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## PACKAGE DEAL

There are still some leagues, not particularly isolated from the established centres, whose interests, if not wholly parochial, are still very much self-centred and in no way harnessed to the national body other than by the payment of an affiliation fee in respect of their member clubs.

This is a type of administration which, although commendable in many ways, still falls short of total fulfilment.

Such shortcomings become most evident in the standard of play achieved. Youth, in particular, needs the challenge of far-reaching competition which provides an outlet for the aggressiveness of the young and for their natural desire to excel.

But big fish in little seas will do nothing to improve our national standing if we are to keep pace with the progressiveness of other countries who, justifiably, take pride in their national and international achievements.

Today's top-liners all had their roots at club level and progressed because of opportunities provided by clubs and leagues whose constant aim is the provision of more distant targets than in purely domestic competitions.

Such targets, in recent years, have become more numerous, and provide greater incentives as evidenced by the feats of the Ormesby club upon Teesside.

Involvement is surely a natural progression and rather than pose the question "what do we get from our fees to the E.T.T.A.?", why not take advantage of all that is on offer—a far from inconsiderable package!

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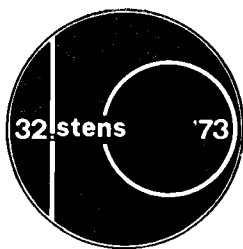
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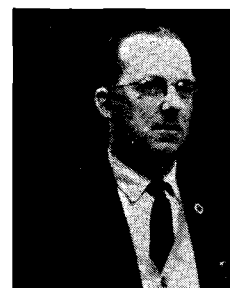
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# On the International Front

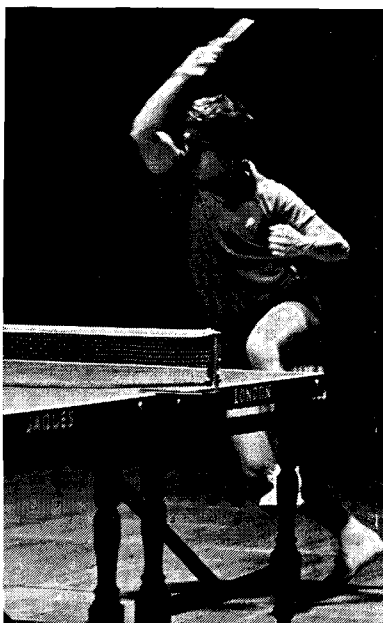
by George R. Yates



## Title retention for Johansson in Boras — Revenge for Jonyer in Paris

Competitors in the 15th Scandinavian Open played in Boras, Sweden over the period of Nov. 24-26, were welcomed by Tore G. Warenstam, Chairman of the Commun Council, as the town was celebrating its 350th Anniversary.

Attracting one of the strongest entries ever to assemble outside a World Championships, the tournament provided a veritable feast of exciting and spectacular table tennis. The only dismal note was Japan's withdrawal of their former world champion, Shigio Itoh, together with Mitsuru Kohno and Norio Takashima from the men's events and Sachiko Yokota and Riyoko Tasake from the women's for reasons which were obscure.



Czechoslovakia's Milan Orlowski undefeated in the men's team event in Boras up to the final against Yugoslavia.

Photo by Tony Ross

Play began with the team events, played on Corbillon Cup lines, with England called upon to face a much-improved North Korean side in the first round. In a very close struggle, which went to the limit, the Asians got home 3-2, England's wins coming from Denis Neale, who beat Kim Chang-Ho 17, -11, 17, and in the doubles with a win for Neale and "Les" Haslam over Kim Chang-Ho partnered by Yun Chuk.

Yun Chuk had 2-straight wins in both his singles, his second, over Haslam, sealing England's fate in the final set. By coincidence, England's women were also drawn against North Korea in their first round match, and went down 0-3 although two of the

sets went to a deciding game. In the first, Jill Hammersley lost to O Yeung Suk 8, -15, -21, and, with Karenza Mathews in the doubles, England's pair lost 17, -20, -13.

## ORLOWSKI UNBEATEN

In the men's team event, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia provided the surprises, the former, after nearly losing to England's conquerors, crushing China 3-1 to reach the final. The Czech team, of Milan Orlowski and Jaroslav Kunz, raced through in the bottom half of the draw leaving in their wake Norway, Sweden and Japan, with Orlowski unbeaten.

Not so in the final, however, which deservedly went to Yugoslavia 3-1 the scores being:—Surbek bt Orlowski 16, -12, 23; Stipancic bt Kunz 19, 11; Stipancic/Surbek lost to Orlowski/Turai -20, -18; Stipancic bt Orlowski -19, 16, 10.

The women's final was contested by China and Czechoslovakia with the former coming back from 0-1 to win 3-1 the scores being:—Lin Mei-chun lost to Polackova -17, -15; Chin Pao-chin bt Vostova 18, 21; Chin Pao-chin/Lin Mei-chun bt Polackova/Vostova 9, 15; Lin Mei-chun bt Vostova -11, 9, 15. Both finals were closely fought, but only the men's gathered any excitement.

As reported by Les Gresswell, the battle between East and West was continued in the individual events and, in the men's singles, Kjell Johansson finally triumphed with victory over China's Yu Yi-tse to retain his title, last won in Gothenburg with a 3-2 win over Tiao Wen-yuan, also of China.

There was very little topspin in the final encounter, only hit and counter-hit with the rallies being extremely fast and the success of Johansson was based on courage, for in the last game he managed only two forehand smashes.

## WHIRLWIND ATTACK

Early shocks was the 3-0 defeat inflicted on Istvan Jonyer by China's Hsu Shao-fa, Dragutin Surbek out to Gabor Gergely 3-1, and Neale going down 2-3 to the whirlwind attack of Kim Chang Ho, Reigning world champion, Bengtsson, was ousted by French "ace" Jacques Secretin, 24-22 in the fifth!

Japan's former world champion, Nobuhiko Hasegawa, fought back from 0-2 to beat Tiao Wen-yuan, but 'blew up' in the semis against Johansson. Haslam lost to Sweden's Bengt Levin 1-3 in the first round.

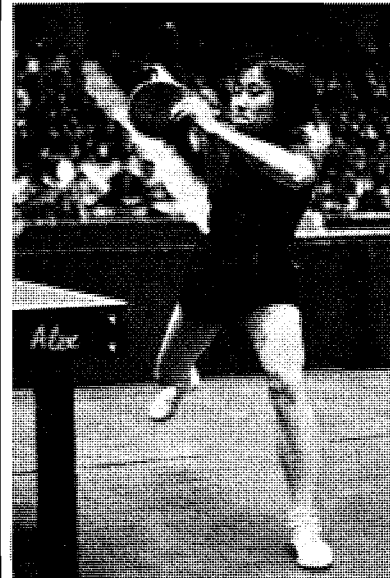
Both English girls lost to the eventual finalists from South Korea, whose women have improved tremendously and must now rank amongst the world's best. Ailesa Lee had too much topspin for Jill Hammersley, while the cast iron defence of Hyon Sook Chung did not give to Karenza Mathews.

Ailesa Lee won an excellent final over her compatriot but the big shock in this event was the defeat of Zoya Rudnova, of Russia, by Cha Kyung-Mi of North Korea.

## LITTLE BETTER

England's representatives fared a little better in the doubles when Neale and Haslam had a good win over the Swedes, Bo Persson and Ingemar Vikström, but then lost an exciting second round match to Stipancic/Surbek 1-3. The title went to Russia's Stanislav Gomozkov and Sarkis Sarkhojan.

The mixed brought Haslam and Mrs. Hammersley up against Hasegawa/Tatsuko Abe of Japan who won 3-1. Neale and Mrs. Mathews had an excellent opening win over Gergely/Beatrix Kishazi (Hungary) but, without having any of the 'breaks', lost to Tokio Tasaka/Tomie Edano, of Japan, the eventual finalists, who were beaten by Istvan Jonyer and Judit Magos of Hungary.



Chang Li (China) losing finalist in the women's singles in the French Open.

In the women's doubles, the Anglo-Hungarian pairing of Hammersley/Kishazi reached the semis before losing to the event winners Ailesa Lee/Mi Ra Park. Karenza Mathews was paired with Kyung Ok Sim of South Korea and performed creditably losing, over four close games, to China's Chu Nai-chen/Feng Meng-ya.

## Cover Photograph

The Liverpool and District Table Tennis League's glamour girls who have all made representative appearances for their native Lancashire in the County Championships. From 1. to r. Kathleen Baxendale, Suzanne Manning, Brenda Williams and Barbara Kirkman.



Anton Stipancic and Maria Alexandru, victors in the mixed doubles in Paris.

Photo by Tony Ross

Last won by England's Peter Taylor, the junior boys' event was won, on this occasion, by the host country's **Ulf Thorsell** with final victory over Chang Li-wei of China. Beaten semi-finalists were Ake Grönlund (Sweden) and Pak Jung Shul (N. Korea).

The tournament was staged in the Borashallen, a very large Sports Hall with fluorescent lighting and plastic floor covering. Stiga tables and Halex balls were used.

#### FRENCH OPEN

##### KEEPING FAITH

Coincident with the Middlesex 3-Star Open, the **22nd French Open** championships were staged in the Stade Pierre de Coubertin, Paris from Dec. 3-5. The tournament, this season held in memory of Victor Barna, attracted entries from 15 countries other than France.

In keeping faith with undertakings in respect of 3-Star opens, England called on Tony Clayton and Mike Johns to make the trip accompanied by juniors Desmond Douglas, David Alderson and Paul Day. Brian Wright was the non-playing captain.

##### EARLY SHOCKS

As in the Scandinavian Open, team events started the proceedings and shock No. 1 occurred early in the men's event when China, the holders, after beating Italy 3-1, were beaten 3-0 by France. Secretin struck the first blow in defeating Ho Tsu-pin (18, -18, 19) and Jean-Denis Constant kept up the good work by accounting for Chou Lan-sun (-12, 21, 21).

Only one more set was needed, the doubles, in which the home pair came out winners 16, -15, 14 and France were through to the semis only to be beaten 3-0 by Hungary. In this latter engagement Jonyer beat Secretin (19, 17), Gergely beat Secretin (18, 13) and the Hungarians took the doubles at 13 and 15.

Sweden, represented by Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson, came through in the lower half of the draw beating Poland (3-0), England 1 (3-0) and Yugoslavia (3-1). In the final only one set needed a deciding game before **Sweden** triumphed 3-0 over Hungary. Final scores:—

Bengtsson bt Jonyer -14, 20, 12; Johansson bt Gergely 17, 22; Bengtsson/Johansson bt Gergely/Jonyer 10, 16.

England's first team of Tony Clayton and Mike Johns had the benefit of a first round bye before engaging Switzerland who had beaten Nigeria II 3-2. It was a match which England won comfortably with Johns beating Thomas Sadecky (10, 15), Clayton getting home (8, 23) against Erwin Heri, and the doubles taken two-straight (9, 7).

Just as comfortably, however, Sweden disposed of England's duo in the quarters with Bengtsson beating Johns (19, 9), Johansson a 19, 13 winner over Clayton, and the doubles going to the Swedes (12, 12).

England's second team, the juniors, began brightly with a 3-1 win over Nigeria I with the following scores:—Alderson bt Obisanya 10, 15; Douglas bt Fenuyi 11, 9; Alderson/Douglas lost to Fenuyi/Obisanya -10, 15, -12; Anderson bt Fenuyi 16, 10.

The brightness continued in the opening set of the second round match, against France, in which David Alderson took Constant to three before losing -13, 11, -10. Douglas then lost to Secretin -8, -10 and the Frenchmen took the doubles 18, 15 for a 3-0 result.

##### FINAL VICTORY

**China**, after beating Hungary (3-0) and Rumania (3-1), won the counterpart women's event with final victory over Russia by 3-1. Scores:—Chang Li bt S. Federova -19, 11, 16; Hu Yu-lan lost to E. Antonjan -10, -14; Chang Li/Hu Yu-lan bt Antonjan/Federova 12, -15, 10; Hu Yu-lan bt Federova 14, 16.

In the men's team event, the Soviet Union, represented by Gomozkov and Sarkhojan, suffered a shock 3-2 reverse when beaten by Sweden II. Persson and Vikström both recorded wins over Gomozkov whose only success was in the doubles. The Soviet's other win came from Sarkhojan who beat Vikström.

The line-up in the individual events was almost as strong as in Boras with Bengtsson, the reigning world champion, defending his title in the men's singles from the No. 1 seeded position. Hungary's **Jonyer** was seeded No. 2 and these were the two to come through to a repeat of the European men's singles final in Rotterdam.

It was a repeat in name only for the result was an utter reversal with

the Hungarian, who triumphed in 3-straight, never in any difficulty.

In the lower half of the draw, both Secretin and Surbek reached their seeded targets in the semi-finals but not so Orlowski and Gomozkov in the top half.

Orlowski was beaten in Rd. 3 by China's Kuo Chung-kung and the Soviet's No. 1 went under to Gergely.

##### LOST TO GOMOKOV

England's Johns, after beating Canada's sole representative, Adham Sharara (13, 13, 9) then lost to Gomozkov (-16, -14, -9). Similarly Clayton, who opened with a win over Denmark's Claus Biehl (8, 13, 15) was next seen off by Kunz (-11, -12, -15).

Paul Day, the Cambs. junior, made his debut under the big lights against Jean-Paul Weber (France) who won (20, 9, 15).

Alderson had a Rd. 1 win over Fenuyi (Nigeria) (18, 17, -14, 13) before losing to China's Kuo Chung-kung (-18, -18, -13). Again, in the first round, Douglas scored a win (16, 15, 12) over Marc Merlot (France) before losing to Persson, over five, (12, -24, 17, -18, -9). It was a brave effort from the Warwickshire boy who only lost his hold in the fifth and deciding game.

England had no representatives in the women's events, the singles being won by China's **Hu Yu-lan** over her compatriot, Chang Li, and the doubles by Hungary's **Magos** and **Anna Molnar**

over Maria Alexandru and Carmen Crisan of Rumania.

Hungary's Beatrix Kishazi was the only European to reach the semi-final stage of the women's singles for both Magos and Alexandru were ousted by Chinese players.

##### FIRST HURDLE

In the men's doubles, our top pair of Clayton and Johns, beat the French combine of Jean-Claude Decret and Philippe Molodtsov (17, 10, 12) before falling to Hungary's Matyas Beleznai and Istvan Korpa (Yugoslavia). Scores: 17, -16, -19, -13.

Douglas and Alderson fell at the first hurdle when beaten by Secretin and Jean-Louis Walczak, strong opponents to meet in the first round! Day, paired with Denmark's Biehl, opened with a win over Jean-Pierre Charlet/Merlot (15, 15, 10) only to meet the beaten finalists, Stipancic/Surbek in Rd. 2. The Yugoslavs won 16, 17, -19, 17, by no means in a canter.

Sweden's **Bengtsson/Johansson** were the event winners but, in the mixed, Persson and Birgitta Radberg of Sweden were beaten by **Stipancic** partnered by **Maria Alexandru**. England were not represented in this latter event.

##### SCANDINAVIAN OPEN

Men's Singles: Round 3:

J. Secretin (Fr) bt S. Bengtsson (Sw) 9, -13, -15, 18, 22;  
Yu Yi-tse (Ch) bt T. Tasaka (Ja) 10, 16, 13;  
M. Karakanev (Yu) bt I. Vikström (Sw) 23, 15, -19, 19;

## International Front cont.

Hsu Shao-fa (Ch) bt S Gomozkov (USSR) 14, 5, -18, 13;  
K. Johansson (Sw) bt S. Sarkhojan (USSR) -18, 17, -17, 12, 17;  
Wang Wen-hua (Ch) bt Chong Yun Hong (S. Korea) 15, -20, 19, 12;  
Tiao Wen-yuan (Ch) bt A. Strokotov (USSR) 16, 14, -24, -19, 8;  
N. Hasegawa (Ja) bt M. Beleznaï (Hu) 15, -18, 14, 14.

### Quarter-finals:

Hu Yi-tse bt Secretin 10, 19, 14;  
Hsu Shao-fa bt Karakasevic 19, 10, 11;  
Johansson bt Wang Wen-hua 15, 18, -20, 18;  
Hasegawa bt Tia Wen-yuan -17, -18, 15, 21, 16.

### Semi-finals:

YU YI-TSE bt Hsu Shao-fa 19, -18, 11, 13;  
JOHANSSON bt Hasegawa 16, -18, 14, 4.

### Final:

JOHANSSON bt Yu Yi-tse -18, 18, 16, 19.

### Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

Ailesa Lee (S. Korea) bt Cha Kyung-Mi (N. Korea) 12, 13, 17;  
Feng Meng-ya (Ch) bt In Sook Na (S. Korea) 11, 18, 15;

I. Vostova (Cz) bt Mi Ra Park (S. Korea) 18, 14, 14;

Hyun Sook Chung (S. Korea) bt B. Kishazi (Hu) 13, 9, 10.

### Semi-finals:

AILESA LEE bt Feng Meng-ya 14, 16, 15;  
HYUN SOOK CHUNG bt Vostova 12, 15, 10.

### Final:

AILESA LEE bt Hyun Sook Chung -15, 16, 10, 18.

### Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Gomozkov/Sarkhojan bt Hasegawa/Tasaka 20, 13, 13;

Tiao Wen-yuan/Yu Yi-tse bt A. Stipanovic/D. Surbek (Yu) 21, -16, 16, -8, 9.

M. Orlowski/J. Turai (Cz) bt T. Andersson/B. Neider (Sw) 13, -18, -18, 10, 15;

Bengtsson/Johansson bt Kim Chang Ho/Pak Jung Shul (N. Korea) 7, 10, 16.

### Semi-finals:

GOMOZKOV/SARKHOJAN bt Tiao Wen-yuan 18, 17, 17;

BENGTTSSON/JOHANSSON bt Orlowski/Turai 17, 15, 12.

**Final:**  
GOMOZKOV/SARKHOJAN bt Bengtsson/Johansson 14, 17, -22, 14.

### Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Chiu Pao-chin/Lin Mei-chun (Ch) bt M. Polackova (Cz)/Vostova -12, 12, 14, 20;

Ailesa Lee/Mi Ra Park bt J. Hammersley (Eng)/Kishazi -20, 12, 15, 18.

### Final:

AILESA LEE/MI RA PARK bt Chiu Pao-chin/Lin Mei-chun 15, 19, 16.

### Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Hasegawa/T. Abe (Ja) bt Gomozkov/Z. Rudnova (USSR) 15, -19, -15, 15, 15;

I. Jonyer/J. Magos (Hu) bt J. Kunz (Cz)/Polackova 16, 15, 19;

Hsu Shao-fa/Lin Mei-chun bt Orlowski/Vostova 15, -10, 10, 15;

Tasaka/T. Edano (Ja) bt B. Persson/B. Radberg (Sw) -12, 15, -19, 14, 13.

### Semi-finals:

JONYER/MAGOS bt Hasegawa/Abe -16, -18, 12, 17, 16;

TASAKA/EDANO bt Hsu Shao-fa/Lin Mei-chun 16, 17, 19.

### Final:

JONYER/MAGOS bt Tasaka/Edano -10, 15, 14, 16.

### Junior Boys' Singles: Final:

U. THORSELL (Sw) bt Chang Li-Wei (Ch) 13, -15, 19

### Men's Team Final:

YUGOSLAVIA bt Czechoslovakia 3-1.

Surbek bt Orlowski 16, -12, 23.

Stipanovic bt Kunz 19, 11.

Orlowski/Turai bt Stipanovic/Surbek 20, 18.

Stipanovic bt Orlowski -19, 16, 10.

### Semi-finals:

Yugoslavia bt China 3-1;

Czechoslovakia bt Japan 3-1.

### Women's Team Final:

CHINA bt Czechoslovakia 3-1.

Lin Mei-chun lost to Polackova -17, -15.

Chiu Pao-chin bt Vostova 18, 21.

Chiu Pao-chin/Lin Mei-chun bt Polackova/Vostova 9, 15.

Lin Mei-chun bt Vostova -11, 9, 15.

### Semi-finals:

Czechoslovakia bt Japan 3-1;

China bt S. Korea 3-2.

## FRENCH OPEN

### Men's Singles: Round 3:

S. Bengtsson (Sw) bt B. Obisanya (Ni) 10, 8, 8;

Kuo Chung-kung (Ch) bt M. Orlowski (Cz) 18, -20, 16, 18;

G. Gergely (Hu) bt S. Gomozkov (USSR) -16, 18, 18, 19;

A. Stipanovic (Yu) bt Chou Lan-sun (Ch) 17, -6, 12, 12;

K. Johansson (Sw) bt J. Kunz (Cz) 10, 19, 22;

J. Secretin (Fr) bt Ho Tsu-pin (Ch) 18, -14, -14, 17, 12;

D. Surbek (Yu) bt S. Sarkhojan (USSR) 15, -14, -14, 11, 19;

I. Jonyer (Hu) bt B. Persson (Sw) -18, 19, 9, 17.

### Quarter-finals:

Bengtsson bt Kuo Chung-kung 17, 12, 19;

Stipanovic bt Gergely -18, 14, 19, -19, 18;

Johansson bt Secretin 8, -15, 19, 17;

Jonyer bt Surbek 12, 15, 14.

### Semi-finals:

BENGTTSSON bt Stipanovic 13, -18, 15, 18;

JONYER bt Johansson 17, 16, 19.

### Final:

JONYER bt Bengtsson 18, 14, 14.

### Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

B. Kishazi (Hu) bt S. Federova (USSR) 18, -25, 20, -15, 21;

Hu Yu-lan (Ch) bt C. Bergeret (Fr) 12, 14, 13;

Sui Cheng-ying (Ch) bt J. Magos (Hu) -16, 10, 14, 16;

Chang Li (Ch) bt M. Alexandru (Ru) -14, 16, -17, 17, 14.

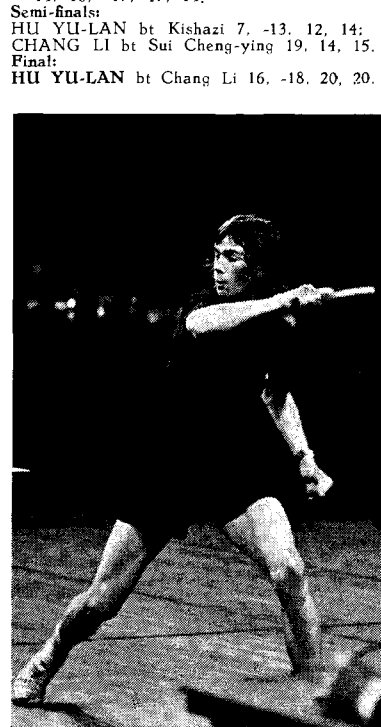
### Semi-finals:

HU YU-LAN bt Kishazi 7, -13, 12, 14;

CHANG LI bt Sui Cheng-ying 19, 14, 15.

### Final:

HU YU-LAN bt Chang Li 16, -18, 20, 20.



David Alderson (England) beaten by China's Kuo Chung-kung in the French Open.

Photo by Tony Ross

### Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Bengtsson/Johansson bt P. Czochanski/S. Fraczek (Po) 12, 16, 18;

Gomozkov/Sarkhojan bt Gergely/Jonyer 15, 19, -12, 16;

Kunz/Orlowski bt M. Beleznaï (Hu)/I. Korpa (Yu) 14, 17, 18;

Stipanovic/Surbek bt Li Cho-min/Kuo Chung-kung 11, 11, 10.

### Semi-finals:

BENGTTSSON/JOHANSSON bt Gomozkov/Sarkhojan 19, 19, -18, 13;

STIPANIC/SURBEK bt Kunz/Orlowski 10, 15, 6.

### Final:

BENGTTSSON/JOHANSSON bt Stipanovic/Surbek 14, 11, 14.

### Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:

B. Silhanova/L. Smidova bt Chang Li/Hu Yu-lan 19, -11, 20, -9, 11;

Magos/A. Molnar (Hu) bt E. Antonjan (USSR)/Federova 25, 18, 12;

Alexandru/C. Crisan (Ru) bt Kim Jim Hi/Sung Nak So (S. Ko) 18, 16, 19;

L. Andersson/B. Radberg (Sw) bt Bergeret/B. Thiriet (Fr) 15, 16, 13.

### Semi-finals:

MAGOS/MOLNAR bt Silhanova/Smidova 19, -17, -18, 21, 17;

ALEXANDRU/CRISAN bt Andersson/Radberg 14, 19, 15.

### Final:

MAGOS/MOLNAR bt Alexandru/Crisan 8, 14, 19.

## Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Persson/Radberg bt Jonyer/Magos 9, 18, 12;

Chou Lan-sun/Chang Li bt Kunz/Smidova 18, 17, 15;

Ho Tsu-pin/Hu Yu-lan bt Bengtsson/Andersson 8, 18, -11, 18;

STIPANIC/ALEXANDRU bt C. Biehl (De)/Crisan 18, -15, 7, -19, 12.

### Semi-finals:

PERSSON/RADBERG bt Chou Lan-sun/Chang Li 15, 13, 18;

STIPANIC/ALEXANDRU bt Ho Tsu-pin/Hu Yu-lan 13, 13, 11.

### Final:

STIPANIC/ALEXANDRU bt Persson/Radberg 19, 16, 14.

### Men's Team Final:

SWEDEN 3 Hungary 0

Bengtsson bt Jonyer -14, 20, 12;

Johansson bt Gergely 17, 22;

Bengtsson/Johansson bt Gergely/Jonyer 10, 16.

### Semi-finals:

Hungary 3 France 0;

Sweden 3 Yugoslavia 1.

### Women's Team Final:

CHINA 3 USSR 1

Chang Li bt Federova -19, 11, 16;

Hu Yu-lan lost to Antonjan -10, -14;

Chang Li/Hu Yu-lan bt Antonjan/Federova 12, -15, 10.

Hu Yu-lan bt Federova 14, 16.

### Semi-finals:

China 3 Rumania 1;

USSR 3 Czechoslovakia 0.

## CARDIFF OPEN

Warwickshire's Derek Munt walked off with two major cash prizes at the Cardiff Open championships, played on Dec. 9, (writes H. Roy Evans) but Desmond Douglas made him work very hard in a final which saw the English junior take the first game.

Munt had previously beaten Simon Heaps who did not seem quite up to the form that brought him two Welsh tournament titles last season. Douglas had some hard battles, only getting home narrowly in the third against Welshman Johnny Mansfield and Leicester's Paul Randall.

Merseysiders, Bailey and Roberts, had a very good run in the men's doubles, but faded badly in the semi against George Evans and Ken Bull, who then went to three games before losing to the scratch pairing of Munt and Welshman Brian Everson.

Judy Heaps took the women's singles title against surprise finalist Mrs. Buick from Kent, who had some good wins. Judy took the other two titles when she won the mixed, with brother Simon, and women's with old campaigner Joyce Lloyd.

