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Medicinal Compound

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the viewpoint of Cheshire T.T.A.'s Anglo-Scottish Publicity Secretary, Brian Kean, on England's alleged shortcomings in the field of international table tennis.

A captain of greater personality is suggested as one of the require-ments needed to bolster sagging morale, a parallel being drawn between the respective merits of Frank O'Farrell and Tommy Docherty as manager of Manchester United A.F.C.

But to take such a comparison a stage further, into the international arena in fact, it really cannot be said that England's football supremo, Sir Alf Ramsey, would come out top of a popularity poll in this regard.

And yet, under his guidance, world cup success has been achieved and despite more recent adversity he is still at the helm despite the baying of the hounds.

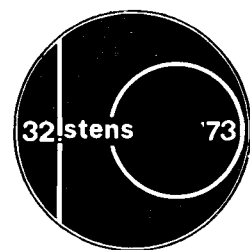
No matter what the sport, different 'doctors' prescribe different cures and if, in the case of table tennis, what might be termed strong medicine is not to the liking of certain recipients, and their champions, the cure remains of paramount importance.

The tail should not be allowed to wag the dog and a dedication of purpose can only be realised by a discipline of character which, in the normal course of events, should not have to be forcibly imposed—not by anyone.

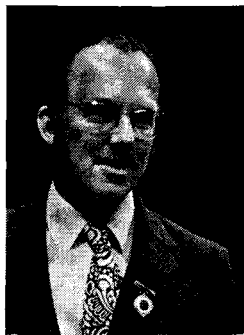
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32nd WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



HSI EN-TING FINDS 'CHINK' IN EUROPEAN ARMOUR



by **GEORGE R. YATES**

Asia had the last laugh over Europe in the men's singles event at the 32nd World Championships, played in Sarajevo from April 5th-15th, when *Hsi En-ting*, China's third ranked player and seeded No. 12 beat Kjell Johansson of Sweden, seeded No. 5.

In trying to emulate the deeds of his compatriot Stellan Bengtsson in Nagoya, 26-year-old Johansson — winner of the European title in Malmo in 1964 and at Wembley in 1966 — stretched his tall frame to the limit to gain a 2-1 games advantage after Hsi En-ting had taken the first.

But it was all in vain for despite another tremendous fight-back in the fifth and deciding game when he pulled up from 15-19 to 18-19, he had the game, set and title snatched away from him when two "edge" balls got 27-year-old Hsi En-ting home. Johansson was deserving of better luck.

Outnumbered seven to one by Europeans in the quarter-finals, Hsi En-ting put down the challenge of Milan Orlovski (Czechoslovakia) and Anton Stipancic (Yugoslavia) to reach the final. Johansson's response was to oust Russia's Sarkis Sarkhojan and Dragutin Surbek of the host nation.

In the quarters, Stipancic had beaten Janos Börzsei, Hungary's stone wall defender, and Surbek, to the further delight of a noisy partisan audience, hammered his way to a straight-games win over the French champion, Jacques Secretin.

By comparison, the women's singles final, although giving China another title, was a prosaic affair with *Hu Yu-lan*, the national champion of the People's Republic, seldom troubled in disposing of Czechoslovakia's Alicia Grofova who had thereto performed wonders.

In the semi-finals, Miss Grofova had beaten South Korea's Park Mi Ra and Hu Yu-lan had beaten her Corbillon Cup team mate Chang Li. Top seed, Cheng Min-chih of China — defeated finalist in Nagoya — took her departure when beaten, in the second round, by Elmira Antonian of the Soviet Union, who subsequently lost to Miss Grofova.

ROLL OF HONOUR

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| Men's Singles
HSI EN-TING
(China) | Women's Singles
HU YU-LAN
(China) |
| Men's Doubles
STELLAN BENGTTSSON
and KJELL JOHANSSON
(Sweden) | Women's Doubles
MARIA ALEXANDRU
and MIHO HAMADA
(Rumania/Japan) |
| Mixed Doubles
LIANG KO-LIANG and LI LI
(China) | |
| Swaythling Cup
SWEDEN | Corbillon Cup
SOUTH KOREA |
| Jubilee Cup
BJORNE MELLSTROM
(Sweden) | |



A victory salute from the new world champion, Hsi En-ting of China who took over possession of the St. Bride Vase from Stellan Bengtsson.

THE OPENING CEREMONY



Sweden's defeated men's singles finalist Kjell Johansson.

The defending doubles champions, Istvan Jonyer and Tibor Klampar of Hungary, failed at the last hurdle when Sweden's Bengtsson and Johansson made up for their earlier disappointments to triumph 21-15 in the fifth and deciding game. It was a third win for Johansson in this particular event for it was back in 1967, in Stockholm, that he first won the title, when partnered by Hans Alser, the same pair retaining it two years later in Munich.

China took their third title when, in the mixed, Liang Ko-liang and Li Li had a final win over Anatoliy Strokotov and Asta Gedraitite of Russia, England's only medal winner was Jill Hammersley, the 21-year-old Bucks star, who with Beatrix Kishazi of Hungary, reached the penultimate stage of the women's doubles event to qualify for a bronze award. In their semi-final set against China's Chou Pao-chin and Lin Mei-chun, the Anglo/Hungarian pairing held a 2-1 games advantage but failed to harmonise in the closing stages of the fourth and fifth games both seemingly reluctant to make an attacking stroke. Not so Maria Alexandru (Rumania) and Miho Hamada (Japan), two notorious defenders, who took the title with ease.

SHOCK DISMISSAL

England's Denis Neale brought off the win of his life in ousting Japan's former world champion, Nobuhiko Hasegawa, the No. 2 seed, in the very first round of the men's singles!

The 28-year-old Yorkshireman came back from a 0-2 deficit but from the start of this five-game encounter a rejuvenated Neale appeared confident to exchange hit for hit with the crew-cut Jap, who came from behind in both the opening games, to take the first at 23-21, after trailing 14-18, and the second at 21-18, after Neale had led 17-16.

In the third, by the judicious use of a short service to Hasegawa's forehand followed by a fast counter stroke to his opponent's backhand, Neale got off to a 10-3 lead, never again to really falter in winning 21-13.

After the five minutes respite, permitted between the third and fourth games, Neale found himself 1-4 in arrears but quickly caught up on his own service to level at 5-all. Serving again at 9-11 down, the Yorkshire-

man hammered his way to a 14-11 lead, on which he capitalised to win at 21-17.

Sensing his opponent was tiring, at the change of ends in the decider, Neale exerted all the pressure at his command, and, from leading 12-11, he took the next consecutive eight points, finally winning 21-12 with a contemptuous backhand sweep which found Hasegawa stranded in the wrong area of the court.

Meanwhile defending champion, Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden was having to pull out all the stops when taken to a fifth and deciding game by Federal Germany's Wilfried Lieck. Desmond Douglas, England's young hopeful — he qualified for the first round proper following wins over Iran's Mohamed Sanjari (16, 7, -22, 18), Peong Tak Seng of Malaysia (-10, 15, 19, 15) and Graham Davies, the Welsh No. 2 (17, -18, -18, 18, 15) — fell to Luxembourg's Jean Krier, a Hull University student (13, -12, -20, -14).

Nicky Jarvis was also engaged in the preliminary sorties but after beating the Welsh No. 3, Bob Bishop (12, 13, 9) fell to Malaysia's Loong Peng Sun — beaten by Trevor Taylor in the Commonwealth Championships in Cardiff — by scores of -20, -19 and -12. Not a happy world for young Nicky.

Scotland's Richard Yule was a first round faller, going down to Rumania's Dorin Giurgiuca (-18, -14, 16, -11). Triumphant, however, in this eventful first engagement of the giants, was Holland's Bert van der Helm who beat Witold Woznica (Poland) -15, 18, -14, 17, 20 and Stephen Knapp of Australia who ousted Jean Denis Constant of France (13, -17, 17, -16, 21).

"Charlie" Wuvanich, the former Thai international now playing for Australia, did not make it against Belgium's gallant retriever Norbert Van Der Walle who won 18, -3, -15, 13, 23. But Nigeria's Y. Aiyesoro covered himself in glory with a -17, -17, 17, 26, 16 win over the experienced Czech, Jiri Turai! And all the foregoing happened in the first round.

HOLDER DEFEATED

Round 2 brought the defeat of title holder Bengtsson, beaten 17, -21, -17, 23, -9 by the Soviet Union's Stanislav Gomozkov who had been in receipt of a first round bye caused



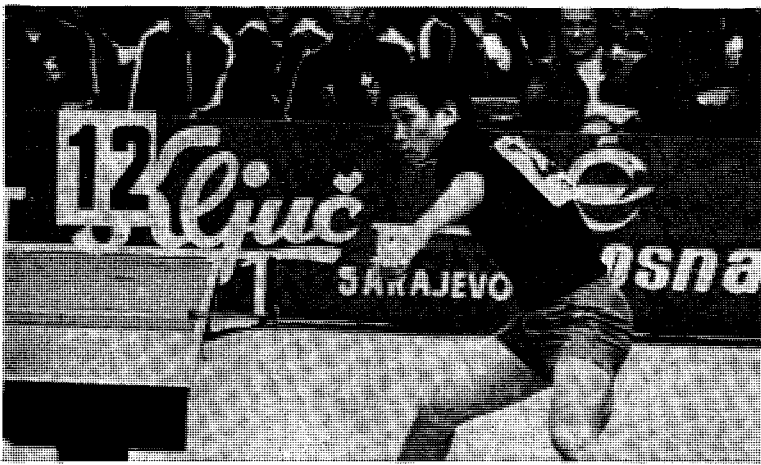
An impressive array of competitors line up for the opening ceremony in Sarajevo.



No less impressive is this bevy of beauties carrying into the arena the I.T.T.F. World Championship flag.

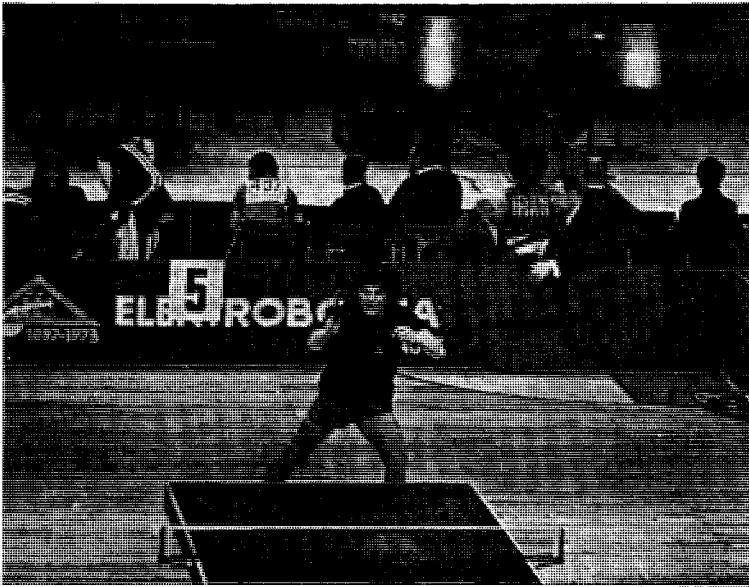


Traditional dancing also formed part of the lavish opening ceremony.



Japan's former world champion Nobuhiko Hasegawa beaten by England's Denis Neale in an epic first round encounter.

Photo by Cliff Darley



And the boy himself, Denis Neale in action.

Photo by Cliff Darley

by the withdrawal of Japan's Tadio Takashima suffering from a leg injury incurred in a Swaythling Cup encounter. One felt that Bengtsson had given his all in this latter event — won by Sweden — for it was only by his shoe laces that the champion pulled himself up in the fourth game to level the set at 2-all. But there was only one winner in the decider as the red-shirted Russian tore into an uncatchable lead.

Japan's Mitsuru Kohno had a -10, 15, 20, 12 win over Hungary's Tibor Klampar and the young German, Manfred Baum put paid to Krier. No. 8-seeded Li Ching-kuang, or "Tomahawk" as dubbed by England's squad in Japan, was ousted 19, 19, -17, 18 by Orłowski and Japan's Tokio Tasaka, seeded No. 6, fell to China's 34-year-old, Li Fu-jung, thrice a defeated finalist — beaten, on each occasion in 1961, 1963 and 1965 by the legendary Chuang Tsi-tung.

England's Alan Hydes, in receipt of a first round bye, was hit 'out of sight' by Stipančić (12, 11, 12) but a hitter who came unstuck was Russia's Strokotov who failed to break through the barrier created by Börzsei. Japan's young hopeful, 18-year-old Masayoshi Kuze had a whale of a struggle before disposing of the Czech, Pavel Ovcarič,

Hsi En-ting opened his account with a -24, 12, 12, 10 win over Babatunde Obisanya of Nigeria and gained further progress at the expense of Empie Wuisan of Indonesia (11, -18, 11, 14). Meanwhile, Johansson, in receipt of a first round bye, was taken to the limit of five games by China's Wang Wen-jung before winning -19, 16, 15, -20, 18.

Van Der Walle lost in straight games to South Korea's Choi Sung Kuk (-14, -12, -13) while China's Hsu Shao-fa, seeded No. 10, lost to Russia's Sarkis Sarkhojan, the world students' champion.

TENACIOUS

Neale was at pains to rid himself of the tenacious 40-year-old former Hungarian Swaythling Cup player, Lazlo Foldy who is currently coaching and topping the charts in Switzerland. Having lost the first game -12, the Englishman won the next two, at 18 and 14, but then suffered a relapse to allow his bearded and bespectacled opponent to draw level with a win, by 17, in the fourth. Although Neale took the decider easily enough, again at 17, it was poor fare after the feast of his slaying of Hasegawa.

Only two of the sixteen sets making up the third round went beyond

three games and these finished in four involving Hsi En-ting beating Matyas Beleznai (Hungary) by -18, 11, 14 and 10, and Kuze getting the better of China's Yu Ti-tse, the 7th seed, by 21, 20, -8 and 15.

Kohno really hammered off the host nation's Milivoy Karakasevic and like treatment was afforded Baum by Orłowski. Li Fu-jung carried off his winning ways, against Jochen Leiss, and Yujiro Imano (Japan) reduced the chest measurement of the Czech, Jaroslav Kunz.

Secretin encountered little resistance from the young Russian, Bagrat Burazian of Armenia, and Surbek put paid to the romp of Knapp. Johansson was more at ease against South Korea's Choi Sung Kuk and the drums were beaten again when Yugoslavia's Istvan Korpa ousted Federal Germany's Ebby Schöler. Sarkhojan had a most comfortable win over Teodor Gheorge of Rumania as did Neale, bringing up the rear, against Hungary's Gabor Gergely.

In the fourth round Hsi En-ting really turned on the pressure to subjugate Gomozkov and the unseeded Orłowski brought about the downfall of 9th seed, Kohno. Sadly too, Li Fu-jung took his departure when beaten in straight games by Stipančić, and Imano followed suit when failing to make any headway against Börzsei,

whose crab-like defence seemed impenetrable.

Secretin increased his prestige with victory over Liang Ko-liang and Surbek, again to thunderous applause, delighted his followers with a win over Kuze. Johansson, despite losing the first, came back strongly to topple Korpa in the next three, but three was enough for Sarkhojan who brought the curtain down on Neale's gallant exploits.

It had been a great event, tailor-made for the Press boys who, as seed after seed fell by the wayside, really had too much to write about. But, from an English point of view, thank goodness for Denis Neale for it was he alone who carried the fight.

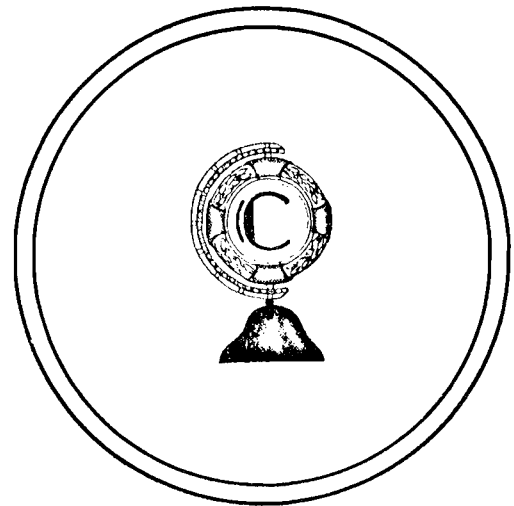
Sadly, in the women's singles event, our great hope, Jill Hammersley, lost in the first round when beaten 14, 13, -18, 20 by South Korea's Park Mi Ra. It was a hard knock and a further blow to national pride was struck by Bulgaria's Emilia Neikova who scraped home 16, -18, -13, 23, 21 against Karenza Mathews.

ONLY SURVIVOR

Linda Howard was our only survivor from the first round and she failed to inspire in beating America's Judy Bochenski with scores of 12, -14, 21, -19, 19. But at least Linda was through, if only for one more

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round which brought her up against Birgitta Radberg cock-a-hoop after her first round victory over Lee Ailesa, seeded No. 5, who had gone through the whole of Corbillon Cup event without being beaten. Birgitta saw off the Surrey bank clerk 12, 11, 14.

China's Li Li, the No. 2 seed lost in the first round to the Czech, Hana Reidlova and, in the same quarter, the seventh seed, Miho Hamada, was also ousted in the first round by China's Chang Li.

The second round brought about the fall of yet another seeded player when No. 8 Chou Pao-chin (China) lost to Japan's orthodox grip No. 3 Tomie Edano.

But it was Czechoslovakia's Alicia Grofova who, along with Mrs. Radberg, kept Europe in the picture. The Czech girl began her run by beating 23-year-old Yasuko Konno of Japan followed by an easier victory over Eva Jeler of Yugoslavia. In the third round it was Miss Kishazi's turn to tumble to bring about the fall of another seed.

And so to the quarters with Miss Grofova beating Antonian and Park Mi Ra accounting for seed No. 4, Yukie Ohzeki. Radberg failed against the ultimate winner and second seeded Hu Yu-lan and, in the final quarter Chang Li destroyed the hopes of South Korea's Chung Hyun Sook.

Efforts to get Neale another partner in the men's doubles failed —

Trevor Taylor having been banished from Sarajevo following the Swaythling Cup match against Austria — so this was one event the Yorkshiremen had to sit out.

First into action in this event was again Douglas, partnering the Swede, Anders Johansson, in the qualifying competition. An unlikely combination, for sure, but it was one that prospered with preliminary round wins over Belgium's Van der Walle and Romain Schalley and Fuarnado Roberts and Dan Seemiller of the U.S.A.

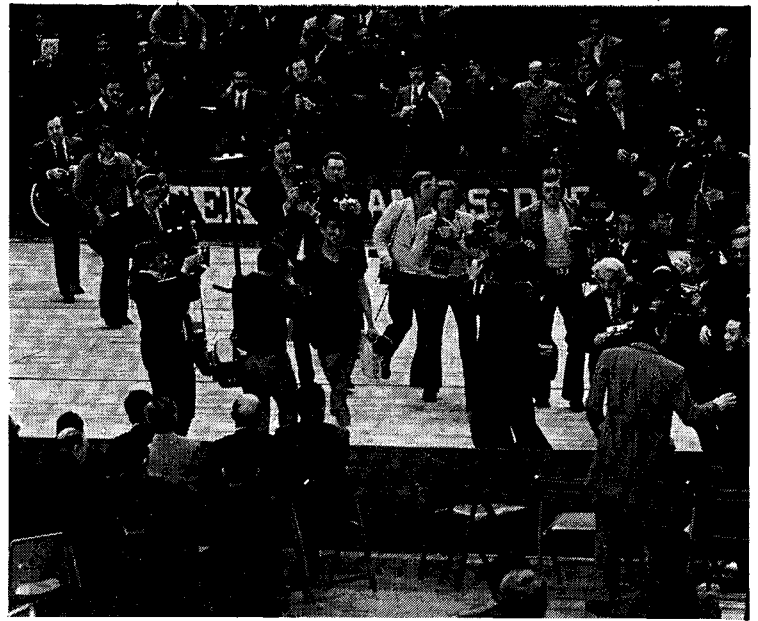
Nor did the exploits of this Anglo/Swedish pairing end there for in Round 1 they put out India's Niraj Bajaj and Dua Manjit and advanced to the last sixteen with a subsequent win over Errol Caetano and Peter Gonda of Canada.

It was at this stage that China's Liang Ko-liang and Yu Chang-chun wielded the chopper the edge of which was next turned against them by the event winners Bengtsson and Johansson.

FULL FLIGHT

In the lower half of the draw Alan Hydes and Nicky Jarvis began with a shaky -16, -19, 22, 20, 16 win over Malaysia's Fan Sim Wai and Peong Tak Seng only to run foul of Stipanovic and Surbek who, in full flight, saw off the English pair 10, 10 and 8.

Secretin and Jean Denis Constant of France did remarkably well in



No lack of photographers here who dogged Hsi En-ting's every step after his men's singles victory.

Photo by Cliff Darley

beating Beleznai/Gergely, Ho Chupin/Li Fu-jung and Karakasevic/Korpa, the latter pair having beaten the Russians Gomozkov/Sarkhojan.

In the counterpart women's event Linda and Karenza failed to survive the first hurdle when beaten by China's Chang Li and Cheng Huai-ying 11, 21, 11 leaving Jill and her Hungarian partner, Miss Kishazi, to soldier on.

This they did after the most promising of starts when they ousted Grofova and Blanka Silhanova, Yugoslavia's Resler and Erzebet Palatinus, followed by an avenging win over Chang Li and Cheng Huai-ying, were next to go. And it really should have been a final appearance for Jill and Beatrix if only they had not banked so heavily on caution in their semi-final.

Granted their opponents, Chou Pao-chin and Lin Mei-chun, had put down the challenge of South Korea's Lee Ailesa and Park Mi Ra, but that semi-final set was there for the taking.

On to the final event in which England should have had three couples but an absent Taylor could not 'mix' it with Jill Hammersley and so we were reduced to two pairs.

First on court were Hydes and Linda who, although in receipt of a first round bye, were beaten 14, 15 and 15 by Witold Woznica and Czeslawa Noworyta of Poland. It was a better start made by Neale and Karenza who beat South Korea's Kim Eun Tae and Kim Soon Ok, Russia's Stokratov and Asta Gedraitite then triumphed over the English pair with scores of 8, 18, -18, 20.

The Russian pair went on to reach the final and that is the only consolation to be afforded a readership more used than not to such losses.

A three-man line up in the consolation singles should have seen a somewhat better showing than a first round defeat for Douglas, again at the hands of Krier, and the scratching of both Hydes and Jarvis, the latter affording a walk-over to Eric Sutherland of Scotland who, in turn, afforded a walk-over to Miguel Gomez of Venezuela who fell to

Federal Germany's Klaus Schmittinger.

