to work hard to beat Gail Round -16, 7, 15: she was 4-9 down in 3rd before really being able to pull away.

## JUNIOR EAST

### Essex II 7, Huntingdonshire 3

Hunts. do not have the depth of talent to be able to afford the release of players like Belinda Chamberlain. Essex are more happily placed and successfully introduced some youngsters. 1-2 down, the girls quickly levelled and their strength decisive. Two good wins for Tim Speller and one for Barbara Berna kept the Essex boys to one BS each.

### Essex II 7, Hertfordshire 3

Some very good players on both sides—Essex average age under 14! Again their girls too powerful, and Leslie Eadie's victory -19, 20, 16 over Richard Jermyn in a great game virtually settled the issue. The Herts. boys got one each.

### Norfolk 0, Suffolk 10

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