Again in the boys' singles Douglas had a hard run, against Walter Hussey in the semis, but had no trouble with Mike Owens in the final. Winner of the girls' event was Ann Wilson of Bridgewater, who must have been extremely surprised at the complete collapse of Lynda Jones, who took the first game easily. Results:—

### M.S. Semi-finals:

D. Douglas (Warwks) bt R. Bishop (Wales) 6, 19;

D. Munt (Warwks) bt S. Heaps (Ches) 14, 12.

### Final:

MUNT bt Douglas -17, 16, 16.

### W.S. Final:

J. HEAPS (Ches) bt R. Buick (Kent) 14, 19.

### M.D. Final:

B. EVERSON (Wales)/MUNT bt K. Bull/G. Evans (Wales) 18, -21, 13.

### W.D. Final:

HEAPS/J. LLOYD (Worcs.) bt Beer/Pickering 19, 15.

### B.S. Final:

DOUGLAS bt M. Owen (Wales) 5, 14.

### C.S. Final:

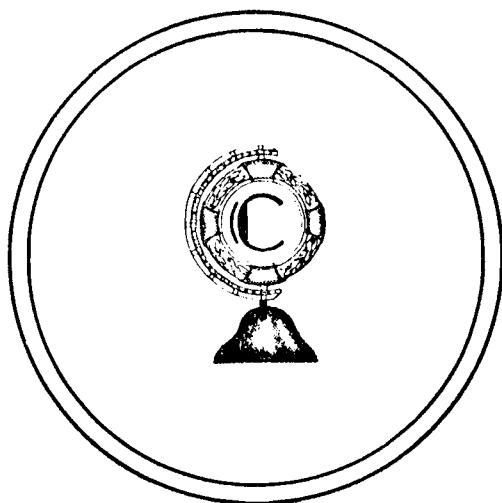
A. WILSON (Somerset) bt L. Jones (Wales) -8, 14, 13.

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## The Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Competitions

by Keith Ponting

### HOLDERS SAFELY THROUGH

With the season now in full swing the quest to reach the finals next May has started in earnest. All the four holders surmounted their first round obstacles with North Yorkshire, in the Wilmott Cup competition, being awarded a walk-over against Westmorland, Central London, in the Rose Bowl, North Yorkshire (Carter Cup) and Guildford (Bromley Trophy) all had comfortable wins with but one set lost between them. First round results:—

#### WILMOTT CUP

Stockton 9, Carlisle 0.  
Grimsby 2, Boston 7.  
N. Yorkshire w.o. Westmorland  
Hull 9, Wisbech 0.  
Chesterfield w.o. Grantham.  
Preston 8, Barrow 1.  
Blackpool 1, Huddersfield 5.  
Blackburn 3, Halifax 6.  
Burney 5, Bolton 4.  
Chester 3, Liverpool 6.  
Salford 1, Manchester 5.  
Stockport 5, Farnworth 1.  
Bury 2, Wirral 4.  
West Bromwich 1, Nottingham 5.  
Redditch 0, Leicester 6.  
Birmingham 5, Derby 1.  
Peterborough 3, Leamington 5.  
Norwich 9, Kings Lynn 0.  
Gt. Yarmouth 7, Bury St. Edmunds 2.  
Ely 7, Lowestoft 2.  
Beccles 9, Thetford 0.  
Bedford 2, Watford 7.  
Hunts Central 8, Kettering 1.  
Bletchley 2, Cheshunt 7.  
St. Neots 6, Northampton 3.  
Aylesbury 1, N. Herts 5.  
Oxford 6, Leighton Linlode 0.  
Caithern 5, Luton 4.  
St. Albans 0, Dunstable 5.  
East London 9, Chelmsford 0.  
Colchester 7, Cambridge 2.  
Haverhill 0, Southend 6.  
Harlow 7, Hertford 2.  
Basildon 2, Barnets 7.  
Ilford 2, Dagenham 5.  
Romford 9, Braintree 0.  
N. Middlesex 2, Barking 5.  
Acton 4, Willesden 5.  
London Banks 8, Insurance Offices 1.  
London B. H'ses 3, Cen. London 6.  
Wembley 5, London Civil Service 2.  
E. Grimstead w.o. Bromley.  
Worthing 5, Aldershot 4.  
Byfleet 1, Crawley 5.  
Eastbourne 3, Hastings 6.  
Brighton 2, Staines 6.  
High Wycombe 3, Reading 5.  
Bracknell 2, Maidenhead 5.  
Exeter 4, Cheltenham 5.

Stockton's Malcolm Corking, Peter Edon and John Alsop all recorded maximums against Carlisle as did Hull's Tony Clayton, Alan Fletcher and Clive Pollard in opposition to a plucky Wisbech side.

Brian Hill and Mike East were both unbeaten for Boston as were Donald Parker and Tony Rigby for Preston. 'Man of the Match' for Halifax was Keith Guy whose treble saw his team through against Blackburn. After trailing 1—4, Bolton fought back well to level the score but, in the final set, Arthur Hartshorn completed a

treble to see Burnley into the next round.

Three wins for Chester's Brian Johns counted for nought in the final reckoning as set against two wins each for Liverpool's George Smith, Peter D'Arcy and Wally Allanson. Bob Kelly won the first set for Farnworth, against Stockport, but the visitors, represented by Brian Kean, Nigel Eckersley and Philip Mayman, took the next five for victory.

Wirral, in their away tie against Bury, won the first two sets but a treble from Ted Foster plus two wins for Alan Walkden saw the Lancashire side home and dry.

At Peterborough, the home team let slip a 3—2 lead with H. Strasinskas obtaining a maximum for Leamington. For Birmingham, Paul Judd and Derek Munt scored two wins but Doug Foulds, for Derby, obtained a great win over Desmond Douglas.

Mike Musson, Chris Bensley and Stan Honor were all on target for Norwich, as was John Fuller, for Gt. Yarmouth, whose team-mates Wesley Haydock and Terry Darby both lost to Steve Bassett. Mick Palmer was unbeaten for Ely as were David Henderson, Simon Ball and Steven Howlett for Beccles.

Watford's team could well have been named "Seaholme" as this family made up the entire team. Stuart and Geoff won three each whilst David managed one against Bedford.

Barry White and Alan Lamprell were Cheshunt's star men, a tag that could also be applied to Geoff Major, Phil Norton and Lynn Jones of Dunstable. St. Neots got through Rd. 1 for the very first time, at the expense of Northampton, with Alan Albon in great form. Len Saywell had a good win over John Goodall, whilst Gordon Cockran's set with Dick Ingle went into expedite with the former getting home in the deciding game.

In an exciting match against Luton, Ivor Gough got Chiltern home with a win in the final set. D. Holden had a treble for the losers. London Business Houses and Central London were level at 3—all but then Central forged ahead with Firoz Nilam obtaining a treble. Neil Brierley and Graham Bassett were invincible for Harlow, as was Frank Chapple for Barnets.

Laurie Landry pulled Willesden through against Acton and, against the Civil Service, Wembley had Eric Coster mainly to thank. Both Sammy Ogundipe and Roger Chandler were unbeaten for Brighton as was John Barry, for Hastings.

David Welsman and Gordon Chapman had the 'edge' for Staines and so too did Sid Montgomery, of Maidenhead, who obtained a treble against Bracknell.

Exeter went down for the first time in the opening round, for many years, when beaten by Cheltenham whose David Harvey earned the cheers of his supporters for some fine play, especially against the Devon No. 1, Mike Rattue to who congratulations go on his recent wedding. Paddy Shepherd, from Essex, made his debut for Exeter and Bob Thornton, from Berkshire, greatly strengthened the visitors.

#### ROSE BOWL

Blackpool 1, Stockport 8.  
Northampton w.o. Redditch.

Leicester 5, Birmingham 3.  
Cambridge 4, Peterborough 5.  
Stowmarket 8, Norwich 1.  
Gt. Yarmouth 5, Ely 4.  
Thetford w.o. Lowestoft.  
Watford 3, Bedford 5.  
St. Albans 2, N. Herts 7.  
Leighton/Lins 2, St. Neots 7.  
High Wycombe 7, Hunts Central 2.  
Reading 5, Dunstable 1.  
Acton 6, London Banks 3.  
Wilkesden 5, Harlow 4.  
N. Middlesex w.o. Wembley.  
London C.S. 9, Braintree 0.  
Gravesend 0, Central London 9.  
Bromley 5, Maidstone 4.  
Dagenham 4, Barking 5.  
Colchester 6, London Bus. H'ses 3.  
Chelmsford 2, Southend 7.  
Eastbourne 4, Worthing 5.  
Brighton 4, Hastings 5.  
Guildford 6, Leatherhead 0.  
Basingstoke 6, Bracknell 3.  
Maidenhead 4, Newbury 5.

Stockport, last season's beaten finalists, began their renewed quest with a comfortable win. Diane Johnson and Susan Lisle were both unbeaten with Doreen Schofield losing to Dierdre Burnett, Blackpool's lone winner.

A brilliant maximum from 15-years-old Karen Rogers with two supporting sets from Anita Stevenson gave Leicester their victory over Birmingham's Di St. Ledger, "Andy" Jones and Doreen Hazzard.

Sally Hirst had a great maximum for Cambridge but it wasn't enough in the final analysis against Peterborough. Not so Edna Fletcher's efforts for Gt. Yarmouth in their win over Ely.

Two wins each for Anita Copperwheat, Barbara Hammond and Gail McCulloch got Bedford home against

Watford whose Barbara Peters recorded a treble in vain.

St. Albans won their first two sets against North Herts, but that was it! From then on Susan Felstead recorded a maximum and Sandra Harding and Daphne Baines shared the other four wins.

Betty Blanch was the player in form for Acton, but it was a three-pronged effort by London Civil Service whose Marie Know, Doris Moors and Linda Budd disposed of gallant Braintree.

Also on the receiving end of a 9—0 result were Gravesend who stood little chance against the holders, Central London, represented by Judy Williams, Shelagh Hession and Diane Court.

In a wonderful match against Maidstone, Bromley avenged their last season's defeat by winning 5—4 after trailing 3—4. Betty Bird was great for Maidstone but Joyce Reeves just got home, 19 in the third game of the final set, to give Bromley the spoils.

Linda Barrow (nee Henwood) and Pam Challis had maximums for Southend as did Suzanna Kavallierou for Worthing who brought off a great win over Eastbourne. Young Linda Wales supplied the other two wins for the victors.

Brighton and Hastings were level at 4—all when 14-years-old Anita Gedge, playing in her first representative match for Hastings, clinched the match result.

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Linda and Susan Howard, together with Ruth Miles, had matters all their own way for Guildford. Brilliant play by Jean Tyler brought her a maximum for Bracknell but two wins each for Carol Houghton, Avril Waters and Elizabeth Whittaker saw Basingstoke the winners.

The match between Maidenhead and Newbury could have gone either way, but Heather Masters with three wins and Caroline Reeves with two saw Newbury through.

#### CARTER CUP

Stockton 5, Northumberland 0.  
Sheffield 2, Leeds 7.  
N. Yorkshire 6, Halifax 0.  
Hull 8, Chesterfield 1.  
Preston 9, Barrow 0.  
Carlisle 0, Westmorland 9.  
Bury 6, Manchester 3.  
Liverpool w.o. Burnley.  
Wirral 2, Stockport 7.  
Derby 4, Leicester 5.  
Leamington 2, Nottingham 6.  
Birmingham w.o. Redditch (disqualified).  
Gt. Yarmouth 9, Wisbech 0.  
Haverhill 0, Ipswich 9.  
Norwich 9, Stowmarket 0.  
Wellingborough 7, St. Neots 2.  
Hunts Central 5, Northampton 4.  
Cambridge 5, Bedford 0.  
Peterborough 1, Kettering 8.  
Leighton/Lins 8, Barnets 1.  
North Herts 7, Aylesbury 2.  
Dunstable 8, Watford 1.  
Southend 5, Chelmsford 1.  
Braintree 0, East London 9.  
Colchester 8, Romford 1.  
Harlow 1, Wandsworth 8.  
Wembley 8, Byfleet 1.  
Thames Valley w.o. Acton.  
N. Middlesex w.o. High Wycombe.  
Folkestone 7, Bromley 2.  
Crawley 9, East Grinstead 0.  
Maidenhead 3, Newbury 6.  
Bournemouth 1, Southampton 5.

North Yorkshire, the holders, mean to keep their trophy on the form displayed against Halifax who went under to the Alderson brothers, David and Brian, with Philip Ward completing the Teesside trio.

Preston's Donald Parker, Michael Seed and Ian Smith would appear to be the other strong northern team although Mr. George Gray, of Carlisle, says his lads were outclassed by a very strong Westmorland side.

Graham Jackson and Trevor Burrows in good form for Stockport, Cheshire's chief contenders. Despite a top form David Yallop, Leicester just made it 5-4 in a 'ding-dong' battle against Derby.

In East Anglia, Gt. Yarmouth had treble winners in John Fuller, Paul Durrant and Andrew Giles as did Ipswich (John Kitchener, Kevin Rose and Kevin Savage) and Norwich (Douglas Bennett, Trevor Bunn and Peter Burton).

A match in doubt right up to the final set was that between Hunts, Central and Northampton when Tim Speller beat B. Harradine 11, 9 to give the home team victory.

The form of N. Herts's Richard Jermyn, Peter Roseberry and Gary Harding was too much for Aylesbury. And, for Leighton/Linsdale, John McLennan and Martin Harlow were invincible against Barnets whose Michael Gerrard had their sole win over Chris Harlow.

#### BROMFIELD TROPHY

Btrow 1, Liverpool 8.  
Derby 3, Leicester 6.  
Wolverhampton 5, Birmingham 4.  
Cheshunt 8, Leighton/Lins 1.  
Gosport 1, Guildford 8.

Liverpool, last season's beaten finalists, were in sparkling form and Brenda Williams, Susanne Manning and J. Black will take some beating.

Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers were much too strong for Derby's girls who all managed to beat Leicester's young protegee, 10-years-old Julie Revell.

Brilliant play by Diane St. Ledger failed to get Birmingham through against Wolverhampton whose Gail Round, Janet Carr and Heather Johnson constituted the more balanced team.

A promising display by Leighton's 12-years-old Julie Purkiss saved the 'whitewash' when, in the first set, she beat Sue Radley—thrown in at the deep end for Cheshunt. Jane Hartwell and Christine Hart unbeaten for the winners.

Guildford, the holders, in determined mood against Gosport. Both Linda Howard and Nicolette Leslie unbeaten, Diane Elliott losing to Karen Saywell.

Douglas bt P. Trott (Berks) 17, 5.  
Final:  
MITCHELL bt Douglas 20, 15.  
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:  
M. Sangster (Middx) bt Greenough 12, -15, 15;  
A. Mitchell (Middx) bt Reeves 14, 15.  
Final:  
MITCHELL bt Sangster -19, 19, 19.  
U-13 Events:  
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:  
K. Hall (Leics) bt Newman 19, 14;  
Rogers bt D. Reeves (Berks) 19, 10, 14.  
Final:  
ROGERS bt Hall 13, 11.  
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:  
Mitchell bt C. Hedges (Middx) 15, 14;  
B. Chamberlain (Hunts) bt J. Thorpe (Berks) 13, 17.  
Final:  
MITCHELL bt Chamberlain -16, 18, 19.  
U-11 Events:  
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:  
S. Hamner (Beds) bt R. Bergemann (Hants) 11, 14;  
G. Baker (Hunts) bt C. Wilson (Hants) 16, -12, 16.  
Final:  
HAMNER bt Baker 16, 16.  
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:  
M. Smith (Berks) bt J. Greenwood (Buck) 5, 14;  
G. Heath (Berks) bt R. Norris (Berks) 11, 17.  
Final:  
SMITH bt Heath 6, 11.

## E.T.T.A. UNDER 13's SINGLES COMPETITIONS

by Ian R. Crickmer

ENTRY forms have now been distributed to all Leagues for the 1972-73 Under-13 Singles championships, for which each League is entitled to nominate two boys and two girls.

The closing date for entries is Thursday, 15th February, 1973.

Play in the eight, regional centres will be on one of the days of the week-end, Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th April, on the following basis.

Region 1 — Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, Westmorland, Yorkshire.  
Region 2 — Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Shropshire, Staffordshire.  
Region 3 — Leicestershire, Lincolnshire Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland.  
Region 4 — Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire.  
Region 5 — Cambridgeshire, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Suffolk.  
Region 6 — Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex.  
Region 7 — Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex.  
Region 8 — Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire.

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## TITLES FOR GERALD AND GILLIAN

by Peter Charters

THE first Reading Junior Open had a good entry, attracted no doubt by the generous prize money donated by the Gillette Industries. Held over the weekend of Dec. 9-10, the tournament was staged at Bulmershe Centre, Woodley.

Gerald Walsh advanced his claims to recognition by beating Simon Heaps, 2-straight, in the final of the U-17 boys' singles having similarly disposed of Maxwell Crimmins in the semis. Results:—

U-17 Events  
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:  
G. Walsh (Surrey) bt M. Crimmins (Surrey) 18, 11;  
S. Heaps (Ches) bt D. Iszatt (Essex) 14, 12.  
Final:  
WALSH bt Heaps 19, 17.  
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:  
G. Taylor (Essex) bt C. Stonell (Essex) 11, 10;  
K. Greenough (Surrey) bt S. Clarke (Surrey) 13, 21.  
Final:  
TAYLOR bt Greenough 15, 21.  
Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:  
M. Bawden (Essex)/M. Douglas (Sussex) bt S. Lyons (Surrey)/Walsh 17, 15;  
Iszatt/C. Rogers (Leics) bt A. Williams (Berks)/B. Williams (Surrey) 10, 11.  
Final:  
BAWDEN/DOUGLAS bt Iszatt/Rogers 13, 19.  
Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:  
N. Leslie (Surrey)/K. Mashford (Berks) bt J. Arden/B. Kinge (Hants) 6, 8;  
C. Randell (Sussex)/C. Reeves (Berks) bt S. Harding/L. King (Herts) 19, 16.  
Final:  
LESLIE/MASHFORD bt Randell/Reeves -17, 18, 17.  
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:  
Heaps/Mashford bt Iszatt/Reeves 19, 19;  
Douglas/King bt Crimmins/Randell 14, 10.  
Final:  
HEAPS/MASHFORD bt Douglas/King 14, 7.  
U-15 Events  
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:  
M. Mitchell (Middx) bt D. Newman (Essex) 10, 15;

# LIFE IN LA MANGA

## The 100 Club in Spain



by **ALBERT W. SHIPLEY**

Hon. Sec. E.T.T.A., 100 Club

Early on the morning of Friday, Dec. 1, a party of 47 friends and members of the E.T.T.A., 100 Club departed Gatwick Airport for a weekend in La Manga, Southern Spain. This was a repeat of the venture inaugurated last year when Majorca was the destination, but this time the group was headed by Johnny Leach, who was to preside at his last dinner as Chairman of the 100 Club.

Owing to the failure of his hire car to arrive, Johnny and his friends were late in reporting and, in the rush, misheard the announcement in the departure lounge and made his way to Gate 33 instead of Gate 3. Therefore at take-off time there were about 8 empty seats and there were fears of the weekend starting in chaos. Finally, a breathless crowd arrived on board only to hear the anti-climatic announcement that owing to airway congestion there would be a 30-minute delay in take-off!

After a superbly smooth flight, we landed at Alicante in brilliant sunshine and commenced the wait and search for our baggage. Amongst the suitcases circulating on the conveyor belt was one which had some frilly white material coming from the lid, and as it passed by, everybody commented on the fact that some lucky chap had a good time in store. After this particular suitcase had made four circuits, a sheepish character reached out for it and to shrieks of laughter the shy owner turned out to be Tom Blunn. He immediately berated his wife, Edna, for slack packing and as a punishment he banned her from wearing the offending nightdress for the whole week-end!

Two hours later we entered the Entremares Hotel, a superb 4-Star establishment, where most of us settled down for a short siesta before catching the last hour of that day's sun around the swimming pool in shirt-sleeve temperature.

On that first night a group of us discovered Bobo's, a local bar run by two Swedes, which owned a jukebox with all the right music; an early exploration which was to bear fruit 24 hours later.

Saturday was a day of marvellously warm sunshine which brought out the

bikinis and Fred Inch's camera. At 4 p.m. we all set out by coach for a shopping expedition in Cartagena, the nearest large town, but most of us found the prices higher than expected in Spain. The prize for the strangest purchase went to Phil Norman who arrived back at the coach bearing a saucepan! This at one time did not seem so illogical to Tom Blunn who was desperately asking for the Spanish word for "Gentlemen".

Saturday evening was undoubtedly the highspot of the weekend, for the hotel had laid out a special room for our 100 Club Dinner, draped in fishing nets with red tablecloths and candlelit tables giving a very festive effect. The meal was excellent and ended with a sweet consisting of soft meringue around ice cream over which had been poured flaming brandy and the mountainous size of the portions drew a gasp from everyone present.

I then called upon Johnny Leach to make his last speech as our 100 Club Chairman which he did most ably in spite of his own fears, and ended by asking the new Chairman, Gordon Steggall, to say a few words. Those of you who know Gordon socially can imagine that his stories caused a riot and his "few words" had the tables rocking with laughter with Tom Blunn yet to speak! However, the comedian has yet to be born who can upstage Tom in humour and once again he delivered the goods with a superb sense of timing. Next came the all-important draw and the £100 (14,475 pesetas) winner was present to receive his cheque — the worthy editor of this magazine, George Yates. Appropriately, £50 went to the President of the Birmingham T.T.A., Cyril Hames, who at that precise moment was attending the 50th Anniversary celebration dinner in Birmingham. £10 went to Arthur Upton, the immediate past Chairman of the Club. George — generously started to spend his £100 on the spot by plying all who could still stand with more drink before a gang of us departed for the aforementioned Bobo's, there to sing and dance the night away until 3 a.m.—a truly memorable evening.

As was to be expected, Sunday was spent in a more sombre mood, and many were the faces that did not appear until lunch time. In the afternoon an hour of crazy table tennis was as much as most could stand before another nap became the favourite pastime. The evening was due to be spent in a night club, attached to the hotel, drinking champagne but somehow the place lacked atmosphere and this caused the faithful few to repair to Bobo's for a farewell session. The Swedish owner summed up the feelings by thanking us all for bringing a little life to La Manga.

Departure from the hotel on Monday was by coach at 9.30 a.m. and exasperating was the thought of Gatwick as we drove through the Spanish countryside in glorious sunshine. After some delay at Alicante, British Caledonian finally sent a Boeing 707 to collect us but this proved to be a much rougher ride than the smooth BAC 1-11, and the descent into the gales of Gatwick was most uncomfortable.

Goodbyes were said before putting on our honest faces for the trip through Customs but the question on everyone's mind was "Where to next

year?" So, as soon as the 1973/74 winter brochures appear I shall undoubtedly be scanning their pages for a venue and although the hotel could not be faulted, somewhere nearer to a shopping centre seems to be favourite.

So ended a marvellous weekend break from home routine and English weather, and I know there are at least two dozen of us who will be going again—so why not join us next time?

## ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED

All titles changed hands in the 4th English Junior Closed championships, played at the P.E. Centre, Loughborough College of Education on Dec. 30 with Warwickshire's **Desmond Douglas** and **Linda Howard** of Surrey winning the singles events.

Douglas accounted for Lancashire's Donald Parker (12, 18) in the boys' singles final and Linda had a final victory (14, 18) over Yorkshire's Judith Walker in the counterpart girls' event.

In the semi-finals Parker had ousted No. 2 seed David Alderson, a similar feat having been performed by Miss Walker who brought about the downfall of Anita Stevenson.

Winners of the boys' doubles were **Andrew Barden** (Middx.) and **Paul Day** (Cambs.) the latter, partnering

**Elaine Tarten** (Essex) to success in the mixed.

Miss Tarten, partnered by her Essex colleague, **Gillian Taylor**, won the girls' doubles final by beating the singles finalists. A full report of the championships will appear in the February issue.

## NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

by **K. T. O. Ponting**

Another season brings, yet again, an encouraging increase in the leagues who have entered their champion teams, male and female, for the English National Club Championships.

68 leagues, 11 more than last term, makes the increase, over the past two seasons, to 21 and I hope this trend will continue, particularly if the hoped for sponsorship can be finalised.

In the Men's event, now called the Ormesby Cup competition thanks to the generosity of the Ormesby Club, we have 64 teams competing including the holders, Ormesby themselves. So much has been said and written about this club, but it is important to recognise all the other teams who make up such an interesting competition each season.

The Women's entry seems to remain static on 11 and once again the Gainsford Club, now competing in Europe for the first time, spearhead this season's entries.

# Bounce

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not against the ball



# FELLOWSHIP TRAVELLERS



Photo by Roy Keirby, East Sheen S.W.14.  
(by courtesy of Dunlop Ltd.)

Alan Hydes and Ian Horsham have been the English Table Tennis Association's successful candidates in respect of Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship Awards to date.

Hydes (left), a member of the Dunlop Promotional team for Table Tennis, is now back in this country following a breakdown in health whilst training in China. His complaint has since been diagnosed as jaundice which means that he will have to take things just that little bit easier for a month or so.

Horsham, a former English junior international having completed two months training in China, is now in Japan.

It was back on Sept. 29 last that Ian arrived in China to be put up at the Peking Physical Culture Institute prior to visiting Tientsin, Shanghai, Nanking and Canton from which latter place he was due to leave, for Japan, on Nov. 13.

On his arrival in China and before the hard work really began, Ian was allowed a couple of days to get used to the time change which was spent sightseeing.

He walked through Heavenly Square taking film with a cine camera with everyone looking at him. On Oct. 1, the 23rd Anniversary of the Cultural Revolution, he visited the Summer Palace in the Forbidden City and, in the evening, attended a banquet in the Great Hall of the People.

Training then began in earnest and Ian was introduced to a new technique Chinese style, not much spin but smash, smash, smash! The work was hard, a typical day's routine being 07.30 Rise 08.00 Breakfast 08.30 to 12.00 Training 12.30 Lunch 13.00 to 15.00 Sleep 15.00 to 18.00 Playing table tennis 19.00 Dinner 20.00 Discussion or other chores like washing clothes, writing notes and letters 21.20 to 22.00 Bed.

The working week was one of 5½ days but on the weekend of Oct. 7/8,

Ian visited the Ming Tombs and the Great Wall concluding the break with tea at the British Embassy.

Chuang Tse-tung, China's 3 times former World champion visited the Peking Institute as did 3 times runner-up Li Fu-jung. The training, meanwhile, remained hard and it would appear that so much continuous training, day after day, for so many weeks, really does become a strain. This is understandable as the chance to carry out the same programme in this country does not present itself.