Hydes, whose only win in the championships, apart from a shared first round men's doubles success, was against Dilip Saxena of India in the Swaythling Cup, failed to show up affording Venezuela's Herman Briceno a walk-over and a subsequent loss to Stanislav Fraczyuk.

Again in the counterpart women's event, Linda Howard, our only entrant, failed to answer her call and a walk-over was conceded to Scotland's Kathleen Angus who then lost to Dubravka Fabri of Yugoslavia.

Elaine Smith, Scotland's other entrant, had a good second round win over Erzebet Korpa but was then beaten, in straight games, by Veronique van der Laan of Holland.

Federal Germany's *Wilfried Liech* and *Wibke Hendriksen* took the gold awards in these events, the silver medals going to "Charlie" Wuvanich of Australia and Susanne Paulsen of Denmark.

Both were events worth winning and one is left to ponder on the reasons why England's representatives, Douglas apart, should show such little interest. It was hardly a case of being below their dignity!

Welshman Brian Everson had a good run in the Jubilee Cup event, won by Sweden's *Björne Mellström*, and qualified for a bronze medal in reaching the semi-finals losing to Bulgaria's Shivatcev, the defeated finalist.

All in all, five days of stirring competition, but with an absence of home contestants in Sunday's finals more than the usual gaps in a stadium housing 8,000 seats! Oh for such a stadium in England.

Individual Results

Men's Singles: Round 3:
S. Gomozkov (USSR) bt S. Dobosi (Ru) 13, 12, 19;
Hsi En-ting (China) bt M. Beleznai (Hu) -18, 11, 14, 10;
M. Kohno (Japan) bt M. Karakasevic (Yu) 4, 12, 7;
M. Orlovski (Cz) bt M. Baum (F. Ger) 12, 8, 13;

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Team Events

England Finish on Sour Note

by THE EDITOR



Sweden's non-playing captain holds aloft the Swaythling Cup after presentation by E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles M. Wyles.

Li Fu-jung (China) bt J. Leiss (F. Ger) 14, 11, 14;
A. Stipanovic (Yu) bt C. Martin (Fr) 9, 11, 14;
J. Börzsei (Hu) bt D. Giurgiuca (Ru) 18, 15, 17;
Y. Imano (Japan) bt J. Kunz (Cz) 10, 17, 10;
Liang Ko-liang (China) bt Z. Cordas (Yu) 12, 18, 20;
J. Secretin (Fr) bt B. Burnazian (USSR) 7, 11, 12;
D. Surbek (Yu) bt S. Knapp (Australia) 9, 20, 15;
M. Kuze (Japan) bt Yu Yi-tse (China) 21, 20, -8, 15;
K. Johansson (Sweden) bt Choi Sung Kuk (S. Korea) 19, 12, 20;
I. Korpa (Yu) bt E. Schöler (F. Ger) 12, 13, 15;
S. Sarkhojan (USSR) bt T. Gheorge (Ru) 12, 13, 12;
D. Neale (Eng) bt G. Gergely (Hu) 20, 9, 15.
Round 4:
Hsi En-ting bt Gomozkov 16, 21, 14;
Orlowski bt Kohno -15, 16, -17, 18, 6;
Stipanovic bt Li Fu-jung 19, 14, 21;
Börzsei bt Imano 18, 15, 11;
Secretin bt Liang Ko-liang -16, 11, 19, 8;
Surbek bt Kuze 17, 13, 20;
Johansson bt Korpa -18, 16, 20, 16;
Sarkhojan bt Neale 17, 18, 12.
Quarter-finals:
Hsi En-ting bt Orlowski 18, 15, -16, 15;
Stipanovic bt Börzsei -19, 13, 18, 11;
Surbek bt Secretin 16, 12, 19;
Johansson bt Sarkhojan 20, -16, 13, -13, 16.
Semi-finals:
HSI EN-TING bt Stipanovic 19, 19, -12, -20, 19;
JOHANSSON bt Surbek 20, -16, 13, -13, 16.
Final:
HSI EN-TING bt Johansson 18, -13, -13, 19, 18.
Women's Singles: Round 2:
Cheng Min-chih (China) bt J. Dom (Lux) 15, 11, -17, 11;
E. Antonian (USSR) bt Y. Takase (Japan) 13, 16, -18, 17;
A. Grofova (Cz) bt E. Jeler (Yu) 17, 15, 13;
B. Kishazi (Hu) bt Yang Chun (China) -16, 20, -16, 20, 19;
T. Edano (Japan) bt Chou Pao-chin (China) -17, 18, 19, 9;
Park Mi Ra (S. Korea) bt Z. Rudnova (USSR) 11, 19, -14, 18;
Cheng Huai-ying (China) bt H. Lotaller (Hu) 9, 15, 19;
Y. Ohzeki (Japan) bt A. Rangelova (Bu) 11, 12, 12;
Hu Yu-lan (China) bt J. Magos (Hu) 14, 14, -16, 20;
M. Alexandru (Ru) bt M. Kneip (F. Ger) 6, 14, 12;
Lin Mei-chun (China) bt T. Abe (Japan) 12, 17, 13;
B. Radberg (Sweden) bt L. Howard (Eng) 12, 11, 14;
Chang Li (China) bt A. Przygoda (Po) 16, 7, 10;
B. Silhanova (Cz) bt R. Pogosova (USSR) 17, 17, 21;
Chung Hyun Sook (S. Korea) bt M. Resler (Yu) -18, 6, 15, 19;
H. Reidlova (Cz) bt E. Neikova (Bu) 18, 18, -18, 14.
Round 3:
Antonian bt Cheng Min-chih 16, -15, 15, -16, 19;
Grofova bt Kishazi -11, -17, 15, 19, 14;
Park Mi Ra bt Edano 18, -17, 17, 22;
Ohzeki bt Cheng Huai-ying 20, 9, -7, 19;
Hu Yu-lan bt Alexandru 12, 22, 11;
Radberg bt Lin Mei-chun -17, 9, 16, 15;
Chang Li bt Silhanova 14, 13, -19, 16;
Chung Hyun Sook bt Reidlova 10, 15, 13.
Quarter-finals:
Grofova bt Antonian 19, 8, 11;
Park Mi Ra bt Ohzeki 21, -12, 16, 19;
Hu Yu-lan bt Radberg 14, -15, -16, 18, 12;
Chang Li bt Chung Hyun Sook -18, -20, 18, 11, 8.
Semi-finals:
GROFOVA bt Park Mi Ra 19, 18 -19, 14;
HU YU-LAN bt Chang Li 14, -15, 16, 16.
Final:
HU YU-LAN bt Grofova 17, 11, 14.
Men's Doubles: Round 3:
Liang Ko-liang/Yu Chang-chun (China) bt D. Douglas (Eng)/A. Johansson (Sweden) 14, 19, 11;
Bengtsson/K. Johansson bt Dobosi/Gheorge 12, 8, 19;
Karakasevic/Korpa bt Gomozkov/Sarkhojan 21, -13, 17, 18;
J. D. Constant (Fr)/Secretin bt Ho Chui-pin (China)/Li Fu-jung 13, 17, 13;
Hsi En-ting/Wang Wen-hua (China) bt Kohno/T. Tasaka (Japan) -16, -11, 19, 20, 8;
Stipanovic/Surbek bt P. Birocheau/R. Canor (Fr) 7, 18, 21;
Tiao Wen-yuan/Yu Yi-tse (China) bt Burnazian/A. Strokotov (USSR) 20, 14, 18;
I. Jonyer/T. Klampar (Hu) bt Cordas/Z. Kosanovic (Yu) 16, 20, 13.
Quarter-finals:
Bengtsson/Johansson bt Liang Ko-liang/Yu Chang-chun 21, -18, 19, 22;
Constant/Secretin bt Karakasevic/Korpa 18, 20, -18, -12, 13;

Stipanovic/Surbek bt Hsi En-ting/Wang Wen-hua -15, 16, -16, 7, 13;
Jonyer/Klampar bt Tiao Wen-yuan/Yu Yi-tse 21, -20, 21, 21.
Semi-finals:
BENGTSSON/JOHANSSON bt Constant/Secretin 13, 17, 11;
JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Surbek/Stipanovic -14, 20, 19, 21.
Final:
BENGTSSON/JOHANSSON bt Jonyer/Klampar 15, -15, 19, -18, 15.
Women's Doubles: Round 2:
Chou Pao-chin/Lin Mei-chun bt D. Calinska/C. Noworyta (Po) 16, 14, 13;
Lee Ailesa (S. Korea)/Park Mi Ra bt Antonian/A. Gedraitite (USSR) 18, 18, 21;
Chang Li/Cheng Huai-ying bt A. C. Hellman/B. Olsson (Sweden) 14, 9, 13;
J. Hammersley (Eng)/Kishazi bt E. Palatinus (Yu) Resler 9, 18, 10;
Magos/Rudnova bt Y. Kohno (Japan)/Takase 14, 16, -19, 12;
Alexandru/M. Hamada (Japan) bt W. Hendriksen/D. Schöler (F. Ger) 9, 25, 13;
Reidlova/Smidlova (Cz) bt E. Neikova (Bu)/Rangelova 14, -17, -17, 21, 18;
Abe/Edano bt Lotaller/A. Molnar (Hu) 21, 14, 22.
Quarter-finals:
Chou Pao-chin/Lin Mei-chun bt Lee Ailesa/Park Mi Ra -19, 19, 15, 20;
Hammersley/Kishazi bt Chang Li/Cheng Huai-ying 12, 17, -14, 19;
Alexandru/Hamada bt Magos/Rudnova 18, 17, -19, 15;
Abe/Edano bt Reidlova/Smidlova -10, -17, 16, 19, 15.
Semi-finals:
CHOU PAO-CHIN/LIN MEI-CHUN bt Hammersley/Kishazi 18, -18, -19, 18, 19;
ALEXANDRU/HAMADA bt Abe/Edano -19, 8, 21, 13.
Final:
ALEXANDRU/HAMADA bt Chou Pao-chin/Lin Mei-chun 11, 18, 14.
Mixed Doubles: Round 3:
Stipanovic/Alexandru bt W. Woznica (Po)/Noworyta 13, 13, 10;
J. Dvoracek (Cz)/Grofova bt Jonyer/Magos 12, 23, 15;
Kohno/S. Yokota (Japan) bt Dobosi/E. Mihalca (Ru) 14, 10, 15;
Liang Ko-liang/Li Li (China) bt Schöler/Schöler 8, -15, 8, 10;
Yu Yi-tse/Chang Li bt Choi Sung Kuk/Lee Ailesa -9, 13, -20, 16, 17;
Yu Chang-chun/Cheng Huai-ying bt M. Oya (Japan)/Takase 17, 18, 14;
Tasaka/Ohzeki bt Secretin/C. Bergeret (Fr) 16, 14, 13;
Strokotov/Gedraitite bt Chan Hsien-lin (China)/Cheng Min-chih -19, 15, -16, 14, 18.
Quarter-finals:
Dvoracek/Grofova bt Stipanovic/Alexandru -20, 13, -13, 19, 15;
Liang Ko-liang/Li Li bt Kohno/Yokota 17, 13, 18;
Yu Chang-chun/Cheng Huai-ying bt Yu Yi-tse/Chang Li 17, 17, 14;
Strokotov/Gedraitite bt Tasaka/Ohzeki 15, 18, -12, 15.
Semi-finals:
LIANG KO-LIANG/LI LI bt Dvoracek/Grofova 18, 17, 17;
STROKATOV/GEDRAITITE bt Yu Chang-chun/Cheng Huai-ying -15, 14, 20, 12.
Final:
LIANG KO-LIANG/LI LI bt Strokotov/Gedraitite 13, 18, -17, 19.
JUBILEE CUP
Quarter-finals:
B. Mellström (Sweden) bt J. Vogrinc (Yu) 9, 12;
H. Bolena (Austria) bt Delabara (Bel) 28, 17;
B. Everson (Wales) bt A. Grujic (Yu) -23, 12, 11;
Shivatev (Bu) bt L. Pal (Swit) 12, 6.
Semi-finals:
MELLSTROM bt Bolena 14, 20;
SHIVATCEV bt Everson 12, 14.
Final:
MELLSTROM bt Shivatev 15, 28.
Consolation Singles
Men
Quarter-finals:
C. Wuvanich (Australia) bt Woznica 18, 15;
S. Fraczyk (Po) bt A. Rosmarin (Bel) 13, -19, 15;
K. Schmittinger (F. Ger) bt R. Weinmann (Austria) 17, 17;
W. Lieck (F. Ger) bt B. Mesaros (Yu) 16, 16.
Semi-finals:
WUVANICH bt Fraczyk 5, 19;
LIECK bt Schmittinger 14, 16.
Final:
LIECK bt Wuvanich 17, 19.
Women
Quarter-finals:
Jeler bt Smidlova 18, 18;
Hendriksen bt v.d. Laan (Neths) 15, -17, 13;
D. Fabri (Yu) bt Resler -18, 14, 18;
S. Poulsen (Den) bt Bergeret -9, 19, 14.
Semi-finals:
HENDRIKSEN bt Jeler 13, 19;
POULSEN bt Fabri -20, 16, 15.
Final:
HENDRIKSEN bt Poulsen 13, 18.

Housed in the Terme Hotel at Ildiza, some nine miles out of Sarajevo, and with snow falling for the first three days of the team events, are two reasons that might possibly be advanced in support of England's failure to better the tenth equating position they finally attained. But as both Sweden, who won the Swaythling Cup, and China, who finished in second position, were similarly situated one can only reach the conclusion that tenth position neither flatters nor deceives.

As Europe virtually stands shoulder to shoulder with Asia in playing ability, it would be a pleasant task to write up the prowess of Englishmen yet it is far from distasteful to turn the spotlight on players from Sweden.

Initially grouped with China, both these giants laid low the opposition provided by Hungary, South Korea, India, Indonesia and Austria before coming face to face in the final encounter in this first stage round-robin.

First to the table was Kjell Johansson to be beaten, in straight games, by that 'ace' of blockers Li Ching-kuang. Stellan Bengtsson then equated the match score with a like victory over Liang Ko-liang.

Again, two sets later, it was Bengtsson who restored the balance at the expense of Li Ching-kuang after Ingemar Vikström had gone down heavily to Hsu Shao-fa. China took the lead for a third time when Johansson went down to his second defeat in the match, losing to Hsu Shao-fa.

It was then the turn of Vikström again who, despite his previous defeat, came up trumps to the delight of his captain, Christer Johansson, and his team-mates with a fighting display to get the better of Liang Ko-liang. Bengtsson could hardly fail after this turn up, nor did he in disposing of Hsu Shao-fa in double quick time.

Another victory for Vikström was never really on and so it proved as the young Swede capitulated to Li Ching-kuang leaving Johansson to contest the deciding set with the match score poised at 4-all. Despite having lost his two previous sets, Kjell showed not a trace of nerves in hoisting Sweden's colours to the mast with a 21-10, 21-17 win over Liang Ko-liang whose third defeat of the match it proved to be.

In the parallel Group "B", Japan registered six successive victories albeit two of them, against England and Yugoslavia, went to a ninth and deciding set. Russia, with one loss, to Japan, finished in second position leaving the host country in third place their cup of woe being topped when beaten by Czechoslovakia, as well as by the two leaders.

SHOCK VICTORY

On then to the final pool and in the very first match Sweden lost their unbeaten tag when Russia brought off a shock 5-4 victory despite another maximum from Bengtsson whose one and only Swaythling Cup defeat was inflicted by Istvan Jonyer of Hungary.

Johansson began brightly enough to beat Anatoliy Strokotov, even though taken to a deciding game, but thereafter he failed to contain both Sarkis Sarkhojan and Stanislav Gomozkov, the latter's backhand smashes being mercilessly executed. Young Vikström failed to 'live' in this company his opening set, against Sarkhojan, being his best when he took his red-shirted opponent to three.

Match No. 2 in this second phase brought China into opposition to Japan, an encounter which commenced at 8.30 p.m. and did not finish until 5 hours, 5 minutes later, at 1.35 a.m. ! It was a match which China won 5-4 and only one of the nine sets failed to go to a decider.

Liang Ko-liang was replaced by Tiao Wen-yuan who got China off to an opening victory over Japan's national champion Norio Takashima, the 21-year-old Kinki University student.

But back came Japan with an equalising win by Tokio Tasaka over Li Ching-kuang only for Hsu Shao-fa to beat Hasegawa to put China's nose in front again. Subsequent wins for Tasaka, over Tiao Wen-yuan, and for Takashima, over Hsu Shao-fa, took Japan into a 3-2 lead but not one they kept for long.

In the very next set Li Ching-kuang repaired the damage by beating Hasegawa to be followed by victory for Hsu Shao-fa over Tasaka and China were 4-3 ahead. Hasegawa then won his only set of the match, against Tiao Wen-yuan, leaving the stage set for a ninth and decider.

This brought to the table Takashima, who has patterned his game on that of Ebby Schöler, and Li Ching-kuang the giant chopper. And on and on it went, the first to Takashima, at 17, the second to Li Ching-kuang, at 18. But it was "Tomahawk" who triumphed in the end, 21-19, for game, set and match to end the marathon performance.

At 3 p.m. on the following day China, with an unchanged team, were back in the arena to take on the challenge posed by the Soviet Union. Hardly recovered from their efforts in subjugating Japan, the Chinese quickly found themselves 0-2 down with Hsu Shao-fa losing to Sarkhojan and Li Ching-kuang also going under in straight games to Strokotov.

ONE BACK

Striving might and main Tiao Wen-yuan pulled one back with a hard-fought 19, -25 15 win over Gomozkov but when Sarkhojan polished off Li Ching-kuang to put the Russians 3-1 ahead matters looked black for the men of the People's Republic.

But it is always darkest before the dawn and so it proved as Hsu Shao-fa beat Gomozkov and Tiao Wen-yuan clipped Strokotov down to size for the equalising set. Li Ching-kuang then brought about Gomozkov's third defeat of the match to put China 4-3 in front only for Sarkhojan to complete a treble by beating Tiao Wen-yuan. But it was anti-climax for the Russians as Strokotov slid to easy defeat by Hsu Shao-fa in the decider.

All then rested on the result of the final match between Sweden and Japan, a match the Scandinavians had to win otherwise the Swaythling Cup would remain in Chinese hands. A victory for Japan could not do the trick as they had lost to China even though success would bring them level on matches won.

Both teams made changes, Sweden replacing Vikström by the bespectacled Bo Persson, and Japan dropping Hasegawa in favour of Mitsuru Kohno.

Persson it was who opened for the Swedes but, although successful in the first game, it was Takashima who steamed home in the next two. Kohno, too, had an opening loss when beaten in straight games by Johansson.

Playing 3, 5 and 7 Bengtsson then stamped his authority over the Asians with a masterly treble, his final victory leaving the match score at 4-3 in Sweden's favour. Then, cometh the hour, cometh the man,

Persson brought off the win of his life in nervously clawing his way to nail-biting 25-23, 24-22 wins over Tasaka.

All hell was then let loose as Persson was mobbed, thrown up in the air and generally given the treatment usually reserved for "King" Stellan. It was a first time Swaythling Cup win for Sweden and one that bridged a gap of 20 years since when the Cup last rested in European hands, English hands in fact, for it was from a quartet comprising Aubrey Simons, Johnny Leach, Brian Kennedy and the late Richard Bergmann that England, in 1953, took over the trophy from Hungary.

NOTABLE SUCCESS

It was against Russia that England began their first stage 6-match series but, apart from Trevor Taylor's notable success over Sarkhojan, after losing the first game -5, it was very much a second fiddle performance. Nicky Jarvis was swallowed up both by Gomozkov and Sarkhojan, and Denis Neale, although taking Strokotov to a decider, had nothing more to show for his labours. Taylor was beaten in his other set by Strokotov but only at -19 in the third.

Against Federal Germany, in the second match, young Desmond Douglas made his debut in the Swaythling Cup competition and it was in at the deep end for the Warwickshire junior with Eberhard Schöler as the 'mountain' to be scaled. Although failing to reach the summit young Des was by no means overawed although it has got to be admitted that Ebby gave his youthful opponent rope enough.

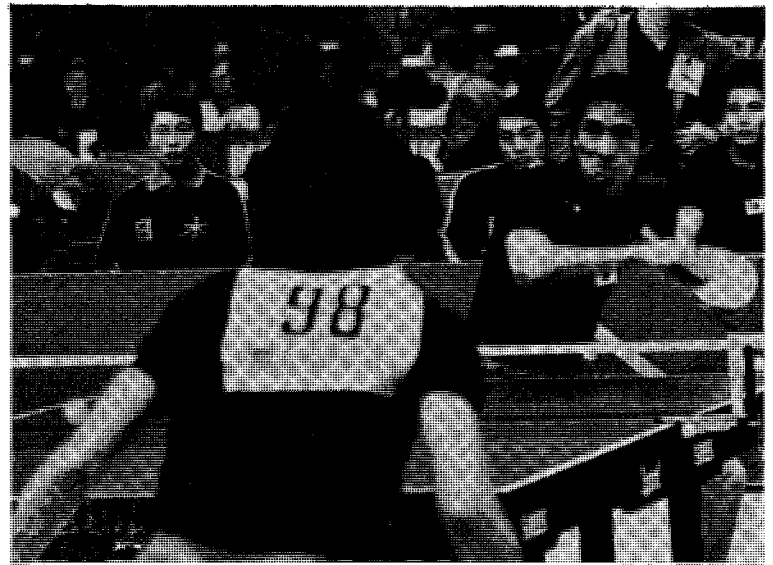
No so Wilfried Lieck who pulled not a single punch in beating Douglas 9 and 10 on his way to a maximum which also took in Neale and Taylor. England's successes were obtained against Klaus Schmittinger who was beaten both by Taylor and Neale, the latter falling to Schöler. But from being beaten 5-1 in the opening match, England improved if only by another set in losing the second 2-5.

But, with Jarvis restored to the exclusion of Douglas in the match against Yugoslavia, the build-up collapsed as, with the power of an incoming tide, the Slavs swept over us to achieve a morale-destroying 5-0 victory. Karakasevic, the penholder, thumped his way to success over both Taylor and Neale and Stipanovic followed suit with like victories over Taylor and Jarvis. Surbek made but one excursion to the table but with victory over Neale it sufficed. The five nails were in the coffin.

If a victory was to be gained surely it had to come against France in the fourth match. And so it proved, but not before Jacques Secretin had recorded a maximum. But this was a one-man French team for both Taylor and Neale had comfortable wins over Regis Canor and Christian Martin, the latter also losing to Jarvis whose one and only victory in this competition it proved to be. So it was England 5, France 3.