Ian was being taught to shorten his strokes and a variety of new services which he found difficult but was improving slowly. Quoting Ian from a letter written home "Here the facts of table tennis hit you. I doubt whether I would be in the top 100 Juniors, but my game is getting better because the players who beat me, under 10 points, when I first arrived, I am now able to beat".

On Oct. 27, Ian met the British Ambassador and attended a banquet given to Sir Alec Douglas Home in the Great Hall of the People on Nov. 1. On Oct. 30, Ian played in a match against the Chinese National Team but, of course, didn't win a game. Doubtless the experience would have been worthwhile.

Ian's arrival in Canton was on Nov. 6, feeling rather sad at parting from so many friends at both the Embassy and the Institute who had all been so helpful. Before leaving Peking, the Chinese T.T.A. gave him a farewell dinner at the Peking Duck Restaurant. As the guest of honour, Ian was given the part of the duck the Chinese consider the best, the Head!

He must have made a reasonable impression during his stay as he has been invited to return, this time for six months! Should he be able to take advantage of this offer his coach, Hu Hsu-Houn said he would make himself available to train him again. To his coach and assistant, Ian pre-

sented to each Churchill Crowns, a small present and one of his table tennis shirts.

Ian was due to leave China on Nov. 13 arriving in Japan on the following day to stay at the Chukyo University. Permission has been asked and granted by the E.T.T.A. for Ian to compete in the Japanese Championships which were due to take place last month.

The Editor is grateful to Mr. Horsham, Ian's father, for the aforementioned informative notes.

## Coca-Cola Awards '72-73

HOME RESULTS FAVOUR  
No. 2's

by LAURIE LANDRY  
Scheme Administrator

Based on the results obtained in the first sixteen home tournaments, the country's No. 2 ranked players, Trevor Taylor and Karenza Mathews, are well ahead in pursuit of this season's £100 Awards again to be provided by Coca-Cola Bottlers Ltd.

A similar amount, to be used in the form of scholarships, will go to the leading juniors of both sexes, the current leaders being David Alderson and Linda Howard.

Positions:—

Men	Pts.
1. T. Taylor (Yorks.)	834
2. D. Neale (Yorks.)	435
3. P. Taylor (Beds.)	303
4. M. Johns (Ches.)	170
5. A. Clayton (Yorks.)	160
6. J. Walker (Yorks.)	120
7. O. Haslam (Middx.)	98
8. A. Hydes (Yorks.)	80
9. M. Sugden (Middx.)	78
10. N. Jarvis (Yorks.)	77
11. D. Alderson (Yorks.)	60
12. D. Munt (Warwks.)	48

Women

1. K. Mathews (Middx.)	831
2. J. Hammersley (Bucks.)	561
3. L. Radford (Essex)	214
4. S. Hession (Essex)	131
5. S. Howard (Surrey)	128
6. S. Lisle (Lancs.)	108
7. J. Williams (Sussex)	107
8. L. Howard (Surrey)	97
9. J. Heaps (Ches.)	85
10. J. Hellaby (Essex)	81
11. B. Bird (Kent)	43
12. E. Tarten (Essex)	40

To refresh memories, the allocation of points is based on tournament gradings plus additional bonus points as follows:—

Open Tournaments

	Points Awarded			
	Winner	Runner-up	S/F	Q/F
Grade 1: 3 of top 4 or 8 of 12	100	50	25	10
Grade 2: 2 of top 4 or 6/7 of 12	75	40	20	—
Grade 3: 0 of top 4 or 4/5 of 12	50	25	15	—
Grade 4: 0 of top 4 or 2/3 of 12	25	15	10	—
Grade 5: 0 of top 4 or 0/1 of 12	10	5	—	—

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No. 4 35 pts.	No. 10 10 pts.
No. 5 30 pts.	No. 11 5 pts.
No. 6 25 pts.	No. 12 5 pts.

Gradings of the tournaments under review were:—

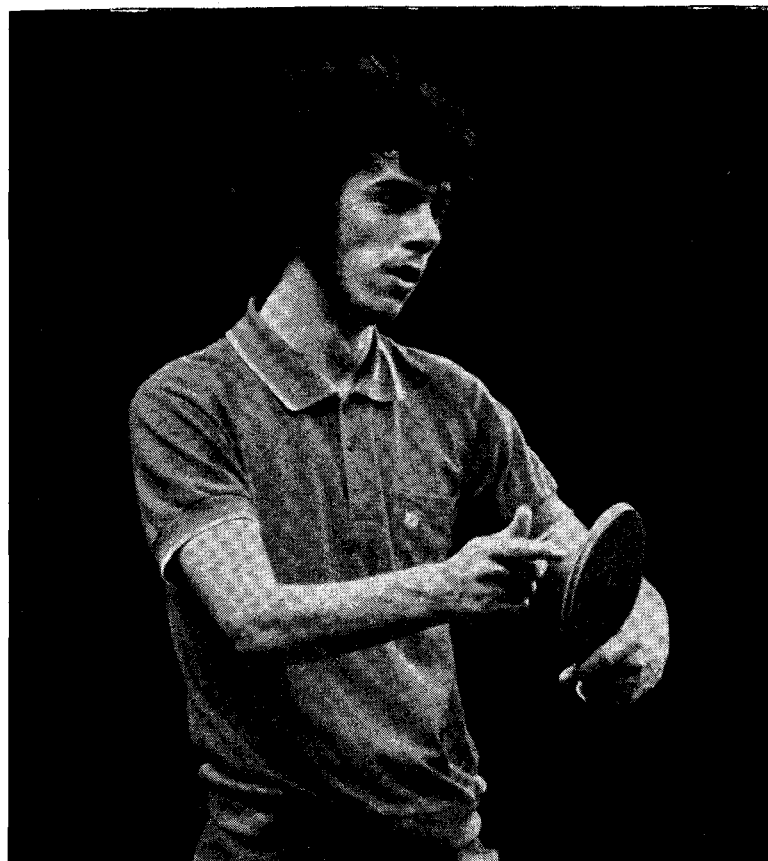
Grades		Men Women	
South Shields 2*	4	5	
Butterfly Invitation	Bonus only		
4 T's 1*	5	5	
North of England 3*	2	1 + 25%	
Bournemouth 1*	5	5	
Sussex 2*	3	1	
Merton 1*	5	5	
Humberside 3*	2	1 + 25%	
Cumberland 2*	3	5	
Midland Counties 3*	2	1 + 25%	
Southend 2*	3	3	
Hastings Tiger 1*	5	5	
Merseyside 2*	3	5	
Woodfield 1*	5	5	
Middlesex 3*	1	1 + 25%	
Yorkshire 2*	1	5	

Unfortunately, not all results are to hand for inclusion in the Coca-Cola Scheme but it is hoped to remedy this situation in the next published listings.



# OPEN TOURNAMENT SURVEY

by MIKE WATTS, LAURIE LANDRY and JOHN HERITAGE



Trevor Taylor who brought off his sixth men's singles success in the Yorkshire 2-Star Open at Harrogate.

Continuing his winning ways, Trevor Taylor tucked the **Southend 2-Star Open** men's singles title into his swag bag as the result of his efforts over the weekend of Nov. 18/19. The tournament played at The Cecil Jones School, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea attracted 260 entries for the 8 events making up the championships.

Scotland had a two-pronged threat in the persons of Malcolm Sugden and Richard Yule but Sugden had to be content with the £15 award to the beaten men's singles finalist. Yule was ousted in the quarters by Jimmy Walker.

Cheshire's Mike Johns was extremely hard-pressed to reach the semis his hardest battle being against John Krier of Luxembourg who was only beaten -19 in the deciding game. Mike had to go to a decider in the quarters when extended by Lancashire's Birmingham University student Brian Mitchell and, again it was a three-gamer against Sugden in the semis, but this time without success.

Lesley Radford was a comfortable winner of the women's singles her final victim, Sue Howard, going down in two games. Earlier, in Rd. 2, sister Linda had been beaten -15, -14 by Janet Hellaby.

There was no success for the Surrey girl in the girls' singles event either for, in the final, Elaine Tarten beat her. Victory was also denied the English international in the women's

doubles as she, and sister Sue, went down to Mrs. Radford and Diane Court.

A record entry for the **Kent Junior Open** resulted in a total of 24 hours play over the weekend of Nov. 25/26 at the Marine Gardens Pavilion, Folkestone.

Despite a number of the higher ranked players not entering (presumably to the benefit of a senior tournament at the opposite end of the Country) all events were most keenly contested and the Kent Junior 'Open' really lived up to its title with no one trying (Referee excluded) to pick the winners. In the event a fair sprinkling of scratchings, 'flu appearing to be one of the common causes, made the prediction job all the harder.

There were surprises in most sections—starting with the U-11's. Sam Harmer (Leighton Buzzard), the reigning champion, lost his title in a three-game final to Adam Proffitt from Barking. In the U-13 Boys' Doubles, a middle of the pack pairing, Antony Stonnell (Barking) and David Newman (Chelmsford) took final honours beating both the No. 1 and 2 seeds on the way—all without dropping a game.

Mark Mitchell (N. Middx.) predictably won the U-15 Boys' Singles and from the results would appear to have had few problems, winning all sets two straight with 17 points the highest score against him. With the

U-15 Girls' Singles No. 1 seed a flu victim scratching, the way was open for Marilyn Sangster (N. Acton) but her early demise resulted in a final victory for her North Acton compatriot Susan Dove. Marilyn took some consolation in winning the Girls' Doubles with Karen Garner.

In the U-17 events on the Sunday, scratchings again upset the predictability rate. With three of the four Girls' Singles seeds scratching, and the No. 1 seed going out after her first match, the title race was wide open and little Angela Mitchell, the 12-year-old from Edmonton, fought her way to the title via a three-game final with Jane Hartwell (Cheshunt).

The Kent No. 1, Andy Mitchell, played extremely well to reach his three finals. Partnered by Amanda Coghlan, they lost the Mixed final to David Bangerter (Wandsworth) and Nicolette Leslie (Guildford). A title came to Andy in the Boys' Doubles when, having lost his No. 1 seed partner, Paul Day, he teamed up with Steven Newman and won a hard-fought final against Mark Mitchell and Max Crimmins (Croydon).

The Boys' Singles suffered the loss of Soham's Paul Day, the No. 1 seed, but not from loss of determination by the remainder of the competitors. In the top half of the draw Alex Abbott (Barking) somewhat surprisingly came through only to lose a very close semi against Andy Mitchell 22-20 in the third. At the bottom, Dean Dino-Smith, playing on his home territory, lost his semi even more narrowly

27-25 to Gerald Pugh, the England No. 11, who went on to beat the Kent player in the final.

At a new venue, the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W.1., the **Middlesex 3-Star Open** was held over the weekend of Dec. 3/4 with sponsorship shared by Halex Table Tennis Ltd. and Gillette Industries.

It was an excellent venue from the playing point of view but with one or two failings otherwise. The 'mike' did not carry very well but only one scratching was caused by this which was much regretted.

All the titles went to new holders except for the men's doubles in which event Laurie Landry retained his half share of the title but with a new partner.

Peter Taylor again showed up Denis Neale's inability to adapt his game whilst Nicky Jarvis showed up well in his first tournament since returning from Japan. Alan Hydes was unwell and did not take part whilst 'Les' Haslam was outclassed by Jarvis.

In the women's events, Karenza Mathews of the home county came through with all three titles and how well she played, especially in the women's doubles with Jill Hammersley as her partner, this in the absence of the Howard sisters for Linda should have played with Karenza and Susan with Jill.

Simon Heaps took the place of Hydes, to partner Neale to the final of the men's doubles, only to lose to



Malcolm Sugden, Scotland's beaten finalist at Southend.

the men's singles winner, Trevor Taylor, paired with Landry.

Shocks abounded in the mixed event with second seeds Haslam and Jill Hammersley losing to Simon and Judith Heaps, and fourth seeds Peter and Lesley Radford tumbling to Sammy Ogundipe and Judy Williams.

But it was Brian Mitchell and Diane Court versus David Brown and Elaine Tarten who contested the second half semi-final whilst in the top half, in the absence of Hydes and Linda Howard, Roger Chandler and Suzanna Kavallierou came through to play Neale and Karenza Mathews, the top-seeded winners.

Trevor Taylor swept all before him at the **Yorkshire 2-Star Open**, played at the Exhibition Hall, Kings Road, Harrogate on Dec. 9. In winning the men's singles title, the Ormesby club player reached his seventh consecutive final, his only loss being to Neale in the Midland Counties 3-Star.

At Harrogate, he dropped only one game, and recovered from being 15-20 in the first game of the final against Alan Hydes who had played marvellously well to reach this stage.

Tony Clayton defeated Neale in the quarters only to find Hydes his bogey as usual. Susan Lisle once again won a women's singles and it seems a pity that she does not have the opportunity of playing the top girls.

In the mixed event, Cinderella, in the person of Ireland's Kyra Stewart, returned to partner Clayton to success over Trevor Taylor and Judith Walker. This was the combination that had to withdraw from the Cumberland Open when Kyra had to dash away for the Heysham boat back to the Emerald Isle.

## SOUTHEAST 2 STAR

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
T. Taylor (-) bt R. Chandler (Surrey) 15, 9;  
J. Walker (Yorks) bt R. Yule (Scotland) -17, 17, 17;  
M. Sugden (Scotland) bt D. Brown (Essex) -19, 15, 10;  
M. Johns (Ches) bt B. Mitchell (Lancs) -11, 20, 14.  
**Semi-finals:**  
TAYLOR bt Walker 15, 12;  
SUGDEN bt Johns -15, 9, 13.  
**Final:**  
TAYLOR bt Sugden -19, 19, 13.  
**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:**  
L. Radford (Essex) bt B. Bird (Kent) 12, 17;  
S. Howard (Surrey) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 12, 15.  
**Final:**  
RADFORD bt Howard 13, 8.  
**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Brown/Chandler bt D. Bowles/P. Radford (Essex) 16, 14;  
Johns/Taylor bt Sugden/Yule 17, -13, 19.  
**Final:**  
JOHNS/TAYLOR bt Brown/Chandler 17, -19, 12.  
**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Howard/Howard bt Bird/S. Kavallierou (Sussex) 16, 18;  
D. Court (Middx)/Radford bt E. Tarten/G. Taylor (Essex) -13, 10, 16.  
**Final:**  
COURT/RADFORD bt Howard/Howard 21, 13.  
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Johns/Court bt I. Robertson (Essex)/Hellaby -17, 17, 16;  
Chandler/S. Howard bt R. Stevens/L. Barrow (Essex) 17, 21.  
**Final:**  
JOHNS/COURT bt Chandler/Howard 14, 17.  
**Veteran Singles: Final:**  
J. OSBORNE (Essex) bt K. Beamish (Essex) 16, -17, 10.  
**Boys' Singles: Final:**  
A. MITCHELL (Kent) bt S. Souter (Yorks) 11, 11.  
**Girls' Singles: Final:**  
TARTEN bt L. Howard 15, -15, 12.

## KENT JUNIOR 2 STAR

**U-17 Events**  
**Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
A. Abbott (Essex) bt C. Rogers (Leics) -16, 17, 19;  
A. Mitchell (Kent) bt D. Bangarter (Surrey) 15, 16;  
D. Dino-Smith (Kent) bt G. Pugh (Sussex) -11, 14, 19;  
G. Walsh (Surrey) bt M. Mitchell (Middx) 19, 21.

**Semi-finals:**  
A. MITCHELL bt Abbott -19, 14, 20;  
WALSH bt Dino-Smith -22, 9, 25.  
**Final:**  
WALSH bt Mitchell -14, 12, 9.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
S. Smith (Essex) bt P. Abbott (Essex) -15, 18, 17;  
A. Mitchell (Middx) bt L. Wales (Hants) -16, 10, 15;  
J. Hartwell (Middx) bt S. Ackers (Middx) 11, 11;  
J. Kelly (Essex) bt B. Chamberlain (Cams) 26, 11.  
**Semi-finals:**  
MITCHELL bt Smith 18, 24;  
HARTWELL bt Kelly 16, 18.  
**Final:**  
MITCHELL bt Hartwell 10, -16, 17.  
**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
A. Mitchell/S. Newman (Essex) bt Dino-Smith/K. Lythgoe (Kent) 13, 16;  
M. Crimmins (Surrey)/M. Mitchell bt K. Richardson (Cams)/M. Shuttle (Surrey) -17, 20, 18.  
**Final:**  
A. MITCHELL/NEWMAN bt Crimmins/M. Mitchell -15, 14, 17.  
**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Smith/S. Sutton (Essex) bt K. Garner (Cams)/M. Sangster (Middx) 19, 20;  
J. Sampson (Middx)/Mitchell bt Kelly/N. Leslie (Surrey) 6, -21, 13.  
**Final:**  
SMITH/SUTTON bt Champion/Mitchell 15, 18.  
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Bangarter/Leslie bt Crimmins/C. Randall (Sussex) 18, -13, 18;  
A. Mitchell/A. Coghlan (Essex) bt M. Bawden (Essex)/A. Mitchell -19, 18, 18.  
**Final:**  
BANGARTER/LESLIE bt Mitchell/Coghlan 14, 15.  
**U-15 Events**  
**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
M. Mitchell bt P. Hunt (Essex) 12, 17;  
Pugh bt M. Douglas (Sussex) 15, 12.  
**Final:**  
MITCHELL bt Pugh 11, 16.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
S. Dove (Middx) bt D. Collar (Kent) 13, 16;  
Sutton bt Kelly 16, 21.  
**Final:**  
DOVE bt Sutton 16, -9, 19.  
**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Crimmins/M. Mitchell bt L. Chapman (Cams)/M. O'Mahony (Middx) 10, 21;  
L. Eadie (Essex)/D. Iszatt (Bucks) bt P. Dadswell (Kent)/T. Tany (Essex) 9, 9.  
**Final:**  
BADIE/ISZATT bt Crimmins/M. Mitchell 9, 18.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Champion/Mitchell bt Collar/L. Holtam (Kent) 9, 14;  
Garner/Sangster bt Abbot/J. Boulter (Essex) 12, -15, 13.  
**Final:**  
GARNER/SANGSTER bt Champion/Mitchell 12, -8, 15.  
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
M. Mitchell/Wales bt A. Reed (Sussex)/Sangster 12, 11;  
Eadie/Kelly bt Hunt/Holtam 12, -20, 13.  
**Final:**  
MITCHELL/WALES bt Eadie/Kelly 17, 14.  
**U-13 Events**  
**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
R. Jermyn (Herts) bt Rogers -10, 20, 24;  
D. Newman (Essex) bt A. Stonell (Essex) 13, 20.  
**Final:**  
NEWMAN bt Jermyn 15, -19, 22.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
Mitchell bt K. Holtam (Kent) 10, 3;  
Chamberlain bt J. New (Hants) 17, 15.  
**Final:**  
MITCHELL bt Chamberlain 13, 10.  
**Boys' Doubles: Final:**  
D. NEWMAN/STONELL bt S. Harmer (Beds)/Jermyn 16, 20.  
**Girls' Doubles: Final:**  
CHAMBERLAIN/MITCHELL bt M. Clout/V. Clout (Kent) 15, 17.  
**U-11 Events**  
**Boys' Singles: Final:**  
A. PROFFITT (Herts) bt Harmer -11, 11, 17.  
**Girls' Singles: Final:**  
M. ABBOTT (Essex) bt C. Wilson (Kent) 20, 16.

## MIDDLESEX 3 STAR

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
D. Neale (Yorks) bt M. Sugden (Middx) 14, 18;  
P. Taylor (Beds) bt B. Kean (Ches) 21, 20;  
N. Jarvis (Yorks) bt O. Haslam (Middx) 18, 13;  
T. Taylor bt D. Munt (Warwks) 20, 9.  
**Semi-finals:**  
P. TAYLOR bt Neale 19, 16;  
T. TAYLOR bt Jarvis 14, -17, 14.  
**Final:**  
T. TAYLOR bt P. Taylor 10, -21, 19.  
**Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
J. Hammersley (Bucks) bt S. Kavallierou (Sussex) 6, 14;  
J. Williams (Sussex) bt G. Locke (Essex) 3, 8;  
L. Radford (Essex) bt B. Bird (Kent) 19, 15;  
K. Mathews (Middx) bt S. Hession (Essex) -17, 7, 10.  
**Semi-finals:**  
HAMMERSLEY bt Williams 20, -18, 14;  
MATHEWS bt Radford 7, 16.

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## Tournament Survey (cont.)

**Final:**  
**MATHEWS** bt Hammersley 16, 11.  
**Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 S. Heaps (Ches)/Neale bt N. Eckersley (Ches)/A. Ransome (Yorks) 12, 14;  
 Kean/Sugden bt P. Radford (Essex)/P. Williams (Sussex) 16, 13;  
 H. Buist/A. Piddock (Kent) bt Haslam/Jarvis 19, -14, 16;  
 L. Landry (Middx)/T. Taylor bt Munt/S. Ogundipe (Sussex) 19, -19, 12.  
**Semi-finals:**  
**HEAPS/NEALE** bt Kean/Sugden 14, -19, 15;  
**LANDRY/TAYLOR** bt Buist/Piddock 16, 15.  
**Final:**  
**LANDRY/TAYLOR** bt Heaps/Neale 10, -21, 19.  
**Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Hammersley/Mathews bt C. Randall (Sussex)/J. Taylor (Berks) 4, 11;  
 D. Court (Middx)/Radford bt J. Heaps (Ches)/S. Lisle (Lancs) 16, 14;  
 Hession/Williams bt S. Beckwith (Essex)/Locke 8, 7;  
 J. Hellaby (Essex)/J. Walker (Yorks) bt P. Lister (Middx)/K. Mashford (Berks) 9, 14.  
**Semi-finals:**  
**HAMMERSLEY/MATHEWS** bt Court/Radford 14, 15;  
**HESSION/WILLIAMS** bt Hellaby/Walker 9, 14.  
**Final:**  
**HAMMERSLEY/MATHEWS** bt Hession/Williams 13, -13, 15.  
**Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Neale/Mathews bt K. Beamish (Essex)/Hession 21, -16, 17;  
 R. Chandler (Surrey)/Kavallierou bt Landry/Lisle -11, 9, 12;  
 B. Mitchell (Lancs)/Court bt Ogundipe/Williams 20, -9, 9;  
 D. Brown/E. Tarten (Essex) bt J. Kitchener (Suffolk)/G. Taylor (Essex) 14, 18.  
**Semi-finals:**  
**NEALE/MATHEWS** bt Chandler/Kavallierou 15, 15;  
**BROWN/TARTEN** bt Mitchell/Court 18, 15.  
**Final:**  
**NEALE/MATHEWS** bt Brown/Tarten 14, 18.  
**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:**  
 T. Kirby (Surrey) bt Z. Schramm (Surrey) 7, 16;  
 J. Baxter (Herts) bt L. Browning (Yorks) 19, 12.  
**Final:**  
**KIRBY** bt Baxter 10, 15.

## YORKSHIRE 2 STAR

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
 A. Clayton (Yorks) bt D. Neale (Yorks) -15, 16, 18;  
 A. Hydes (Yorks) bt J. Walker (Yorks) 10, -2, 18;  
 D. Alderson (Yorks) bt N. Jarvis (Yorks) 21, 18;  
 T. Taylor (—) bt M. Johns (Ches) 11, 12.  
**Semi-finals:**  
**HYDES** bt Clayton 18, 16;  
**TAYLOR** bt Alderson 17, 11.  
**Final:**  
**TAYLOR** bt Hydes 20, 13.  
**Women's Singles: Semi-finals:**  
 S. Lisle (Lancs) bt J. Walker (Yorks) 16, 20;  
 S. Hamilton (Middx) bt S. Broadbent (Yorks) 15, 19.  
**Final:**  
**LISLE** bt Hamilton 14, 17.  
**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
 Neale/Taylor bt Clayton/Landry 12, -21, 8;  
 Hydes/Johns bt Jarvis/Walker 19, 15.  
**Final:**  
**NEALE/TAYLOR** bt Hydes/Johns 13, 14.  
**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
 Broadbent/Walker bt B. Stewart/K. Stewart (Ireland) 12, 13;  
 Hamilton/Lisle bt B. Charlton/E. Minto (Durham) 8, -15, 6.  
**Final:**  
**HAMILTON/LISLE** bt Broadbent/Walker 16, -19, 7.  
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
 Clayton/K. Stewart bt Landry/B. Williams (Lancs) 13, 21;  
 Taylor/Walker bt Johns/Lisle 19, 16.  
**Final:**  
**CLAYTON/STEWART** bt Taylor/Walker 17, 20.  
**Veteran Singles/Semi-finals:**  
 D. Schofield (Ches) w.o. D. Marples (Derbys).  
 G. Brook (Yorks) bt H. Robinson (Durham) 15, 18.  
**Final:**  
**BROOK** bt Schofield 10, -15, 15.

## RESIDENTIAL COACHES COURSE

A follow-up has been arranged to the Course on Skill Learning and will look at the underlying factors involved. The course, to be held at Lea Green Sports Centre, Matlock,

Derbys., from Feb. 2-4, will cover:—  
 1.—Abilities — including Perception, Co-ordination and Personality Factors.  
 2.—Structuring a game for Players.  
 3.—Practice relating to a Game Situation.

The course will be conducted by Peter Simpson, the E.T.T.A.'s Northern Staff Coach and the inclusive fee will be £5-25.

Application forms are available from Peter Simpson, 9 Lisker Avenue, Otley, LS21 4DG or from Lea Green Sports Centre. The closing date is Thursday, Jan. 25/73.

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

BRADFORD inflicted a rare 6-3 defeat of Middlesbrough in the Junior Division of the Yorkshire League, with David Renton and Philip Halmshaw unbeaten, both defeating county second-teamer Andrew Kilburn, who was without success. The below-strength Middlesbrough successes were recorded by Stephen Jennis, David Nicholls and Pat Clements. This division may now be decided by the clash between Bradford I and Hull I. Leading positions:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hull I .....	6	6	0	45	9	12
Middlesbrough ....	6	5	1	43	11	10
Leeds I .....	5	4	1	33	12	8
Bradford I .....	4	4	0	32	4	8

Middlesbrough, with two matches to play, head the senior men's Division 1, but Ormesby supremo, Alan Ransome lost to both John Kedge and David Hurst in the Teessiders' 7-3 defeat of Huddersfield. Doncaster obtained their first points of the season by drawing 5-all with Bradford II.

Middlesbrough also lead the women's division and in Division 5, newcomers Wharfedale and Airedale are so far unbeaten and top the table.

On the coaching front, Barnsley have instituted coaching sessions for the League's most promising junior boys, with the hope that the scheme may be extended to include the girls. In Bradford, coaching secretary Steve Nunn and inter-league secretary Mick Holt have organised a "player-of-the-month" scheme for juniors.

Once a month there are round-robin matches followed by a knock-out competition, with trophies and advancement in a grading scheme the incentive. Hans Soova has also a weekly 90-minute session at Hanson School.

In Hull, Pete Bowsley has taken over the coaching secretary's job and is hoping to get coaching activities of junior players at all levels organised and co-ordinated on a regular basis.

A mention for up-and-coming Ormesby junior Stephen Souter, whose performance in the Yorkshire 2-Star Open at Harrogate included wins over clubmate Brian Alderson, Lincolnshire's Bill Moran (who had earlier put out Robert Wiley), and Leeds and Northumberland player Alan Jones before an exit at the hands of Mike Johns, but in 2 deuce games! A mention also for Hull's Bromfield Trophy trio of Karen Wilson, Julie McLean and Carole Grayson whose defeat of Chesterfield included a win by Julie over Mandy Mellor.

# Focus on Europe

by The Editor

## ENGLAND AGAIN IN PERIL

BEATEN 5-2 by Sweden, at Guildford on Dec 7, and 7-0 by the Soviet Union in Moscow on Dec 16, has anchored England at the bottom of the Premier Division of the *European League* without a point from four matches.

Only Czechoslovakia, away on Jan 31, and France, on Mar 5 at Aylesbury, remain of the six fixtures and the pressure is most definitely on.

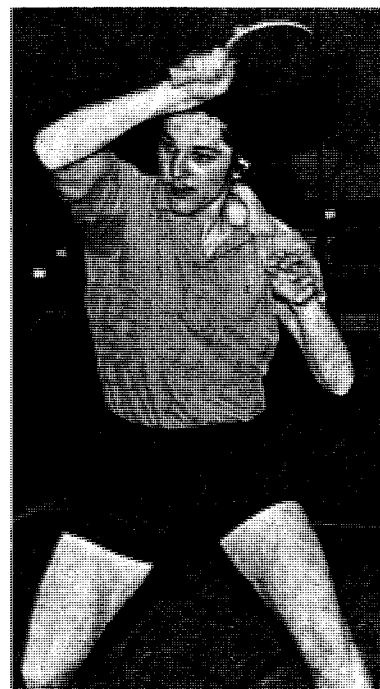
Before a capacity crowd at the University of Surrey Sports Hall, Guildford, the pre-match odds turned in England's favour when world champion, Stellan Bengtsson — required for national service duties — was replaced by Ingemar Vikström.

But what a sickener the first set turned out to be with the young blonde Swede showing Denis Neale the way home in two straight games to put a real dampener on the proceedings.

Hardly surprising was the loss of Nicky Jarvis to Kjell Johansson in the second set but, as against Agnes Simon in the Federal German match at Leeds, Jill Hammersley put the crowd in better humour by disposing of Birgetta Radberg in fine style.

Sweden introduced Bo Persson in the men's doubles, to partner Vikström, but despite winning the first game, Neale and Alan Hydes let it slip from deuce in the third and another banker went down.

Success did come England's way in the mixed with Neale and Karenza Mathews clicking well to account for Persson and Radberg. In the ensuing singles, however, Neale bowed out to Johansson, in three, and Jarvis



Nicky Jarvis (Yorkshire) who was without success against both Sweden and the Soviet Union, at Guildford and in Moscow.

was never in the hunt against Vikström. Scores:—

D. Neale lost to I. Vikström -17, -16;  
 N. Jarvis lost to K. Johansson -12, -13;  
 J. Hammersley bt B. Radberg 14, 14;  
 A. Hydes/Neale lost to B. Persson/Vikström 12, -12, -20;  
 Neale/K. Mathews bt Persson/Radberg 7, 15;  
 Neale lost to Johansson 16, -17, -15;  
 Jarvis lost to Vikström -14, -17.

Following this dismal showing a win against the Soviet Union, in Moscow, was never 'on' but a score of 7-0 in favour of the Russians, with only two sets going to a decider, was hardly expected either!

Played in the afternoon, before a crowd of some 150-200 spectators, it was England's worst performance of the season. Best chances were held in the mixed which England should have won, and by Neale who led Anatoli Strokotov 10-7 in the third.

S. Gomozkov bt D. Neale 13, 16;  
 A. Strokotov bt N. Jarvis 19, 7;  
 Z. Rudnova bt K. Mathews 15, 13;  
 Gomozkov/S. Sarkhoyan bt Jarvis/Neale 10, 18;  
 Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Neale/Mathews -19, 10, 17;  
 Gomozkov bt Jarvis 14, 21;  
 Strokotov bt Neale -19, 13, 17.

Visiting Sweden on Nov 22, the Soviet team were beaten 5-2 with both Stanislav Gomozkov and Strokotov without success against Bengtsson and Johansson. Zoya Rudnova really carried the flag for Russia in beating Radberg and partnering Gomozkov to a mixed win over Bengtsson and Lena Andersson.

Scores:—  
 K. Johansson bt A. Strokotov 18, -22, 12;  
 S. Bengtsson bt S. Gomozkov -20, 17, 19;  
 B. Radberg lost to Z. Rudnova 17, -11, -19;  
 Bengtsson-Johansson bt Gomozkov/S. Sarkhoyan 11, -19, 11;  
 Bengtsson/L. Andersson lost to Gomozkov/Rudnova -14, -15;  
 Johansson bt Gomozkov -18, 20, 18;  
 Bengtsson bt Strokotov -19, 17, 15.

First match for France was in Croix, near Lille where, on Nov 29, more than 1,200 spectators gathered for the visit of Hungary.

Jacques Secretin opened the proceedings for France by beating Gabor Gergely but not until the penultimate set did the home country register a second and final win when Secretin again did the trick, this time at the expense of Istvan Jonyer! And this set was really a classic. French junior champion, Jean Denis Constant, made an encouraging debut in this match but the Hungarian women proved far too strong with Claude Bergeret out of her depth.

Scores:  
 J. Secretin bt G. Gergely -14, 18, 15;  
 J. D. Constant lost to I. Jonyer -16, -16;  
 C. Bergeret lost to B. Kishazi -8, -10;  
 Constant/Secretin lost to Gergely/Jonyer -16, -23;  
 Secretin/Bergeret lost to Jonyer/J. Magos -15, -13;  
 Secretin bt Jonyer -19, 17, 12;  
 Constant lost to Gergely -15, -15.

In Budapest, on Dec. 13, Hungary maintained their unbeaten record when beating last season's champions, Czechoslovakia, 4-3. Jonyer had wins over Jaroslav Kunz and Milan



Orlowski, Gergely beat Kunz in the final set when the match score was poised at 3-all, and Jonyer, partnered by Tibor Klampar, triumphed in the men's doubles over Orlowski and Jiri Turai. Scores:—

I. Jonyer bt J. Kunz 15, 15;  
G. Gergely lost to M. Orlowski -20, -18;  
B. Kishazi lost to I. Vostova -15, -20;  
Jonyer/T. Klampar bt Orlowski/J. Turai 19, 11;  
Jonyer/J. Magos lost to Orlowski/Vostova -16, 18, -17;  
Jonyer bt Orlowski 16, -15, 14;  
Gergely bt Kunz -15, 12, 17.

Federal Germany also maintained their 100 per cent record at Rastatt on Dec 14 but not until the last set was concluded did victory materialise against France whose 'ace' man, Secretin, brought off another double this time at the expense of Ebby Schöler and Wilfried Lieck! The other French win also involved Secretin who, with Bergeret, accounted for the Schölers, Ebby and Di. Some 1,000 spectators saw this match in which Christian Martin played for France, without success, as was Philippe Molodzoff with P. Birocheau in the men's doubles.

E. Schöler bt C. Martin 9, 12;  
W. Lieck lost to J. Secretin -19, -14;  
W. Hendriksen bt C. Bergeret 13, 6;  
J. Leiss/K. Schmittinger bt P. Birocheau/P. Molodzoff 13, 22;  
Schöler/D. Schöler lost to Secretin/Bergeret -19, -15;  
Schöler lost to Secretin -20, 10, -18;  
Lieck bt Martin 13, 18.

Complete results of Premier Division matches thus far played this season are:—

Sweden 5, Czechoslovakia 2, Hungary 6, England 1.  
Federal Germany 4, Sweden 3, England 2, Federal Germany 5, Sweden 5, Soviet Union 2, France 2, Hungary 5.  
Hungary 4, Czechoslovakia 3, Federal Germany 4, France 3, Soviet Union 7, England 0, England 2, Sweden 5, Czechoslovakia 0, Soviet Union 7.

Scores in respect of Russia's 7-0 slaying of Czechoslovakia are not yet to hand. League table:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	.....	3	3	0	15	6 3
Fed. Germany	...	3	3	0	13	8 3
Sweden	.....	4	3	1	18	10 3
Soviet Union	...	3	2	1	16	5 2
France	.....	2	0	2	5	9 0
Czechoslovakia	...	3	0	3	5	16 0
ENGLAND	.....	4	0	4	5	23 0

In DIVISION 2 of the European League, Belgium are the pace setters with maximum points from three engagements, and Norbert van de Walle going great guns. Their most recent match, against Scotland in Glasgow on Dec 2, resulted in a 5-2 win with the following individual scores:—

R. Yule bt R. Schalley 14, 17;  
E. Sutherland lost to N. Van de Walle 21 -9, -14;  
E. Smith lost to L. Van Heybeck 15, -21, -12;  
Sutherland/Yule lost to Schalley/Van de Walle -18, 15, -14;  
Yule/Smith lost to Van de Walle/Heybeck -12, -17;  
Yule lost to Van de Walle -13, 16, -13;  
Sutherland bt Schalley -16, 12, 16.

Results to date:—  
Greece 0, Austria 7.

Luxembourg 3, Italy 4.  
Belgium 5, Switzerland 2.  
Austria 5, Scotland 2.  
Italy 5, Switzerland 2.  
Belgium 4, Greece 3.  
Switzerland 2, Luxembourg 5.  
Scotland 2, Belgium 5.

EUROPE CLUB CUP

Beating Spartak Pleven 5-0 in Bulgaria, English Club championships, Ormesby, advanced to the semi-final stage of this season's EUROPE CLUB CUP competition in defence of their title.

Delta Lloyd, champion club of the Netherlands were successful by a similar score at home to Olympiacus

of Greece. The two outstanding results involve Meidericher (Federal Germany) v. GSTK Vjesnik (Yugoslavia) and Bp. Sparticus (Hungary) v. TJ Banik Havirov (Czechoslovakia).

In the counterpart women's competition, English champions, Gainsford, conceded their away tie to "Vointa" Arad of Rumania who join Statistika (Hungary) for a semi-final meeting. Awaited results involve 3lsz. Epitok (Hungary) v. DSC Kaiserberg (Fed. Germany) and Huskvarna Sodra (Sweden) v. Start Praha (Czechoslovakia). Statistika FSC are the holders.



Birgitta Radberg (Sweden) beaten by Jill Hammersley at Guildford.  
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# Devon Schools Championships

by B. Snook

THE schools championships week-end at Exmouth recently provided a lot of good table tennis and a number of surprises.

Over-all the girls stole the limelight and the meeting of the top Devon girls on the Sunday provided the shocks, but first of all the South West events on the Saturday.

Jill Wilson (Bridgewater Grammar) took the U-17 and U-15 South West singles events. In the first, she had to go to a third game against Devon's new-found starlet from Southway School, Plymouth, Elaine Lamb. Jill's experience told in the end. In winning the U-15 singles she retained her title. Barbara Reeves, Exmouth School, pushed her close in the first game but offered only token resistance in the second.

The U-13 singles was won by Mary Wakely of Bishop Blackall, Exeter. Her opponent was Elaine Lamb and this was the first of four battles these two were to have over the weekend. After a tight first game, Mary kept a hold on the second to take the title. Tracey Luscombe of Gramercy, Torbay gained the first leg of a double in winning the U-11 singles. For an eight-year-old, Tracey plays very well and this bodes well for her and the game locally.

Keith James, the Devon No. 1, retained his U-17 singles title beating Michael Williams, Gordano, easily

after conceding the first game 23-25. There were no surprises in this event. Richard Svendsen, Gordano, was the victor in the U-15's with a straight games win over Roger Ireland of Churston Grammar, a newcomer to the Devon team. A good performance for Roger against an opponent of much experience.

D. Trick of Tavistock took the U-13's beating P. Speare of Callington Secondary and Graham Worts of Exmouth School had an easy win over A. Brokenshire of Keyham Barton in the U-11's — and he still has another year in that age event!

Sunday's Devon Schools' events really left some girls smarting. The County No. 1 Kathryn Rowe, Tavistock, was heaved out in an early round in the U-19's by unranked Susan Tilley of Bishop Blackall. Susan went on to dismiss Pauline Black, Tiverton, in the semi-final. The other finalist was Elaine Lamb who then had a tough encounter with Mary Wakely in the semis before going through. Miss Tilley won the final after a struggle in the second game.

Miss Lamb came into her own in the U-15 and U-13 events. In the first, she had her glory in defeating Lorraine Hunt in her passage to the final. She again had to overcome Mary Wakely before getting there to meet, once again, Susan Tilley. Miss Lamb ran away with second game after a close first. The U-13 final was fought out between — yes that's right — Miss Lamb and Miss Wakely. These two had provided some fine table tennis in their encounters and this final went to a decider. Elaine won through but could have lost it but

for a strong rally in the second game.

The second leg came for Tracey Luscombe in the U-11's in what was a nail-biting time for her father. After winning the first, Tracey lost the second -25 and then the third went to 21-19.

A double in the boys for Keith James with an easy win over Steve Murphy, Tavistock in the U-19's and consolation for Roger Ireland in the U-15's over Steven Morris, Torquay Grammar School. T. Fairbanks of Sutton High School, Plymouth won the U-13's with a three game decision over Roger Mattingly, Exeter School, and Graham Worts had himself a double in taking the U-11's. Results:—

## SOUTH-WEST

Boys U-17's:

K. James bt M. Williams -23, 10, 11.

Boys U-15's:

R. Svendsen bt R. Ireland 16, 19;

Boys U-13's:

D. Trick bt P. Speare (no score as the slip was mislaid);

Boys U-11's:

G. Worts bt A. Brokenshire 10, 7.

Girls U-17's:

J. Wilson bt E. Lamb 14, -14, 11;

Girls U-15's:

J. Wilson bt B. Reeves 22, 10;

Girls U-13's:

M. Wakely bt E. Lamb 22, 17;

Girls U-11's: T. Luscombe bt S.

Argent 20, 12.

## DEVON SCHOOLS

Boys' U-19's:

K. James bt S. Murphy 6, 12;

Boys U-15's:

R. Ireland bt S. Morris -17, 13, 9;

Boys U-13's:

T. Fairbanks bt R. Mattingly

-17, 18, 17;

Boys U-11's:

G. Worts bt M. Mehigan 13, 12.

Girls U-19's:

S. Tilley bt E. Lamb 14, 23;

Girls U-15's:

E. Lamb bt S. Tilley 17, 8;

Girls U-13's:

E. Lamb bt M. Wakely -17, 19, 18;

Girls U-11's:

T. Luscombe bt T. Curtin 18, -25, 19.

## COACHING IN SCHOOLS

by Alan J. Cavell

THE coach picked up the 'phone and heard . . . "My daughter, 11-years-old, wishes to learn to play table tennis. Can you help please? Not Monday, Ballet, not Tuesday, Music, not Wednesday, Guides, not Friday, Dramatics." The table tennis club is not available on Thursdays.

There were other interested children at her school which provided many extra mural activities, but not table tennis.

A talk with the Headmaster, a discussion with one or two parents and it was agreed that table tennis classes could be held on Thursday evenings. All pupils who wished to do so would be given an opportunity to attend.

The coach asked that the school should make a contribution, one new table at least and this was forthcoming through the Parent-Teachers Association. Three second-hand tables were lent to the school. Interested parents were given one lecture demonstration on coaching methods: several volunteered to attend every Thursday from 6 to 8-30 p.m.

Enthusiasm was maintained throughout the academic year at the end of which 10 pupils had gained the

Bronze Proficiency Award and with it the right to join the local table tennis club below the normal minimum age of 16.

## NEW SPORTS FILM LAUNCHED BY DUNLOP

IF measured by the number of active participants, table tennis is certainly amongst the most popular sports played in Britain today. To encourage more young people to play and enjoy the game, Dunlop have launched a new instructional film entitled 'Table Tennis Tips'.

Featuring several top British players, including Karenza Mathews, Susan Howard, Peter Taylor and left-hander, Malcolm Sugden, the film demonstrates many of the techniques of this extremely fast-moving sport.

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Produced by the Dunlop Film Unit, with the help of the English Table Tennis Association and Lilleshall National Sports Centre, 'Table Tennis Tips' is in colour, runs for 15 minutes, and is suitable for 16mm sound projectors only.

It is available on free loan from the Dunlop Film Library, 269 Kingston Road, Merton Park, London, SW19 3NR.

## International Umpires

by Colin Clemett,

THE ETTA has recently received details of the ITTF proposals for the introduction of a new umpiring qualification, that of "International Umpire".

To be eligible for this qualification a candidate must have held the highest formal umpiring qualification of his own national Association for at least two years and during this time he must have had experience of umpiring at events of international status, such as World, Continental or International Open Championships. It is desirable, although not essential that he be able to umpire in a language or languages other than his own to the extent of being able to call the score and to explain decisions. (An ITTF Glossary of Table Tennis terms is in preparation, and its contents will indicate the range of knowledge required). Candidates whose nominations are accepted will be required to take a written test, staged by the national Association and marked by the ITTF. It is expected that the tests will be staged annually, probably in the period March - June.

The number of International Umpires will be limited, both by restricting the number of candidates accepted each year and by annual review of the list to remove the names of those no longer active. The primary object of the scheme is to facilitate the exchange of umpires between Associations for events of international status, by establishing an internationally acceptable standard of umpiring competence. It follows, therefore, that the qualification will be of interest mainly to those who are willing and able to take part in these exchange visits, although the scheme may later be used, for example, in appointing umpires at particular matches.

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# County Notes Supplement

## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

### TWO-PART COACHING PLAN

At last a coaching plan for Lancashire with a newly-formed Coaching and Development sub-committee under the chairmanship of John O'Sullivan with newcomer to the County Executive, Jim Hoy, of Bury, as Hon. Secretary. Members otherwise comprise Gordon Lomax (Bury), Denis Smith (Blackburn) and E. Strettle (Wigan).

Harold Myers, the County Coaching Secretary, will henceforward concentrate his activities on the County Squad, incorporating both senior and junior players, and coaching in this respect will be compulsory.

The following dates and venues have been arranged:—

- Jan. 7—Darwen Sports Centre.  
1 p.m. Seniors.
- „ 21—Darwen Sports Centre.  
1 p.m. Juniors.
- „ 27—Darwen Sports Centre.  
1-30 p.m. Seniors.
- Feb. 3—Bolton Tech. College. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Juniors.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Seniors.
- „ 11—Bolton Tech. College. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Juniors.  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Seniors.
- Mar. 3—Darwen Sports Centre.  
1-30 p.m. Seniors.
- „ 18—Blackburn YMCA. 10 a.m. Seniors and Juniors.
- „ 24—Darwen Sports Centre.  
1-30 p.m. Juniors.
- Apr. 21—Darwen Sports Centre.  
1-30 p.m. Seniors.
- May 12—Darwen Sports Centre.  
1-30 p.m. Juniors.

In Div. I of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, Bolton dropped their first point of the season when held to a 5-all draw by Farnworth who, at one stage led 4-1! Bolton's saviour was Brian Mitchell, a treble winner, who also figured in a doubles success in partnership with Derek Schofield. The Cheshire County veteran was beaten both by Bob Kelly and Clive Heap but came up trumps in the final set when he accounted for Bryn Farnworth, 14, 12, to climax a good fight-back.

Preston, 8-2 conquerors of Blackpool, go top on sets average. Donald Parker and Tony Rigby were both unbeaten against the seashiders whose Gordon Beardsworth and Brian Parkinson had wins over Jim Clegg.

Manchester came back from their mauling at Bamber Bridge by beating Stockport 7-3. Kevin Forshaw reinforced the Mancunian side in this match and accounted for Nigel Eckersley and Brian Kean but lost to Philip Mayman in the final set. Prior to, Kean had beaten Philip Bowen, and Eckersley succeeded 23-21 in the third, against Tony Boasman.

Liverpool maintained their unbeaten

record by beating Chester 7-3. Tony Clayton had a treble inflicting the only defeat on Chester's Brian Johns who had wins over Wally Allanson and Peter D'Arcy as well as sharing a doubles success with brother Ian. Positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston .....	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Bolton .....	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Liverpool .....	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Farnworth .....	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Stockport .....	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Manchester .....	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Blackpool .....	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Chester .....	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

Spearheaded by former internationals Jeff Ingber and Benny Casofsky, Manchester "A" brought off their first win in Div. 2 (North) when they beat Burnley 7-3. Blackburn are the pace setters in this division, however, with 4 wins out of 4.

Undefeated in Div. 2 (South) are Sale and Ashton whilst in Div. 3 (N) Lancaster and Morecambe and Blackburn "C" boast 100% records, as do Macclesfield and Manchester Banks in Div. 2 (S).

Liverpool and Manchester lead the Women's Div. 1 the vital date in this division being Feb. 16 when the Mancunians entertain the Merseysiders.

Pace-setters in the Junior first division are Lancaster and Morecambe with four wins in four engagements no other league having a 100% return. Leading positions:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancaster & M 4	4	0	0	0	29	11	8
Preston .....	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Warral .....	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Bolton .....	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Bury .....	4	2	0	2	22	18	4

In the Individual Divisional Championships of the Bolton League, Derek Schofield avenged his L. & C. defeat when, in the Div. 1 semi-finals, he beat Bob Kelly before accounting for Blackburn champion, David Cottrell, in the final. Cottrell had a walk-over into the final when Clive Heap lost an off-table set to an unranked 'flu bug.

## WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

With a considerable period minus Championship fixtures because of the unfortunate withdrawal of Nottinghamshire's second team, Worcestershire's reserve side was fortunate to negotiate a friendly match against its Gloucestershire counterparts to supplement a curtailed programme. With a side containing three of last season's juniors, Gloucestershire, the younger team, went under 8-2. Possibly the most interesting performance was that of Sheila Foley, who looks likely to be the first Worcestershire junior girl to justify a permanent senior position. Trevor Gatfield, as in the earlier friendly versus Northamptonshire, fought hard before going under in his two singles.

The venue for the Worcestershire Closed on Sunday, 18th February, 1973 has now been confirmed as The Leys Sports Centre at Redditch, as for last season. A sign of the times, or rather of the passing of time, is the introduction of a veterans' ladies

singles for the first season—it would be ungallant to name the League whose ladies pressed for this innovation! Entries close on 2nd February, and any eligible player without a form should make immediate contact with Mrs. Diana Moss, 38 Goodwood Avenue, Battenhall Manor, Worcester WR5 2HR, Worcester 23960. The new date for the Closed has unfortunately taken the traditional day of the Malvern championships, but Richard Styles wishes all his stalwarts to know that "their Sunday" at Parkview Hostel is now to be 25th February.

Some years ago, the E.T.T.A. organised a campaign to bring table tennis to the notice of lawn tennis clubs—it is therefore interesting to see that the latest Worcester League tables have as Division I pace-setters Manor Park (Malvern) and Worcester L.T.C. The Open event played annually at Manor Park is well established on the summer circuit, attracting many overseas players.

It is now official that David did not slay Goliath—at least in so far as the Carter Cup battle between Birmingham and Redditch is concerned. The match, as played at Birmingham on 26th November, gave a 6-3 scoreline in favour of Redditch. Arrangements for the next round tie versus Leicester were proceeding when the Birmingham Committee decided on 10th December (almost post-humously!) to appeal against the result. The point at issue is the interpretation of the rules as applied to the two junior competitions, but the repercussions seem likely to go much wider. As the Birmingham Table Tennis correspondent had written on 2nd December that the Birmingham team should have been capable of winning without Desmond Douglas, in view of the second city's many coaching schemes to bring other youngsters to the fore, the subsequent change in policy leading to an appeal against the result certainly saved face for the Birmingham selectors who had underestimated their visitors.

Leagues in Worcestershire have long been reluctant to enter the National Team competitions because zoning has meant an inevitable early exit at the hands of Birmingham. This whole unfortunate episode appears to lend some credibility to a feeling held in some quarters that the game in the Midlands is too strongly dominated by Birmingham, and that any small League which presents a challenge to the colossus will promptly be reminded of its underdog rôle by every means available.

## CHESHIRE NOTES

by Brian Kean

### SPOTLIGHT BACKSTAGE

WITH Cheshire's first team sitting comfortably in the Premier Division of the County Championship, this is an opportune moment to turn the spotlight backstage and focus on our other first team, the unsung heroes of officialdom. The only time officials receive attention is when there are criticisms being blasted their way. I feel a greater degree of appreciation should be levelled in their direction, because despite players' opinions these

rewardless stalwarts are the backbone of our wrongly 'tagged' minority sport.

After years of primitive application to work, which should have been approached in a more professional and efficient manner, Cheshire are now beginning to stroll the avenues of successful administration.

A general shake up, and the introduction of new blood in the form of, Chairman Frank Thomas, Treasurer (bank manager) Alan Summerfield, and County Match Sec. Len Green, has injected much enthusiasm to our purpose.

Also, wider representation has brought to power that dynamic Wirral duo of Don Godsell and "Lenny" Elias, and from Crew, Lou Moran. These faces, together with Derek Schofield, John Wilkinson, Terry Donlon, Joc Fitzpatrick, Brian Kean and the "Sitting Bull" of the Cheshire TTA, President, Wally Sharples, have added a new dimension to the advancement of Table Tennis in our famous scenic pastures.

At the half way stage of this 1972/73 season, I am pleased at the progress of our very talented juniors. Pat Allen has really stamped her authority on the tournament circuit. She has to her credit a good win over Derbyshire's Mandy Mellor, while Trevor Burrows has also earned himself much respect from his fellow juniors. I now advise Trevor not to fall into the trap of complacency. I'm sure he is destined for greater heights, but he must realise he is now at the crossroads of success. The reaching and knocking at the door is the easy part, to go through requires greater determination and relentless practice for only the strong cross the threshold.

## MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

### COST PROHIBITIVE?

A very successful Open at the Royal Horticultural Hall from the players point of view but, unfortunately, it could be a costly venture if the bill for heating is as high as expected. This being so yet another venue will be sought next season.

On the inter-league front, it seems to be a fight between North Middlesex and Acton in the Premier Division for leagues like Willesden and Wembley are not now the force they were.

The Schools' recently had their championships and Mark Mitchell (Edmonton) won both the U-19 and U-15 boys' singles whilst Marilyn Sangster (Southall) was successful in the U-19 girls' singles event.