INCREDIBLE SCORELINE

But then followed that incredible scoreline Japan 4, England 4 with Taylor having virtually 'chucked' the first game in each set, a three-times winner over Hasegawa, Imano and Tasaka!



Frightening indeed, for Nicky Jarvis, is the expression on the face of his Japanese opponent, Yujiro Imano.

Jarvis lost the deciding set to Hasegawa but Neale, against the same opponent, nearly brought it off only going down 9, -9, -19. It would have been a memorable win and we were so close.

Another team change was effected in the final 1st stage match against Czechoslovakia when Alan Hydes replaced Jarvis and gave a good account of himself even though losing in the opening set -10, 11, -19 to Jaroslav Kunz. Neale was the strong man in this encounter with wins over Milan Orlowski and Anton Dvoracek but Taylor, incurring three defeats, failed to give him support and Hydes too fell away badly to Orlowski in his other set.

And so it was in sixth position that, along with Federal Germany and France, we were regrouped with Indonesia, Austria and India to play off in the second stage for positions 9 to 14.

Wins, by 5-2 over Indonesia, and 5-1 against India ensured an equating 10th place to that secured two years previously in Nagoya, Japan. Against Indonesia, Neale had three sparkling wins, Taylor two, but a struggling Jarvis failed to improve his tally, though desperately in both his sets.

Hydes claimed his one and only victim in the match against India when he beat Dilip Saxena, he was beaten in his other set by Niraj Bajaj. Two wins each for Taylor and Neale sealed India's fate.

MARCHING ORDERS

Then followed the match against Austria which ended with Trevor Taylor being given his marching orders back to England.

Throughout the Swaythling Cup competition Taylor had been the complete enigma just as he was in the Commonwealth Championships when Les Gresswell, England's trainer-coach dropped him from the team opposed to India in the final of the men's team event in Cardiff.

Taylor's winning of three sets against Japan must be tempered with bouts of inexplicable lethargy which resulted in losses to players with half his proven ability and had the further effect of transmitting real or imaginary problems to the other members of England's squad which may well have contributed to their defeats.

It was in such desultory manner that Taylor lost to Austria's Heinz Schluter which brought about England's 5-4 defeat in their final match, although the result itself did not affect their final position. It did, however, incur the wrath of Gresswell — a disappointed man — who took such drastic action after accusing Taylor of lack of effort.

A sad note on which to end to be sure but then, again as previously stated, it is always at its darkest immediately before the dawn.

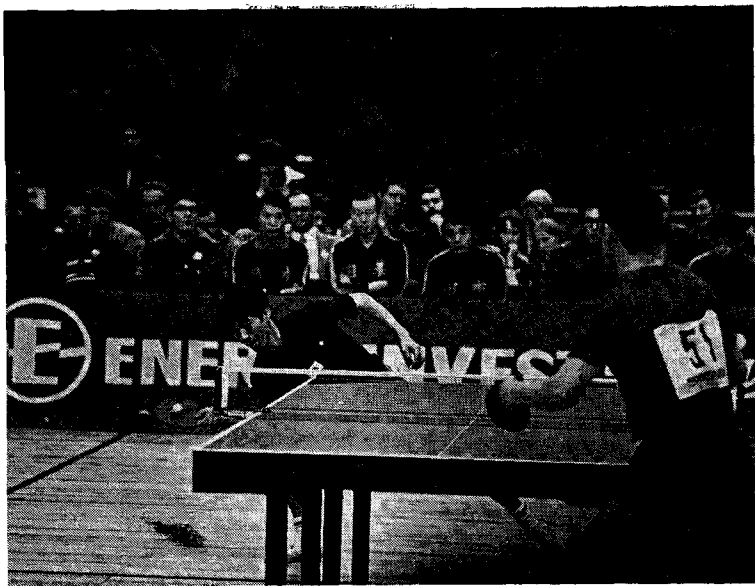
SWAYTHLING CUP RESULTS

CATEGORY 1 — GROUP A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Won	Place
1 China	x	4:5	5:2	5:1	5:0	5:0	5:0	5	2
2 Sweden	5:4	x	5:3	5:0	5:0	5:1	5:2	6	1
3 Hungary	2:5	3:5	x	5:3	5:0	5:0	5:0	4	3
4 South Korea	1:5	0:5	3:5	x	5:0	5:3	5:3	3	4
5 India	0:5	0:5	0:5	0:5	x	3:5	1:5	0	7
6 Indonesia	0:5	1:5	0:5	3:5	5:3	x	5:4	2	5
7 Austria	0:5	2:5	0:5	3:5	5:1	4:5	x	1	6

GROUP B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Won	Place
1 Japan	x	5:4	5:2	5:1	5:4	5:3	5:2	6	1
2 Yugoslavia	4:5	x	5:1	5:1	5:0	2:5	2:5	3	4
3 Federal Germany	2:5	1:5	x	5:1	5:2	4:5	2:5	2	5
4 France	1:5	1:5	1:5	x	3:5	2:5	1:5	0	7
5 England	4:5	0:5	2:5	5:3	x	2:5	1:5	1	6
6 Czechoslovakia	3:5	5:2	5:4	5:2	5:2	x	1:5	4	3
7 U.S.S.R.	2:5	5:2	5:2	5:1	5:1	5:1	x	5	2



4-4 stood the match score and 1-10 a.m, the time as Takashima gets down to returning from China's Li Ching-kwang.

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For Positions 5-8

	1	2	3	4	Won	Place
1 Hungary	x	5:3	5:3	2:5	2	3
2 South Korea	3:5	x	0:5	1:5	0	4
3 Czechoslovakia	3:5	5:0	x	5:2	2	1
4 Yugoslavia	5:2	5:1	2:5	x	2	2

For Positions 9-14

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Won	Place
1 Indonesia	x	5:4	5:3	0:5	2:5	5:3	3	3
2 Austria	4:5	x	5:1	2:5	5:4	2:5	2	5
3 India	3:5	1:5	x	1:5	1:5	3:5	0	6
4 Federal Germany	5:0	5:2	5:1	x	5:2	5:1	5	1
5 ENGLAND	5:2	4:5	5:1	2:5	x	5:3	3	2
6 France	3:5	5:2	5:3	1:5	3:5	x	2	4

ENGLISH RESULTS

v. Indonesia (won 5-2)

Taylor bt E. Wuisan -19, 11, 16;
bt U. Soewindo 17, 11.
Jarvis lost to Soewindo -12, 11, -23;
lost to Abdulrojak -21, -20.
Neale bt Abdulrojak 9, 10;
bt Wuisan -21, 11, 15;
bt Soewindo 18, 10.

v. India (won 5-1)

Taylor bt Mir Khasim Ali 13, 20;
bt N. Bajaj 8, 22.

Hydes lost to Bajaj 17, -15, -12;
bt D. Saxena 14, -17, 21.
Neale bt Saxena 11, 13;
bt Mir Khasim Ali 9, -19, 16.

v. Austria (lost 4-5)

Douglas lost to J. Bauregger 19, -13, -15;
lost to R. Weinmann 15, -14, -13;
lost to H. Schluter -20, -17.
Neale bt Schluter 14, 14;
lost to Bauregger -17, -14;
bt Weinmann 15, 8.
Taylor bt Weinmann -21, 19, 16;
lost to Schluter -15, -3;
bt Bauregger 18, 12.

CATEGORY 2

For Positions 1-4

	1	2	3	4	Won	Place
1 U.S.A.	x	5:3	0:5	3:5	1	3
2 Malaysia	3:5	x	5:4	2:5	1	4
3 Rumania	5:0	4:5	x	5:3	2	1
4 Denmark	5:3	5:2	3:5	x	2	2

For Positions 5-8

	1	2	3	4	Won	Place
1 Poland	x	5:1	5:3	5:2	3	1
2 Bulgaria	1:5	x	5:0	5:3	2	2
3 Netherlands	3:5	0:5	x	5:2	1	3
4 Greece	2:5	3:5	2:5	x	0	4

For Positions 9-14

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Won	Place
1 Canada	x	3:5	5:0	4:5	5:2	5:2	3	2
2 Nigeria	5:3	x	2:5	0:5	5:0	5:1	3	3
3 Hong Kong	0:5	5:2	x	3:5	5:2	5:0	3	4
4 Iran	5:4	5:0	5:3	x	5:0	5:1	5	1
5 Singapore	2:5	0:5	2:5	0:5	x	5:3	1	5
6 Finland	2:5	1:5	0:5	0:5	3:5	x	0	6

CATEGORY 3

For Positions 1-4

	1	2	3	4	Won	Place
1 Australia	x	5:3	5:0	5:1	3	1
2 Israel	3:5	x	3:5	4:5	0	4
3 Belgium	0:5	5:3	x	5:4	2	2
4 Italy	1:5	5:4	4:5	x	1	3

For Positions 5-8

	1	2	3	4	Won	Place
1 Ghana	x	5:3	1:5	2:5	1	4
2 SCOTLAND	3:5	x	4:5	5:2	1	2
3 Switzerland	5:1	5:4	x	5:4	3	1
4 WALES	5:2	2:5	4:5	x	1	3

SCOTTISH RESULTS

v. Switzerland (lost 4-5)

Fraser lost to Grimm -9, -10;
lost to Foldy -14, -8;
lost to Heri -13, -12.
Yule bt Heri -18, 10, 12;
bt Grimm 8, 19;
bt Foldy 18, 22.
Sutherland lost to Foldy -15, -24;
lost to Heri -24, 12, -15;
bt Grimm -5, 12, 11.

v. Wales (won 5-2)

Sutherland bt Davies 13, -18, 19;
lost to Griffiths -10, -12.

For Positions 9-11

	1	2	3	Won	Place
1 New Zealand	x	5:4	2:5	1	2
2 Lebanon	4:5	x	1:5	0	3
3 Brazil	5:2	5:1	x	2	1

CATEGORY 4

For Positions 1-4

	1	2	3	4	Won	Place
1 Luxembourg	x	5:1	5:4	1:5	2	3
2 IRELAND	1:5	x	0:5	1:5	0	4
3 Norway	4:5	5:0	x	5:2	2	1
4 Spain	5:1	5:1	2:5	x	2	2

IRISH RESULTS

v. Norway (lost 0-5)

Tracey lost to Meland -12, -18;
lost to P. Guttormsen 11, -16, -15.
Caffrey lost to K. Havag -10, -17;
lost to H. Meland 13, -11, -16.
Thompson lost to Guttormsen -17, -17.

For Positions 5-8

	1	2	3	4	Won	Place
1 Turkey	x	5:1	3:5	5:0	2	2
2 Venezuela	1:5	x	4:5	5:2	1	3
3 Trinidad	5:3	5:4	x	5:0	3	1
4 Palestine (Gaza)	0:5	2:5	0:5	x	0	4

Position 9

KENYA

Kean bt Griffiths 20, -16, 18;
lost to Mansfield 20, -9, -14.
Yule bt Mansfield 16, -15, 13;
bt Davies 19, 11;
bt Griffiths 14, -14, 17.

WELSH RESULTS

v. Ghana (won 5-2)

Davies bt Bartels -17, 20, 10;
lost to Quansah -4, -12.
Mansfield bt Quansah -19, -19, 13;
lost to Quaye -16, 12, -17.
Griffiths bt Quaye 14, 18;
bt Bartels 18, 17;
bt Quansah -12, 13, 12.

v. Spain (lost 1-5)

Thompson bt J. Castillo 20, 18;
lost to J. Pales -14, -21.
Keane lost to Pales -12, -15;
lost to H. Felieu -18, -8.
Caffrey lost to Felieu -19, 13, -7;
lost to Castillo -7, -17.

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2. China (1)	28. Finland
3. Japan (2)	29. Australia (29)
4. U.S.S.R.	30. Belgium
5. Czechoslovakia (11)	31. Italy
6. Yugoslavia (3)	32. Israel (37)
7. Hungary (5)	33. Switzerland
8. South Korea (8)	34. Scotland
9. Federal Germany (6)	35. Wales
10. England (10)	36. Ghana (30)
11. Indonesia (12)	37. Brazil (33)
12. France (7)	38. New Zealand (38)
13. Austria (13)	39. Lebanon
14. India (14)	40. Norway
15. Rumania	41. Spain
16. Denmark (15)	42. Luxembourg
17. U.S.A. (28)	43. Ireland
18. Malaysia (25)	44. Trinidad
19. Poland	45. Turkey
20. Bulgaria	46. Venezuela
21. Netherlands (19)	47. Palestine (Gaza)
22. Greece (20)	48. Kenya
23. Iran (16)	49. Mongolia
24. Canada (22)	50. Curacao
25. Nigeria (17)	51. Cyprus
26. Hong Kong (21)	52. Liberia

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, SWAYTHLING CUP

ENGLAND

Taylor	Neale	Hydes	Jarvis	Douglas	Opponents	F	A
1-1	0-2		0-2		U.S.S.R.	1	5
1-1	1-2			0-2	Fed. Germany	2	5
0-2	0-2		0-1		Yugoslavia	0	5
2-1	2-1		1-1		France	5	3
3-0	1-2		0-3		Japan	4	5
0-3	2-0	0-2			Czechoslovakia	2	5
2-0	3-0		0-2		Indonesia	5	2
2-0	2-0	1-1			India	5	1
2-1	2-1			0-3	Austria	4	5
<hr/>						28	26
13-9	13-10	1-3	1-9	0-5			

IRELAND

Tracey	Caffrey	Thompson	Keane	Opponents	F	A	
1-1	2-0	2-0		Turkey	5	1	
2-0	1-0	2-0		Kenya	5	0	
0-2	0-2	1-1		Luxembourg	1	5	
	2-0	2-0	1-1	Venezuela	5	1	
0-2	0-2	0-1		Norway	0	5	
	0-2	1-1	0-2	Spain	1	5	
<hr/>						17	17
3-5	5-6	8-3	1-3				

SCOTLAND

Yule	Sutherland	Fraser	Kean	Opponents	F	A	
1-1	0-2		0-2	Australia	1	5	
1-1	2-0	2-0		New Zealand	5	1	
2-1	1-2	0-2		Ghana	3	5	
3-0	1-2	1-1		Lebanon	5	3	
1-2	2-1	0-2		Israel	3	5	
3-0	1-2	0-3		Switzerland	4	5	
3-0	1-1		1-1	Wales	5	2	
<hr/>						26	26
14-5	8-10	3-8	1-3				

WALES

Griffiths	Davies	Bishop	Mansfield	Opponents	F	A	
1-1	0-2		0-2	Italy	1	5	
1-2	3-0		1-2	Brazil	5	4	
2-1	2-1	0-3		Belgium	4	5	
1-2	2-1		1-2	Switzerland	4	5	
1-2	0-2		1-1	Scotland	2	5	
3-0	1-1		1-1	Ghana	5	2	
<hr/>						21	26
9-8	8-7	0-3	4-8				

STAR RESULTS SWAYTHLING CUP

CATEGORY 1—GROUP A

Sweden 5, China 4

K. Johansson lost to Li Ching-kuang -15, -12; lost to Hsu Shao-fa 17, -13, -12; bt Liang Ko-liang 10, 17.

S. Bengtsson bt Liang Ko-liang 18, 14; bt Li Ching-kuang 13, -10, 19; bt Hsu Shao-fa 18, 12.

I. Vikström lost to Hsu Shao-fa -11, -7; bt Liang Ko-liang 19, 18; lost to Li Ching-kuang -15, -12.

Sweden 5, Hungary 3

Johansson bt G. Gergely 20, 14; bt I. Jonyer 19, -13, 18; bt Klampar -21, 19, 12.

Bengtsson bt Klampar 16, 11; bt Gergely 15, 14; lost to Jonyer -18, 14, -19.

Vikström lost to Jonyer -19, -14; lost to Klampar -17, 20, -15.

GROUP B

Japan 5, Yugoslavia 4

N. Hasegawa bt M. Karakasevic 17, 13; bt A. Stipanovic -12, 18, 14; lost to D. Surbek -13, 17, -18.

M. Kohno bt Stipanovic -13, 13, 18; lost to Surbek -15, 16, -18; bt Karakasevic 13, 17.

T. Tasaka lost to Surbek -18, -11; bt Karakasevic 6, 14; lost to Stipanovic -12, -19.

SECOND STAGE PLAY-OFFS

(For Positions 1—4)

U.S.S.R. 5, Sweden 4

A. Stokratov lost to Johansson -18, 15, -19; lost to Bengtsson -7, -9; bt Vikström 17, 15.

S. Sarkhojan bt Vikström -13, 16, 20; bt Johansson -16, 19, 18; lost to Bengtsson -18, -15.

S. Gomozkov lost to Bengtsson -15, -19; bt Vikström 16, 11; bt Johansson -15, 15, 18.

China 5, Japan 4

Tiao Wen-yuan bt T. Takashima -17, 19, 17; lost to Tasaka -14, 11, -7; lost to Hasegawa -20, 15, -11.

Li Ching-kuang lost to Tasaka 12, -19, -16; bt Hasegawa 13, -18, 13; bt Takashima -17, 18, 19.

Hsu Shao-fa bt Hasegawa -16, 12, 12; lost to Takashima -19, -17; bt Tasaka -11, 13, 14.

China 5, U.S.S.R. 4

Hsu Shao-fa lost to Sarkhojan -23, -15; bt Gomozkov 16, 20; bt Stokratov 13, 17.

Li Ching-kuang lost to Stokratov -15, -18; lost to Sarkhojan -15, -16; bt Gomozkov 12, -15, 14.

Tiao Wen-yuan bt Gomozkov 19, -25, 15; bt Stokratov -15, 7, 13; lost to Sarkhojan 17, -21, -11.

Sweden 5, Japan 3

B. Persson lost to Takashima 16, -13, -12; lost to Kohno -12, -11; bt Tasaka 23, 22.

Johansson bt Kohno 13, 13; lost to Tasaka -16, -16.

Bengtsson bt Tasaka -16, 11, 13; bt Takashima -16, 14, 15; bt Kohno 8, 18.

CORBILION CUP

Lee Ailesa in command

Dropping only three sets — one each to China, Japan and Hungary — South Korea took over the Corbillon Cup previously held by Japan who, incurring losses against both the new world champions and China, finished third.

Lee Ailesa, the S. Korean No. 1, was unbeaten in 6 first-stage and 2 second-stage matches hence the shock of her first round dismissal in the subsequent women's singles event by Sweden's Birgitta Radberg who triumphed 15, -20, 18, -11, 10!

Boasting identical records from their first-stage encounters, Japan and South Korea headed their respective top category Groups A1 and B1 with Hungary and China finishing runners-up each with a single defeat.

China, in the initial second-stage clash, avenged their final defeat in Nagoya by turning the tables on Japan to win 3-2. Cheng Hui-ying had wins over both Yukie Ohzeki, the 24-year-old Mitsui bank clerk, and national champion Sachiko Yokota, the 20-year-old Chuo University student. Hu Yu-lan administered the coup-de-grace when, in the deciding set, she accounted for Yokota 19 and 17.

But South Korea, not to be found wanting, disposed of Hungary 3-1 — Chung Hyun Sook losing to Judith Magos — to make first position secure no matter what the result of their final match against Japan.

In the event they won it 3-1 — Chung Hyun Sook being beaten by Ohzeki — with China, also assured of second place prior to their last engagement, 3-0 tear-away winners over the Magyars.

WARM-UP

England's opening first-stage encounter was against Austria's Eva Bogner and Margarit Wagner who provided little more than a warm-up for Jill Hammersley, Karenza Mathews and, in the doubles only, Linda Howard.

The boot was very much on the other foot in the second match, against Japan who, stumbling only in the second game of the doubles, won 3-0.

Against the Soviet Union, in the third encounter, an initial loss by Karenza was negated when Jill beat Elmira Antonian to level the match score. But a doubles success, followed by Zoya Rudnova beating Jill closed the books 3-1 in Russia's favour.

Hungary obtained a like result to Japan in beating us 3-0, the doubles set being the only one to go to three with Magos and Anna Molnar winning the decider at 18. Previously Magos had beaten Jill and Beatrix Kishazi obtained a like success against Karenza.

An opening win by Jill over Blanka Silhanova gave hope for better things against Czechoslovakia but Alicia Grofova had other ideas in winning both her singles, the second after Karenza, for the first and only time

paired with Jill, proved no match in the doubles.

A final first-stage 5th position was secured when, against Indonesia's Tejasukmana sisters, we won 3-0.

RE-GROUPED

England, accompanied by their two victims, Indonesia and Austria, were then re-grouped with Sweden, Yugoslavia and France from the parallel Group B1.

Despite Karenza going down to the host nation's Mirjana Resler in the opening set, Jill took over an avenging role after a win over Eva Jeler

and success for Karenza and Linda in the doubles against Yugoslavia's Jeler and Erzebet Korpa.

It was a heartening win as indeed was the 3-0 triumph over France whose Claude Bergeret and Yveline Lecler failed to pose the threat menaced in the team event at Brighton in the Norwich Union International Championships.

Having finished 8th in Nagoya, it was for a final ninth or tenth place that England finally took on Sweden represented by Radberg and Lena Andersson.

Both opening sets went the distance but the decider, in each case, went to Sweden with Birgitta beating Karenza and the gangling Lena just making it against Jill.

But England were by no means a spent force as evidenced in the doubles, won by Karenza and Linda,

to be followed by a wondrous 11, 14 victory for Jill over the Brighton 'Belle' herself, Birgitta Radberg!

All then rested on the far from broad shoulders of Karenza who, game to the end as always, failed to make it against the long reaching Miss Andersson.

CORBILLON CUP RESULTS

CATEGORY 1 — GROUP A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Won	Place
1 Japan	x	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:1	3:0	3:0	6	1
2 Czechoslovakia	0:3	x	0:3	3:1	1:3	3:1	3:0	3	4
3 U.S.S.R.	0:3	3:0	x	3:1	2:3	3:0	3:0	4	3
4 England	0:3	1:3	1:3	x	0:3	3:0	3:0	2	5
5 Hungary	1:3	3:1	3:2	3:0	x	3:0	3:0	5	2
6 Indonesia	0:3	1:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	x	3:1	1	6
7 Austria	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	1:3	x	0	7

ENGLISH RESULTS

v. Austria (won 3-0)

J. Hammersley bt M. Wagner 10, 14;
K. Mathews bt E. Bogner 15, 16.
L. Howard/Mathews bt Bogner/Wagner 18, 7.

v. Japan (lost 0-3)

Hammersley lost to Y. Ohzeki -12, -13;
Mathews lost to S. Yokota -19, -8;
Howard/Mathews lost to M. Hamada/Y. Sachiko -10, 19, -8.

v. U.S.S.R. (lost 1-3)

Mathews lost to Z. Rudnova -12, -14;
Hammersley bt E. Antonian -20, 13, 20;
lost to Rudnova 20, -18, -14.
Howard/Mathews lost to Pogosova/Rudnova -9, -17.

v. Hungary (lost 0-3)

Hammersley lost to J. Magos -15, -19;
Mathews lost to B. Kishazi -14, -19;
Howard/Mathews lost to Magos/A. Molnar -17, 19, -18.

v. Czechoslovakia (lost 1-3)

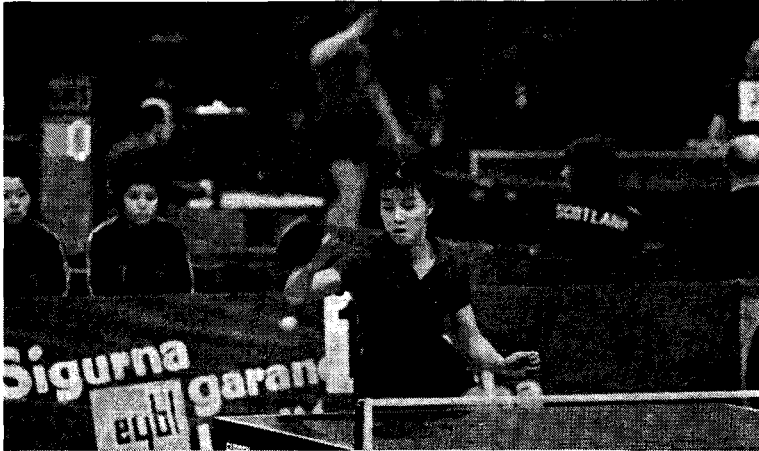
Hammersley bt B. Silhanova 16, 10; lost to A. Grofova -17, -13;
Mathews lost to Grofova -11, -12;
Hammersley/Mathews lost to Grofova/Silhanova -16, -16.

v. Indonesia (won 3-0)

Mathews bt K. Tejasukmana 19, -18, 20;
Hammersley bt D. Tejasukmana 10, 7;
Howard/Mathews bt Tejasukmana/Tejasukmana 15, 15.

GROUP B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Won	Place
1 China	x	1:3	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	5	2
2 South Korea	3:1	x	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	6	1
3 Rumania	0:3	0:3	x	3:0	3:1	3:1	3:1	4	3
4 Federal Germany	0:3	0:3	0:3	x	3:1	0:3	3:0	2	4
5 Sweden	0:3	0:3	1:3	1:3	x	3:0	3:2	2	5
6 France	0:3	0:3	1:3	3:0	0:3	x	1:3	0	7
7 Yugoslavia	0:3	0:3	1:3	0:3	2:3	3:1	x	1	6



Doll like she may appear but there is nothing doll like about the play of China's Cheng Huai-ying.

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CATEGORY 2 — GROUP A

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Won, Place. Includes New Zealand, Canada, Malaysia, Hong Kong, U.S.A., Bulgaria.

GROUP B

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Won, Place. Includes Singapore, India, Australia, Greece, Poland, Belgium.

CATEGORY 3 — GROUP A

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Won, Place. Includes Norway, Iran, Netherlands, Spain, Denmark.

GROUP B

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Won, Place. Includes Ghana, Luxembourg, Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland.

IRISH RESULTS

v. Scotland (won 3-2)

K. Stewart bt K. Angus 13, 18; lost to E. Smith -14, 15, -10.

K. Senior bt Smith 20, -15, 19; bt Angus -15, 19, 19.

M. Dorrian/Senior lost to Angus/Smith -12, 18, -16.

v. Switzerland (lost 1-3)

Stewart lost to V. Lehmann -12, -17; lost to C. Boppe -13, -14.

Senior bt Boppe 7, 19; Senior/Stewart lost to Boppe/Lehmann -18, -15.

v. Ghana (won 3-0)

Senior bt C. Eshun 18, 8; Stewart bt N. Okwan 8, 9.

Dorrian/Senior bt Eshun/Okwan 12, 13.

CATEGORY 4

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, Won, Place. Includes Nigeria, Italy, Turkey, Brazil.

SECOND STAGE — CATEGORY 1

For Positions 1-4

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, Won, Place. Includes Japan, Hungary, South Korea, China.

For Positions 5-8

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, Won, Place. Includes U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Federal Germany.

For Positions 9-14

Table with 8 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Won, Place. Includes England, Indonesia, Austria, Sweden, Yugoslavia, France.

ENGLISH RESULTS

v. Yugoslavia (won 3-1)

Mathews lost to M. Resler -20, -17; Hammersley bt E. Jeler 10, -15, 17; bt Resler 19, 13, 16.

Howard/Mathews bt Jeler/E. Korpa -16, 16, 17.

v. France (won 3-0)

Hammersley bt C. Bergeret 14, 10;

v. Luxembourg (lost 0-3)

Stewart lost to J. Dom 20, -17, -14; Senior lost to M. Krier -18, -15.

Dorrian/Senior lost to Dom/Krier -18, -17.

SCOTTISH RESULTS

v. Ireland (lost 2-3)

Angus bt Eshun 20, 8; Smith bt Okwan 4, 19.

v. Luxembourg (lost 0-3)

Angus lost to Krier -15, 17, -16; Smith lost to Dom -9, -14.

Angus/Smith lost to Dom/Krier -14, 21, -19.

v. Switzerland (lost 0-3)

Smith lost to Lehmann -11, 17, -15; Angus lost to Boppe -21, 20, -16.

Angus/Smith lost to Boppe/Lehmann -17, -19.

Angus/Smith lost to Boppe/Lehmann -17, -19.

Mathews bt Lecler -14, 16, 17; Howard/Mathews bt Bergeret/Lecler 10, 18.

v. Sweden (lost 2-3)

Mathews lost to B. Radberg -12, 16, -16; lost to L. Andersson -20, -15.

Hammersley lost to Andersson 12, -18, -19; bt Radberg 11, 14.

Howard/Mathews bt Andersson/Radberg 15, -15, 16.

CATEGORY 3 — GROUP A

For Positions 1-4

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, Won, Place. Includes Denmark, Netherlands, Switzerland, Luxembourg.

For Positions 5-8

Table with 7 columns: Country, 1, 2, 3, 4, Won, Place. Includes Spain, Norway, Ireland, Scotland.

IRISH RESULTS

v. Norway (won 3-0)

Senior bt A. Schiernning 6, 15; Stewart bt B. Paulsen 18, 18.

Dorrian/Senior bt Paulsen/Schiernning 20, 15.

v. Spain (won 3-0)

Senior bt M. Sanahuja -19, 14, 16; Stewart bt P. Lupon 15, 11.

Dorrian/Senior bt Lupon/Sanahuja 18, -14, 22.

SCOTTISH RESULTS

v. Spain (won 3-1)

Angus lost to Lupon -14, -16; Smith bt Sanahuja 9, 13; bt Lupon 18, 11.

Angus/Smith bt Lupon/Sanahuja 17, -10, 15.

v. Norway (won 3-1)

Smith bt Schiernning 12, 7; bt Paulsen 16, 15.

Angus lost to Paulsen -21, -22; Angus/Smith bt Paulsen/Schiernning 15, 19.

For Positions 9 and 10

Iran 3, Ghana 0.

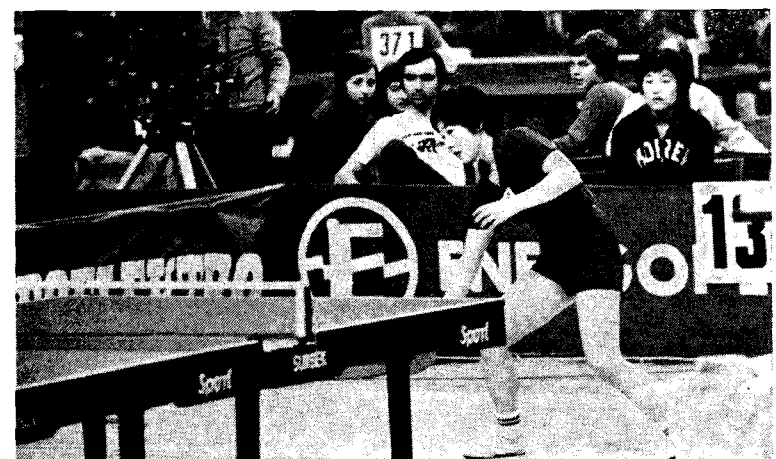
Final overall placings (previouspositions in brackets):---

- 1. SOUTH KOREA (3)
2. China (2)
3. Japan (1)
4. Hungary (9)
5. U.S.S.R. (5)
6. Rumania (6)
7. Fed. Germany (7)
8. Czechoslovakia (4)
9. Sweden (10)
10. England (8)
11. Yugoslavia
12. France (11)
13. Indonesia (13)
14. Austria (14)
15. Poland
16. Bulgaria
17. India (15)
18. U.S.A. (21)
19. Malaysia (17)
20. Canada (16)
21. Australia (18)
22. Belgium
23. New Zealand (25)
24. Greece (19)
25. Singapore (26)
26. Hong Kong (20)
27. Switzerland
28. Luxembourg
29. Denmark
30. Netherlands
31. Ireland
32. Scotland
33. Spain
34. Norway
35. Iran
36. Ghana (27)
37. Brazil
38. Nigeria
39. Italy
40. Turkey

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, CORBILLON CUP

ENGLAND

Table with 5 columns: Hammersley, Mathews, Opponents, F, A. Includes scores like 1-0, 0-1, 1-1, 0-1, 1-1, 1-0, 2-0, 1-0, 1-1, 8-5, 3-7, 5-3, 0-1, 16, 16.



South Korea's Lee Ailesa who went through the whole of the Corbillon Cup event without defeat.

Photo by Cliff Darley

IRELAND

Stewart	Senior	Dorrian/ Senior	Senior/ Stewart	Opponents	F	A
1-1	2-0	0-1		Scotland	3	2
1-0	1-0	1-0		Ghana	3	0
0-1	0-1	0-1		Luxembourg	0	3
0-2	1-0		0-1	Switzerland	1	3
1-0	1-0	1-0		Norway	3	0
1-0	1-0	1-0		Spain	3	0
4-4	6-1	3-2	0-1		13	8

SCOTLAND

Smith	Angus	Angus/Smith	Opponents	F	A
1-0	1-0	1-0	Ghana	3	0
0-1	0-1	0-1	Luxembourg	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	Switzerland	0	3
1-1	0-2	1-0	Scotland	2	3
2-0	0-1	1-0	Spain	3	1
2-0	0-1	1-0	Norway	3	1
6-3	1-6	4-2		11	11

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CUMBERLAND NOTES

by Ron Rigg

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

After one of the most successful seasons in their short history, followers of the sport in Cumberland are already looking forward to next season with great expectations of even bigger things. Instigators of this mood of optimism are, of course, the County Junior side who broke all records by winning two of their five matches to finish well away from the foot of the Junior North table for the first time. All the five players who turned out in the final match against Yorkshire plus reserves, Stewart O'Neil and Jeanette Bullock, are still available for next season, although judging by the amount of young talent on show in the recent Cumberland Closed Championships, they will have to fight very hard to hold their places.

Star of the Closed Championships, held at Workington for the first time, was undoubtedly 13-year-old Chris Reed, son of Millom major domo John Reed, whose efforts stamped him as a certain county player of the not too distant future. His exploits started in the Men's Singles where he defeated County No. 2 Junior, Ian Smith, but it was really in the Under-15 Singles that he swept all before him to become the first title holder of this new event. In the semi-final Chris beat County No. 1 Junior, Peter Polczynski, and in the final overcame Martin Barry, the No. 4 ranked junior.

Peter Broughton retained his Men's Singles title by easily defeating John Willis in the final, whilst Yvonne Brockbank took advantage of the enforced absence of Clarice Rose to add the Women's Singles to her Junior Girls' title.

Mention of Clarice reminds me that she will next season add the role of National Councillor to her duties as County Secretary, taking over from the writer of this column who will, however, continue as County Treasurer and Tournament Secretary.

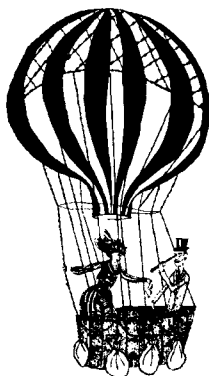
Next season's Cumberland 2-Star Open will be held earlier than usual, on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the same highly praised venue at the Market Hall, Carlisle. If present expectations of sponsorship are fulfilled, all prize money will probably be raised, with a top men's prize of £30.

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THE ESSEX 2 STAR OPEN

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By **ALAN SHEPHERD**
(Hon. Referee)

Despite the absence of England's top-players on World Championship duty, and the counter attraction of a number of Closed Tournaments in the South, a reasonably strong line-up still took part. Unfortunately No. 3 Men's seed "Les" Haslam failed to appear, a situation which other tournament organisers have regretably had to suffer recently. This left a quarter open and Bobby Stevens took full advantage of it. He failed to reach the Final only by the narrowest margin, Peter Taylor winning 19, -17, 19.

Taylor himself dropped a game to David Bowles in the quarters but was otherwise untroubled. In the third quarter a fantastic run by 19-year-old Grahame Blomfield took him past B. Williams (Surrey) 5, 10. No. 4 seed Derek Munt 17, 14, Peter Radford 18, 16 and then Essex No. 2 David Brown 22, -19, 19. This last win brought the biggest crowd reaction of the Tournament. Eventually Grahame's progress was halted in the semi-final by Mike Johns, seeded No. 2. Mike had earlier seen off Brian Brumwell, Barry Meisel and Melvyn Waldman in straight games; now he repeated the process over Grahame and in fact did the same to Peter Taylor in the final!

Obviously the Southend air must agree with him.

The women's singles saw the re-appearance of former England star Maureen Robson. She survived a tough looking group with juniors Jane Hartwell and Susan Tame but failed to survive a second round match with Janet Hellaby. Predictably the final was fought out between arch rivals Lesley Radford and Shelagh Hession, victory going to Lesley in the deciding game. Janet Hellaby gained consolation by taking the Intermediate Girls Singles and the Mixed Doubles in which she and Ian Robertson repeated their Essex Closed win of a few weeks before. Their opponents here were Mike Johns and Susan Beckwith, who had put out two redoubtable pairs in Ken Beamish/Shelagh Hession and the Radfords. There were further triumphs for Ian Robertson who gave a brilliant display in the final of the Intermediate Boys Singles, beating Peter Taylor -15, 16, 21. In Round 2, however, he had his work cut out to beat 13-year-old Essex junior David Newman by 6, -21, 20!!

The other victory for Robertson was in the Men's Doubles where he and Stevie Smith, Essex Closed Champions, now secured the Open title. They dropped one game only throughout, back in Round 2 against Joe Andrews and Chris Pickard. Their final opponents, Brown and Stevens only just made it against Taylor/Munt by -15, 14, 20 in the semi-final after Taylor/Munt had themselves scraped past Radford/Bowles -20, 18, 23.

Prizes were presented by West Ham star "Pop" Robson, who was no doubt delighted to hand some cash to wife Maureen, runner-up in the Women's Doubles. She and partner Janet Hellaby went down to the tough Radford/Hession duo.

One final comment: is it not utterly deplorable that the E.T.T.A. should have staged a Junior Training Camp on the one weekend in April when there was a major Tournament? Apart from defeating their own alleged view that juniors should enter as many senior events as possible, what sort of service are they doing to the game in general?

Detailed Results

Men's Singles-Quarter-Finals:
P. Taylor (Beds.) bt D. Bowles (Essex) -16, 11, 11.
R. Stevens (Essex) bt D. Randall (Essex) 9, 20.
G. Blomfield (Essex) bt D. Brown (Essex) 22, -19, 19.
M. Johns (Cheshire) bt M. Waldman (Middlesex) 18, 16.

Semi-Finals:
Taylor bt Stevens 19, -17, 19.
Johns bt Blomfield 17, 12.

Final:
JOHNS bt Taylor 10, 19.

Women's Singles: Semi-Finals:
L. Radford (Essex) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) -21, 8, 17.
S. Hession (Essex) bt L. Barrow (Essex) 12, 11.

Final:
RADFORD bt Hession -15, 16, 12.

Men's Doubles: Semi-Finals:
S. Smith/I. Robertson (Essex) bt N. Eckersley (Cheshire)/Johns 17, 9.

D. Brown/R. Stevens bt P. Taylor/D. Munt (Warwicks.) -15, 14, 20.

Final:
SMITH/ROBERTSON bt Brown/Stevens 15, 13.

Women's Doubles: Semi-Finals:
Radford/Hession bt S. Beckwith (Essex)/G. Locke (Essex) 13, 15.
Hellaby/M. Robson (Essex) bt A. Painter (Middlesex)/J. Hartwell 13, 10.

Final:
RADFORD/HESSION bt Hellaby/Robson 17, 22.

Mixed Doubles: Semi-Finals:
Johns/Beckwith bt P. Radford/L. Radford -8, 12, 17.
Robertson/Hellaby bt M. Bawden (Essex)/L. Barrow 8, 16.

Final:
ROBERTSON/HELLABY bt Johns/Beckwith 17, 11.

Intermediate Boys' Singles
Semi-Finals:
P. Taylor bt M. Read (Essex) 19, 14.
I. Robertson bt N. Eckersley -19, 17, 15.

Final:
ROBERTSON bt Taylor -15, 16, 21.

Intermediate Girls' Singles
Semi-Finals:
Hellaby bt Hartwell 12, -21, 23.

Locke bt S. Sutton (Essex) -21, 17, 8.

Final:
HELLABY bt Locke 22, 14.

Veterans' Singles Semi-Finals:
K. Beamish (Essex) bt E. Dickenson (Essex) 13, 19.

J. Osborne (Essex) bt R. Herber (Essex) 13, 8.

Final:
OSBORNE bt Beamish 21, 20.

Consolation Singles: Final:
B. DUNNE (Warwicks.) bt S. Lyons (Surrey) 15, 19.

COCA-COLA AWARDS 72-73

by Laurie Landry,
Scheme Administrator.

The following are the points obtained for the Coca-Cola £100 Awards up to the end of April, '73. These are not the final positions but there is little likelihood of much change being effected from the remaining events of the current season.

The three sets of figures in brackets denote points obtained for (Tournaments - County Matches - International Play). Denis Neale was able to overhaul Trevor Taylor after the latter had been withdrawn from the individual events in the World Championships and the subsequent matches against Japan.

Jill Hammersley wins the Women's section on account of her play in International events. Juniors are signified by an asterisk.

MEN:

- 1 D. Neale (Yorks) (715-260-1665)
2640
- 2 T. Taylor (Ormsby) (1067-0-1395)
2462
- 3 N. Jarvis (Yorks) (410-135-385)
930
- 4 *D. Douglas (Warwks) (258-165-455)
878
- 5 M. Johns (Ches.) (295-230-30)
555
- 6 P. Taylor (Beds) (413-80-25)
518
- 7 B. Burn (Warwks) (323-175-0)
498
- 8 A. Hydes (Yorks) (235-0-200)
435
- 9 A. Clayton (Yorks) (223-105-70)
398
- 10 *D. Alderson (Yorks) (258-35-55)
348
- 11 O. Haslam (Middx) (233-45-45)
323
- 12 J. Walker (Yorks) (145-125-0)
270
- 13 R. Chandler (Surrey) (30-185-0)
215
- 14 D. Munt (Warwks) (98-105-0)
198
- 15 A. Pidcock (Kent) (0-180-0)
180
- = C. Warren (Surrey) (35-145-0)
180
- 17 D. Brown (Essex) (15-145-0)
160
- 18 *A. Barden (Middx) (70-60-0)
130
- 19 *P. Day (Cams) (112-10-0)
122
- 20 B. Hill (Lincs) (80-40-0)
120
- = R. Stevens (Essex) (10-110-0)
120

WOMEN:

- 1 J. Hammersley (Bucks)
(891-10-1970) 2871
- 2 K. Mathews (Middx)
(1104-115-590) 1809
- 3 L. Radford (Essex)
(424-30-0) 454
- 4 S. Hession (Essex)
(301-40-0) 341
- 5 J. Williams (Sussex)
(205-90-10) 305
- 6 S. Howard (Surrey)
(230-40-0) 270
- 7 *E. Tarten (Essex)
(209-50-0) 259
- 8 *L. Howard (Surrey)
(112-55-50) 217
- 9 J. Heaps (Ches)
(160-55-0) 215
- 10 *J. Walker (Yorks)
(99-80-15) 194
- 11 S. Lisle (Lancs)
(143-0-25) 168
- 12 D. Court (Middx)
(126-30-0) 156
- 13 J. Hellaby (Essex)
(116-20-0) 136
- 14 S. Kavallierou (Sussex)
(88-15-0) 103
- 15 *A. Stevenson (Leics)
(73-15-0) 88
- 16 B. Bird (Kent)
(63-0-0) 63
- 17 *K. Rogers (Leics)
(45-15-0) 60
- 18 J. Vass (Surrey)
(50-0-0) 50
- 19 D. Johnson (Lancs)
(20-25-0) 45
- 20 J. White (Lincs)
(30-10-0) 40

SELECTED

The National Selection Committee announced on May 7, the following team to represent England in a junior international match against Wales on May 18 at A.P.V. Ltd., Crawley:—

Paul Day (Cams), John Kitchener (Suffolk), Mark Mitchell (Middlesex), Andrew Barden (Middlesex), Judith Walker (Yorkshire) and Angela Mitchell (Middlesex).

It will be the first international appearance by the brother and sister combination of Mark and Angela Mitchell, the latter being the national U-13 girls' singles champion of England.

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The Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Competitions

by Keith Ponting

THE QUARTER-FINALS

COCA-COLA WILMOTT CUP

North Yorkshire swept into another Semi-final with a convincing 5-1 win over Manchester with Nicky Jarvis, Jimmy Walker and Denis Neale not really extended. Good win for Jeff Ingber over Walker.

A Mike Johns "hat-trick" made the journey to Cheshunt worth while for the Birmingham team who came away with a 5-2 win. Barry Hayward and Derek Munt helped Mike with one win each whilst Barry White and Chris Pickard scored for Cheshunt.

Last season's finalists, East London opened up a 5-0 lead over Central London but conceded the sixth set. Bobby Stevens and David Brown won two sets each for East London but Peter Williams had a good win over Stuart Gibbs.

Wilmott Cup

North Yorkshire 5, Manchester 1
Cheshunt 2, Birmingham 5
East London 5, Central London 1
Brighton w.o. Strales

COCA-COLA J. M. ROSE BOWL

Some thought that Chesterfield could surprise Stockport this season but this was not to be as Diane Johnson, Doreen Schofield and Susan Lisle cruised to a comfortable 5-0 over the Derbyshire trio of Jackie Billington, Sandra Walters and Mandy Mellor.