Young Angela Mitchell (Edmonton) joined her brother amongst the winners with successes in both the U-15 and U-13 girls' singles. Other youngsters to show up well were Susan Dove and Angela Palmer (both Southall) and Michael O'Mahoney (Salvatorian), Cvojték Strasburger (Latymer Upper) and Adam Proffitt.

Sheila Hamilton is now up at Darlington P.E. College and doing quite well. Recently she reached the women's singles final in the Yorkshire 2-Star Open and partnered her victor, Susan Lisle, to success in the women's doubles.



## HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

MAIN event in Hampshire during November was the club knockout competition. Unfortunately this was not well supported with only 23 teams entering and three of these did not turn up! Results were very predictable up to the final with the holders for the first two years, Snobs, beating Four T's 'A' 3/1, and Merton 'A' gaining a 3/0 win over Four T's 'B'. Snobs, who had beaten Merton in each of the two previous finals, must have expected to gain a hat trick as Merton were without Phil Crane.

They reckoned, however, without Trevor Smith who ended the day unbeaten. With his brand new "Anti-Loop" bat, both Bill Moulding and Chris Shetler were comfortably disposed of in the final. In the doubles the junior Steve Wilson ably deputised for Crane to partner Trevor Smith in beating Snobs' Moulding and Terry Bruce.

Wilson must now be poised to take over from Kevin McQuade as the County Junior No. 1, if the Gosport player gives him the slightest chance. Similarly Smith currently ranked No. 11 must be due for rapid promotion in the county rankings. In fact after this day's performance he was picked as reserve for the forthcoming county matches.

Little action in County matches recently but the second team match against Oxford had a nail-biting finish with Alan Thornton beating E. Wilkins 26/24 in the third in the last set to give Hampshire a draw. David Phelps starred for Hampshire with two singles wins while Lesley King won the women's singles and combined with Julie Hudson to win the women's doubles.

Hampshire are in the unusual if pleasant situation of having four girls battling for the top junior spot. Lesley King is being hard pressed by Karen Saywell, Susan Harding and Linda Wales. Susan has beaten both Lesley and Karen but lost to Linda while Lesley has beaten Karen and Linda. With only Lesley out of the junior ranks next season the situation is happier in this respect than for many years.

The county closed tournament due to be held during November at Aldershot has been postponed to the end of the season. The closed was to be held in Army premises at Aldershot but quite naturally in view of the recent happenings there, the army have stopped any outside bookings of their premises. It is hoped to stage this event at Portsmouth during March or April.

The senior inter-town matches have become somewhat of a second rate competition this season. Southampton although having very strong players in their domestic premier division are not able to rely on their support in inter-town matches. Bournemouth with their eye on the future, when they will not be in Hampshire, have entered their top players in the Western Counties League.

Only Portsmouth and Basingstoke of the top towns are playing full strength teams and they head the mixed division one with four wins from four matches with Portsmouth having mar-

ginally the better sets average. These two teams meet in the last match in February, where possibly Portsmouth's female strength could be the deciding factor.

In the second mixed division Gosport 'A' look set for a quick return to the first after two 10/2 wins. The junior first division is headed by Southampton 'A' with 8 points from 5 matches although they have already lost to their closest rivals Gosport. The deciding factor however has been the loss and draw sustained by Gosport in their two matches against Bournemouth. They were unfortunate in the fact that these two matches were the only two occasions on which Steve Wilson played for Bournemouth. Gosport are now on 7 points from 5 matches.

A very close second junior division has Basingstoke 'A' on 10 points, Aldershot on 9 and South East Hants 8, all from 6 matches — and still a long way to go.

Having slated the inter-town league as, in senior ranks, a second class competition, one is left wondering what is the alternative? Would a county run inter-club league be the answer? But after the disappointing entry for the Hampshire club knock-out it seems unlikely that a league competition would get any better response. With easier transport in the future a South Coast league, either at Town or club level, may get players out of the current apathy which exists in Hampshire.

From Southampton I must end my report on a sad note by recording the recent death of Ken Grace. A life member of the Southampton Association of which he was a founder member, he served on the committee for many years as an officer then Chairman and President. He also served on the Hampshire Committee. As a player he represented Southampton and reached the closed final in the 1930's. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

## NORTHANTS NOTES

by Gwyn Powell

NORTHANTS have enjoyed an excellent first half of the season County Championshipwise with two good victories for the Seniors 8-2 against Norfolk II's and, in December, a great 7-3 home win against Suffolk to atone for last year's 2-8 defeat at Ipswich.

Rod Marchant had a fine maximum in this match including an exciting 19, 18 win over John Kitchener to amply compensate for his double defeat in last season's match by Kitchener and Mike Palmer. John Goodall, who has this season renewed his interest in County Championship affairs, also gained two singles' victories and thus he, Marchant and Connie Bane all have 100 per cent records to hold on to. With matches against Cambs II's and Hunts to come Northants officials are hoping for great things in the New Year.

The juniors have had mixed fortunes going down, early on, to Nottingham without No. 1, Kevin Alden; beating Warwickshire II's and drawing with Staffs. One of the pleasing features has been the improvement shown by the girls, Anne Wallis and young Val Feakin who has done well in the mixed doubles events.

Mick Edwards, a rapidly improving player in Northampton's Premier Division, has agreed to take on some of the duties of County Match Secretary following the departure of Cyril Lakeland to South Wales. As one might imagine there was no queue of volunteers for this job and we wish Mick well in his new job.

The County Junior Tournament, to be run for the first time apart from the main County Tournament, will take place at the Weavers Sports Hall, Wellingborough on Feb. 24. U-15 and U-13 events are included in the programme as well as the normal events and entry forms should now be available. The main tournament will be held at the same venue but on April 7.

The intriguing battle in the Northampton League between the two top teams, U.T.C. 'A' and Y.M.C.A. 'A' which has been going on for the past few years is again running very close with the latter leading at the half-way stage the vital match between the two ending in a 5-5 draw, John Goodall gaining maximum points for U.T.C. taking Steve Lyon's unbeaten record with it.

Further coaching sessions at the Weavers Road Sports Hall, Wellingborough, for second or third string juniors are being held on the following dates:—Jan. 21, Mar. 25 and June 6 under the direction of County Coaching secretary, Ken Marchant.

## DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Walter Reeves

IT was Derbyshire's reserve players who shone in the 8-2 beating of Gloucestershire in the Second Division (Midland) of the County Championships. This situation was brought about by certain first teamers not being available, the illness of Colin Deaton and Sandra Walters having to drop out.

Mandy Mellor took the place of Mrs. Walters and showed no nerves in making her first team debut and beating the experienced Mrs. J. Golding. Gloucestershire's only successes came from Roy Morley who showed his former class in beating Marples and Foulds.

As expected, the County's junior team beat Lincolnshire and a measure of Derbyshire's strength was evident in the 10-0 result obtained. With Mandy Mellor on first team duty, Susan Holmes stepped into the breach to perform with credit. Derby provided four of the five Derbyshire players on view which is a credit to the coaching of Mike Yallop.

After going two matches without a win, Sidu Singh won both his singles and David Yallop was untroubled in winning his. Wendy Brown also played her part in two doubles successes.

There has been plenty of activity of late with a County assessment taking place at Lea Green on Dec. 17 directed by the County's Coaching Officer, Mrs. Kath Foulds, assisted by husband, Doug, M. Yallop and D. Marples. All the top juniors were assessed but a further day will be required to fix positions of the lower order. A training programme was agreed to ensure the County have continuity of junior players.

Twice recently Doug Foulds has beaten England's top junior, Desmond Douglas. The first occasion was in Derby's match against Birmingham in the Coca-Cola Wilmott Cup competition, and the second in the County match against Warwickshire. On both occasions Doug was the only winner on behalf of Derby and Derbyshire.

Latest news concerning Arthur Downer is that he faces one more operation to put his damaged leg to rights. Then, with his leg in plaster, he will face some 6 months on crutches and perhaps a further period in hospital. If all goes well, he could well be fit again for the start of next season — which is the fervent hope of us all.

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

### HINCKLEY DUE FOR STRUGGLE

WHILST there has not been a great deal of representative play in the hunting shire, there has been plenty of enthusiasm and plenty of table tennis.

First a quick run down the Midland League results. Leicester Men's 1st beat a strong Bristol team and a rather weak Chesterfield one, both by 9-1 margins, and should finish well up the chart, possibly as high as 3rd. Hinckley, in the same division, snatched a draw from Nottingham, to obtain their first point of the season. Clearly they will have a bit of a struggle to stay up but, for the sake of table tennis in Hinckley and Leicestershire, I hope they are able to do so.

Perhaps the less said about the remaining men's teams the better. Leicester 2nd are firmly rooted at the foot of Div. 2, the only team without a point! Hinckley 'B' occupy a similarly unenviable position in Div. 3 whilst Hinckley 'C' obtained their 2 points when Redditch defaulted. Loughborough's defeats by Redditch and Darlston have pushed them down the table, but in the Darlston side was Brian Keates, who must be the classiest player in that division.

All is not lost though. Leicester, Loughborough and Hinckley are all developing youth schemes and the results could well be far-reaching. Leicester Juniors drew with Nottingham in an excellent match with Kevin Hall winning two, as did Steven Penny. Loughborough are going very well in 2B of the Junior section. Not only the established players are doing well but also up-and-coming stars like John Hayes and John Szostak.

Loughborough too could capture the Intermediate title. A 7-3 defeat by Worcester has put the blocks on Leicester's championship hopes in the Women's Division, whilst the veterans have still to savour success (though with the enthusiastic Bryan Hall at the helm I think this will soon be forthcoming).

A concert staged by the Orpheus Youth Orchestra and Bushloe School Choirs, on behalf of the Leicestershire Association, was enthusiastically received. Eileen Randell was the brains behind the idea and most of the credit must be hers. The money raised will be used to provide the county team with new track-suits.



## WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Ron Anson

### CART PULLING THE HORSE?

WARWICKSHIRE Junior "A" commenced their 1972/73 programme at Darwen with a team weakened by school calls.

Apparently appearing for one's school takes precedence over county or any other calls. Whatever the rights or wrongs of this situation a study of county commitments should be the priority when next those responsible for schools' table tennis arrange their programme. Or is the cart pulling the horse?

Obviously a heavy responsibility lay with Desmond Douglas but after 2 wins against Cheshire, including a fine set against Simon Heaps, Des dropped a game to Donald Parker of Lancashire and then went down to a fighting display from R. Wiley of Yorkshire after which he demolished David Alderson 20 and 5.

One encouraging feature was the form of Di St. Ledger and Karen Groves. Di won 2 out of 3 singles and Karen, in 5 doubles, was on the winning side on 4 occasions. Young David Shropshire and Eddie Lasek fought hard and well but found the occasion a little too much.

The County Senior "B" continued their winning ways with a second 9-1 victory, this time over a very useful Derbyshire side. Odd man out was Douglas losing to D. Foulds for the second time in 7 days. A fine team effort from Pat Glynn, Paul Judd (in particularly good form) Desmond, Di St. Ledger and Doreen Hazzard. Di continued her good form with a victory over the formidable Sandra Walters (nee Pegg), fighting back from 13-20 in the decider.

Incidentally, there is no truth in the rumour that the local table tennis article is to be re-titled the 'Desmond Douglas Story'.

At the Golden Jubilee Dinner of the Birmingham Association, a fine trophy was presented by the Warwickshire Association to be awarded annually and a wish was expressed that this would include members who had given outstanding service not necessarily on the playing side.

Disappointment was again expressed by many speakers at the lack of a Headquarters in Birmingham and of efforts being made. Now it would appear the signs are favourable. So let's get cracking.

Following the decision to make the Warwickshire Cup a handicap competition hopes were high that this would bring an awakening of interest. However, instead of the expected 50-plus entries, an entry of 25-30, showing some increase, is anticipated. Warwickshire League results so far:

**DIVISION 1**  
East B'ham 7, West B'ham 2;  
Coventry 6, South B'ham 3.

**DIVISION 2**  
Business Houses 4, North B'ham 5;  
Stratford 8, Tamworth 1;  
North B'ham 0, Leamington 9;  
Stratford 2, Business H. 7.

It was Judd for B'ham "B" v. Nottingham "A". Paul, in such good form this year, took all three singles and Brother Ron, one, plus the doubles, to gain a creditable draw.

Other results: B'ham "A" (Fletcher, Mitchell, Dunne) 7, Gloucester "A" 3, B'ham "C" (Giles, Taylor, Crane) 10, Hinckley "C" 0.

Junior "A" (Cotton, Shropshire, Home) 5, Coventry 5.

Veterans "A" (Eldon, Edwards, Dawson) 5, Nottingham "A" 5, Veterans "B" (Peakman, Haywood, Crane) 2, Oxford 8. Following a successful day at Washwood Heath School, a second junior coaching rally will be held as soon as possible this time outside B'ham if a suitable venue can be found.

Diary Dates: Jan. 14, B'ham Closed at Rover Solihull. Feb. 10 West Midland Junior Open at the Harry Mitchell Centre, Warley. Boys/Girls U-13, U-15, U-17, plus girls/boys mixed doubles. (Cash prizes).

Here's hoping for better luck this time. Last year brought an eve of tournament cancellation due to the power crisis.

## NORTHUMBERLAND

### NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

#### FOUR TITLES FOR BARBARA

An exciting Northumberland Closed tournament, held in the Canteen of the Dept. of Health and Social Security, Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Nov. 18th, produced two new County champions and also emphasised the rich promise of our younger players, who acquitted themselves well in all the events.

Yorkshireman Alan Jones took the men's singles title with a comfortable win over Terry Hart in the final, after just edging out Ron Kettlewell in the semis 20 in the third. Terry arrived at the finals stage by beating Fred Short, shock conqueror of champion Peter Hoyles in the quarters at 22 in the third.

In the absence of defending champion Nancy Ferguson, the women's title went to 16-year-old Barbara Kearney, who seems to get better and better with every game she plays. Not content with that, she also took the girls' singles, women's handicap and mixed doubles (with Peter Hoyles) for good measure. This is a remarkable achievement for a girl who has been playing table tennis for less than two seasons. Once again, however, this event was ruined through lack of entries, and in fact only three ranked players participated, the rest not being included in the rankings — which caused the cancellation of the women's doubles event for the second year in succession.

Andrew Clark dominated both the youths' under-19 and the boys' under-17 singles, the only real opposition coming from his brother Peter in the boys' final. Andrew is another player who I expect to go far — always completely unperturbed at the table, he has the ideal temperament and ability to emulate former Northumberland junior internationals Brian Burn and Ian Robertson, with four more seasons still to go as a junior.

In the unavoidable absence of County Secretary Alan Morpeth, the tournament was organised by Executive committee members Robert Lumb

and Ray Neal, whom I would like to thank, as well as all those who helped, for doing such a good job with limited experience of such matters. Results:—

#### Men's Singles—

A. Jones bt T. Hart 16, 17.

#### Women's Singles—

B. Kearney bt L. Clark 3, 16.

#### Men's Doubles—

P. Hoyles/R. Kettlewell bt D. Armstrong/H. Dignan -16, 11, 19.

#### Mixed Doubles—

Hoyles/Kearney bt Jones/Clark 16, 12.

#### Veterans' Singles—

Dignan bt J. Jackson 14, 18.

#### Boys' U-17 Singles—

A. Clark bt P. Clark -15, 16, 16.

#### Youths' U-19 Singles—

A. Clark bt P. Gorman 14, 7.

#### Girls' Singles—

Kearney bt Clark 12, 15.

#### Individual Handicap—

S. Hanson (+9) bt W. McCabe (+4) -19, 19, 18.

#### Women's Handicap—

Kearney (scr.) bt P. Jackson (+2) 10, -18, 13.

## SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHATTER

by Leslie Constable

### CAMBRIDGE SLIP UP

IN the Men's Section, Ely (last year's champions) and North Herts are in strong positions. In recent matches Ely defeated Northampton and Peterborough, 6-4 and 10-0 respectively, and North Herts vanquished Peterborough and Kettering by 8-2 and 7-3. Cambridge (last year's runners-up) slipped up badly when they lost to Hunts Central 4-6, after beating Peterborough and Wellingborough by wide margins. Northampton had victories over Dunstable and Kettering and are still in a good position. At the moment Kettering and Dunstable are without a victory, as are Peterborough, but Dunstable have obtained enough sets to lift them to a respectable position.

North Herts are marching ahead in the Junior Section, without defeat, and Leighton Buzzard too are in a strong position, having won all their matches. Peterborough did well in holding North Herts to a draw and they also beat Ely convincingly by 9 sets to 1.

The Women's Section makes interesting reading and here, again, North Herts are the main threat, with a clean sheet, although Northampton and Bedford are going well. In recent matches Bedford beat St. Neots 9-1 and also accounted for Kettering and Peterborough by 7-3 in both cases. North Herts defeated Peterborough 9-1 and Kettering 10-0 and Northampton beat Ely, Kettering and Dunstable by 8-2, 10-0, and 6-4 respectively.

Bedford at present head the Veterans' Section, but Cambridge, North Herts and Northampton are also in good positions, all being undefeated.

North Herts lead the Reserve Section easily, but at the time of going to Press few matches have been played. It would be appreciated if all Team Secretaries would ensure that all result

cards are despatched to the League Secretary immediately the match has been played, as at the time of writing these notes five matches are still unaccounted for — two going back to October!

## SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE MEN'S SECTION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bedford	5	3	1	1	33
Ely & Dist.	4	4	0	0	32
North Herts.	4	4	0	0	31
Northampton	5	4	0	1	31
Hunts, Central	4	3	0	1	24
St. Neots	3	1	1	1	15
Bletchley	3	1	0	2	14
Dunstable	5	0	0	5	14
Cambridge	2	1	0	1	12
Wellingboro	3	1	0	2	11
Kettering	4	0	0	4	8
Peterboro	4	0	0	4	5

## WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

In the men's section, Weymouth played well at home to Plymouth who just made it 5-4. Syd Brice was the visitors' 'star' man winning three in accounting for Bob Parkins, Keith and David James. Six of the sets went to a deciding game.

Weston, strengthened by the inclusion of Tony Kinsey, beat Bristol, at Weston Y.M.C.A., 6-3, with both Tony and John Hartry taking 'max'. Geoff Douglas, Brian Reeves and Vernon Adams found the aforementioned pair well in form.

Exeter, at home to Weymouth, just got home 5-4 as a result of Paul Shepherd winning the final set. For the visitors, Brice had another 'field day' with his anti-loop bat beating Mike Rattue, Mike Putland and Shepherd.

Salisbury are going well this season and excelled in maintaining their 100% record when beating Bournemouth 5-4. At one period they trailed 2-4 but fought back well with Bill Moulding gaining wins over Cyril Bush and Brian Pickard to leave Dick Arney with the task of beating Bush in the final set, which he did 2-1, for match victory.

Maximums by Parkins and Keith James paved the way for Plymouth to beat Exeter, at home, 7-2. A similar result was obtained by Newbury at home to Newport.

In the women's section, Exeter beat Weston 6-3 after the match score had stood poised at 3-all. Then Maureen Spray (unranked by Devon) beat Becky Bryant, the Somerset No. 1. In the last two sets, Val Addicott and Pam Mortimer clinched victory with wins over Doreen Henderson and Ann Wilson.

Weston, at home to Bristol, were beaten 7-2. For the visitors Barbara Bowles was well on form to win all her three sets with Pat Rowe and Janet Achurch claiming two wins each. Rebecca Bryant was Weston's only successful player.

Bournemouth had a 7-2 home win over Devizes with Sally Valentine, playing in her first town match this season, playing brilliantly to beat Alison Boyce, Helen Rusby and Margaret Alexander. Joyce Coop also achieved a good 'max', although playing, for the first time, with anti-loop.

## SURREY NOTES

by Geoff Ryan

### MATCH POSTPONED

The eagerly awaited match with Yorks. was postponed owing to a clash with the European League game v. Russia, both Denis Neale and Nicky Jarvis doing their bit for their country. After the 1st round of the Junior Premier matches we stand in 3rd place behind Yorks. & Middlesex and travel to Loughborough full of confidence.

Latest rankings are as follows:—

#### SENIORS

##### Men

1. C. Warren
2. R. Chandler
3. G. Chapman
4. F. Nilam
5. B. Hill
6. D. Wellsman
7. C. Thorns
8. C. Strathearn
9. D. Holman
10. P. Bishop
11. G. Walsh
12. S. Lyons

##### Women

1. L. Howard
2. S. Howard
3. J. Warren
4. N. Leslie
5. S. Tame
6. A. Tyrrell
7. S. Clarke
8. K. Greenough
9. J. Ingarfield

#### JUNIORS

##### Men

1. G. Walsh
2. S. Lyons
3. D. Bangerter
4. M. Crimmins
5. P. Matthews
6. M. Shuttle
7. B. Williams
8. M. Watling
9. K. Seager
10. I. Girdler

##### Women

1. L. Howard
2. N. Leslie
3. S. Tame
4. S. Clarke
5. K. Greenough
6. L. Knight
7. R. Wilkinson
8. S. Ryde
9. N. Webb
10. D. Elliott

On the tournament scene, Gerry Walsh won the Reading Junior 'Open' beating England No. 3 Simon Heaps.

Inter-league results so far to hand are:—

**Percy Johnson—Div. I** — Thames Valley 5, Dulwich 4; Wandsworth "A" 6, Sutton 3; Guildford "A" 5, Croydon "B" 4.

**Percy Johnson—Div. II** — Byfleet 1, Reigate & Redhill 8; Leatherhead 2, Wandsworth "B" 7; Guildford "B" 7, Croydon B.H. 2.

**Arthur Williams Rosebowl**—Thames Valley 5, Leatherhead 4.

**Harding Cup** — Thames Valley 7, Leatherhead 1; Guildford 6, Byfleet 2.

**Sutton Trophy**—Byfleet 2, Thames Valley "A" 6; Thames Valley "B" 3, Leatherhead 5; Guildford "A" 7, Guildford "B" 1.

League spotlight this month falls on Dorking which has, over the last ten years, led a somewhat chequered existence. The League currently comprises 3 divisions, 12 clubs, 29 teams and 150 registered players under the guiding hands of the Secretary and Treasurer, Miss M. G. Hayman, who played for many years in the London Insurances Offices League and a Dorking league player since 1961 and was runner-up in the women's singles in 1963 and 1966. The clubs making up the league come from surrounding villages, as well as business firms in the town including such nationally known concerns as Beechams, British Rail and Electricity Board. Besides league fixtures, a knock-out tournament is run together with individual events for Divisions 1, 2 & 3. Two memorial trophies are awarded annually, one for the most improved league player and the other for the team showing the most 'sportsmanship'.

Croydon tasted defeat at the hands of Brighton in the Coca-Cola Wilmott Cup 3—6 despite victories by Emil Emecz, Peter Brennan and Chris Strathearn over Price, the Brighton No. 3.

A date for your diary — Croydon Business Houses League 'closed' will be held on Sunday, April 15th at the Monkshill Sports Centre, South Croydon.

## HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES

by R. Bridges

HERTFORDSHIRE'S junior 'blooding' policy continued last month with the selection of ten-year-old Adam Proffitt to the Junior seconds in their match against Hampshire at Winton, near Bournemouth. We're hoping that the Boys' Doubles partnership of Adam and "big brother" (14-year-old John) produces something like the 'dynamic duo'. Other members of that team were Colin Williams, Linda Towler and Denise Norris.

Hertfordshire's junior first team were unchanged for their home match against Norfolk with Richard Jermyn, Peter Roseberry, Michael Penney, Christine Hart and Sheila Harper.

On the senior side, the first team registration of Jack Bender was blocked by the Championships Secretary, John Wright, after his release by Middlesex, when it was found out that his 'Hertfordshire address wasn't in Hertfordshire!' It was just one of those rare anomalies where postal areas and local government areas differ by about 100 yards.

The International Club visited Cheshunt on Nov. 26 with Brian Burn, Stuart Gibbs and Bobby Stevens to play a Commemorative match against the Cheshunt League, now 25-years-old. About 120 spectators witnessed the visitors gain a 9-0 win over Barry White, Alan Lamprell and Chris Pickard.

The Watford League held their 'Closed' on the week-end of Nov. 25/26; slightly earlier than in recent years, the idea being to miss any industrial action which has caused problems in the previous two seasons.

Stuart Seaholme surprised brother David with a win in the first semi of the Men's Singles, eventually going on to win the event. Wins in three

events gave Barbara Peters her first 'triple' success.

#### WATFORD CLOSED

M.S. Semi-finals:  
S. Seaholme bt D. Seaholme 23, 15.  
G. Giles bt G. Bax -16, 16, 10.

M.S. Final:  
SEAHOLME bt Giles 18, 16.

W.S. Final:  
Miss B. PETERS bt Mrs. B. Andrews 18, 12.

M.D. Final:  
SEAHOLME/SEAHOLME bt Giles/Bax 17, -17, 17.

W.D. Final:  
Miss PETERS/Mrs. S. BOYCE bt Mrs. D. Marsh/Mrs. E. Adams 15, 12.

X.D. Final:  
A. THOMAS/Miss PETERS bt A. Gooch/Miss P. Boulton 14, 9.

#### HERTFORDSHIRE CLUB

##### CHAMPIONSHIPS

Intermediate Section:  
ICL Letchworth 8, Polycell III (WGC/Hat) 1.

Women's Section:  
E. Herts Col (Cheshunt) 5, Cheshunt II 0.

#### HERTS INTER LEAGUE

Following last month's dramatic prophecy that Cheshunt were favourites to win the competition for a third term, the League position was blown wide open when Watford scored a 6-4 win over a weakened Cheshunt team. Barbara Peters and David Seaholme scored two singles wins each and chalked up a success in the Mixed doubles.

#### LATEST RESULTS

First Division:  
Watford 6, Cheshunt 4.  
Bishops Stortford 2, Cheshunt 8.

Second Division:  
Cheshunt III 9, Hemel Hempstead 1.

Hertford 6, Watford II 4.

St. Albans II 3, Hemel Hempstead 7.

Junior Division:  
St. Albans 3, Cheshunt II 7.

Cheshunt 9, St. Albans 1.

North Herts 10, Bishops Stortford 0.

Borehamwood 2, North Herts 8.

## LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by Jim Flowers

THE Lincolnshire TTA Closed Championships were held on Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Clee Youth Centre, Grimsby.

Brian Hill (Boston), winner of the Men's Singles, played with great determination proving once again that he is by far the best Lincolnshire player. He dominated all the players he met in this event. He then went on to greatly assist his partners in winning both the Men's Doubles (with Mick East) and the Mixed (with Connie Moran).

Jean White proved once again that she is the top lady by winning the Women's Singles, but this was not without tremendous tussles with Carol Judson, in the Semi-Final, and with Connie Moran in the Final, both sets going to three.