Reading fought well against West Bromwich and were level at 3-3. They eventually went down 3-5 and West Bromwich can thank a brilliant maximum from Kath Perry for their success.

The keenness of the Central London league to fit in matches was emphasised when Judy Williams travelled overnight from Amsterdam, where she was working. Without a sleeping berth Judy felt very tired but, along with Diane Court and Shelagh Hession won two sets to crush East London 6-0. Elsie Carrington, Lesley Radford and Janet Hellaby all played well for East London but found the holders too good.

Without Linda Howard, Guildford brought in junior Nicolette Leslie against Worthing and she played well to gain two wins. Linda's sister Susan played on top form to win three and Ruth Miles did her part with one. Suzannah Kavallierou scored two for Worthing.

Rose Bowl

Stockport 5, Chesterfield 0
West Bromwich 5, Reading 3
Central London 6, East London 0
Worthing 2, Guildford 6

COCA-COLA CARTER CUP

The holders, North Yorkshire, had little trouble against Stockport with Robert Wiley, David and Brian Alderson crushing the opposition 6-0.

A fine match between Cambridge and Ipswich with the former just winning the last set to make the score 5-4 in their favour. Paul Day was in tremendous form for Cambridge and won all his sets in straight games.

Many people outside Yorkshire feel that the North Middlesex team can win the Carter Cup this season and on the form they showed against Wandsworth who would bet against it. David Tan, Mark Mitchell and Andrew Barden certainly gave notice of their intent after crushing Wandsworth 8-1.

Crawley reached their second successive semi-final with a good 5-2 win over Bristol who have done well this season. Chris Wells, Gerald Pugh and Michael Douglas played well but a strange order of play by Bristol whose best player and winner of two sets, Chris Sewell, did not complete his sets.

Carter Cup

Stockport 0, North Yorkshire 6
Cambridge 5, Ipswich 4
North Middlesex 8, Wandsworth 1
Bristol 2, Crawley 5

COCA-COLA

L. BROMFIELD TROPHY

Cheshunt have surprised many by reaching the semi-finals but have done so on merit. To beat Wolverhampton 6-3 was a good performance and three wins each from Jane Hartwell and Angela Mitchell was outstanding.

Thames Valley did well against Dagenham, previous winners against favourites Barking. Susan Tame played excellently to win all her sets in straight games and Kay Greenough and Stephanie Clark helped her in a 6-1 win. In fairness it must be said that Dagenham were handicapped when Elaine Tarten went down with flu. She started the match and played bravely against Miss Tame but had to give up.

Again without Linda Howard, Guildford did well to beat Southampton 5-4. Nicolette Leslie was the star, winning all her sets in fine style.

Bromfield Trophy

Wolverhampton 3, Cheshunt 6
Thames Valley 8, Dagenham 1
Southampton 4, Guildford 5
Liverpool w.o. Northumberland

SUPER LEAGUE

by LOUIS HOFFMAN

THE Super League is to be with us again for Season 1973/74. A sponsor has been found (whose name will be released in the National Press at the appropriate time) and the £5,000 fee has been paid to the E.T.T.A. The format has been changed to the extent that only 5 series of matches will be played instead of the 10 previously. These will be taking place to coincide with the following 3-Star Open tournaments:— Humberside (Oct 27/28), Midland Counties (Nov 2/3), English Closed (Jan 5), Basingstoke (Feb 2/3) and Teesside (Feb 16/17).

Basic principles will remain unaltered with the six highest-ranked participants being the captains. Captain No. 6 has first choice of the remainder of the senior ranked players

available, Captain No. 5 next and so on. The third player of each team will come from the Junior ranks.

Teams will play each other once only, over nine sets, and 1 point will be awarded for each set won. The team with the most points at the end of the series will be deemed the winners and earn for themselves the sum of £300.

Second-placed team will qualify for £210, 3rd £150, 4th £100, 5th £60 and there will be a special Referees' prize of £40. An individual player can also win an extra £6 per session by winning his three sets, in other words, a bonus of £2 per set. All players' expenses will be paid, up to a maximum of £5 per match, and umpires will also be reimbursed for their services.

Special programmes and score cards will be available and more detailed information, together with the composition of teams will be published in the next edition of this magazine due in late September. In the meantime reserve the foregoing dates for wonderful evenings of table tennis.

Sports Administrators Conference

by Albert W. Shipley

E.T.T.A. Administrative Secretary.

FOLLOWING on the success of the first Conference of Sports Administrators held in 1971, a second Conference was held at Lilleshall Hall from 12-14 Feb., 1973 with an increased attendance, both in numbers of delegates and in sports represented.

The first item was a session on the implications for governing bodies of sports from the re-organisation of local government boundaries which come into force in 1974. Much of the effect of these changes would depend on the structure of the sporting body and those organised on a regional basis would be less affected than a sport such as our own, which is based on County units. The creation of new Counties will leave some previously strong Counties weak, in terms of playing and administrative strength, but the best advice to come from this session was for any sport which was not ready to tackle these problems to "freeze" their existing boundaries until such time as they were able to properly assess the position and take whatever action was necessary.

The second session, Chaired by Derek Tremayne, was to describe the purposes and functions of the Regional Standing Conferences of Sports. This discussion brought to light the confusion created in the minds of many Sports Administrators by the use of various long-winded titles for these Bodies. In fact, one of the main speakers, Mr. Keith Mitchell, was Chairman of the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Federation, a body which had changed its name from originally being a Standing Conference of Sport.

The first session on the second morning was one which saw the delegates with note books and pencils poised for we were due to be addressed by Walter Winterbottom, the Director of the Sports Council and Dennis Wade, a Senior Executive Officer, on grant-aid to governing

bodies of sport. It was clear from the speakers and the discussion that followed that the change in the role of the Sports Council whereby they can allocate grant-aid direct instead of merely recommending, has made for easier understanding of grant-aid procedures.

The morning concluded with a session on some legal considerations for governing bodies given by a Solicitor but as seems to happen with legal types much of the text was frightening in its complexity and I am sure that many administrators were prepared to leave such complicated matters to their own Solicitors.

For the early afternoon session, the Conference delegates were split up into five groups, each discussing a different topic and as Derek Tremayne was in the chair for the group discussing communications within governing bodies, I chose to attend a discussion group concerning itself with the organisation and the administration of development schemes. There was no doubt in my mind that the smaller and more informal discussion groups brought forth participation from delegates who were otherwise too shy to bring up their points in the larger assembly.

To aid our digestion before dinner we had a session on Taxation with the emphasis on V.A.T. As has been subsequently proved to be universal, the many anomalies contained in V.A.T. were too numerous for the speaker, a Chartered Accountant, to give us any definite information.

The day concluded with a trio of Speakers each describing special development schemes and it was interesting to hear the campaigns on swimming, volley ball and keep fit.

Immediately after breakfast on the final morning we listened to a fine talk by Dr. Roger Bannister on the Sports Council and the future development of Sport. It was obvious that Dr. Bannister knows his subject exceedingly well and I am sure that delegates were convinced that the Sports Council is in very capable hands.

The last full session was given by Clinton Sayer, a co-ordinator of Technical Services with the Sports Council, giving information on the various services available to governing bodies. Whilst it could be said that the Sports Council is a "Jack of all trades, master of none" there is no doubt that their experience gained over a wide variety of sports enables the Executive Officers of the Sports Council to provide a background of sound reasoning for all types of problems.

The Conference ended with another fine lunch provided by Jim Lane and his staff who had looked after us very well during our brief stay at Lilleshall. Table Tennis managed to scoop the limelight by the fact that some of our leading senior and junior players were also in residence at Lilleshall for a training camp and one evening were able to provide a demonstration of top class play.

It is to be hoped that these conferences will continue to be organised, for despite the fact that it is sometimes a little difficult to assimilate all the information that is crammed into a short two day period, the chance to meet and speak informally with other administrators gives one a confidence which could not be so easily gained by remaining in isolation.

China Revisited

Youth will be very much at the helm when an England team, lead by ETTA chairman, Charles M. Wyles, undertakes a 2-weeks tour of the People's Republic of China in early June. The average age of the side is 16 years, seven months!

Karenza Mathews, the Middlesex international, aged 22, will be the "grandmother". Her playing companion is Leicestershire's 16-year-old Anita Stevenson, the nationally-ranked No. 2 junior.

The male quintet is made up of Nicky Jarvis (19) and David Alderson (15) from Teesside, Yorkshire, Desmond Douglas (17), the coloured England No. 1 junior from Warwickshire, and those two "mighty atoms" from the cadet ranks, Paul Day (Camps.) and Andrew Barden (Middx.), both aged 14.

Because it is the "chance of a lifetime" young Day, of Soham, has been given three weeks off school and this also goes for Alderson, Barden and Miss Stevenson.

The party, which when fully assembled will further comprise George R. Yates (Deputy Leader), Les Gresswell and Peter Simpson (non-playing captains) and David Fraser, the 20-year-old Scottish right-hander from the Central TTC, Glasgow, are due to depart on Singapore Airlines Flight SQ 776Y from Heathrow on Wednesday, May 30, at 2-10 p.m. and arrive in Singapore some 25 hrs., 45 mins. later.

The onward flight, after playing an official match against Singapore, will be via Bangkok and Hong Kong. Entry into China will be effected from the latter point during the weekend of June 2/3. A match against Hong Kong will be staged on the return journey on June 18.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

RUSSIA THE CHAMPIONS

Final placings for Season 1972-73 in the European League's Premier Division were:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	6	5	1	31	11	5
Sweden	6	5	1	27	15	5
Hungary	6	4	2	25	17	4
Czechoslovakia	6	3	3	20	22	3
Fed. Germany	6	3	3	19	23	3
England	6	1	5	12	30	1
France	6	0	6	13	29	0

France take the plunge into Division 2 and will be replaced next season by Austria, the promoted champions:—

Austria	6	5	1	32	10	5
Belgium	6	4	2	23	19	4
Greece	6	4	2	22	20	4
Italy	6	4	2	22	20	4
Luxembourg	6	3	3	18	21	3
Switzerland	6	1	5	14	28	1
Scotland	6	0	6	16	26	0

Beaten 4-3 by Greece in their final match, Scotland are the demoted country. It was a closely-contested match in Edinburgh where the

visitors' C. Christodoulatos, aged 38, was the better of the two Greek men and Maria Louka outclassed Elaine Smith in the WS. Scores:—

R. Yule bt M. Kostopoulos 16, -22, 21.

E. Sutherland lost to C.

Christodoulatos -18, -17.

Miss E. Smith lost to M. Louka -11, -11.

Sutherland/Yule lost to

Christodoulatos/Kostopoulos -21, 16, -21.

Yule/Smith bt Kostopoulos/Louka -15, 16, 18.

Yule lost to Christodoulatos -16, 8, -14.

Sutherland bt Kostopoulos 18, 17.

West European Group:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	4	4	0	27	1	4
Netherlands	4	3	1	17	11	3
Norway	4	2	2	11	17	2
Wales	4	1	3	10	18	1
Finland	4	0	4	5	23	0

Mediterranean Group

Spain	3	3	0	16	5	3
Bulgaria	3	2	1	16	5	2
Turkey	3	1	2	8	15	1
Portugal	3	0	3	2	19	0

Scottish Title for Clayton

Yorkshire's Tony Clayton was the winner of the Scottish Open men's singles title at Edinburgh, the counterpart women's award going to Vreni Lehmann of Switzerland. England 'landed' both the junior titles the boys' being won by David Alderson and the girls' by Judith Walker. Results:—

MS: q-f:

A. Clayton (Yorks.) bt R. Kerr (Scot.) 14, 9, 17.

E. Sutherland (Scot.) bt A. Barden (Middx.) 16, 18, -16, 17.

L. Foldy (Switz.) bt R. Yule (Scot.) 15, 16, 19.

D. Alderson (Yorks.) bt D. Fraser (Scot.) 21, -19, 18, -19, 15.

s-f:

Clayton bt Sutherland -17, 12, 12, 9.

Alderson bt Foldy 16, 10, -17, 17.

Final:

Clayton bt Alderson 13, 14, 21.

WS: s-f:

E. Smith (Scot.) bt J. Walker (Yorks.) -19, 18, 21, -14, 20.

V. Lehmann (Switz.) bt G. Taylor (Essex) 12, 25, 5.

Final:

Lehmann bt Smith -16, 13, 19, 18.

BS: s-f:

Alderson bt M. Thomson (Scot.) 18, 13.

J. Kitchener (Suffolk) bt Barden 17, -14, 19.

Final:

Alderson bt Kitchener 12, 20.

GS: s-f:

G. McKay (Scot.) bt Taylor 11, 20.

Walker bt C. Inverarity (Scot.) 6, 14.

Final:

Walker bt McKay 17, -13, 14.

MD: Final:

Foldy/M. Grimm (Switz.) bt P. Forker (Scot.)/Sutherland 15, 17, 19.

WD: Final:

K. Angus (Scot.)/Smith bt McKay/M. Neish (Scot.) 13, 17, 11.

XD: Final:

Yule/Smith bt Alderson/Walker 11, -14, 10, 19.

REVISED SENIOR RANKINGS

NO CHANGE AT THE TOP

Nicky Jarvis and Desmond Douglas find themselves elevated to Nos. 3 and 4 in the revised senior rankings issued on May 7/73 but the biggest leap is credited to Brian Burn who comes up from No. 14 to No. 6

Little change has been effected in the women's section with the first four players holding their places but Linda Howard slips further back to No. 7 from No. 5. Elaine Tarten replaces her Essex colleague Janet Hellaby, previously at No. 11.

Newcomers in the men's list are juniors Paul Day and Donald Parker to the exclusion of Surrey's Roger Chandler (13) and Tony Piddock of Kent (16).

New rankings (previous positions as at Jan. 15/73 in brackets):—

MEN

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

WOMEN

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

* Denotes Junior (Season 1972-73).

HERMITS T.T. CLUB

The Hermits Club of Bradford have now taken possession of their new club-house at 22A Kingsway, Wrose Road, Bradford 2, designed and built for table tennis, consisting of two match rooms 35ft. x 20ft., changing rooms with wash basins, toilets, showers, etc.

The cost was over £5,500 of which the club had to find a quarter, the rest being in the form of grants from the Sports Council, a half, and the Bradford Corporation, the remaining quarter. The scheme was commenced in June, 1970 and the building was completed in February, 1973, 2½ years of patient endeavour by the club's building scheme committee.

In May, 1972, a special committee was formed to raise the club's share of the cost and money-raising schemes such as Christmas raffles, sponsored tournaments, jumble sales, discos and saving of the new ♀p, etc., were embarked upon whilst members were asked to donate or lend money to the club to which they responded magnificently, the necessary money being raised by the time payment was due.

An official opening was planned for April 18th and members spent many hours decorating the main hall and changing rooms and painting the outside woodwork. An impressive sign in gold leaf, on a maroon background, was donated by a local business firm of Butterfield Signs Ltd.

At the official opening duly performed by Malcolm Hartley, all those who had helped in any way were invited and the hall was filled despite a wet night. Guests present included Mr. Templeman of the Yorks and Humberside Sports Council, Mr. Philpotts of the Bradford Corporation Recreation Dept., Mr. C. Villiers of the Leeds Sports Council and Mr. Frank Briggs, Bradford TTA Chairman.

During the evening a presentation of an inscribed Silver Salver was made to Ron Hart, the club match secretary, for 25 years service to the club. A spray of flowers was given to Mrs. Hart. Exhibition games were then played by members of the club's 1st team which had won the Montague Burton Cup for the fifth time.

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by Ian R. Crickmer

FRONT PAGE COVERAGE

It is not often that Table Tennis achieves front page coverage, but such was the case in the Worcester "Evening News" on 7th April. The occasion was a special marathon match being played by the Columbians Table Tennis Club, champions of the Sixth Division of Worcester League; whereas some long-playing efforts are a waste of time (lots of it!), this was a contest with a definite excellent objective. A finalised figure was not available at the time of going to press, but it was anticipated that sponsorship would amount to more than £350, to be devoted to sending eight handicapped children from three Roman Catholic parishes of Worcester on the pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Foley family — Jim, senior, Sheila and Jim, junior won 167 games in the 24 hours "round the clock" match against their team colleagues, Phil Beech, Dhamus Ramdharry and Neil Bullock who recorded 84 games. For those with a keen eye to statistics, Halex yellow ball No. 1 endured 505 minutes' play for a total of 3,248 points and No. 2 for 490 minutes with 3,063 points scored. Only 14p an hour! The match was officially declared under way by Worcester's M.P., Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who played a single game versus Worcester Alderman Stanley Marshall, a former Chairman and President of the local league. Although the Secretary of State disclosed that he had sought secret tuition from the Asian masters of table tennis on his recent visit to China, it was evident he had been largely occupied in promoting Britain's trade in the Orient — the Alderman won 21-14!

March, 1973, proved the best month for a long time in Worcestershire county match circles, three teams finishing their season's programmes on a winning note. Both previous Worcestershire — Gloucestershire matches had ended in draws, but the stalemate was broken with Worcester-shire firsts winning 6-4 at Cheltenham. The second side gained their anticipated success over hapless neighbours Shropshire, the chief feature being the manner in which members of the junior side merited the faith in them which had been shown by the senior selectors when nominating their Final Midland Division side for 1972/73. The junior team itself recorded three successive wins in 1973, the most meritorious being the first-ever success over Somerset. The disappointment continues to be the veterans' lack of impact, having yet to gain a point in two seasons' membership of Veteran Division Midland. This once controversial competition, now well established on the County scene, is providing a standard of play which

Worcestershire cannot at present match.

Local stalwarts of yesteryear will have seen with much interest the interview in the B.B.C. "Midlands To-Day" news programme with Geoffrey Pharaoh Adams a Vice-President of the Worcestershire Association; Geoffrey, now resident at Sandbanks, Poole, was recounting with two fellow-prisoners of the Japanese his experiences during the construction of the notorious Burma-Siam Railway during 1942 and 1943. These experiences he has now narrated in a recently-published book which, with typical humour, he has entitled "No Time For Geishas".

With the close season (what a misnomer) now upon us, and the round of Annual Meetings under way, the Worcestershire meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11—it will come as a relief to those who attended last year's meeting to learn that 1973 has seen only one rule amendment proposal tabled for discussion.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Ron Anson

HIGH NOTE CONCLUSION

A season that started with thoughts of a quick exit from Premier status ended on a high note with the seniors finishing in the first three and the juniors after a disastrous first series eventually tallying more points than in the previous season. In retrospect reasons are not hard to find.

At senior level the emergence of Desmond Douglas as first-class County and indeed England material was the all-important factor, while equally important was the "come-back" of Jeff Nix to play such a vital part, after nine months inactivity, in the success of the second Junior weekend. County seconds, dropping only one point, were worthy Midland Division Champions with Richard Cooper, Paul Judd, Pat Glynn, Di St. Ledger and Doreen Hazzard maintaining a high level of performance combined with a wonderful team spirit.

Only at Junior 2nd team level was there disappointment with only one win being recorded, but the participants are still very young and could still come good with a season's experience under their belts.

With Desmond and Derek Munt away at the Commonwealth the Warwickshire "Closed" took on a 'wide open' look in the Men's and Boys' Events. However, No. 1 seed Richard Cooper duly came through to beat No. 2 seed Paul Judd in the final. Surprise of the tournament was the success of unseeded Mary Rose in the Women's singles, beating No. 2 seed Doreen Hazzard in the semi's and giving a confident display in the final to account for hot favourite Di St. Ledger. Diane had an otherwise successful day, sharing the women's and mixed doubles titles, and in the junior grades taking the girls' singles and doubles.

Other winners: Junior Boys, U-17: Kevin Pilgrim; U-15: Peter Griffiths; Junior girls, U-15: Karen Groves; veteran single: George Hayward; Men's Doubles: Richard Cooper and Alan Fletcher; Women's doubles:

Diane St. Ledger and Doreen Hazzard; Mixed Doubles: Diane St. Ledger and Brendan Dunne.

Coventry News

Two Coventry sides have completed their Inter-City fixtures. The Men's first team drew 5-5 with Nuneaton.

Kevin Pilgrim won twice with one win each from Derek Bell and Roy Thomas. They also took the doubles.

The junior 'A' side travelled to Nottingham for their last match and won 6-4. Alan Jones and Chris Clements both won twice and took the decisive doubles. Mark Maguire won once. This was a fine performance by a weakened side who were at one stage 3-0 down.

The Coventry League season has only a few weeks to run and many promotion and relegation issues have already been settled. In Division 1 the only issue to be settled is who goes runners-up to Valves, Charterhouse and Triumph are the clubs in contention and both won 7-3 against Lockheed and Charterhouse 'B' respectively.

In the NUNEATON LEAGUE First Division, lowly Co-op Sports 'A' took advantage of Bert Banks' absence from the Bedworth Labour line-up, when they held them to a creditable draw.

Division 1 championship chasing Luddington 'A' were knocked out in the STRATFORD Sona Handicap Cup quarter-finals by Division II leaders Kenilworth St. Nicholas. In the other quarter final match Wellesbourne 'A' defeated Luddington 'B' 6-3. Stratfords journey to Tamworth for their Warwickshire league match was not in vain when they beat their bottom placed hosts by 7-2. Roger Keyte replaced 'flu victim Richard Henshaw.

COVENTRY CLOSED TOURNAMENT 1973. RESULTS.

Men's Singles — Paul Arkell bt John Earles 15, 14.

Women's Singles — Betty Brown bt Margaret Watkins 17, 16.

Youths Singles — Frank Lasek bt Eddie Lasek -20, 17, 18.

Junior Singles — Eddie Lasek bt Alan Jones -18, 17, 17.

Men's Doubles — Alan Harrold and Bert Banks bt Tony Pickard and Kevin Pilgrim 19, 20.

Women's Doubles — Eileen Shaler and Margaret Watkins bt Betty Brown and Madge Lasek 16, 12.

Mixed Doubles — Margaret Watkins and Eddie Lasek bt Betty Brown and Bert Banks -16, 19, 16.

HIGHLIGHTS

Non-entry of town's top players — Alan Bury, Phil Richardson, Dave Cutcliffe, but a most interesting and successful tournament ensued.

First tournament success for Paul Arkell v Leamington's Johnny Earle (who played well to get to final — beating top seed Mick Tuft in the semi).

Excellent tournament for Margaret Watkins — nice to see a new face in amongst the top women players in Coventry.