In the Boys' Singles, we saw a repeat of the recent Louth Junior final between Jimmy Brewster and Colin Boyd, and once again, Brewster was a comfortable winner.

The Girls' Singles provided the surprise of the Tournament. Little Susanne Hunt, 12-year-old Grantham school girl, knocked out the reigning Junior Champion, Janet Hackford in the semis, going on to easily beat her big sister, Christine, in the Final.

The Veteran Singles Final was a repeat of last year, with Bernard Finneran proving that his game is still as good as ever, beating Brian Edlington, once again, two-straight.

Miss Anglia, attractive Carol Spencer—herself a registered Grimsby and

District Table Tennis player — presented the trophies. Results:—

#### MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals:  
B. Hill (Boston) bt M. Sheader (Grimsby) 13, 6.

M. East (Boston) bt C. Judson (Lincoln) 8, 12.

#### Final:

Hill bt East 17, 5.

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals:  
J. White (Spalding) bt C. Judson (Lincoln) -14, 7, 15.

C. Moran (Grimsby) bt J. Robinson (Boston) 9, 17.

#### Final:

WHITE bt Moran 13, -16, 14.

#### BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-finals:  
J. Brewster (Boston) bt J. Forbes (Lincoln) 16, 14.

C. Boyd (Scunthorpe) bt P. Cater (Boston) -18, 17, 14.

#### Final:

BREWSTER bt Boyd 18, 14.

#### GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-finals:  
S. Hunt (Grantham) bt J. Hackford (Grimsby) 18, 18.

C. Hunt (Grantham) bt E. Blastland (Grimsby) 16, 11.

#### Final:

S. HUNT bt C. Hunt 13, 16.

#### VETERANS' SINGLES

Semi-finals:  
B. Finneran (Grimsby) bt W. Moran (Grimsby) 16, 12.

B. Edlington (Gainsborough) bt J. Radley (Lincoln) -18, 12, 19.

#### Final:

FINNERAN bt Edlington 14, 15.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals:  
Hill/Moran bt B. Allison/M. Lilley 6, 15.

D. Armstrong/White bt East/Robinson 15, -13, 10.

#### Final:

HILL/MORAN bt Armstrong/White 15, 14.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals:  
W. Moran/P. Taylor bt Judson/R. Norton -18, 17, 21.

Hill/East bt Finneran/M. Sheader 9, 14.

#### Final:

HILL/EAST bt Moran/Taylor 11, 18.

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals:  
Moran/K. Fisher bt Judson/Robinson 19, 16.

White/M. Burgess bt C. Hunt/Hackford 9, 14.

#### Final:

WHITE/BURGESS bt Moran/Fisher 15, 11.

#### RANKINGS

##### MEN:

1. B. HILL
2. M. EAST
3. C. JUDSON
4. J. M. BEAUMONT
5. M. SHEADER
6. P. TAYLOR
7. G. KING
8. B. ALLISON
9. S. A. MORLEY
10. W. MORAN

##### BOYS:

1. J. BREWSTER
2. C. BOYD
3. P. CATER
4. J. FORBES
5. J. SMITH
6. C. BROWN
7. I. RADLEY
8. P. MCKAY
9. M. NORMAN

##### WOMEN:

1. J. WHITE
2. C. MORAN
3. C. JUDSON
4. J. ROBINSON
5. S. HUNT
6. C. HUNT
7. M. FEATHERSTONE
8. K. FISHER

##### GIRLS:

1. S. HUNT
2. C. HUNT
3. J. HACKFORD
4. M. FEATHERSTONE
5. S. NORMAN
6. S. RADLEY

#### HAIGH CUP

##### SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

SKEGNESS beat BOSTON 6—4  
D. ARMSTRONG won all three but he had a terrific struggle with D. Smith (Sk), Armstrong winning 21, -18, 21.

Eight out of the ten sets went to three.

Grantham began their first season in Lines with two wins, 10—0, 8—2.

Grimsby also have maximum points with wins over Mablethorpe and Louth.



## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Chester Barnes will not be playing in the English table tennis championships at Crystal Palace on Jan. 4 to 6. Barnes, currently under suspension by Essex, has not played in a tournament since September. He still ranks No. 3 in the country and is the best known player in England but, although he is eligible to play, he has not sent in an entry.

The Times, London, 14.12.72.

A Table Tennis team will turn out for a league match tonight . . . with the same three members who have played together for 25 years.

Mr. Jim Lewis, aged 50, and his friends Jack Rolfe and Teddy Herbert, who play for the dockyard at Chatham, Kent have never split up.

Mr. Lewis said yesterday: "There has never been any need for a substitute or replacement".

The Sun, London, 14.12.72.

Heats are now under way in a sponsored table tennis tournament which hopes to raise £45,000. The tournament is being organised throughout London by the Royal Albert Hall. Heats are being held in each of the London boroughs and the finals will be at the Albert Hall on February 3.

The money will go towards providing facilities for the disabled at the Albert Hall, including ramps and a lift for wheelchairs.

Competitors, sponsored at the rate of a penny a point during the games, can ask as many people as they like to make this donation.

There are four major cups to be won, including the Evening Standard Silver Challenge Trophy for the winner of the under-16 boys' section.

Full details can be obtained from the Handicapped Utilities Realisation at the Royal Albert Hall (HURRAH) office 01-589 0417.

Evening Standard, London, 15.11.72.

England table tennis champion Trevor Taylor (Yorkshire) has been seeded No. 2 for the Norwich Union English Championships at Crystal Palace, on Jan. 4-6.

Denis Neale, England's top player, is seeded No. 1 to meet him in the final.

The other seeds are:— 3. Nicky Jarvis (Yorks.); 4. Alan Hydes (Yorks.); 5. "Les" Haslam (Middx.); 6. Tony Clayton (Yorks.); 7. Cornelius Warren (Surrey); 8. Mike Johns (Ches.).

Best first-round singles clashes will be Taylor v. Laurie Landry (Middx.), and Susan Howard (Surrey) against Janet Hellaby (Essex) in the women's singles.

England's leading woman player, Mrs. Jill Hammersley, has been made No. 1 seed, with Mrs. Karenza Mathews (Middx.) in the No. 2 spot, drawn to play Linda Howard (Surrey) in the semi-final.

Mrs. Hammersley's semi-final opponent should be last season's finalist, Mrs. Lesley Radford (Essex).

Daily Telegraph, London, 14.12.72.

## Midland League

by PHILIP REID

### DEFAULTS ON INCREASE

WITH the season approaching the half-way mark, some interesting situations are arising. However, there are signs that defaults are on the increase—not a very encouraging sign. One thing seems certain and that is that if the trend of defaults—not a major problem yet—continues then fines will have to be substantially increased to prevent them occurring.

Chesterfield seem to have lost their chance of the Men's Division title by losing to Leicester. Birmingham have called on eight players in three matches, which gives some idea of their depth and they look nearly there. Paul Judd is now playing with all his old assurance. The possibility of him making the Warwickshire first team should be within his grasp if the present trend continues! My guess is that there will be a 'battle royal' to avoid the relegation spots but the real truth is there are NO weak teams in the 1st division.

Derby must have created some sort of record by drawing each of the four matches they have played in the Div. 2 to date. Their star player, Doug Foulds, remains unbeaten, but Steve Dunning and Bob Thornton also have 100 per cent records and I fancy Foulds' match with Thornton will be close. Derby, in fact, look to be in for a pretty good season. Their 2nd team are the only unbeaten side in Division 3 where Brian Foulds and Dave Stills are playing well.

Junior-wise, Derby look the most impressive side in Div. 1 and my guess is that David Yallop won't lose many, if any in this division this season. He is playing with all the assurance in the world and he has a young brother hot on his heels.

In Div. 2B, the winner of the Loughborough — Derby match must surely take the title, neither having dropped a point yet. Susan Holmes and S. Yallop are 100 per cent in this division. I can tell the Yallop brothers though — their dad (Mick) wasn't a bad player either! In Div. 2A, Worcester have so much depth they look as though they must win the title unless Walsall can halt them. When Worcester's top three juniors went to a training course, they still had three more good enough to register a 9-1 win — how about that for strength in depth?

Loughborough's good start in the Intermediate Section encourages me to back them for the title but I can anticipate either Coventry or Nuneaton (or both!) proving me wrong!

In the Women's Division, West Bromwich, with Kath Perry (100 per cent), Jenny Cornock and Anne Baker playing, must surely retain their title. I say this with the greatest respect to Nottingham, their only challengers.

Red faces at Walsall where the Veterans 'A' lost 6-4 to their 'B' team. Harry Dixon, one of the greatest enthusiasts Walsall have ever had and a great sportsman, won two in one of his rare appearances. Well done Harry, it made my day. And what odds now on Oxford winning BOTH the Veterans Divisions — it could easily happen.

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# Torch Trophy Trust



## AWARD FOR 'POP' RILEY

At a ceremony in London, Mr. Francis Albert 'Pop' Riley, aged 66, was presented with an Olympic torch replica by former Kent and England cricket captain, Colin Cowdrey, a Trustee of the Torch Trophy Trust.

The inscribed award commemorates 'Pop's' "outstanding work" for table tennis in Hastings and Sussex for it is the aim of the Trust to encourage voluntary work at club level and, therefore, someone who has never worked outside one club or one locality is the person considered more suitable for a Trophy Award than someone of national standing in the sport concerned.

Emphasis is placed on the quality of the contribution and, in considering nominations, the Trustees take into account not only the type and length of the voluntary service, but the circumstances under which it has been given.

'Pop' Riley, who resides at Chapel Park Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, has been the Leader of the Twelfth Hastings Junior Table Tennis Club (formerly Twelfth Hastings Scouts T.T. Club) since it was founded back in 1928, except for the period of 1941-45 when he served with the R.A.F.

Mr. Riley was the first Hon. Sec. of the Hastings and District Table Tennis Association in 1930-31 and first Chairman of the Hastings Youth League in 1962. He is currently vice-chairman of the Sussex County T.T.A.

Mrs. Jean Reay, joint secretary with her husband, Edgar, of the Durham County T.T.A., was a previous recipient of a Torch Trophy Award.

## Woodfield 1 Star Tournament

by John Pike

FOR the sake of a local charity and for the game of table tennis, it was good to see another record entry for the Woodfield 1-Star tournament. Over 50 entries had to be returned and in fairness to players and officials it

was still a tournament at full stretch, with the finals starting a good two hours behind schedule. This apart, the tournament was a great success with titles changing hands like football tickets on cup final day.

Steve Rowe from the Potteries won the men's singles, a good performance this, while the women's title went to Anita Stevenson and again what a good season this Leicestershire youngster is having.

With P. Randell and G. Hughes winning the men's doubles and G. Hall the boys' singles it was a pretty good day for Leicester all round.

The Notts pair of Shaw and Hopkin took the women's doubles while the mixed saw the local pairing of John Pugh and Joyce Lloyd come out on top.

The Highfield schoolgirls made their mark in the junior events with J. Carr, G. Round, H. Johnson and R. Hodgkiss all showing up well.

Results:—

### Men's Singles:

S. Rowe (Potteries) bt P. Freeman (B'ham Univ) 13, 9.

### Women's Singles:

A. Stevenson (Leics) bt R. Buick (Beckenham) 15, 13.

### Men's Doubles:

P. Randell/R. Hughes (Leics) bt S. Dunn/A. Fletcher (B'ham) 14, 16.

### Women's Doubles:

P. Hopkin/B. Shaw (Notts) bt Stevenson/Buick 13, 15.

### Mixed Doubles:

J. Pugh (Staffs)/J. Lloyd (Worcs) bt R. Dawkins/B. Shaw 11, 13.

### Veterans Singles:

R. Etheridge (Kent) bt L. Dawes (Wolverhampton) -12, 13, 7.

### Boys' Singles:

G. Hall bt K. Hall (both Leics) 12, 16.

### Girls' Singles:

J. Carr bt G. Round (both Wolverhampton) 13, 20.

## DRESS AND BADGES

by Geoffrey Owen

The E.T.T.A. has set up a small working party to consider any alterations that may be needed in the current Dress and Badge Regulations,

to be found in the present handbook.

However, the members are interpreting their terms of reference quite widely and, for example, have received some helpful suggestions on the dress of our national team. They would like to have the views of all those interested on several aspects of the matter.

For example, apart from the regulations, are there any further ideas on dress for our national teams or for players in general? Is the present

standard dress for umpires with blazer etc., outmoded? What about the Association's present range of leopard badges? Are there any suggestions about International Regulations on colours, bearing in mind that the E.T.T.A. cannot change these unilaterally?

Any suggestions will be gladly received, written or verbally, by Mrs. Mary Wright, 20 Burghfield, Epsom, Surrey, or by me at 13 Bournewood Road, Orpington, Kent. BR5 4JN.

## COUNTY DIARY

### FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR JANUARY, 1973

#### PREMIER DIVISION

- Jan. 20 Kent v. Essex, Duncan Bowen School, Woodchurch Corner, Ashford. (7.00 p.m.)  
Sussex v. Surrey, Sunallon Sports Ground, North Heath Lane, Horsham. (7.00 p.m.)  
Warwickshire v. Cheshire, St. Saviour's Church Hall, Heath Terrace, off Rugby Road, Leamington.  
Yorkshire v. Middlesex, Sun Pavilion, Cornwall Road, Harrogate (7.15 p.m.)  
Feb. 4 Essex v. Warwickshire.  
„ 10 Sussex v. Yorkshire, Holy Family Convent, Norfolk Road, Littlehampton. (7.30 p.m.)  
„ 11 Surrey v. Yorkshire, Bellfields Youth Centre, Bellfields Road, Guildford. (3.30 p.m.)

#### SECOND SOUTH

- Jan. 20 Buckinghamshire v. Berkshire.  
Kent 11 v. Hampshire, Woolwich Recreation Institute, Kings Park, Eltham Palace Road, Eltham SE9 (7.00 p.m.)  
Surrey 11 v. Sussex 11, Phillips Electrical, Commerce Way, off Purley Way, Croydon. (7.00 p.m.)

#### SECOND NORTH

- Jan. 20 Durham v. Yorkshire 11  
Lancashire v. Lincolnshire, Alfred Turner Secondary School, Prospect Road, Off Liverpool Road, Cadishead. (6.30 p.m.)  
Northumberland v. Cheshire 11

#### SECOND MIDLAND

- Jan. 20 Derbyshire v. Staffordshire.  
Nottinghamshire v. Gloucestershire  
„ 21 Leicestershire v. Warwickshire 11  
Feb. 3 Worcestershire v. Warwickshire 11

#### SECOND EAST

- Jan. 20 Cambridgeshire v. Norfolk, Haverhill Sports Centre, The Pigtle, Haverhill (7.15 p.m.)  
Middlesex 11 v. Hertfordshire.  
„ 21 Bedfordshire v. Essex 11, Pioneer Boys' Club, A5 High Street, Dunstable (4.00 p.m.)

#### SECOND WEST

- Jan. 20 Glamorgan v. Dorset.  
Somerset v. Cornwall, YMCA, St. James Street, Taunton. (7.00 p.m.)  
Wiltshire v. Devon

#### SOUTHERN

- Jan. 20 Hertfordshire 11 v. Essex 11, Brookside Boys' Club, Buckton Road, Boreham Wood. (7.00 p.m.)  
Oxfordshire v. Berkshire 11

#### NORTHERN

- Jan. 20 Cheshire 11 v. Northumberland 11, YMCA, Gatley. (6.30 p.m.)  
Cumberland v. Durham 11  
Lancashire 11 v. Derbyshire 11 (as for Second North match) at Cadishead. (2.30 p.m.)

#### MIDLAND

- Jan. 20 Worcestershire 11 v. Monmouthshire  
„ 21 Staffordshire 11 v. Glamorgan 11

#### EASTERN

- Jan. 20 Norfolk 11 v. Cambridgeshire 11  
Suffolk v. Huntingdonshire

#### JUNIOR SOUTH

- Jan. 20 Berkshire v. Buckinghamshire  
Hampshire v. Oxfordshire  
Kent v. Hertfordshire 11  
Sussex v. Surrey 11

#### JUNIOR NORTH

- Jan. 20 Northumberland v. Cheshire 11  
Westmoreland v. Cumberland

#### JUNIOR MIDLAND

- Jan. 20 Lincolnshire v. Northamptonshire  
Nottinghamshire v. Warwickshire 11  
Staffordshire v. Leicestershire, Woodfield S & S Club, Woodfield Avenue, Penn Road, Wolverhampton. (3.30 p.m.)  
Feb. 4 Warwickshire 11 v. Lincolnshire.

#### JUNIOR EAST

- Jan. 20 Essex 11 v. Hertfordshire  
Essex 11 v. Huntingdonshire  
Norfolk v. Suffolk

- Feb. 3 Bedfordshire v. Cambridgeshire 11

#### JUNIOR WEST

- Jan. 14 Monmouthshire v. Worcestershire  
„ 20 Gloucestershire v. Somerset  
Feb. 10 Somerset v. Devon

#### VETERAN SOUTH

- Jan. 20 Hampshire v. Kent, Indoor Sports Centre, Wimbledon Park, Southsea. (6.30 p.m.)  
Northamptonshire v. Huntingdonshire, Compton Estate Club, Castle Ashby. (3.00 p.m.)

- „ 27 Essex v. Oxfordshire  
Feb. 4 Essex v. Hertfordshire

#### VETERAN MIDLAND

- Jan. 13 Worcestershire v. Nottinghamshire, Cripplegate Pavilion, Tybridge Street, Worcester. (6.30 p.m.)  
„ 20 Cheshire v. Staffordshire, YMCA Gatley. (3.00 p.m.)  
Warwickshire v. Leicestershire.

I regret that I must again apologise for the large gaps in the venue listings. Of the 50 matches scheduled for January, I have at the time of writing (Dec 23) received notification of venues for a mere 18 matches of these which lightning calculation shows to be 36%. As I have unfortunately neither the time nor inclination to "chase" up these details they must remain unpublished.

Three more have been included. Ed.

## From the Editor's Postbag

### REGULAR FEATURE?

I was interested to read "What The Papers Say", on Page 17 of the December issue — it's a pity they don't say a lot more—and I hope you will make this a regular feature.

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### MEMORIES REVIVED

(December 1972 Issue)

1935 World Championships. I was most interested to read the letter from Mr. C. F. Joyce, Chairman of the Surrey T.T.A., and there can be very few people in this country who can surpass Mr. Joyce's record of 44 years service to the game.

In the final paragraph of his letter, Mr. Joyce pondered how many people officiating during that great tournament being present at the finals, were still trying to do their bit for T.T. As a very minor official at the 1935 World's, a table steward, I am very proud to say that I am still connected with the game. Actually, I tried to play in that World's but was beaten in the qualifying rounds at the famous Indian Students' Club in Gower Street, London. My con-

queror was a promising young table tennis and lawn tennis player, Eric Filby, who went on to represent England in the Swaythling Cup matches at the 1938 World's; I am glad to say I managed to squeeze into the singles and doubles events.

There were some marvellous games in 1935 and I still remember the Swaythling Cup final between Hungary, the winners, and Czechoslovakia. Hungary's team on the night was, I believe, Barna, Szabados and Bellak. Austria's team included a very young Richard Bergmann, playing in shorts, men players wore long trousers in those days, of course.

The Corbillion Cup was won by Czechoslovakia, led by Marie Kettnerova, and this lady who had a very strong forehand drive also gained the women's singles over Magda Gal (Hungary). Barna, who was quite superb then, gained the men's doubles with Szabados and mixed doubles with another Hungarian, Annus Sipos. The men's consolation singles was taken by Sol Schiff, U.S.A. who produced a string of untakeable spin services (were they called "knuckle-spin" services?), and these services were subsequently barred from the game.

Mr. Joyce and I seem to have quite a lot in common. He started as an official in the London League in 1928, I started as treasurer for the Enfield and District League (later to become the North Middlesex League) in 1932. It is interesting to note that in 1932 there were 6 teams in North Middlesex, and after I was instrumental in re-forming the league after the 1939-45 war this went up to 160 teams. Mr. Joyce worked for the famous manu-

facturers, A. G. Spalding & Bros. Ltd., and from 1936 to 1939 I worked for another leading company in that sphere, F. H. Ayres Ltd.

Mr. Joyce, with whom I am acquainted, and I must get together one evening and compare our scrap books!

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### OPINION VALID

Reference Roger Chandler's letter in the December "Table Tennis News", I think a few words from me are needed for the benefit of those people who know how I usually get the material for my "Roundup".

Normally, the home County sends me brief notes on a match, and I collate these when preparing my page (does this explain why some Counties never get match reports in "Roundup"?). On this occasion I was at the match and the comments I made were my own. I would respectfully dispute that "... a recovered bat didn't help ..." should be read as "... the only reason ...", particularly as I have a great deal of respect for Roger's ability.

Although on the Middlesex Committee, I was unaware that, to quote Roger again, "... Middlesex are rather famous for their blatantly un-

supporting comments ..." and confirm

that the comments made were both my own, and in my opinion valid.

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## Hastings Tiger I Star

### Wembley Winner

Richard Philips was the 2-straight winner of the men's singles title at Hastings on Nov. 19 his final victim being John Lawson of Folkestone.

In an all-Sussex final tie for the women's singles crown, Diane Gard of Eastbourne had a comfortable win over Linda Woodcock. Results:—

#### M.S. Semi-finals

R. Philips (Middx.) bt K. Horton (Sussex) 19, 14;  
J. Lawson (Kent) bt R. Huson (Middx.) 20, 13.

**Final: Philips** bt Lawson 17, 15.

#### W.S. Semi-finals

D. Gard (Sussex) bt Miss Franklin (Sussex) 23, 17;  
L. Woodcock (Sussex) bt M. Mock (Sussex) 11, 12.

**Final: Gard** bt Woodcock 12, 11.

#### M.D. Final:

**Horton/G. Pugh** (Sussex) bt J. Beaney/A. Rowden (Sussex) 10, 14.

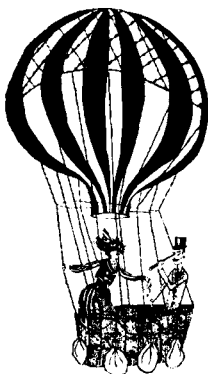
#### W.D. Final:

**Gard/Woodcock** bt A. Murrell/C. Randall (Sussex) 17, 15.

#### X.D. Final:

**A. Mendelson** (Sussex)/**Woodcock** bt J. Barry (Sussex)/Franklin 14, 15.

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# Presentation Dinner at Durham

by JEAN F. REAY



Mr. Jones, one of the Directors of VG Foodstores presenting a cheque for £150 for Coaching purposes to Mr. Long.

Photo by Edgar Darling of Sunderland



Officials of the Durham County T.T.A. (from l. to r.), standing: Edgar and Jean Reay, Hon. Joint Secretaries, seated: Mrs. Britton, Mr. C. W. Britton, Chairman, and retiring President Mr. Benny Long.

Photo by Edgar Darling of Sunderland

As briefly reported by Fred Inch, in last month's Durham Notes, the Presentation Dinner held at the Red Hills Hotel, Durham on Nov. 23 was to mark the retirement of Mr. Benny Long as President of the Durham County T.T.A. due to his failing health.

For 15 years, Mr. Long had not merely been a figure head, but had attended County meetings each month, as far as his health would permit, right throughout his term of office.

He, with several other interested table tennis players, came one Sunday to see my husband, Edgar, to ask how they could form a table tennis league in Stanley and from information given the Stanley League came into being. We are sorry to lose him as he has, on several occasions, been

a calming influence on some of our more aggressive members.

We had great difficulty in ascertaining the type of gift which would be of most use, but with the help of Mrs. Long (by 'phone when he happened to be out) we discovered that he had just got a stereogram and needed a record cabinet.

This, of course, did not require all the money that had been donated from member leagues, so we purchased an electric lawn mower. He has a beautiful lawn in which he takes a great pride, but his own mower is now too heavy for him to handle yet the pride is still there.

The Dinner was really the first social event, as such, to be held as a County affair and was much appreciated by all who attended. The

Chairman's wife, Mrs. Britton, was presented with a bouquet and each lady with a corsage as she entered the room (by your humble).

There were speeches by Mr. C. W. Britton, Edgar and myself, Mr. Long, Mr. Harry Senior, one of our vice-presidents from Darlington and now a Hon. Life Member of the Durham C.T.T.A., and by Mr. E. W. Fox, also a v-p and Hon. Life Member who, with Edgar, was one of the founder members of the Durham County T.T.A.

He was a Sunderland official years ago but was moved, by his firm, to Uxbridge, Middlesex where he held an official position, I believe, in that county, and became a friend of Harry Edwards.

## CUMBERLAND NOTES

by Ron Rigg

### SECOND WIN IN EIGHT YEARS!

FIRST of all — congratulations to the Cumberland Junior team who recorded only their second victory in eight years of campaigning, by beating Durham Juniors 6-4 at Whitehaven on Dec. 16. The whole team of Peter Polczynski, Ian Smith, Stewart O'Neil, Yvonne Brockbank and Jennifer Pachul deserve special credit for a fine effort, particularly pleasing is the fact that this team, in its entirety, is available for junior matches again next season.

These are highly successful days for 15-year-old Millom schoolgirl, Yvonne Brockbank, who has suddenly blossomed from being a reasonable junior player to become probably Cumberland's most exciting prospect ever. Following her feat in reaching the final of the 2-Star Open at Carlisle, in which she defeated England Junior No. 3, Brenda Williams, and Northumberland No. 1, Barbara Kearney, Yvonne progressed to the final of the East of Scotland championships at Edinburgh before admitting defeat. Together with Clarice Rose and Jennifer Pachul, she was a member of the Barrow League side which crushed Wirral 8-1 in the first round of the Rose Bowl.

Mention of Clarice Rose reminds me that the former Surrey star has intimated that the current season will be her last as far as county matches are concerned. Since moving to the area some four years ago, Clarice has been a tower of strength to the County team and will be greatly missed. Happily, she will not be lost to the game altogether as she is the present County Secretary and has recently been appointed to the North West area Coaching Committee. The retirement of Clarice will pose a real problem for the selectors and it will be interesting to see whether they continue to play Yvonne Brockbank in the Junior side or promote her to the Seniors.

A rather strange fact has arisen out of the recent Norman Cook cup match between the Barrow League and Bury. Although this competition is open to all leagues in Lancashire, this tie was in fact played in Cumberland, the match being decided in near-international conditions at Millom School. Unhappily Barrow, including two Cumberland County players, were beaten 5-4 after being 4-1 in the lead.

Congratulations to three newly-qualified County Umpires from the Carlisle area, Jenny Hayes, David

Gallagher and Ken Murray. No doubt they will get plenty of opportunity to display their skills in the near future.

A last word on the Cumberland 2-Star Open — it seems that both the co-sponsors, Sporthaus and Cumberland Newspapers Ltd., were delighted with the huge success of the tournament and have intimated that their sponsorship will again be available in 1973.