She partnered Eddie Lasek to great ND success versus the experienced Bert Banks and Betty Brown. Good results also for County Junior Lasek — slightly unlucky in Youths' Final versus brother

Frank, but pushed all the way in Junior final against much under-rated Alan Jones.

SUSSEX NOTES

by ROBIN PIERCE

CLARKE TO EMIGRATE

The new Sussex 'Closed' champion is John Clarke, the 24-year-old Crawley player. John, who came very close to winning last year, won at what could be his last attempt. He plans to emigrate to the U.S.A. in the near future.

Shocks are quite usual during the early rounds at Brighton's Corn Exchange but no-one anticipated an early shock exit for the defending champion, Sam Ogundipe.

The new Sussex No. 1 came to the venue knowing that he had an unkind draw but he got nowhere near the later stages where the trouble was expected.

Sam went down to 48-year-old Len Gunn in his very first outing to the tables. The crafty Len outpushed Sam 12, 10. Although Gunn is many years past his best he was never in danger against an opponent unable to make a much older man move. And Len is still able to push and graft with all but the very best.

An upset came in the other half of the draw where the No. 2 seed, Peter Williams, after holding a 20-15 first game lead, was ousted in straight games by flame-haired Robin Stace.

Stace went on to reach the final by defeating 15-year-old Gerald Pugh. The youngster was in with a chance until Stace snatched a 21-17 final game verdict with experienced spin-loaded services.

Back in the top half Clarke had little trouble in his semi with the tired and gallant Gunn. The Brighton butcher had had a great run, however, and went home with the prize that is awarded for the outstanding performance.

Truth to tell, the final was a drab affair. Both players had difficulty in keeping the ball on the table. But Clarke won the points that mattered and came through at 18 and 15.

Judy Williams took the women's crown for the ninth time. Once again her final victim was Suzanna Kavallierou. The scores of 13 and 12 give ample proof that Suzanna has a long way to go before overtaking the experienced Miss Williams.

There was some consolation for Ogundipe when he snatched a dramatic doubles victory with Len Gunn over Crawley's Pugh and Andy Meads.

Meads and Pugh tried to finish their opponents off in double quick time when holding a 20-16 third game lead. The older pair have been around too long for that sort of treatment, however. They stood firm and cool whilst picking up six consecutive points for the title.

Mother and daughter combination, Pat and Linda Wales, did very well to reach the women's doubles final. But although they had put out the holders, Di Gard and Linda Woodcock, they

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were unable to fully extend Sue Kavallierou and Judy Williams.

Judy's chance of a triple vanished when Sue Kavallierou and Clarke took the mixed. This was a neck-and-neck affair ending at 22-20 in the third. Judy and Ogundipe lost because John and Sue stuck to their accurate hitting policy no matter how tight the situation. The younger players would have met with complete disaster had they attempted to push it out.

Sussex hopes for the future may depend on lads such as Steve Marley and Pugh, finalists in the intermediate singles.

Gerald made it two years in a row by winning at 12 and 19. He was always in command and impressed the spectators with his calm but confident manner.

Crawley have some very interesting prospects. I was impressed by Mike Douglas who took Williams all the way in a tough three gamer. Looks as if the New Town is going to provide the white hopes of the future.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Phil Reid

JUNIORS GAIN PROMOTION

Leicestershire Juniors go into the Premier Division. That is the event which overshadows any other in the hunting shire over the past season. Not only that, they have done it in style, finishing top in the play-offs at Loughborough on April 14/15.

The team has relied heavily on the two Junior Internationals, Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers and also 12-year-old Chris Rogers, who, playing number one, has lost but one set (to David Yallop) the whole season. Graham Hall, Stephen Penny and Kevin Hall have also played well. Hopes are that not only can this team stay in the Premier but that we shall be able to build up girls of Premier standard in the next twelve months. This will involve the expense of entering a Leicestershire 2nd Junior team in the Midland Division but it is an expense the county will have to meet.

In the Midland League the juniors duly won the 1st Division title (Chris Rogers having completed the season unbeaten). With Loughborough also winning Division 2B it looks as though Leicestershire are fairly well off for juniors at the moment!

However the results elsewhere have not been so encouraging. The Veterans have been relegated to the 2nd Division and the fate of the Men's 2nd team is still in the balance. If they do avoid relegation it will be due to other teams rather than their own efforts. The Women's team have had a fairly good season though and the Men's 1st have finished in a respectable position in the 1st Division.

Over at Hinckley things have not been so good. The Men's 1st team have fought valiantly all the season but have lost at the last hurdle to Birmingham 'B' and will thus be appearing in the 2nd Division next season. Chris Brewer had played some excellent matches but the real trouble there has been no-one really consistent enough when it

mattered. The 2nd & 3rd teams have finished in the bottom two spots of Division 3 but that they will gain from the experience there is little doubt.

Loughborough have done well. The Juniors, as already mentioned, topped 2B and the Intermediates fell at the last fence to miss out on the championship of that division. The Men's team will finish about halfway in the third division. A satisfactory state of affairs.

At the time of writing the results of the play-offs for the Senior Premier Division are not yet known. Leicestershire — despite a 6-4 defeat by Derbyshire — have qualified for these play-offs but it will need a really superb effort for them to reach the Premier Division. There is an interesting inclusion in the team — Chris Rogers is included in the squad and I am informed he is not going along just for the ride. Indeed, since he has already beaten all the county team this season he can reasonably expect to play! Much will depend on how well Paul Randell can do and whether the girls can win most of their matches.

All in all it has been a pretty good season all round for Leicestershire. We await next season with interest.

HUNTINGDON & PETERBRO' NOTES

by David Obee

WELL DONE NEEDINGWORTH

By the date this magazine is issued Needingworth "A", the Hunts Central club side will have met invincible Ormesby in the national club championship quarter-final. To achieve a place in the last 8 the team of Paul Charlton, Geoff Atkinson and Albert Jackson pulled off a surprise win over Boston Penmaen who included Lincs. Nos. 1 and 2 in Brian Hill and Mick East.

Only Brian Hill, with a maximum, scored for Boston, and so the Hunts moved on to the quarters. It seems likely however that the northern visitors with any 3 from Trevor Taylor, Denis Neale, Nicky Jarvis, David Alderson and Jimmy Walker will, by now, be in the semis!

To more mundane fare, on the county scene Alan Albon regained his county closed men's title but the women saw an upset with Mary Maxfield winning for the first time. Full results were:-

- MS: Alan Albon; R-U: Paul Charlton.
 - WS: Mary Maxfield; R-U Barbara Webb.
 - MD: Gordon Cockram/Stam Roberts; R-U: Syd Burgess/Jim Sizer.
 - WD: Diane Busby/Barbara Webb; R-U: Evelyn/Jean Allinson.
 - XD: Stan Roberts/Diane Busby; R-U: Alan Albon/Barbara Webb.
 - VS: Gordon Cockram; R-U: Colin Dale.
- St. Neots Closed results were:-
- MS: Alan Albon; R-U: Brian Odell.
 - WS: Diane Busby; R-U: Belinda Chamberlain.
 - MD: Gordon Cockram/Stam Roberts; R-U: Eddie Haslop/Tony Oliver.
 - XD: Stan Roberts/Diane Busby; R-U: Gordon Cockram/Doreen Underwood.

BS: Peter Housden; R-U: Nicky Hill.

In the South East Midlands League championships Tim Speller maintained his improvement of this season when he lost very narrowly in the junior boys' semi-final. He went down -18 in the decider against Richard Jermyn. On the same day, partnered by Kevin Moore, he lost the boys' doubles final against Gary Hamilton and Tony Clarke by exactly the same score.

NORFOLK NOTES

Eric J. Fairhead

WORTHY RECIPIENT

Only infrequently these days with a fair number of championship type tables available for the carting does one hear the hardy spectators at a tournament wished a "Good morning" after the presentation of the last trophy but his did happen at the recent Cromer Closed Championships staged at the Youth Centre in Aylsham. Ron Martin was the late recipient of the men's singles trophy, a very fitting end to a long association with Cromer for he is taking up duties in Chelmsford very soon.

Janet Moore became singles champion a feat she was to repeat a short while later in the Wymondham Closed. The men's singles was won by Stephen Bassett at this event and the junior title by Trevor Bunn. Bassett and Tots Cardy defended successfully their doubles title.

The Norwich championships provided a very full days play for in addition to the straight events there was a handicap singles and some players notched up as many as 27 games. Chris Bensley took the major title after a very spirited fight with Mick Broughton reigning Lowestoft champion. Veteran Edna Fletcher collected three trophies including the women's singles.

The happiest sight of the month was undoubtedly that of Jack S. Penny who normally produces these notes, presenting his own trophy to the under-13 boy champion Dougie Bennett at the Norfolk Closed. Jack, who has recently undergone an operation to his other eye wishes to thank all those friends of his who have wished him well. Shortly he hopes to dispense with the dark glasses and take up writing again.

The county championships were better supported than ever and the standard of play bore tribute to the efforts of our local coaches. John Fuller celebrated his last appearance as a junior by retaining his singles title, by winning the doubles with Colin McGuinness and the mixed with Sandra Mansi. The other player to complete a treble was Paula Ribbans who took the under-13 title, the under fifteen cup and the doubles in partnership with Sandra Mansi. Glynnis Housegoe became under-17 champion and Bennett completed his double by winning the under-15 group.

Birmingham readers who may cast an eye down these notes will be interested to read that their Harry Levine of schools' league fame has retired to Norwich but will not just fade away. In a very short time he has established a schools' league and only

a week back presented the Levine Shield to St. Andrew's School who won his team competition. Good for Harry!

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHATTER

by Leslie Constable

In the South East Midlands League Ely have won the men's title for the second season in succession, North Herts. have championed the women's and junior sections, with the veterans' title going to St. Neots. Final men's table:-

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ely	11	10	1	0	83
N. Herts	11	8	2	1	77
Wellingboro'	11	6	1	4	61
St. Neots	11	5	2	4	60
Bedford	11	4	3	4	60
Cambridge	10	6	0	4	56
Hunts, Cent.	10	6	0	4	56
Northampton	10	5	1	4	50
Dunstable	11	2	1	8	41
Bletchley	9	2	1	6	35
Kettering	11	2	0	9	32
Peterboro'	10	1	0	9	19

There were 42 entries for the Veterans Tournament at Kempston. Play in the singles event went according to form although Dick Ingle was unable to take part owing to domestic trouble. He would have been the No. 3 seed.

The holder, P. Ladbury, went out in the group stages, leaving Doug Gwillim from Northampton to come through to play the No. 2 seed Gordon Cockram of St. Neots in the semis, this after Cockram had beaten Ron Nunn of Cambridge in an expedite match. In a mainly defensive final Gwillim won 2-1, Cockram and Stan Roberts of St. Neots beat last season's winners Dick Cole and Dennis Millman of Kettering in the doubles event.

CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lacking the aggressive play of Paul Day and Michael Harper, defensive players dominated the S.E.M.L. closed championships played at Cambridge Corn Exchange on Apr. 14/15.

Les Wooding of Bletchley was a comfortable winner of the men's singles but Bedford's Barbara Hammond had a fight on her hands to beat Janet List of Ely in the women's singles final.

- Results:-
 - MS: L. Wooding bt A. Lamprell (St. Neots) 20, 12.
 - MD: S. Smedley (Bletchley)/Wooding bt R. Marchant/T. Moloney (Wellingboro) 7, -18, 16.
 - WS: B. Hammond bt J. List -19, 19, 23.
 - WD: S. Hirst/V. Scripps (Cambridge) bt Hammond/G. McCulloch (Bedford) 12, 19.
 - XD: S. Lyon/C. Bane (Northampton) bt B. Jones/R. Puddick (Ely) 17, -13, 12.
 - BS: R. Jermyn (N. Herts) bt T. Clark (Bletchley) -15, 13, 12.
 - GS: K. Garner (Cambridge) bt J. Allinson (Peterboro) 12, -13, 12.
 - BD: Clark/C. Hamilton (Bletchley) bt K. Moore/T. Speller (Hunts Central) 15, -20, 17.
 - GD: A. Wallis/M. Wallis (Wellingboro) bt Garner/R. Newman (Cambridge) 19, 10.
- Northampton beat North Herts in the team event.

ESSEX NOTES

by Alan Shepherd

GIBBS TRIUMPHANT

The Senior Closed was held at the Paternoster Sports Centre, Waltham Abbey, on March 18 and proved that Stuart Gibbs is almost the force to be reckoned with of his England No. 3 days. Having disposed of the unseeded Robert Hellaby in the semi-final he ousted eleven times winner Bobby Stevens in the final, during the course of which he played some literally astonishing shots. This was Stuart's seventh Closed win. That former stormy petrel of Essex table tennis, Bob Hellaby, who "retired" at 18, has now returned, and actually now seems to enjoy playing; he is a much more relaxed young man and of course is still potentially one of our leading players. The other Bobby achieved the impossible (on form) by beating David Brown in his semi-final, but the ever young Stevens constantly ignores form! Lesley Radford picked up her usual titles and nearly made it three, while Janet Hellaby was in three finals and won one. Stevie Smith and Ian Robertson defied probability by reaching the mens doubles final—then went one stage further by winning it! Ian made it two titles for himself by annexing the mixed.

Men's Singles Semi-Finals

R. STEVENS bt D. Brown -13, 16, 21.
S. GIBBS bt R. Hellaby 15, 19.

Final

S. Gibbs bt R. Stevens 19, 18.

Women's Singles

L. RADFORD bt J. Hellaby -18, 17, 18.

Men's Doubles

I. ROBERTSON/S. SMITH bt R. Stevens/S. Gibbs -18, 17, 13.

Women's Doubles

S. HESSION/L. RADFORD bt Hellaby/Tarten -18, 10, 18.

Mixed Doubles

I. ROBERTSON/ J. HELLABY bt Radford/Radford -17, 17, 19.

Veterans' Singles

K. BEAMISH bt J. Osborne -17, 16, 14.

A gremlin must have got into this column last month because in the detailed scores of the Junior Closed I recorded the runners-up in the Boys' Doubles event as being Martin Bowden and David Newman. In fact it was John Andrews and David Moss of Colchester who were runners-up, and wonderfully well they played to reach the final. My apologies to John and David.

An end of season ranking list for the juniors has been announced, as follows:-

Boys: 1. L. Eadie; 2. R. Potton; 3. D. Boulter; 4. M. Bowden; 5. A. Bowden; 6. D. Iszatt; 7. P. Hunt; 8. D. Newman; 9. A. Abbott; 10. K. Caldron.

Girls: 1. E. Tarten; 2. C. Stonell; 3. G. Locke; 4. J. Livesey; 5. P. Abbott; 6. S. Sutton; 7. S. Smith; 8. J. Boulter.

Omitted are Gillian Taylor and Julie Kelly for lack of current information.

IAN ROBERTSON

"The incident concerning the above player at the Basingstoke 2 Star

Open, mentioned in the March 'Tournament Survey' has been considered by the Essex County Executive Committee. Although the Committee was unhappy about the manner in which Robertson acted they were equally concerned about the way in which his conduct was publicly condemned without any sort of investigation into the facts having taken place. Having carried out such an investigation the County has decided that no further action is warranted."

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

Hampshire's first team ended the season with a flourish which if started earlier could have led to the play-offs. Against Berkshire a 2-5 deficit was changed to a draw—a creditable result. Keith Summerfield won two singles including a win over Bob Thornton the then Hampshire champion. Trevor Smith, brought in at the last minute to replace Chris Pickard (the selectors must read my notes), also won two including a good win over Derek Basden. In the Sussex match Smith was naturally retained. The 8-2 result was perhaps a little flattering to Hampshire but Chris Shetler and Summerfield both played well to win their singles and share the men's doubles.

In the last two second team matches the selectors, quite rightly, gave a chance to a young team who, although losing, performed in a way which augurs well for the future. The junior team lost their chance of contesting the play-offs with poor displays against both Sussex and Berkshire and the two 3-7 reversals are perhaps best forgotten.

The veterans ensured themselves of the championship with a 6-3 win over Oxford. It was good to see Daphne Gray again winning the English Open veteran women's title and Ray Lush reaching the final of the men's. While it is good to see the veterans doing so well, how much better it would have been for the County if the juniors were also going forward to the Premier division. The junior ranks is where the future of the County lies and with the extent of coaching now underway it is time Hampshire came out of the doldrums and produced juniors with a more national impact. The veteran team again excelled in the national play-off against Cheshire. The team of Ray Lush, Cyril Bush, Les Cooper and Daphne Gray never really looked in danger of losing and a 7-2 win really tells the story of the match. Lush gained revenge for his English Open veteran defeat by Derek Schofield in a first class set. Bush also included in his two singles wins a defeat of Schofield. Daphne Gray, as usual, won her singles and mixed sets.

The Isle of Wight retain the men's division title of the inter-town league—a fine achievement for such a small association. The junior division went to the final match for a decision after Southampton had surprisingly lost 3-7 to Bournemouth. After this match Southampton dropped Jeff Brixton and John Colbourne who have both been out of touch of late. They were replaced, for the champion-

ship decider against Gosport, by Andy Whitcher and Adrian Noke who have been playing well for the second team. The decision proved a right one for both Noke and Southampton champion Ian Cooper had two singles wins including victories over Kevin McQuade in a 6-4 win. Karen Saywell of Gosport gained a good win over Lesley King. This Southampton victory means they retain the title. Basingstoke juniors gain promotion, with South East Hants, from the second division.

In the National Club knock-outs, Snows (Southampton) gained good wins over Western and Crawley, both by 5-4, and meet Dagenite (Romford) in the quarters. In the women's event Four T's (Southampton), after beating Merton 5-4, have the somewhat substantial obstacle of Gainsford to contend with, at the same stage.

I close the season's report with a note for next season. The Four T's Open will be held on Sunday, September 16 at Southampton University and entry forms may be obtained from Chris Sims at 2, Bakers Drive, Rownhams, Southampton.

HAMPSHIRE CLOSED. Once again this tournament was held at Portsmouth Sports Centre. The entry for the tournament was lower than in previous seasons, due I feel, more to the unfortunate clash of dates with other local tournaments than the elimination of the restricted (under-23) event from the programme. At least the entry meant the tournament was comfortably finished by a reasonable hour.

In the men's singles the holder, Thornton, was no longer eligible and Pickard, winner in two of the previous three seasons, was the No. 1 seed. The four semi-finalists were predictable with Pickard (Bournemouth) beating Derek Holman (Bournemouth), 12, 7 and Summerfield, making up for his Southampton closed final defeat, beating Shetler 14, -23, 23. Shetler was within 4in. of repeating his win for he led 21-20 in the third, when Summerfield got the faintest of edges. In the final, although the vastly improved Summerfield dropped the second game to Pickard, he always appeared in control and showed the consistency to add to his already fluent attacking game to emerge the new champion 15, -19, 15. Christine Davies made it a double for Southampton's Four T's club when she won the women's singles for the first time since the 1962/63 season. She beat Sheila Foster (Portsmouth) in her semi 9, 16 whilst Joyce Coop (Bournemouth) beat Daphne Gray (Portsmouth) 13, 17. The long final gave her revenge for her recent defeat at club level and she came through to win 16, -11, 17. This was Christine's first win over Joyce for many seasons, her new bat seemed to give her more control over her loop to enable her to wait patiently for the kill. An interesting point in this match was when Joyce changed bats half way through the final game, from pimple rubber to anti-loop. Is this legal? I can see nothing in the rules to stop this but some eminent officials had their doubts. The boys' final produced a rather ill-tempered match with all the gamesmanship and bad manners which is sometimes associated with the junior game in evidence. Steve

Wilson (Bournemouth) beat Kevin McQuade (Gosport) -14, 14, 19. At 20-16 in the decider Steve missed two loops, served off, then gave Kevin a simple smash, which he missed. I think that sums the match up. Fortunately the girls' singles was a little bit saner with Lesley King (Southampton) hitting well to beat Linda Wales (Portsmouth) 18, 14.

OTHER RESULTS

Men's Doubles: K. Summerfield/C. Shetler (Southampton) bt J. Daley/D. Nicholson (Isle of Wight) 13, 12.

Women's Doubles: Mrs. P. Wales/Miss L. Wales (Portsmouth) bt Mrs. J. Coop (Bournemouth)/Mrs. A. Gilbert (South East Hants) -12, 15, 13.

Mixed Doubles: T. Smith/Mrs. J. Coop (Bournemouth) bt Shetler/Miss C. Hutchins (Bournemouth) 11, 11.

Veteran Singles: R. Lush (Portsmouth) bt L. Cooper (South East Hants) 9, 15.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Dave Foulser

In their 50th year the Cheltenham Table Tennis Association were invited to stage this season's Gloucestershire "Closed" championships. Having gladly accepted these were duly held at Chosen Hill School, Churchdown and all credit must go to the officials responsible namely Ron Dawkins, Peter Cruwys, Les Smith, John Buckland and all others who helped.

Having started at 9 a.m., the Mixed Doubles had to be scratched as proceedings did not then finish until after 11 p.m. The great deed of the day's play came undoubtedly in the quarter-finals of the MS when 14-year-old Chris Sewell, the 5th seed, had to face Berkshire No. 1 Bob Thornton, seeded No. 2. Most people thought it unfortunate that the young Bristol junior had to play Thornton, and not one of the others, but the youngster was undaunted as he played some of the best table tennis we have yet seen from him to win 19, 18. Does this mean, then, that if one can block Thornton's loop consistently that he is not as good as he seems?

It certainly was not Thornton's day for he and his partner, Gloucester's Stuart Griffin, fell victim to another member of the Sewell family—father Ray who, with Paul Drew, knocked the 3rd seeds out of the MD 20, 18 being unseeded themselves.

Getting back to the MS, Sewell fell to Cheltenham's Dave Harvey in the semis -17, -18. Harvey had previously beaten Drew 14, 14. The other semi was between 1st seed Gloucester's Roy Morley (he beat Griffin 18, 19) and Bristol's John Wise (he bent M. Green 11, 11) which was quite a long set although predictable with Morley slow and high looping against the hard-bat defence of Wise to win 14, 15.

With Harvey never having beaten Morley, the score stood at 19-all when Harvey killed it, Morley made a vain attempt to chop it back and hit the net just by the support. Harvey

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walked away from the table, turned around to see the ball creeping over the top of the net and then hitting the edge of the table to give Morley the point. Harvey duly lost the next point and the first game. After that net he was mentally beaten and only got 17 in the second to give Morley the title for the second year in succession. However, these two combined well to win the MD to give Harvey his first title in any Glos. Closed although this was the 9th time in a row that Morley has won the MD. Sewell gained considerable consolation by taking the Intermediate Singles and the U-17 Boys' beating Willie Dawe from Gloucester in both finals. Dawe was unlucky as he also reached the U-15 Boys final only to lose to Green. Stroud's Jean Golding retained her WS title with ease.

- M.S.: R. Morley bt D. Harvey 19, 17.
 M.D.: R. Morley/D. Harvey bt J. Wisc/R. Bowles 15, 17.
 W.S.: Mrs. J. Golding bt Miss G. Wetmore 14, 10.
 W.D.: Mrs. J. Golding/Mrs. S. Giles bt Miss G. Wetmore/Miss J. Mortimer 15, -19, 9.
 Int. S.: C. Sewell bt W. Dawe 12, 19.
 U-17 BS.: Sewell bt W. Dawe 18, 15.
 U-15 BS.: M. Green bt W. Dawe 18, 18.
 U-17 GS.: Miss J. Mortimer bt Miss C. Iacopi 17, 12.
 U-15 GS.: Miss J. Dovey bt Miss L. Willsher 21, 18.
 VS: P. Slack bt J. Poynting 16, 14.

COUNTY SENIORS RELEGATED

As predicted in my last column the County Seniors were relegated for the first time in our history to a regional division as they crashed 4-6 at home to neighbours Worcestershire. Again Sewell could not be faulted as he won both his sets beating M. Sykes 19, 12 and B. Belcher 21, -13, 9, as well as teaming up with Morley, for the first time, to win the doubles. Morley also beat Belcher but that was our lot as Harvey lost both really dismally and the women were not much better—that is where our real weakness lies. With Harvey moving to Cheshire in the summer and Morley now in his mid-thirties it might be a blessing in disguise in that the juniors led by Sewell may get their chance.

There was a tense exciting struggle in the final of the Gloucester City MS final between Morley and Thornton which at one time seemed to be a walkover for the latter who had won the first two games 18, 10 and was 8-3 up in the third with Morley seeming to have no fight in him. But suddenly he produced the goods to win 21-17. The fourth went his way 21-13 and with Thornton tiring the stage was set for the fifth and final game. Thornton led 13-10 then at 13-13, he had two nets and an 'edge', 16-13, but still Roy fought back to 19-18. Bob had another 'edge' for 20-18, then 20-19 and to cap it another net to win 21-19 and the crowd clapped reluctantly. Willie Dawe won the junior title beating Philip Twigg.

Cheltenham's senior Men's side seem to be sure of winning Division 2 of the Midland League after drawing with Derby away and then thrashing promotion rivals Oxford 9-1 at home. Harvey played splendidly to beat Derby's Doug Foulds two-

straight. They only have to beat struggling Walsall to make sure.

Around the leagues, Cheltenham Y.M.C.A. won the Cheltenham 1st division for the 27th time in 50 years having won 21 and drawn once in their 22 matches. The last match of the season, against runners-up St. Mark's 'A', was the draw which saw Harvey lose to Thornton 17, -19, -18. Thornton won all his 66 sets while Harvey won 64 and in the MS final Harvey will get yet another chance at Thornton. Gordon League 'A' won the Gloucester League with Bryan Merrett among their ranks.

In the Stroud League, Nailsworth 'A' have almost won the title with R.H.P. 'A' second. These teams met in the final of the Albert Mann Team K.O. Cup with the latter winning by 43 points thanks to Alan Giles winning three.

The first Bristol and South Glos. Schools championships were held last month with Sewell winning the U-15 event and Alan Hussey the Over-15 event.

Finally, the writer of this column found time to play in a friendly Intermediate match with Oxford and quite successfully lost all three. Cheltenham lost 8-2 with Moreman and Amphlett each winning one but Oxford's Paul Humphrey in a class of his own.

CORNWALL NOTES

by Tom Honey

DISASTROUS RESULT

Cornwall's final County Championships match against Devon, lost 0-10, was a disaster, only John Bassett in the opening set against Barry Davis looked at all like taking even a game. The season has been a very poor one indeed. Sheila Rapsey has played in three matches and won two singles and one doubles, and is the most successful player. Individual records:—

Men's Singles	P	W
Martin White	10	3
John Bassett	8	2
Keith Cheesewright	4	1
Ron Hill	4	0
John Penhaligon	4	0

Women's Singles	P	W
Sheila Rapsey	3	2
Sandra Hirst	2	0

The Executive Committee are concerned with the team's lack of success in recent years and are agreed that a new approach is required to improve matters. The Chairman, Mr. A. R. Bunt, who is also county team secretary, has outlined plans for next season. Players selected for the County Squad will be expected to give table tennis priority over other sports and to train and attend regular practice sessions. He has also pointed out that the Executive Committee felt that the team's performance should justify the considerable expense that was being spent on such a small number of players. (Over the 22 years (1951-1973) only 43 players have represented Cornwall).

Played at Cornwall Technical College on Mar. 25 the County Individual Championships resulted in the following players taking the titles:—

- MS: W. Northcott (Plymouth) bt K. Songhurst (Helston) 8, 8.

- WS: S. Rapsey (Truro) bt S. Hirst (Penryn) 11, 5.
 IS: N. Tregenza (Praze) bt A. Pearse (St. Austell) 14, 14.
 BS: A. Trehwela (St. Austell) bt D. Pearce (St. Austell) 16, 18.
 GS: S. Dale (Penzance) bt J. Downing (St. Austell) 16, 13.
 MBS: B. Cornelius (St. Austell) bt I. James (Praze) 13, 19.
 MGS: J. Lamburn (Penzance) bt N. Manasseh (Penzance) -18, 17, 11.
 VS: K. Joyce (Helston) bt A. R. Bunt (Truro) -18, 13, 19.
 MD: R. G. Bunt/K. Cheesewright (Polgooth) bt R. Hill/M. White (Truro) 19, -11, 13.
 WD: B. Rapsey/S. Rapsey bt J. Chinn (Penryn)/Hirst -18, 19, 8.
 XD: W. Eathorne/S. Rapsey bt D. Williams/Hirst -16, 12, 13.
 CS: T. Wiltshire (St. Austell) bt G. Hicks (Truro) 8, 19.

Billy Northcott, champion in 1959, 1964 and 1965, came back after a four year break to win the men's singles title once again. Billy, who played in the Devon Closed, for the first time, a few weeks ago and got as far as the semis, played as well as ever to take the title for the fourth time with very little trouble. He played through six rounds without losing a game and conceded only 129 points. Only Martin White in the semis really gave him a game. Sheila Rapsey again won three titles but Sandra Hirst had the misfortune to be runner-up in three finals. The major surprise came in the Minor Boys' final when Barry Cornelius beat the hot favourite Ian James. Barry is the very talented 13-year-old son of former County player and 1952 champion, Geoff Cornelius.

Close on 100 young players were at Falmouth School on Apr. 8 for the Cornwall Schools Championships. The new Boys' U-16 champion is Stephen Hawke (Falmouth) who has played very little this season, but soon found his old attacking form to beat Ian James (Heamoor) in the final. Ian won the U-13 title as expected and his 9-year-old sister, Sharon (Penpol C.P.) beat 11-year-old Kim Bassett (St. Ives) in the final of the Girls' U-13 event. Kim is a sister to former County champion, Debbie Bassett. Both Sharon and Kim show great promise and Sharon, a left-hander who hits very early on the forehand, is a very exciting prospect indeed. Angela Howe (Callington) won the Girls' U-16 title with a win over Janet Lamburn (Penzance G.S.) in the final. The team champions were Lesudjack (Penzance).

DORSET NOTES

by Barry Weller

WEALTH OF TALENT

Dorset juniors are doing their utmost to lighten the gloom that has befallen the seniors in the County Championship this season.

Coaching has taken place on a county scale for the first time, and apart from bringing the county closer together, it has revealed a wealth of talent that should put Dorset in good stead in a few years time.

In the middle of April, four youngsters from Dorset took part in an assessment at Okehampton, for

Devon, Cornwall and Dorset, and all four were placed in the top six. It was not surprising that Keith James of Devon should be No. 1, but Graham Hill, the Dorset No.1 was placed No. 2; Mike Hughes No. 3; Roger Trim 4 and John Robinson at 6—a really good achievement. The County are hoping to compete in the Junior Championship next season and as a trial are playing Wilts, twice in May, the first in Dorset on May 19. It is understood that Wilts, would field a strong side, and this will give Dorset plenty of experience.

The final County coaching session was on 19 May at Poole Sports Centre with Bryan Merrett in attendance. John Luther has done a splendid job for the County and has taken all eight sessions, Brian Rookes, as Coaching Officer, got the scheme under way and the talent that is in the County will provide the reward for his excellent work.

Besides the County, all the towns in the County have had coaching sessions, most recent being Dorchester and Weymouth, both taken by John Luther.

Two juniors caused the big upset in the Dorset Closed championships at Dorchester in March. Graham Hill/John Robinson beat the hot favourites Dennis Applebee/Mickey Doyle in the men's doubles first round. Cliff Diffeys, who had an appendicitis operation in Jan., was in brilliant form to win the men's singles, and Rosalind Symes won three titles. Hill took the junior singles. There was an entry of nearly 100, and an encouraging 40 for the junior events. Results:—

- MS: C. Diffeys bt D. Applebee 16, 18.
 WS: Miss R. Symes bt Mrs. I. Terry 10, 9;
 JS: G. Hill bt M. Hughes 18, 19.
 VS: D. Applebee bt D. Smith 13, 14.
 MD: Dale/S. Brice bt C. Diffeys/P. Bryce 11, 19;
 WD: Miss R. Symes/Mrs. D. Ingram bt Miss J. Miller/Mrs. I. Terry 12, -20, 13.
 JD: G. Hill/J. Robinson bt C. Trim/R. Trim 19, 20.
 XD: Miss R. Symes/J. Dale bt Mrs. D. Ingram/S. Brice 15, 24.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

The last County match of the season against Sussex saw a new-look team with Robert Aldrich having another outing and 14-year-old Andrew Barden having his first Premier match. These two did not disappoint and won their five sets including the doubles together. With other young players like Mark Mitchell and David Tan around, we are looking forward to some new-look teams next season.

Otherwise the summer will be a busy time on the coaching front. The main rally will be at Barnet on May 26 from 2 p.m. with further rallies on June 24 and July 29. Throughout the summer Leo Thompson and myself will be running weekly sessions for the top squad and there will also be some regular U-14 group sessions.

The Middlesex Open finds another new venue next season at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, N.9, a wonderful modern Sports Centre. The dates will be Dec. 15/16, 1973.

2nd Commonwealth Championships

ANOTHER CLEAN SWEEP FOR ENGLAND



by Albert W. Shipley

The 2nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships were staged by the Table Tennis Association of Wales at the magnificent National Sports Centre for Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff from Mar 26 to Apr 1, 1973. Sixteen nations took part in the team events and 170 players contested the five individual events.

As one of a Squad of twenty English Umpires officiating at the Championships, I was not able to see as many of the matches as one would have wished but there was one match in the men's team event which, if not seen by everybody, was certainly heard. This was the classic encounter between England and Australia, and when former Thai international Chayanont "Charlie" Wuvanich beat Denis Neale from being 14-20 down in the third game, the roof of the Sports Centre was lifted several feet into the air!

Excitement ran high as Australia fought themselves into a 4-all position and it was virtually an anti-climax when Nicky Jarvis so easily disposed of Stephen Knapp in the deciding set.

Apart from the Australian match, neither of the England teams were seriously hampered on their way to winning their respective groups and their final No. 1 placings in the play-offs. A certain amount of resistance came from Canada in the women's team event final in the person of Violetta Nesukaitis, the 21 year-old Canadian champion - three times a winner of the Canadian and United States Open women's singles title - and the vocal encouragement of her team mates consisted of repeated cries of "C'mon baby".

The individual events were less local in that the larger teams invariably had several of their members playing at the same time, but occasionally one's attention would be drawn to a particular table where the noise level had increased. Invariably this was when an English player was in contention and any defeat of an England player was greeted with a rapturous applause.

One such incident was the defeat of Linda Howard by Elaine Smith, Scotland's 19-year-old champion currently studying political history at Edinburgh University, and another was the ousting of the Hydes/Jarvis combination in the men's doubles by Babstunde Obisanya and Lassey Wilson of Nigeria.

The little people from Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore caused problems to the Umpires - just as

they did in Singapore - with their strange Asiatic names in which one never knew whether one was calling out their Christian name or Surname. Players from these countries also caused the Referee some headaches by the variety of staining and painting on the reverse side of their pen-hold gripped bats. No serious protests were made and the whole Competition was conducted in the friendly spirit which such Championships are, quite rightly, expected to engender.

Despite all the vocal support, nothing stopped the English players from steam-rolling their way through to each and every final with the only non-English participation being Australia's Paul Pinkewich and Robert Tuckett in the final of the men's doubles. Both TREVOR TAYLOR and JILL HAMMERSLEY went on to retain their individual titles won at Singapore two years before.

TAYLOR retained his half share in the men's doubles, this time with NEALE who was a non-voyager to Asia in 1971. Both the women's and mixed titles changed hands completely when, in the former event, JILL HAMMERSLEY and SUSAN HOWARD got the better of Karenza Mathews and Linda Howard. NEALE and Mrs. MATHEWS took over the mixed title, previously held by Alan Hydes and Pauline Piddock, when they finally accounted for the Barnsley left-hander partnered by Linda Howard.

Surprise results included the defeat of Alan Hydes by Scotland's Richard Yule (16, -19, 6, 12) in the men's singles and Elaine Smith's (22, 14, -15, 8) defeat of Linda Howard in the counterpart women's event. Susan Howard was beaten (15, 19, 20) by Australia's Ann McMahon, aged 21, the 1971 national title holder who subsequently lost to India's Indu Puri.

The hospitality given by the Welsh Association to all players and officials was first class and the amenities afforded by the Sports Centre were well suited to an event of this kind.

Writing personally, my memories of the Championships were of noise, colour and friendship with a hazy recollection of the Welsh Umpires beating us at a drinking contest during the Umpires' Party and treating us to some magnificent Welsh singing. Well done England, well done Wales, and may the Championships endure for so long as the Commonwealth itself endures.

Individual Results

Men's Singles: Round 4:
 T. Taylor (Eng) bt Loong Peng Sun (Mal) 14, 6, 10;
 P. Pinkewich (Aus) bt P. Kleninas (Can) 12, 8, 15;
 G. Munday (Aus) bt B. Burn (Warwks) -18, 20, 11, -18, 15;
 R. Yule (Scot) bt Ma Cheung Kwai (HK) -13, -12, 18, 15, 20;
 N. Jarvis (Eng) bt Tan Kai Kok (Sing) 6, 8, -21, 11;
 P. Taylor (Beds) bt C. Wuvanich (Aus) 15, 18, -9, -7, 18;
 D. Douglas (Eng) bt S. Knapp (Aus) 16, 13, 13;
 D. Neale (Eng) bt Lo Hon Po (HK) 17, 12, 16.

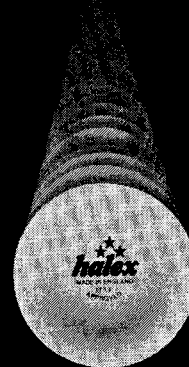
Quarter-finals:
 Taylor bt Pinkewich 11, 12, 7;
 Yule bt Munday 17, 19, 9;

ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's Singles TREVOR TAYLOR (England)	Women's Singles JILL HAMMERSLEY (England)
Men's Doubles DENIS NEALE and TREVOR TAYLOR (England)	Women's Doubles JILL HAMMERSLEY and SUSAN HOWARD (England)
Mixed Doubles DENIS NEALE and KARENZA MATHEWS (England)	
Men's Team ENGLAND	Women's Team ENGLAND

Jarvis bt P. Taylor 18, 15, 17;
 Neale bt Douglas 15, 17, 17.
Semi-finals:
 TAYLOR bt Yule 19, 20, 14;
 NEALE bt Jarvis 14, 18, 18.
Final:
 TAYLOR bt Neale -15, 20, 15, 15.
Women's Singles: Round 3:
 J. Hammersley (Eng) bt S. Hession (Essex) 11, 10, 11;
 E. Jacks (Nig) bt M. Le Gassick (Aus) 13, 16, 17;

E. Smith (Scot) bt I. Puri (Ind) 20, 19, 19;
 Y. Fogarty (NZ) bt K. Senior (Ire) 12, -16, 11, -16, 17;
 K. Mathews (Eng) bt V. Woodward (Aus) 9, 10, 12;
 Lim Guat Hoon (Mal) bt A. Stonestreet (NZ) 19, -17, 17, 19;
 S. Lisle (Lancs) bt R. Mukherjee (Ind) -13, 15, 18, -20, 15;
 V. Nesukaitis (Can) bt B. Stewart (Ire) 6, 10, 5.



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Quarter-finals:
Hammersley bt Jacks 11, 10, 11;
Fogarty bt Smith 15, -22, -15, 20, 19;
Mathews bt Lim Guat Hoon 19, -17, 17, 19;
Nesukaitis bt Lisle 14, 13, 16.

Semi-finals:
HAMMERSLEY bt Fogarty 11, 12, 11;
MATHEWS bt Nesukaitis 14, 15, 15.

Final:
HAMMERSLEY bt Mathews 11, 19, 14.

Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Neale/Taylor bt Burn/M. Johns (Ches) 10, 13, 13;
Knapp/Wuvanich bt D. Munt (Warwks)/P. Taylor 13, 18, 16;
B. Obisanya/L. Wilson (Nig) bt A. Hydes (Eng)/Jarvis -14, -15, 14, 24, 17;
Pinkewich/R. Tuckett (Aus) bt E. Caetano/P. Gonda (Can) 15, 13, -19, -21, 9.

Semi-finals:
NEALE/TAYLOR bt Knapp/Wuvanich -19, 11, 16, -16, 11;
PINKEWICH/TUCKETT bt Obisanya/Wilson 16, 9, 5.

Final:
NEALE/TAYLOR bt Pinkewich/Tuckett -15, 20, 15, 15.

Women's Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Mathews/L. Howard (Eng) bt Le Gassick/Woodward 6, 13, 10;
Lim Guat Hoon/Tan Sok Hong (Mal) bt M. Dorrian (Ire)/Senior -13, 12, -18, 17, 15;
M. Domonkos (Can)/V. Nesukaitis bt C. Howe/Lo Yuk Mui (HK) -20, 17, 5, 11;
Hammersley/S. Howard (Surrey) bt Mukherjee/I. Puri 16, -19, 17, -22, 18.

Semi-finals:
MATHEWS/L. HOWARD bt Lim Guat Hoon/Tan Sok Hong 16, 12, 12;
HAMMERSLEY/S. HOWARD bt Domonkos/Nesukaitis 10, -19, 12, 19.

Final:
HAMMERSLEY/S. HOWARD bt Mathews/L. Howard 18, -16, 16, 18.

Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Neale/Mathews bt Wuvanich/Le Gassick 7, 16, 11;
Johns/Lisle bt Soong Poh Wah (Mal)/Lim Guat Hoon 13, 15, 15;
Hydes/L. Howard bt Yule/Smith 17, 17, 16;
T. Taylor/Hammersley bt Jarvis/S. Howard 14, 18, -15, -12, 19.

Semi-finals:
NEALE/MATHEWS bt Johns/Lisle -19, 9, 15, 10;
HYDES/L. HOWARD bt T. Taylor/Hammersley -12, -13, 17, 17, 15.

Final:
NEALE/MATHEWS bt Hydes/L. Howard 14, 17, -17, 16.

Team Events

MEN

Group A

England 5, Guernsey 0
D. Douglas bt J. Clancy 12, 5; bt K. Marsh 11, 10.
A. Hydes bt G. Willcocks 15, 11; bt Clancy 3, 9.
N. Jarvis bt Marsh 7, 10.

Australia 5, Mauritius 0
Ireland 4, Hong Kong 5
S. Tracey lost to Tang Hung Bor -23, -12; lost to Ma Lung Sang -16, -9; lost to Ma Cheung Kwai -11, -19.
C. Thompson bt Ma Cheung Kwai 16, -17, 18; bt Tang Hung Bor 20, 13; lost to Ma Lung Sang -10, -16.
A. Cairns lost to Ma Lung Sang -18, 16, -18; bt Ma Cheung Kwai -18, 16, 17; bt Tang Hung Bor 14, 19.

Canada 5, Ghana 4
Guernsey 0, Ireland 5
Clancy lost to Tracey -13, -10; lost to Thompson -6, -13.
Willcocks lost to J. Wilson -14, -17; lost to Tracey -14, -13.
M. James lost to Thompson -3, -12.

Ghana 0, England 5
E. Bartels lost to T. Taylor -10, -16; lost to D. Neale -8, -10.
J. Quansah lost to Jarvis -19, -15; lost to Taylor -11, -17.
E. A. Quaye lost to Neale -16, -15.

Mauritius 0, Canada 5
Hong Kong 1, Australia 5
Australia 5, Guernsey 0
P. Pinkewich bt Willcocks 6, 9; bt James 5, 12.
B. Tuckett bt Clancy 6, 15; bt Willcocks 8, 12.
C. Wuvanich bt James 4, 7.

Mauritius 0, Hong Kong 5
Canada 0, England 5
P. Klevinas lost to Hydes -8, -8; lost to Neale -13, -18.
E. Caetano lost to Taylor -15, 16, -16; lost to Hydes 17, -17, -20.
D. Wall lost to Neale -18, 19, -11.

Ireland 4, Ghana 5
Wilson lost to Quaye -12, -20; lost to Quansah -13, -17; lost to Bartels -15, 18, -17.
Cairns lost to Quansah -20, -18; lost to Bartels 15, -16, -14; bt Quaye 19, -10, 13.
Thompson bt Bartels 12, -19, 20; bt Quaye 16, 14; bt Quansah 9, 10.

Australia 5, Canada 0
England 5, Ireland 0
Douglas bt Tracey 13, 15; bt Thompson 12, -13, 19.
Neale bt Cairns 7, 12; bt Tracey 9, 6.
Jarvis bt Thompson -19, 11, 9.

Guernsey 2, Mauritius 5
Clancy lost to M. Mauthoor -13, -8; lost to F. Mauthoor -14, -13.
Willcocks bt R. Chong 10, 15; lost to M. Mauthoor -15, 17, -21; lost to F. Mauthoor -17, -11.
James lost to F. Mauthoor -10, -16; bt Chong 5, 8.

Ghana 1, Hong Kong 5
Guernsey 0, Ghana 5
Clancy lost to Quaye -8, -10; lost to Quansah -9, -8.
Willcocks lost to Bartels -8, -17; lost to Quaye -6, -12.
James lost to Quansah -8, 19, -13.