## OFFICIAL NOTES

by Albert W. Shipley

### VALUE ADDED TAX

From a first reading of the new V.A.T. proposals, it does seem that when this tax comes into force, our affiliation fees will be subject to a 10% levy. The exact position is being fully investigated and when final details are known all leagues will be fully informed.

### TOURNAMENT DATE

One tournament which escaped being entered in the Tournament Diary was the Northumberland 1-Star Open on Saturday, Mar. 24, the organiser being Mr. T. A. Morpeth, 59 Preston Avenue, North Shields, Northumberland.

### EUROPEAN EXCHANGES

Following on the Common Market theme, there is an increasing tendency for Clubs in Europe wishing to arrange exchange visits with Clubs in England and for junior events to which English players are invited.

We would be pleased to hear from any Clubs who are interested in such matches, stating country preferred. Recently, we publicised in the magazine the details of an Austrian Club who wished to visit a club in London and much to our embarrassment, no replies were forthcoming. So please help us to avoid this happening in the future.

On the junior aspect, we now have three opportunities for a party of youngsters accompanied by adult(s) to visit European countries and I would welcome enquiries for further details:—

### FRANCE

April 20-24 in Bruay, Labvissiere for 10 juniors plus 2 adults, with free hospitality.

### HOLLAND

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### GERMANY

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### SWEDEN

A party of 6 boys, 6 girls and 3 adults will be coming to England, the week commencing March 4, and they will probably play in the Lancashire Junior Open on Mar. 11. Prior to they wish to play some friendly matches. Cheap accommodation is required either paid for by the visitors or arranged on a reciprocal basis.

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## THE 50th BIRMINGHAM ANNIVERSARY DINNER

### EVENT TO SAVOUR AND REMEMBER

By Philip Reid

WHEN Maurice Goldstein invited me to attend the 50th Anniversary Dinner there could be only one answer and that was in the affirmative. Table tennis is a young sport, a late-comer to the scene as it were, but it has of course made big strides. Even so it came as a surprise to me to learn that the Birmingham Association had been in existence for fifty years.

The site for the great occasion was the Penns Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. Maurice wisely decided to restrict the numbers to 300, a figure which was attained without difficulty. I was met at Birmingham's New Street station by the indefatigable Richard Habgood and driven to Penns Hall. No-one could fail to be impressed with the place. As we were early we decided to have a peep into the hall and there was Maurice Goldstein, arranging the seating plan, putting out the menus — it was 'business as usual' for Maurice.

The guests started to arrive! Geoff Alderton, resplendent in handle-bar moustache looked exactly as he did when I first saw him over 20 years ago—the first representative player I ever saw. Bill Gallagher, one of the great stylists of all time, made the trip from Durham to be present — Bobby Murrell, as full of life and energy off the table as he used to have on it—he was there. John Harrison, Ron Vickers, Derek Backhouse, Derek Baddeley — all useful players still—were there. It was a wonderful start. Ralph Gunnion, Birmingham's captive Liverpoolian, got the first round in and there were

some notable names in our own small group. Derek Munt. Paul Judd, Roger Morris to mention three. Oh! And Charles Wyles and Derek Tremayne.

The excellent meal was enjoyed by all and then came the speech making. Charles Wyles said a few words and then Ron Strevens (a vice-president who had made the trip from Edinburgh) gave an interesting speech on Birmingham's early days. Another vice-president, Reg McStanton came from Padstow, Cornwall! The top table had some illustrious names. The Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Victor Turton was there. Cyril Hames the Birmingham President chaired the whole event admirably.

Then came what to everyone was the highlight of the evening — the presentation to Maurice Goldstein. Maurice has been secretary of the Birmingham League for 40 years and the Birmingham League made it an occasion to remember in more ways than one by the presentation of a colour television set. A speech from Maurice is a rarity but this was a masterpiece.

He said "Why have I stayed in the game so long? I suppose I could have made some money. But I've enjoyed seeing so many young people get so much pleasure out of table tennis." Maurice then paid tribute to the smallish, balding man who sat opposite him — the great Adrian Haydon. "Adrian was the first good player I ever saw and it was him who inspired me more than anyone else to take a real interest in the game. Adrian was a magnificent player, the best player England has ever produced."

Maurice is not disposed to giving out praise lightly but such a compli-

ment was indeed well-earned. Maurice also made mention of his wife Gladys who has always been in the background but through force of circumstances compelled to live with table tennis nearly all her life. Gladys is one of those people who are in a way as important as the Maurice Goldsteins — never complaining but accepting everything philosophically.

After the meal and speeches, dancing and drinking brought the evening to a close all too soon but the unanimous verdict was that it was all so worthwhile.

But had it all finished? Not quite. The following morning Reg Chetland M.B.E., table tennis enthusiast extraordinary gave a reception at his Solihull home. There were a number of invited guests and all thoroughly enjoyed this delightful informal extra. During the course of it I had a chat to Adrian Haydon and he told me of an incredible record in Birmingham. In 41 years in Birmingham table tennis he lost only two sets!! Who could beat that?

And, of course, who could beat the 50th Birmingham Anniversary Weekend, an event to savour and remember for ever.

## Halex Golden Rackets

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Second-placed Trevor Taylor and Jill Hammersley could only attain 83 and 105 points respectively were they to become triple champions at the Halex Teesside 3-Star Open to be played at Thornaby Pavilion on Feb. 24/25. Table:—

### Men

D. Neale (Yorks.)	98
T. Taylor (Yorks.)	51
O. Haslam (Middx.)	46
P. Taylor (Beds.)	21
A. Clayton (Yorks.)	19
M. Johns (Ches.)	19
L. Landry (Middx.)	16
D. Munt (Warwks.)	12
B. Johns (Ches.)	9
B. Hill (Surrey)	8
S. Heaps (Ches.)	6

### Women

K. Mathews (Middx.)	112
J. Hammersley (Bucks.)	73
L. Howard (Surrey)	36
S. Howard (Surrey)	26
S. Lisle (Lancs.)	21
L. Radford (Essex)	16
J. Hellaby (Essex)	13
D. Court (Middx.)	11
J. Heaps (Ches.)	11
S. Hession (Ches.)	11
E. Tarten (Essex)	9
J. Williams (Sussex)	9

### Obituary

#### JACK PATTISON

The frequency with which familiar faces depart from the scene of Liverpool Table Tennis occurs far too often and it is with profound regret that we record the death of one of our most esteemed associates, Mr. Jack Pattison.

Jack had been connected with the Liverpool and District Table Tennis League over a period of very many years and his valued contribution as a former Editor of the "Digest" played a prominent role in the League's success.

It was, however, in the pursuance of his journalistic profession that he will be best remembered and his regular features on Table Tennis published in the local press under the nom de plume of "Dunbar", be they critical or containing words of praise, provided the outlet of publicity for the League's activities.

Up to the time of his death, Jack was one of the League's respected Vice-Presidents, an acknowledgement which he had deservedly earned for long and devoted service, but above all he was held in affection by the countless circle of friends which he made during his lengthy association with the Table Tennis fraternity throughout Merseyside.

In conveying our deepest sympathy to his widow, Isabel, and to his family in their sad bereavement, may I also express the sentiments which I know we all share, the Liverpool League will indeed be the poorer by the loss of such a popular personality.

Arthur E. Upton



# Seven Newcomers in Junior Ranking Lists

On Dec. 18, the National Selection Committee announced new ranking lists for Juniors. Previous rankings, as issued on Oct. 3/72 are shown in brackets:—

- Boys**
1. Desmond Douglas (Warwks.) (1)
  2. David Alderson (Yorks.) (2)
  3. Simon Heaps (Ches.) (3)
  4. Paul Day (Cambs.) (5)
  5. Donald Parker (Lancs.) (6)
  6. John Kitchener (Suffolk) (4)
  7. Mark Mitchell (Middx.) (7)
  8. Gerald Walsh (Surrey) (12)
  9. Robert Wiley (Yorks.) (—)
  10. Andrew Barden (Middx.) (8)
  11. Andy Mitchell (Kent) (10)
  12. Gerald Pugh (Sussex) (11)
  13. David Tan (Middx.) (9)
  14. Brian Alderson (Lancs.) (—)
  15. Steven Lyons (Surrey) (—)
  16. David Boulter (Essex) (—)

- Girls**
1. Linda Howard (Surrey) (1)
  2. Anita Stevenson (Leics.) (2)
  3. Elaine Tarten (Essex) (5)
  4. Gillian Taylor (Essex) (6)
  5. Judith Walker (Yorks.) (4)
  6. Brenda Williams (Lancs.) (3)
  7. Karen Rogers (Leics.) (7)
  8. Diane St. Ledger (Warwks.) (11)
  9. Mandy Mellor (Derbys.) (—)
  10. Jane Hartwell (Middx.) (—)
  11. Angela Mitchell (Middx.) (—)
  12. Nicolette Leslie (Surrey) (9)

Desmond Douglas and David Alderson retain their first and second positions in the boys' list as do Linda Howard and Anita Stevenson in the girls'. But down from No. 3 in the girls' list goes Lancashire's Brenda Williams to No. 6 while her Liverpool team-mate, Suzanne Manning, previously ranked at No. 12, is omitted from the new rankings.

So too is Gillian Locke (Essex) and Susan Tame (Surrey) previously ranked at Nos. 8 and 10 respectively. Another northerner to be moved down is Judith Walker but no one can deny the claims of the Essex pair, Elaine Tarten and Gillian Locke, whose tournament record to date is most impressive.

Of the four newcomers to the boys' list, the fair-haired Robert Wiley makes the biggest impact by coming in at No. 8. But he did beat Desmond Douglas in the Yorkshire v. Warwickshire Junior Premier Division encounter at Darwen—no small feat.

## SUSSEX NOTES

by ROBIN PIERCE

### WRITING ON THE WALL

The message for all players representing counties other than SUSSEX in the C.T.T.C. is loud and clear—you have just one more chance to take a Sussex 'Closed' title.

At their recent executive meeting the vast majority of Sussex leagues voted in favour of giving serious consideration to the proposals banning 'outside' players from the annual 'closed' tournament.

It was felt that plans for this season's events had gone too far for

alteration but there is little doubt that rule changes will be down on the agenda at July's A.G.M. So it is almost certain that the 1973/74 'Closed' will live up to its title.

Young Linda Wales caused a big upset in the Coca-Cola Rose Bowl when she smashed her way past the highly-rated Linda Woodcock in the Worthing/Eastbourne clash.

And, for good measure, Linda also swept aside the challenge from Angela Mock. Miss Wales's critics should also note that it was Linda's hitting that caused the damage.

I understand that Eastbourne's biggest supporter, John Woodford, could be seen eating his pre-match forecast near one of the exits when

the tie came to its exciting conclusion! Suzanna Kavallierou's fine play made sure that Worthing snatched a 5—4 victory.

In the Wilmott Cup, Brighton made a happy start by giving Croydon a 7—3 hammering. Sussex exile, Roger Chandler, and the County 'closed' title-holder, Sam Ogundipe, both scored trebles for the winners.

It has not been all triumph in Brighton, however. Teenager, Anita Gedge, took her courage in both hands with a rare display of hitting to beat former Lancs. player, Judy Patching, in the ninth tie of the Brighton/Hastings Rose Bowl contest.

And Brighton, still the largest league in Sussex, also made a quick

exit in the Men's Division 1 Inter-League Competition.

Sam Ogundipe was unable to turn out and the Brighton No. 2 and 3 players were not up to the standard required.

The strong Crawley trio of John Clarke, Keith Horton and John Milward zoomed to the final and they will take on Hastings in the New Year to decide the championship.

I'm sure that all Sussex players will join me in wishing Arthur Downer all the best for 1973.

Arthur has just had another operation at Derby but hopes to leave hospital soon. After all that tragedy in 1972 the New Year must bring better things to the popular Arthur.

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# CONTROVERSY

## JOHN WOODFORD

*writes on the*  
**Biggest Issue of the Lot**

ENGLISH table tennis fans nationwide are now beginning to ask the Big Question, "How much longer can we be expected to wait to see better results from the England European League team?"

Assurances have been given, hopes have been expressed in the highest corridors of power that we have the money, we have the training camps, we have visits to the Orient by Les Gresswell, E.T.T.A. trainer-coach and by Alan Hydes, Nicky Jarvis and Ian Horsham, but so far, I was unable to spot more than a little glimmer of hope at the scene of the team's latest defeat at Guildford by Sweden.

Now, no-one expects happy results overnight, but the sort of thing we are looking for desperately is a steady improvement in a young player, such as Sweden's Ingemar Viktorström. One, or better still two boys who can reach a standard where he can defeat, as did Viktorström, experienced players of Denis Neale's calibre.

Four defeats in a row, the latest against Russia in Moscow, can only mean relegation after that incredibly lucky escape at the end of last season.

So, in answer to the question, "how long to wait from now?" — I would

be bold enough to suggest that a verdict will have to be reached by the end of the season. If by then the present policies and considerable efforts have still produced no youngsters capable of supporting Neale, it might be fair to say that the National Council will be asking for other avenues to be explored, even in addition to the present ones, most of which I believe are on the right lines.

A principle applied to any sport is: "Never change a winning game — always change a losing game". Change the word "game" for "policy" and you have the situation as I see it.

But I do not expect to see a world-beating side created in one season as I am sure a number of people do — the target for this season cannot though be less than survival in the premier division of the European League.

Although I wrote in "The Daily Telegraph" on December 8th that I thought Sweden scored an "impressive" win over England that word should not be taken too literally. They were impressive only over a moderate England side — further proof of just how big a hill we have to climb.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

### WONDERFUL TRIBUTES

I THINK it is fitting to open this month's notes by congratulating the Birmingham Association on reaching their 50th anniversary. I am sure I say this for all players and officials throughout the county, and for those who were lucky enough to attend the dinner at Sutton Coldfield, they will long remember the wonderful tributes paid to Maurice Goldstein for his 40 years service to the game in the Midlands. If ever there was a "This is your life story" this was it.

Back over the border again, and a lot has been happening in Staffordshire as the first half of the season drew to a close. Starting on a sad note, I am sorry to have to report the death of Peter Jones (24) from Rugeley who died following a car accident. As well as playing in the Stafford League, Peter was a very good footballer and will most certainly be missed by his many friends in the county. On the schools' front, both Highfield and Stone are doing well but the Joseph Leckie centre at Walsall are finding it an uphill struggle to get enough coaches to help at each session. Sid Parker and John Blackband would welcome any senior players who could give a hand with the coaching.

After the Area school finals at Highfield last month, the Wolverhampton centre will be in the news again this month when the top Midland juniors

will be going there for special training sessions.

The Staffs. Restricted Tournament will be held on the 14th of this month at the Woodfield club, but it was decided not to run the Beattie Trophy event this season. All leagues will have been notified by now about the Club Championships.

In the Coca-Cola competitions pride of place must go to the Wolverhampton girls for their fine win over Birmingham in the Bromfield Cup. West Bromwich men went out in the first round of the Wilmott Cup, but the women's side look all set for another good run in the Rose Bowl. It is good to see North Staffs Boys' Brigade taking part in the Carter Cup and we wish them well in their away game with Stockport.

More names are coming forward to take the County Umpires test and this is very encouraging following the recent success of C. Pearce, R. Benson and W. Davies.

As I close this month's column two county results have just come to hand. The "A" team found themselves 4-0 down in their home game with Notts at Stone but fought back very well to share the points in a 5-5 draw. Both teams were full of praise for the wonderful conditions at Beattie Hall where this match was played.

In the junior match at the Woodfield club it was Northants who did the fighting back. The Staffs youngsters were leading 5-2 but then let the visitors off the hook and had to be content with a single point when it should have been two.

# GEORGE CARR

## RETIRES

A well-known figure in the British sports arena, Mr. George Carr, director and general manager of the International Sports Company Limited, a Dunlop subsidiary, has retired after 42 years in the Dunlop group of companies. His successor is Mr. Findlay Picken, previously managing director of National Tyre Service Limited, another Dunlop subsidiary.

Born sixty years ago in Alberta, Canada, of English parents, George Carr came to Britain at the age of seven and grew up in Salford, Lancashire. At eighteen he joined Dunlop starting in the postal department of the Cambridge Street factory in Manchester. After gaining useful sales experience in the export department, he became the Dunlopillo sales representative of the Midlands and Eastern counties just at the time when the unique foam rubber development was coining a new word in comfort. He was mobilised with the Leicester TA as a private in 1939 and it was during the final stages of hostilities when Major George Carr led a unit in the Trondheim landings that developed his subsequent interest in Norway.

When he returned to Dunlop in 1946, he was appointed the export sales manager of the newly formed Dunlopillo Division based at Walton, Liverpool. He later became responsible for all the upholstery side and then general sales manager for Dunlopillo and assistant general manager at the division's new headquarters near Harrogate. He was appointed to the Dunlop Sports operations in 1962 as general manager.

Over the next ten years, George Carr, was to see the sports interests grow from strength to strength with repeated new record sales at home and exports increasing by nearly three times as much. The Company's endeavours were further recognised when in 1971 the Queen's Award was granted for export achievement. In 1972, Dunlop's own highest award, The Baillieu Trophy, went to the Sports Group for its outstanding performance.

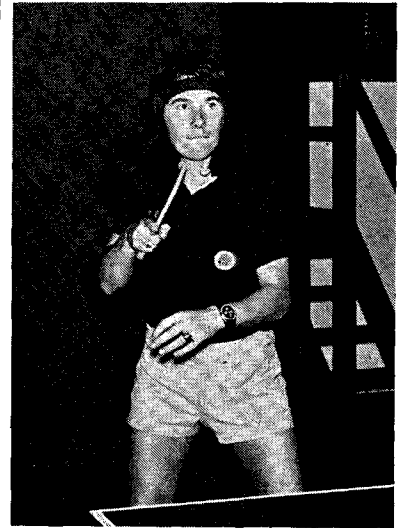
It was no hollow compliment that George Carr became known affectionately as Dunlop's "Mr. Sport" for in addition to his close association with the industry, his own wide sporting interests began early — he once had a trial as a slow bowler for Lancashire and has broadcasted on many sporting events, particularly, commentaries on rugby and the Isle of Man TT motorcycle races. He was also anchor-man for the Northern radio programme "Sport Spotlight" for five years. He has represented the interests of equipment manufacturers and players alike on many committees including the Golf Ball Manufacturers Association of which he is a past president and in a similar capacity in the Federation of British Manufacturers of Sports and Games. He is chairman of the Sports Trade Benevolent Fund and the Golf Foundation; a vice-chairman of the British Professional Golfers Association and is currently chairman of the Joint Consultative Council of the Federation of British Manufacturers of Sports and Games.

All his many friends will wish George Carr and his wife Gwen, a happy retirement which in his own words will be "no less active, and if anything more so, as I intend to develop to the full my special interests in sport".

## ESSEX NOTES

by Alan Shepherd

### BARNES RE-INSTATED



AFTER much careful deliberation the Committee decided at its December meeting to re-instate Chester Barnes. Accordingly he is now available for County matches in January and beyond.

Meanwhile a Barnesless side won an exciting match 5-4 against Sussex at St. Luke's in what was one of the longest matches on record just over 4 hours without an interval!! Everyone associated with the game in Essex must now hope that, with a remorseful Chester leading the side again, we can resume our place at the head of affairs in the County championship, maybe not this season, but in the very near future.

Dagenham closed results are to hand as follows:

M.S.: David Randall.

W.S.: Elaine Tarten.

J.S.: Peter Hunt.

Y.S.: Brian Mailley.

M.D.: David Randall/David Boulter.

W.D.: Elaine Tarten/Anne Painter.

X.D.: Micky Locke/Anne Painter.

V.S.: Stan Battrick.

I would like to cross swords in the friendliest possible fashion with my friend John Wright, who took me to task over my remarks concerning the Junior Assessments. I withdraw not a word. I have compared the results of Elaine Tarten and Linda Howard against Jane Hartwell in the Junior County matches and from these it is clear to me (if not to John) that Elaine comes out much the better. She stood at 22/20, 20/16 so was within a point of a two-straight win whereas Linda incredibly lost a second game 17/21 after 21/4!! Added to this, John, Elaine beat Linda again the next day (in the Southend Open) and beat Janet Hellaby on Dec. 10 at the Dagenham Closed. Not bad results you might think, for such a technically inept player!



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Eastbourne.

## THE GIRL WHO PLAYS 13 SPORTS - WELL !

by John Woodford

THERE can be very few sports-women in England who excel at over a dozen sports. Sussex sports journalists had a count recently on the 22-year-old LINDA WOODCOCK, a player well known in East Anglian and Sussex table tennis circles, and found she participated to a high standard in no less than thirteen sports!

Linda will finish her three-year stint at the Chelsea College of Physical Education, Eastbourne in July and then seek a P.E. teaching post in the South.

At table tennis she is an attacking player who has played for Suffolk and Sussex. Highlight of her career was last season in the Coca-Cola Rose Bowl at Guildford when she beat Susan Howard and led Linda Howard 20-17 in the third before losing 21-23, coming near to a maximum against Guildford on their own table.

Her 13 sports are football, cricket, table tennis, hockey, lacrosse, tennis, stoolball, darts, swimming, squash, badminton, volleyball and horse-riding.

Linda's first love however is football. Her ambition is for her hometown team Lowestoft to win the national Mitre Cup. This trophy is the women's football equivalent of the F.A. cup itself. Recently playing from a midfield position she scored three goals in one match!

## NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

### ANOTHER 'DEGREE' FOR BETTY

Norfolk Closed Championships were held for the second successive season at the fine Sports Centre of the University of East Anglia. John Fuller, of Great Yarmouth, still only 17, became the Norfolk Champion as a Junior for

the second time in three years, after falling in the first round last season. This time he defeated John Turner, of Norwich, in two straight.

Betty Cassell, of King's Lynn, became Women's Champion for the 13th time, after her last season's conqueror, Edna Fletcher, had had to retire in the second round. But Edna did manage to partner Mrs. Joan Rodwell to retain the Women's Doubles, which they have held since 1967/68.

It was Joan Rodwell's daughter, Susan, who lost to Betty Cassell in the Women's Singles final. Les Holdom, Veterans' Champion for the past three seasons, fell to Bob Cooper in two-straight, but not without a struggle. Bob Mitcham and Betty Cassell retained their title in the Mixed. Betty was awarded the Victor Ludorum. Results:—

M.S.: J. Fuller (Y) bt J. Turner (N) 17, 19.

W.S.: Mrs. B. Cassell bt Miss S. Rodwell 6, 17.

V.S.: R. Cooper (N) bt L. Holdom (N) 19, 19.

M.D.: M. Broughton/C. Bensley (N) bt S. Honor/R. Butler (N) 13, 22.

W.D.: Mrs. E. Fletcher/Mrs. J. Rodwell (Y) bt Mrs. B. Cassell/Mrs. N. Ford (K.L.) 18, -18, 16.

X.D.: R. Mitcham (N)/Mrs. B. Cassell bt J. Fuller/Mrs. E. Fletcher -15, 13, 18.

The Dicky Moore Cup at Yarmouth was won by Mick Broughton, who beat Terry Darly 21-17, 21-11.

There is going to be a Norwich Schools' Table Tennis Association. A division of eight teams on a 3-a-side basis started play on Nov. 20. Founder members of the league are:—Blyth, Bowthorpe, Earlham "A" and "B", Hewett Middle, High School Girls, Lonsdale and St. Andrew's. Harry Levine, Norwich League Schools' Organiser, and also a vice-president of the English Schools T.T. Association, has been the man who did much of the spadework.

As the half-way mark approaches, league tables at Yarmouth show the following divisional leaders:—

Premier: Iron Duke "A"; I: Caister "B"; II: Police "A"; III: Caister Y.C. "C"; IV: Power Station "D".

# TOURNAMENT DIARY

Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Feb.			
3	Chelmsford 2-Star, Gt. Baddow Comprehensive School, Chelmsford, Essex.		G. J. Lightfoot, 57 Hopping Jacks Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. Closing date: 20/1/73.
3	Exeter 1-Star Junior	U-15 BS, GS. U-13 BS, GS.	K. T. O. Ponting, 21 Southport Avenue, Redhills, Exeter, Devon.
3	South Yorkshire 1-Star, Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield, Yorks.	BS, GS.	J. H. Broomhead, 18 Willis Road, Sheffield 6. Closing date: 20/1/73.
4	North Bournemouth 1-Star, Winton YMCA, Jameson Road, Bournemouth, Hants.	JS.	C. B. Cashell, 16 Victoria Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth BH9 2RN Closing date: 29/1/73.
10	West Midland 2-Star Junior	U-15 BS, GS. U-13 BS, GS.	M. Goldstein, 415 Moseley Road, Birmingham 12. Closing date: 27/1/73.
10/11	Basingstoke 2-Star, Basingstoke Sports Centre, Basingstoke, Hants.	U-21 XS, BS, GS.	Mrs. A. A. Waters, Dell Field, Fox Lane, Newfound, Basingstoke, Hants. Closing date: 22/1/73.
24/25	Halex Teesside 3-Star, Thornaby Pavilion, Thornaby, Teesside.	VS, YBS, YGS. International Team Events M and W.	A. Ransome, 21a Church Lane, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Closing date: 31/1/73.
Mar.			
1/3	<b>NORWICH UNION INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS,</b> Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton, Sussex.	VMS, VWS.	E.T.T.A., 21 Claremont, Hastings, Sussex.
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.	VS, BS, GS.	Mrs. J. Robinson, 24 Croppers Lane, Friston, Boston, Lincs. Closing date: 5/3/73.

## IRELAND

Feb.		Details of all Irish tournaments from:—
2/3	East of Ireland Open (Dublin).	
9/10	Players/Wills Irish Open (Dublin).	C. A. Moore, 78 Orby Drive, Belfast BT5 6AG.
23/24	Limerick Open (Limerick).	

## SCOTLAND

Jan.	27 West of Scotland Open.	Mrs. M. Doherty, 2 Muir Street, Renfrew.
Mar.	10 Scottish Open (Edinburgh).	Mrs. H. Hamilton, 6 Grove Street, Edinburgh.

## WALES

Jan.	27 Glamorgan Open (Cardiff).	Mrs. S. Sturgess, 16 Turnham Green, Penylan, Cardiff.
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Note: Closing date approximately 14 days prior to event.

## HUNTINGDON & PETERBRO' NOTES

by David Obee

### DEFEAT NO DISGRACE

IN the only two matches played during the last month at county level, the senior and veterans' side suffered mixed fortunes.

At Eaton Socon, the veterans found visitors Oxfordshire too strong and went down 2-7. Since the Oxon side included players regularly turning out in the city Midland League team, this defeat was no disgrace. Scorers for the County were Gordon Cockram and Colin Dale each with a singles win.

At Peterborough, the senior side chalked up a 6-4 against Norfolk II. This, following on the draw with Cambs II, was a fine performance, well deserved despite the closeness of the scores in several of the sets.

Starring for the County were Alan Albon, who took both singles in real 'cliff-hangers', and Barbara Webb who, as well as winning her singles, teamed up with Diane Bushby to take the women's doubles.

Diane herself was unbeaten, partnering Albon in the mixed to provide the experienced St. Neots player with his third success.

Also played on the same day was the Coca-Cola Bromfield Trophy match between St. Neots and Wembley where the visitors triumphed 6-3, despite a fighting performance from Belinda Chamberlain, who notched all three wins for the home side.

## Bournemouth to the Fore

by Marjorie L. East

Hon. Secretary,  
Bournemouth and District  
T.T. Coaching Association.

Bournemouth Schools were well represented at the Hampshire Schools' Table Tennis Championships (Individual) which were held at Southampton on 3rd December, 1972. Their representatives took part in five of the six Finals and all have received Coaching and/or Training at the Winton Centre. Janet New reigned supreme in the Girls Under-13 event and although losing to Julie Reading in the Final of the Girls Under-15 Event gave the latter a hard fight for the title.

Julie's retrieving of Janet's very hard hitting was the deciding factor in this event. Jane Harvey struggled gamely in her second game with Lesley King only to lose 20/22 but the hitting of both girls was an attractive feature of their play.

Stephen Wilson showed his determination and ability to control the ball, particularly in the last two points of a most exciting Final, and he is to be congratulated on the achievement of winning the Boys Under-19 Championship at the age of 15.

His young brother, Colin, had little difficulty in winning the Under-13 Boys Title but the match of the day

was that between Colin and Richard Bergemann in the Semi-Final of the same event. Neither gave, nor expected, any quarter and their play and behaviour would have done credit to players twice their age. Over the three games there was the very slight difference of 2 points in Colin's favour. His consistent hitting was just too accurate and it was unfortunate that one had to win.

Schools which were represented:— Miss Janet New—Glenmoor School for Girls; Miss Julie Reading—Highcliffe Comprehensive School; Miss Jane Harvey—Talbot Heath School for Girls; Colin Wilson and Richard Bergemann—Highcliffe County Junior School; Stephen Wilson — Highcliffe Comprehensive School.

## INTERNATIONAL CLUB

### SILVER JUBILEE MATCH AT CHESHUNT

by Laurie Landry

A very successful match was played against the Cheshunt and District League on Nov. 26 at Waltham Cross to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the League.

Strongly represented by Brian Burn, Stuart Gibbs and Bobby Stevens, the Club members, although winning 9-0, had some excellent exchanges with

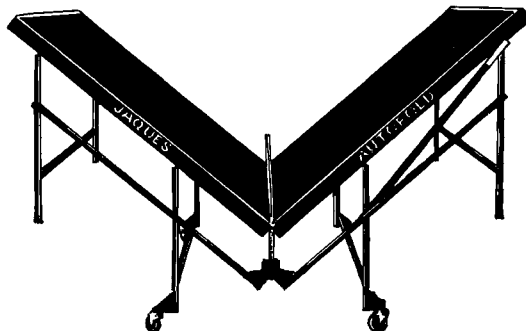
Barry White (Herts No. 1), Chris Pickard (Hants. No. 1) and Alan Lamprell (Herts. No. 2). Scores:— B. Burn bt A. Lamprell 14, 17; bt B. White 16, 18; bt C. Pickard -16, 14, 15.

S. Gibbs bt Pickard 19, 18; bt Lamprell 12, 15; bt White 18, 15. R. Stevens bt White 12, -18, 12; bt Pickard 14, 20; bt Lamprell 18, 18.

The Club won the Cheshunt Jubilee Trophy but re-presented it to the League so that it could always be played for within the Cheshunt area.

Newest Club member is Betty Bennett (nee Blackburn) who did so much for English table tennis just after the war. Delightful to have her back in the fold.

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## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### EARLY CUP EXITS

CAMBRIDGE made an early exit from the Wilmott Cup when they were beaten 7-2 by Colchester in the first round. Cambridge were represented by rather a weak team and Derek Fuller was the only successful Cambridge player. This was the earliest exit for a Cambridge team for a number of years and as this season is mainly concerned with team building perhaps we shall see an improvement in 1973.

Cambridge women also made a first round exit from the Rose Bowl, when they were defeated 5-4 by Peterborough (the identical score of last season). Previously in the South East Midlands League, when the teams met, Cambridge forced a 5-5 draw when playing with an under-fourteen team! This shows that the Cambridge Junior Girls are a force to be reckoned with and the Ellis twins, Karen Garner and Ruth Newman will surely be next season's contingent.

In the East Anglian League, Cambridge have made a very good start and have won all their first three matches against Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Ipswich respectively by wide margins. If this form continues then they may take the title for the first time of asking and stalwarts like John Thurston and Stephen Andrews will surely play a big part in taking them there.

The situation in the South East Midlands League is not so encouraging and a recent fixture saw Cambridge lose to Hunts Central 4-6, although it was not a strong Cambridge side, and players like Thurston, Alan Ponder and Tony Littlechild (who has gone to Bath) are now being sorely missed. I am sure that the title this season will again be sought by Ely who, with the services of Paul Day at times, are a force to be reckoned with. Cambridge Juniors were only able to draw 5-5 with Wisbech, who are a moderate side and here again their form will have to improve if they are to remain in the top half of the League.

Although Cambs Juniors lost all three of their premier division matches against Middlesex, Surrey and Essex, they were by no means disgraced and Day, unbeaten in six singles and three doubles sets, always kept Cambridge in with a chance, but apart from two singles wins from Keith Richardson, he lacked support. A little more concentration and consistency will be required at Loughborough when they meet the Northern counties, who are considered to be weaker than those in the south. They are, however, still in the running and even now may avoid relegation.

Day had a fine win over Simon Heaps in the Semi-Final of the Halex Midland Counties Championships at Birmingham. The England No. 3 Junior was the only top Junior that Day had not beaten. The match was a sensation when Heaps, after a heated argument with the Umpire, stormed

off in the second set when at this stage Day was leading 21-18 and 16-11; the match was awarded to Day. In the final of the Junior Singles Day lost to England's top junior Desmond Douglas by 21-23; 21-8; 14-21, after leading 21-16 in the first game. Day and Andrew Barden of Middlesex lost in the Junior Doubles final to Heaps and Douglas, at 14-21 in the third game.

The greatest honour so far bestowed upon Paul was when he was selected to play for England in the French Open Championships. Only 14 years old and the youngest member of the team, the selectors are obviously anxious to give him an early opportunity of top class table tennis.

In the Cambs. League, Guildhall at present lead the First Division, but right on their heels are Soham I, who have a very impressive record, being unbeaten after six matches, also with a very good average. New Chesterton Institute are in third position and it seems likely that the title will rest between these three teams. University I and Press II are at the bottom of the division and the former team have a very poor record compared with other seasons. Players who are prominent in this division are Thurston, Andrews, John Ashman, Derek Fuller, Gerald Coteman, Ken Muhr, Albert Jackson, Paul Charlton, Mick and Steve Palmer, Michael Harper, Brian Jones and Paul Day.

St. George's I lead the second division, being unbeaten with a good record and looking, even at this

stage, good candidates for promotion. Two other teams, in the shape of New Chesterton Institute II and Fire Brigade I, are close on their heels, but with an inferior sets average. Melbourn are pointless at the bottom of the division. Division IIIA see Spicers I and Torchbearers II fighting it out, both with clean records and practically on a par with sets average, and both already poised for promotion to Division II. Fisons I have a clear lead in Division IIIB, without a defeat.

Coaching sessions continue at St. Luke's Hall for Juniors, although I understand that problems have arisen as some of the top juniors still do not realise the importance of intensive coaching. No doubt this will be rectified by the coaches in due course.

The Cambs Junior Open is being held next May and is being partly sponsored by Hobbs—a local Sports Firm. —Gerald Coteman, who is running the Tournament now has things well under way.

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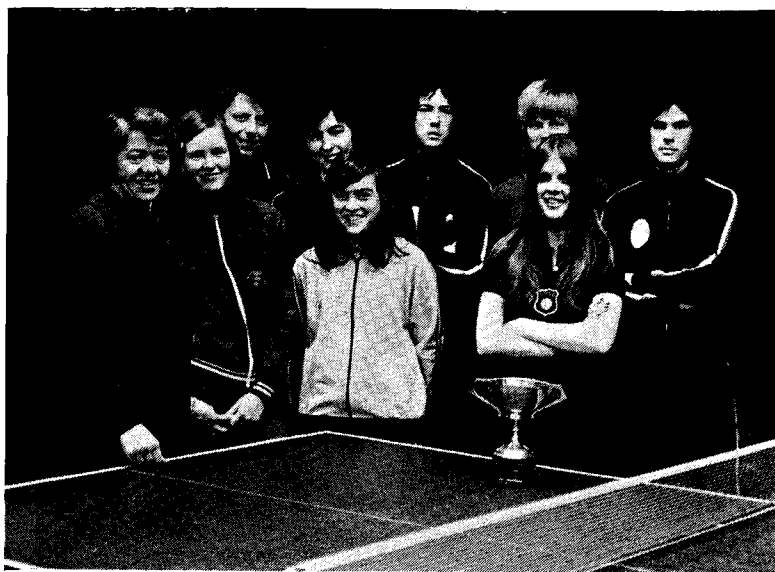
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# Champion, Yorkshire!



Yorkshire won the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships for only the second time in the history of the Junior County Championships at the final play-off held at Loughborough on 29th/31st December, 1972.

From left: Former International Kathleen Thompson (non-playing captain), Karen Wilson, Alan Ransome (coach), Philip Ward, Julie McLean, Brian Alderson, Robert Wiley, Judith Walker, David Alderson.

Dropping one point only, to Surrey, in the second and final Junior Premier Division get-together, at the P.E. Centre, Loughborough College of Education, during the weekend of the English Junior Open, **YORKSHIRE** took the title previously held by Essex, with 3 points to spare over Surrey.

Having accounted for Cheshire (6-4), Lancashire (8-2) and Warwickshire (8-2) at Darwen Sports Centre on Nov. 18, the Tykes overcame an early set-back when held to a 5-all draw by Surrey at Loughborough to beat Cambridgeshire (10-0), Essex (7-3) and Middlesex (6-4).

Cheshire and Lancashire, the latter despite beating Essex, are the two demoted counties. Loughborough results:—

## Friday, December 29th—

Cambridgeshire 4, Warwickshire 6  
Cheshire 2, Essex 8  
Lancashire 3, Middlesex 7  
Yorkshire 5, Surrey 5

## Sunday, December 31st—

Essex 4, Lancashire 6  
Middlesex 9, Cheshire 1  
Surrey 5, Warwickshire 5  
Yorkshire 10, Cambridgeshire 0  
Essex 3, Yorkshire 7  
Lancashire 4, Cambridgeshire 6  
Middlesex 4, Warwickshire 6  
Surrey 7, Cheshire 3  
Cambridgeshire 6, Cheshire 4  
Surrey 8, Lancashire 2  
Yorkshire 6, Middlesex 4  
Warwickshire 7, Essex 3

## Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire .....	7	6	1	0	50	20	13
Surrey .....	7	4	2	1	41	29	10
Middlesex .....	7	4	0	3	42	28	8
Warwickshire .....	7	3	2	2	35	35	8
Essex .....	7	3	0	4	33	37	6
Cambridgeshire .....	7	2	0	5	27	43	4
Lancashire .....	7	2	0	5	26	44	4
Cheshire .....	7	1	1	5	26	44	3

Detailed scores of all matches will appear in the February issue.

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## PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Surrey .....	2	2	0	0	13	5	4
Cheshire .....	3	2	0	1	15	12	4
Warwks. ....	3	2	0	1	11	16	4
Yorkshire .....	1	1	0	0	9	0	2
Kent .....	3	1	0	2	13	14	2
Middlesex .....	3	1	0	2	13	14	2
Essex .....	3	1	0	2	11	16	2
Sussex .....	2	0	0	2	5	13	0

## 2 SOUTH

Surrey II .....	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Bucks. ....	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Sussex II .....	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Kent II .....	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Hampshire .....	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Berkshire .....	2	0	1	1	7	13	1

## 2 NORTH

Lancashire .....	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Yorkshire II .....	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Cheshire II .....	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Lincolnshire .....	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Durham .....	2	0	1	1	5	15	1
Northbrland .....	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

## 2 MIDLAND

Leicestershire .....	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Warwks. II .....	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Notts. ....	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Staffordshire .....	3	1	1	1	13	17	3
Derbyshire .....	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Worcs. ....	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Gloucs. ....	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

## 2 EAST

Essex II .....	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Beds. ....	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Middlesex II .....	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Herts. ....	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Cambs. ....	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Norfolk .....	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

## 2 WEST

Devon .....	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Glamorgan .....	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Somerset .....	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Wiltshire .....	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Dorset .....	3	1	0	2	8	22	2
Cornwall .....	2	0	0	2	7	13	0

## SOUTHERN

Essex III .....	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Herts. II .....	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Oxfordshire .....	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Berkshire II .....	2	0	1	1	6	14	1
Hampshire II .....	2	0	1	1	6	14	1

## NORTHERN

Lancashire II .....	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Cheshire III .....	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Nrthbrlnd II .....	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Derbyshire II .....	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Durham II .....	2	0	0	2	8	12	0
Cumberland .....	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

## MIDLAND

Glamorgan II .....	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Monmouths. ....	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Staffs. II .....	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Worcs. II .....	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Shropshire .....	2	0	0	2	0	20	0

## EASTERN

Northants .....	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Hunts. ....	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Cambs. II .....	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Suffolk .....	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Norfolk II .....	2	0	0	2	6	14	0

## JUNIOR SOUTH

Sussex .....	3	3	0	0	29	1	6
Hampshire .....	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Surrey II .....	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Berkshire .....	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Kent .....	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Bucks. ....	3	1	0	2	6	24	2
Herts. II .....	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Oxfordshire .....	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

## JUNIOR NORTH

Yorkshire II .....	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Westmorland .....	2	0	2	0	10	10	2
Cumberland .....	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Northbrland .....	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Cheshire II .....	2	0	1	1	6	14	1
Durham .....	3	0	1	2	10	20	1

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicestershire ....	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Notts. ....	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Derbyshire .....	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Northants .....	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Staffordshire .....	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Warwks. II .....	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Lincolnshire .....	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

## JUNIOR EAST

Essex II .....	2	2	0	0	19	1	4
Herts. ....	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Suffolk .....	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Norfolk .....	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Hunts. ....	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Beds. ....	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Cambs. II .....	3	0	0	3	1	29	0

## JUNIOR WEST

Glamorgan .....	3	3	0	0	29	1	6
Somerset .....	2	2	0	0	20	0	4
Gloucs. ....	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Devon .....	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Worcs. ....	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
Wiltshire .....	3	0	0	3	2	28	0
Monmouths. ....	3	0	0	3	1	29	0

## VETERAN SOUTH

Hampshire .....	3	3	0	0	23	4	6
Kent .....	3	3	0	0	22	5	6
Oxfordshire .....	3	2	0	1	14	13	4
Herts. ....	3	1	0	2	6	21	2
Hunts. ....	2	0	0	2	6	12	0
Essex .....	2	0	0	2	5	13	0
Northants. ....	2	0	0	2	5	13	0

## VETERAN MIDLAND

Cheshire .....	2	2	0	0	15	3	4
Warwks. ....	2	2	0	0	14	4	4
Staffordshire .....	2	1	0	1	9	9	2
Notts. ....	2	1	0	1	7	11	2
Leicestershire .....	2	0	0	2	6	12	0
Worcs. ....	2	0	0	2	3	15	0

# GOOD PLAY FOR JUNIORS

by Laurie F. Landry

ALAN LINDSAY, at the Fulham Table Tennis Centre, has been striving for a number of years to organise good match play, particularly for the younger players.

At last, at the excellent Hurlingham School venue, six fairly equal teams will play one another each Thursday starting on Jan. 11 at approximately 6 p.m. An additional advantage is that the players will be able to stay on and have some good practise.

The six teams will all have an identity as with the following probable teams:—

**ACTON** — Alan Lindsay, Bob Aldrich, Henry Buist,  
**BATTERSEA** — "Les" Haslam, George Muranyi, Bob Huson (J).  
**CHELSEA** — Brian Burn, Babs Adedeyo, Dave Tan (J).  
**EALING** — Dave Brown, Walter Mascarenhas, Dick Philps.  
**FINCHLEY** — Stuart Gibbs, Peter Williams, Mark Mitchell (J).  
**GREENFORD** — Simon Heaps (J), Ron Penfold, Andy Barden (J).

The "J" signifies Juniors, General reserves will be L. F. Landry and Bobby Stevens. It is hoped that the competition will improve the younger players, for each match will bring them up against top-class senior players. Results will be mentioned each month in Table Tennis News.

If the National Selection Committee give full backing to this scheme, it is eventually hoped that regular match play of this type will take place in other parts of the country.

# County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

## GREAT WIN FOR WARWICKSHIRE

It was a great night for Warwickshire when, with Desmond Douglas the hero, they beat Middlesex 5-4 in the Premier Division. To beat Alan Lindsay at the first meeting with the match score at 4-all, deserves great credit.

Middlesex had been fortunate to be at 4-all, as Malcolm Sugden needed to save 2 set points v. Derek Munt and in partnership with Di Court was 17-20 down in the third game of the mixed. A blank debut for Melvin Waldman, but he did enough to show that more experience in this class could turn him into a Premier player. But Douglas the "man-of-the-match".

Scores:—

M. Sugden lost to B. Burn -14, 17, -18; bt D. Munt -16, 22, 10.

A. Lindsay bt Burn 10, -16, 17; lost to D. Douglas -26, 17, -16.

M. Waldman lost to Munt -15, -16; lost to Douglas -10, -17.

L. Landry/Lindsay lost to Burn/R. Gunnion -18, 14, -15.

Mrs. D. Court bt Miss J. Cornock 15, 16.

Sugden/Court bt Gunnion/Cornock -19, 15, 20.

## Cheshire 7, Kent 2

M. Johns lost to A. Piddock -15, -22; bt C. Morris 20, -16, 10.

D. Schofield lost to Piddock -15, -18; bt A. Mitchell 16, 22.

S. Heaps bt Morris -20, 10, 17; bt Mitchell -19, 16, 17.

B. Johns/M. Johns bt H. Buist/Piddock 12, 12.

Miss J. Heaps bt Mrs. J. Ellis 17, 19.

B. Johns/Heaps bt Morris/Ellis 16, -20, 18.

A nice double from Simon Heaps, his first, and a surprisingly easy MD win for Mike and Brian Johns. Tony Piddock most impressive and always on top.

## Essex 5, Sussex 4

D. Brown bt P. Williams -13, 8, 14; bt S. Ogundipe -19, 11, 13.

R. Stevens bt Williams -22, 14, 10; bt J. Clarke 18, 13.

P. Radford lost to Ogundipe 21, -20, -20; lost to Clarke -22, -11.

Brown/Stevens bt Clarke/Williams 8, -18, 17.

Mrs. L. Radford lost to Miss J. Williams -9, 15, -24.

Radford/Radford lost to Ogundipe/Williams -6, -12.

A mere two dozen spectators to watch this relegation battle: Essex saved by the David Brown and Bobby Stevens maxima. Peter Radford unable to get going v. John Clarke, but he came so close to Sammy Ogundipe. Lesley Radford a shade unlucky to go down to Judy Williams: expedite at 14-17 in 3rd.

## 2nd DIVISION SOUTH

### Berkshire 2, Surrey II 8

Bob Thornton involved in both home wins and might have had a third: he led Chris Strathearn in 3rd only to lose 13, -18, -19. Susan Howard too experienced in WS, but she and Nicolette Leslie had to fight

for WD (won -20, 17, 19 v. Caroline Reeves and Karen Mashford). A very good match.

## Buckinghamshire 5, Hampshire 5

### Kent II 5, Sussex II 5

A lot of tight games, including a -27 and a 26 in a match which could prove vital at the season's end.

## 2nd DIVISION NORTH

### Lancashire 10, Durham 0

Durham did not deserve to fare so badly in a good atmosphere match. Colin Lang, for 2nd time this season, came in as reserve and emerged unbeaten. Closest set was the tenth, with Jackie Keogh successful over Mick Ford by -19, 18, 25.

## Lincolnshire 4, Cheshire II 6

Brian Hill the star, crushing Brian Kean and Nigel Eckersley. Jean White and Doreen Schofield gave Lincs. their first taste of expedite which seemed to unsettle both players: Doreen eventually a worthy winner -18, 20, 16 after being in trouble.

## Yorkshire II 8, Northumberland 2

## 2nd DIVISION MIDLAND

### Gloucestershire 2, Derbyshire 8

Roy Morley brilliant against the "anti-loop" visiting men, beating Doug Foulds 15, 12 and D. Marples 5, 10. His team-mates were unable to follow his lead.

## Staffordshire 5, Nottinghamshire 5

Good recovery by Staffs. from 0-4, and fine win by Steve Rowe -14, 17, 22 over Alf Saunders to keep them in with a chance of a point. Excellent venue Staffs. have at Beattie Hall.

## Worcestershire 5, Leicestershire 5

Worcs. 2-0 lead became 2-5 before they captured last three in straight games for their first point. Bob Brown irrepressible: in the first set (beating Paul Randell -16, 7, 20) their play reached a superb standard and set the pattern for the match. Anita Stevenson dominated the women's events, making most of the running in a close (20, 23) WD.

## 2nd DIVISION EAST

### Essex II 9, Hertfordshire 1

A better match than the score suggests. "Digger" Lamprell had set point v. Ian Robertson but the latter came back well to win -19, 22, 16.

## Norfolk 0, Middlesex II 10

The all-teen Middlesex team impressed, fighting for every point even when the match was won. Andy Barden and Mark Mitchell (on debut) impressive in MS.

## Bedfordshire 5, Cambridgeshire 5

A tense, exciting and varied match with Cambs. recovering from 2-5. Poor Anita Copperwheat had a sad day for Beds. in WD, XD, and Peter Taylor pushed by Michael Harper to -12, 6, 22!!!

## 2nd DIVISION WEST

### Dorset 0, Somerset 10

Very much one-way traffic here.

### Wiltshire 7, Cornwall 3

### Dorset 2, Devon 8

A better Dorset performance, but Devon worthy winners.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

### Hampshire II 5, Oxfordshire 5

David Phelps, Lesley King, and visiting Clive Alcock the best players. Hants. got their draw with A. Thornton's -14, 15, 24 defeat of Edgar Wilkins in last set.

### Essex III 9, Berkshire 1

## NORTHERN DIVISION

### Derbyshire II 3, Cheshire III 7

A match with 8 sets going the distance, and 14 games at 18 or closer, not worth a comment?

### Durham II 4, Lancashire II 6

Durham were sitting pretty at 4-2, but the next 3 sets all went to Lincs. In the vital tenth set, John Alsop led Clive Heap 20-15 in 3rd but going for a spectacular finish lost the next 7 points and the set -13, 14, -20.

### Northumberland II 10, Cumberland 0

George Lapping took both Malcolm McMaster and Dave Armstrong to close 3rd games, and Clarice Rose troubled Barbara Kearney before losing -17, -20; otherwise the hosts well on top.

## MIDLAND DIVISION

### Monmouthshire 7, Staffordshire II 3

John Mansfield, in only his 3rd County match in 6 years, gave Monmouths. that extra "will-to-win" and a fine match resulted.

### Glamorgan II 10, Shropshire 0

## EASTERN DIVISION

### Huntingdonshire 6, Norfolk II 4

### Northamptonshire 7, Suffolk 3

John Kitchener blasted 10, 7 through home captain David Hogg's defence in the first set, but when Rod Marchant played him he was able to counter Kitchener's speed and pull off the surprise of the evening 19, 18. Thus encouraged, Northants. went on to win by a margin which could not have been expected.

## JUNIOR SOUTH

### Hampshire 8, Hertfordshire 11 2

Hants. had to work for this win with Colin Williams and the Proffitt brothers, Jonathan and Adam (10, on debut) all doing well for the visitors. Lesley King had a comfortable GS win to maintain her unbeaten record.

### Oxfordshire 0, Berkshire 10

### Sussex 10, Buckinghamshire 0

Bucks. missed their No. 1 G. Hamilton, unable to travel, and presented few problems.

## JUNIOR NORTH

### Cheshire II 5, Westmorland 5

The 'flu-hit visitors did well to force a draw here, with Brian Towell carrying all before him.

### Cumberland 6, Durham 4

This was only Cumberland's 2nd win and a real team effort with P.

Polczynski, I. Smith and S. O'Neil each taking one BS and Yvonne Brockbank and Jennifer Pachul collecting a maximum. Peter Edon pushed by Smith to 13, -17, 19.

## Northumberland 1, Yorkshire II 9

Andrew Clark came so close to beating Andrew Kilburn, leading 19-16 in 3rd and losing 19, -7, -25! The home girls played tight to win GD, but Barbara Kearney disappointed in GS falling -20, -10 to Julie McLean.

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

### Derbyshire 10, Lincolnshire 0

Lincs. unlucky not to win a set from hosts in good form. Sukdev Singh gave them a good start, but the best set Paul Vickers' win 17, -17, 8 over J. Forbes in a set of consistent counterhitting.

### Staffordshire 5, Northamptonshire 5

### Warwickshire II 1, Leicestershire 9

## JUNIOR EAST

### Cambridgeshire II 0 Essex II 10

All too easy for Essex, who went 7-0 without loss of a game. The last 3 all needed the decider and David Newman's 13, -10, 18 defeat of Ludovic Chapman was the highlight.

### Hertfordshire 8, Norfolk 2

The unchanged Herts. team experienced few difficulties.

## JUNIOR WEST

### Glamorgan 10, Monmouthshire 0

### Somerset 10, Wiltshire 0

### Worcestershire 2, Gloucestershire 8

Some close finishes, but this improved Gloucs. team in command and could revive some of their County's past Junior glories. Closest set GS, where Pat Woodward just went under to Julie Mortimer 15, -20, -19. Julie and Chris Sewell the only unbeaten players. Jillie Watte, on debut, won XD with Ian Schofield who picked up a BS for Worcs. only successes.

## VETERAN SOUTH

### Essex 2, Kent 7

The result never in doubt. Dennis Whittaker has made Kent a strong team and their forthcoming clash with Hants. should be very interesting. Both Percy Curtis and Stan Osborne successful over Ron Etheridge in MS.

### Hertfordshire 0, Hampshire 9

The visitors outshone their hosts in all departments.

### Huntingdonshire 2, Oxfordshire 7

## VETERAN MIDLAND

### Leicestershire 3, Staffordshire 6

### Warwickshire 8, Worcestershire 1

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