Ireland 5, Mauritius 1
Wilson lost to F. Mauthoor -15, -17; bt M. Mauthoor 20, 18.
Thompson bt Chong 10, 9; bt F. Mauthoor 10, 8.
Tracey bt M. Mauthoor 16, 10; bt Chong 11, 11.

Canada 4, Hong Kong 5
England 5, Australia 4
Jarvis lost to Pinkewich -12, -18; lost to Wuvanich -15, -18; bt S. Knapp 13, 13.
Neale bt Knapp 13, 14; bt Pinkewich 10, 13; lost to Wuvanich 18, -19, -20.
Taylor lost to Wuvanich -19, 19, -14; bt Knapp -14, 11, 15; bt Pinkewich 19, 16.

Canada 5, Guernsey 0
P. Gonda bt Marsh 12, 10; bt James -12, 8, 16.
Caetano bt Willcocks 12, 16; bt Marsh 13, 7, 16; bt James 12, 13.

Mauritius 0, Ghana 5
England 5, Hong Kong 0
Douglas bt Lo Hon Po -14, 7, 7; bt Ma Lung Sang 13, 12;
Hydes bt Tang Hung Bor 12, 14; bt Lo Hon Po 14, 11.
Taylor bt Ma Lung Sang -19, 19, 19.

Ireland 1, Australia 5
Tracey lost to Pinkewich 19, -11, -17; lost to Wuvanich -12, -13.
Thompson bt Tuckett 13, 13; lost to Pinkewich -16, -8.
Cairns lost to Wuvanich -17, -15; lost to Tuckett -16, -11.

Ireland 1, Canada 5
Tracey lost to Lee -9, -21; lost to Caetano -14, -16.
Thompson bt Wall 12, 20; lost to Lee -17, 17, -11.
Cairns lost to Caetano -14, -18; lost to Wall -18, -18.

Hong Kong 5, Guernsey 0
Ma Cheung Kwai bt Clancy 11, 9; bt Willcocks 16, 17.
Lo Hon Po bt James 16, 19; bt Clancy 12, 18.
Ma Lung Sang bt Willcocks 14, 9.

Mauritius 0, England 5
M. Mauthoor lost to Jarvis -11, -10; lost to Hydes -12, -13.
F. Mauthoor lost to Neale -8, -15; lost to Jarvis -14, -12.
Chong lost to Hydes -15, -11.

Ghana 1, Australia 5

Placings:—	W	L
England	7	0
Australia	6	1
Hong Kong	5	2
Canada	4	3
Ghana	3	4
Ireland	2	5
Mauritius	1	6
Guernsey	0	7

Group B
India 5, Wales 0
G. Jagannath bt J. Mansfield 15, 14; bt A. Griffiths 13, 11.
N. Bajaj bt G. Davies 10, 13; bt Mansfield 11, 14.
Mir Khasim Ali bt Griffiths 11, 17.

Singapore 5, Jersey 0
Tan Kai Kok bt C. Hansford 8, 13; bt H. Carver 16, 17.
Tan Khoon Hong bt Carver 16, 13.
Chai Chong Boon bt T. Journeaux 9, 18; bt Hansford 9, 14.

New Zealand 1, Malaysia 5
Scotland 3, Nigeria 5
D. Fraser bt L. Fenuyi 13, -18, 17; lost to B. Obisanya -19, 13, -14.
R. Yule bt Y. Aiyesor -11, 14, 13; lost to Fenuyi -17, -11; lost to Obisanya 19, -19, -19.
E. Sutherland bt Obisanya -16, 18, 14; lost to Aiyesor -19, 14, -11; lost to Fenuyi -13, -19.

Jersey 0, Malaysia 5
Hansford lost to Loong Peng Sun -16, -15; lost to Peong Tak Seng -13, -14.
Carver lost to Fan Sim Wai -10, -16; lost to Loong Peng Sun -12, -17.
Journeaux lost to Peong Tak Seng -6, -5.

India 5, New Zealand 0
Scotland 0, Wales 5
Fraser lost to Griffiths -18, -16; lost to Davies -17, -11.
Yule lost to Mansfield -11, 20, -17; lost to Griffiths -14, -10.

Sutherland lost to Davies -15, -14.

Nigeria 4, Singapore 5
Jersey 0, Nigeria 5
Hansford lost to Aiyesor -9, -13; lost to Obisanya -5, -10.
Carver lost to Fenuyi -18, -13; lost to Aiyesor -12, -18.
Journeaux lost to Obisanya -9, -5.

Scotland 5, New Zealand 0
P. Forker bt T. G. Jennings 15, 17; bt D. Couper 22, -19, 18.
Sutherland bt J. Fisher 8, 8; bt Jennings 15, 10.
Fraser bt Couper 11, -20, 20.

Wales 2, Singapore 5
Davies bt Chia Chong Boon -14, 17, 17; lost to Tan Kai Kok -15, 15, -15.
Griffiths bt Yean Ching Fatt 15, 16; lost to Chia Chong Bogn 12, -21, -19; lost to Tan Kai Kok -11, -25.
R. Bishop lost to Tan Kai Kok -17, -18; bt Yean Ching Fatt 9, 12.

India 5, Malaysia 4
Jersey 0, Wales 5
Hansford lost to Griffiths -16, -9; lost to Mansfield -11, -15.
Carver lost to Griffiths -15, -10; lost to Davies -19, 20, 13.
Journeaux lost to Davies -6, -4.

New Zealand 0, Nigeria 5
Singapore 0, Malaysia 5
Scotland 1, India 5
Fraser lost to Bajaj -14, -22; lost to Ali -16, -18.
Yule lost to Jagannath -16, 21, -16; bt Bajaj 19, -15, 9.
Sutherland lost to Ali -18, 16, -13; lost to Jagannath -16, -20.

Scotland 5, Jersey 0
Forker bt Hansford 14, 16; bt Carver -20, 19, 14.
Sutherland bt Journeaux 10, 11; bt Hansford 10, 15.
Fraser bt Carver 11, 17.

Wales 5, New Zealand 1
Griffiths bt Jennings 17, 18; bt Couper 12, 15.
Davies bt Fisher 16, 11; bt Jennings 18, -16, 20.
Mansfield lost to Couper 18, -19, -14; bt Fisher 18, 18.

India 5, Singapore 1
Nigeria 4, Malaysia 5
New Zealand 5, Jersey 2
Couper bt Hansford 16, 17; bt Carver 12, 17.
Jennings forfeited to Journeaux and Hansford: bt Carver 19, -16, 12.
Fisher bt Carver 17, -9, 19; bt Journeaux 13, 14.

Nigeria 0, India 5
Wales 1, Malaysia 5
Griffiths bt Peong Tak Seng 20, 11; lost to Soong Poh Wah -19, 9, -16.
Davies lost to Loong Peng Sun -19, -12; lost to Peong Tak Seng 21, -18, -19.
Bishop lost to Soong Poh Wah -11, -11; lost to Loong Peng Sun -9, -10.

Scotland 5, Singapore 1
Fraser bt Chia Chong Boon 16, -17, 20; bt Tan Kong Hong 17, -15, 19.
Yule bt Tan Kai Kok 9, 11; lost to Chia Chong Boon -22, -18.
Sutherland bt Tan Kong Hong 14, 12; bt Tan Kai Kok 9, 11.

New Zealand 1, Singapore 5
India 5, Jersey 0
D. Saxena bt Hansford 8, 8; bt Carver 10, 11.
Jagannath bt Journeaux 12, 3; bt Hansford 5, 10.
Ali bt Carver 8, 13.

Wales 3, Nigeria 5
Griffiths bt Fenuyi 18, 14; lost to Obisanya -8, -12.
Davies bt Aiyesor -18, 11, 14; lost to Fenuyi -18, -18; lost to Obisanya -12, -17.
Bishop lost to Obisanya -12, -16; bt Aiyesor 13, -18, 14; lost to Fenuyi -22, -12.

Scotland 4, Malaysia 5
Fraser lost to Soong Poh Wah -16, -7; lost to Peong Tak Seng -25, -20; lost to Loong Peng Sun -13, -11.
Yule bt Loong Peng Sun 11, -18, 15; lost to Soong Poh Wah 17, -16, -17; bt Peong Tak Seng 18, 20.
Sutherland lost to Peong Tak Seng -17, -19; bt Loong Peng Sun 10, 12; bt Soong Poh Wah -19, 12, 10.

Placings:—	W	L
India	7	0
Malaysia	6	1
Singapore	4	3
Nigeria	4	3
Wales	3	4
Scotland	3	4
New Zealand	1	6
Jersey	0	7

Play-offs:—
For Positions:
1 and 2—**ENGLAND 5, India 0**
Douglas bt Jagannath -17, 7, 12; bt Ali 20, 18.
Jarvis bt Bajaj 19, 14; bt Jagannath 8, 10.
Neale bt Ali 17, 9.



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3 and 4—Australia 5, Malaysia 0
 5 and 6—Hong Kong 5, Singapore 2
 7 and 8—Nigeria 5, Canada 2
 9 and 10—Ghana 5, Wales 3
 Bartels lost to Bishop -17, -17; lost to Griffiths -15, 15, -21.
 Quansah bt Bishop 20, 24; bt Davies 17, 15; lost to Griffiths -13, -14.
 Quaye bt Griffiths 12, 17; bt Bishop 16, 20; bt Davies 13, -21, 17.

11 and 12—Scotland 5, Ireland 1
 Sutherland bt Tracey 15, 9; bt Thompson 17, 16.
 Fraser lost to Thompson -4, 21, -15; bt Cairns -18, 17, 16.
 Yule bt Cairns -19, 17, 10; bt Tracey 15, 16.
 13 and 14—New Zealand 5, Mauritius 0
 15 and 16—Jersey 5, Guernsey 3
 Hansford bt Clancy 19, -18 18; lost to Willcocks 17, -15, -19; bt James 17, 17.
 Journeaux lost to Willcocks -14, 17, -20; lost to James -17, -13.
 Carver bt James 17, 6; bt Clancy 16, 11; bt Willcocks 7, 9.

WOMEN

Group A
 Ghana 0, Australia 3
 Wales 0, England 3
 L. Jones lost to L. Howard -8, -16.
 S. Pickering lost to J. Hammersley -11, -10.
 Jones/Pickering lost to Howard/Mathews -15, -13.
Guernsey 0, Singapore 3
 S. Du Feu lost to Tan Kek Hiang -13, -11.
 R. Opie lost to Peck Noi Hwoy -11, -11.
 Du Feu/Opie lost to Hiang/Hwoy -11, -12.
Ireland 2, Malaysia 3
 K. Senior bt Lim Guat Hoon 19, 20; bt Tan Sok Hong 19, 19.
 B. Stewart lost to Tan Sok Hong -6, -16; lost to Lim Guat Hoon -13, -20.
 M. Dorrian/Senior lost to Hong/Hoon 12, -10, -16.
Ghana 0, England 3
 C. Eshun lost to Howard -16, -12.
 N. Okwan lost to Hammersley -12, -9.
 Eshun/Okwan lost to Howard/Mathews -8, -15.
Wales 0, Ireland 3
 Jones lost to Stewart -16, 15, -19.
 Pickering lost to Dorrian -9, -15.
 Jones/Pickering lost to Senior/Stewart -15, -19.
Guernsey 0, Australia 3
 Du Feu lost to V. Woodward -16, -12.
 J. Dye lost to M. Le Gassick -6, -11.
 Du Feu/Dye lost to Le Gassick/Woodward -8, -8.
Singapore 3, Malaysia 1
Guernsey 0, Malaysia 3
 Du Feu lost to Tan Sok Hong -9, -11.
 Opie lost to Lim Guat Hoon -10, -7.
 Due Feu/Opie lost to Hoon/Lee Foong Eng -6, -11.
England 3, Australia 0
 Hammersley bt Le Gassick 19, 20.
 Mathews bt A. McMahon 9, 13.
 Howard/Mathews bt Le Gassick/Woodward 19, 11.
Wales 0, Singapore 3
 Pickering lost to Peck Noi Hwoy -12, -20.
 Jones lost to Tan Kek Hiang -11, 23, -19.
 Pickering/G. Thomas lost to Hiang/Ai Suan Yap -16, -14.
Ireland 3, Ghana 1
 Senior bt Okwan 15, 7; bt Eshun 15, 21.
 Dorrian bt Eshun 12, -16, 20.
 Senior/Stewart lost to Eshun/Okwan -18, -13.
Wales 3, Guernsey 0
 Pickering bt Du Feu -17, 14, 15.
 Jones bt Opie 13, 6.
 Pickering/Thomas bt Du Feu/Opie 16, 12.
Ghana 0, Malaysia 3
Ireland 0, England 3
 Senior lost to Mathews -22, -9.
 Stewart lost to Hammersley -7, -10.
 Dorrian/Senior lost to Howard/Mathews -15, -18.
Australia 3, Singapore 0
Ireland 3, Guernsey 0
 Dorrian bt Du Feu 19, 15.
 Stewart bt Dye 5, 6.
 Dorrian/Stewart bt Du Feu/Dye 18, 13.
Ireland 3, Guernsey 0
 Dorrian bt Du Feu 19, 15.
 Stewart bt Dye 5, 6.
 Dorrian/Stewart bt Du Feu/Dye 18, 13.
Ghana 0, Wales 3
 Eshun lost to Pickering -18, -14.
 Okwan lost to Jones -15, -14.
 Eshun/Okwan lost to Pickering/Thomas -11, -16.
Singapore 0, England 3
 Tan Kek Hiang lost to Mathews -9, -15.
 Peck Noi Hwoy lost to Hammersley -8, -17.
 Ai Suan Yap/Hiang lost to Howard/Mathews -14, -7.
Malaysia 2, Australia 3
England 3, Malaysia 0
 Hammersley bt Lim Guat Hoon 14, 4.
 Mathews bt Tan Sok Hong 9, 12.

Howard/Mathews bt Eng/Hong 15, 8.
Australia 3, Wales 0
 Le Gassick bt Pickering 21, 14.
 McMahon bt Jones 15, 16.
 Le Gassick/McMahon bt Pickering/Thomas 12, 12.
Ghana 3, Guernsey 2
 Eshun bt Du Feu 10, 16;
 bt Opie 11, 13.
 Okwan lost to Opie -16, 18, -21;
 bt Du Feu 19, 12.
 Eshun/Okwan lost to Du Feu/Opie.
Ireland 2, Singapore 3
 Senior bt Ai Suan Yap 14, 15;
 lost to Tan Kek Hiang -20, -19.
 Stewart lost to Tan Kek Hiang 22, -14, -22;
 bt Ai Suan Yap 17, 19.
 Dorrian/Senior bt Tan Kek Hiang/Peck Noi Hwoy 15, 17.
Wales 0, Malaysia 3
 Thomas lost to Lim Guat Hoon -13, -16.
 Jones lost to Tan Sok Hong -17, -16.
 Pickering/Thomas lost to Lim Guat Hoon/Tan Sok Hong -17, -12.

Singapore 3, Ghana 0
England 3, Guernsey 0
 Mathews bt Du Feu 8, 6.
 Howard bt Opie 8, 9.
 Howard/Mathews bt Du Feu/Opie 4, 10.
Ireland 2, Australia 3
 Senior lost to McMahon -17, 12, -11;
 bt Le Gassick 7, 19.
 Dorrian lost to Le Gassick 14, -11, -13;
 lost to McMahon -13, -11.
 Dorrian/Senior bt McMahon/Woodward -18, 20, 17.
 Placings:—
 ENGLAND: Won 7, Lost 0.
 Australia: Won 6, Lost 1.
 Singapore: Won 5, Lost 2.
 Malaysia: Won 4, Lost 3.
 IRELAND: Won 3, Lost 4.
 WALES: Won 2, Lost 5.
 Ghana: Won 1, Lost 6.
 GUERNSEY: Won 0, Lost 7.

GROUP B

Jersey 0, India 3
 P. Edwards lost to R. Mukherjee -18, -14.
 K. Gallichan lost to I. Puri -18, -17.
 Edwards/Gallichan lost to Mukherjee/Puri -21, -18.
Nigeria 1, Canada 3
Hong Kong 1, Scotland 3
 Kuo Ling lost to E. Smith -16, -15.
 Lo Yuk Mui bt K. Angus 19, -14, 19;
 lost to Smith -16, -9.
 Kuo Ling/Yuk Mui lost to Angus/Smith 17, -13, -8.
Scotland 0, India 3
 Smith lost to Puri -19, 20, -22.
 Angus lost to Mukherjee -17, -19.
 Angus/Smith lost to Mukherjee/Puri 18, -14, -11.
Jersey 1, Nigeria 3
 Edwards bt M. Nwaka 14, 12;
 lost to E. Jacks 21, -16, -13.
 Gallichan lost to Jacks -16, -5.
 Edwards/Gallichan lost to Jacks/O. Johnson 12, -13, -19.
Canada 3, New Zealand 1
Jersey 2, New Zealand 3
 Edwards bt Y. Fogarty 13, 17;
 bt A. Stonestreet 19, 14.
 Gallichan lost to Stonestreet -7, -13;
 lost to Fogarty -13, -16.
 Edwards/Gallichan lost to Fogarty/Stonestreet -6, -18.
Hong Kong 0, India 3
Scotland 1, Nigeria 3
 Smith bt Nwaka 11, 8;
 lost to Jacks 13, -7, -10.
 Angus lost to Jacks -17, -10.
 Angus/Smith lost to Jacks/Johnson 18, -10, -17.
Hong Kong 0, New Zealand 3
Scotland 1, Canada 3
 Smith lost to M. Domonkos 14, -23, -16;
 lost to V. Nesukaitis -5, -7.
 Angus lost to Nesukaitis -7, -13.
 Angus/Smith bt S. Gero/Nesukaitis 12, 5.
India 3, Nigeria 0
Scotland 3, Jersey 0
 Smith bt Gallichan 13, 13.
 Angus bt Edwards 19, -13, 9.
 Angus/Smith bt Edwards/Gallichan 8, 12.
Hong Kong 1, Canada 3
New Zealand 0, India 3
Jersey 1, Hong Kong 3
 Edwards bt C. Howe 11, 9;
 lost to Lo Yuk Mui -12, -19.
 Gallichan lost to Lo Yuk Mui -19, -18.
 Edwards/Gallichan lost to Howe/Mui -19, -18.
New Zealand 3, Nigeria 2
Canada 3, India 1
Jersey 1, Canada 3
 Edwards bt F. Nesukaitis 15, 12;
 lost to V. Nesukaitis -9, -5.
 Gallichan lost to V. Nesukaitis -8, -6.
 Edwards/Gallichan lost to Domonkos/V. Nesukaitis -11, -15.

Hong Kong 1, Nigeria 3
New Zealand 3, Scotland 0
 Stonestreet bt Angus 20, -8, 12.
 Fogarty bt Smith -9, 14, 19.
 Fogarty/Stonestreet bt Angus/Smith 17, -17, 13.
 Placings:
 Canada: Won 6, Lost 0.
 India: Won 5, Lost 1.
 New Zealand: Won 4, Lost 2.
 Nigeria: Won 3, Lost 3.
 SCOTLAND: Won 2, Lost 4.
 Hong Kong: Won 1, Lost 5.
 JERSEY: Won 0, Lost 6.
 Play-offs:—
FOR POSITIONS:
 1 and 2:
 ENGLAND 3, Canada 1
 Mathews bt V. Nesukaitis 5, -18, 15.
 Hammersley bt Domonkos 3, 13.
 bt Nesukaitis 12, 14.
 Howard/Mathews lost to Domonkos/Nesukaitis -16, -12.
 3 and 4:
 India 3, Australia 0.
 5 and 6:
 New Zealand 3, Singapore 2.
 7 and 8:
 Malaysia 3, Nigeria 0.
 9 and 10:
 IRELAND 3, SCOTLAND 2
 Senior bt Smith 20, 15;
 bt Angus 11, 17.
 Stewart lost to Angus -5, 19, -12;
 lost to Smith -3, -15.
 Dorrian/Senior bt Angus/Smith 16, 18.
 11 and 12:
 Hong Kong 3, WALES 0
 Lo Yuk Mui bt Pickering 13, -23, 8.
 Howe bt Jones 19, -7, 20.
 Howe/Mui bt Pickering/Thomas 18, -20, 18.
 13 and 14:
 JERSEY 3, Ghana 1.
 Edwards bt Okwan 8, 14;
 bt Eshun 17, 12.
 Gallichan lost to Eshun -17, -13.
 Edwards/Gallichan bt Eshun/Okwan 12, 16.
 15 Guernsey

FINAL PLACINGS

- (Previous positions in brackets):—
Men
- ENGLAND (1)
 - India (3)
 - Australia (6)
 - Malaysia (5)
 - Hong Kong (2)
 - Singapore (4)
 - Nigeria (8)
 - Canada (9)
 - Ghana (10)
 - Wales
 - Scotland
 - Ireland
 - New Zealand (7)
 - Mauritius
 - Jersey
 - Guernsey
- Women**
- ENGLAND (1)
 - Canada (4)
 - India (5)
 - Australia (9)
 - New Zealand (2)
 - Singapore (6)
 - Malaysia (3)
 - Nigeria
 - Ireland
 - Scotland
 - Hong Kong (8)
 - Wales
 - Jersey
 - Ghana (10)
 - Guernsey

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Individual Team Records

Men	Neale	Hydes	Jarvis	Douglas	Opponents	F	A
Taylor		2-0	1-0	2-0	Guernsey	5	0
2-0	2-0		1-0		Ghana	5	0
1-0	2-0	2-0			Canada	5	0
	2-0		1-0	2-0	Ireland	5	0
2-1	2-1		1-2		Australia	5	4
1-0		2-0		2-0	Hong Kong	5	0
	1-0	2-0	2-0		Mauritius	5	0
	1-0		2-0	2-0	India	5	0
6-1	10-1	8-0	8-2	8-0		40	4

Women

Hammersley	Mathews	Howard	Howard/Mathews	Opponents	F	A
1-0		1-0	1-0	Wales	3	0
1-0		1-0	1-0	Ghana	3	0
1-0	1-0		1-0	Australia	3	0
1-0	1-0		1-0	Ireland	3	0
1-0	1-0		1-0	Singapore	3	0
1-0	1-0		1-0	Malaysia	3	0
	1-0	1-0	1-0	Guernsey	3	0
2-0	1-0		0-1	Canada	3	1
8-0	6-0	3-0	7-1		24	1

Japanese Tour

by John Pike

Before one of the smallest crowds to see a table tennis international in this country, Japan opened their tour in the West Country, by sharing the spoils with England in a 4-4 draw at the Palace Hotel, Torquay on April 18.

As expected the standard of play was high, but the match lacked atmosphere with the poor support, and this, after the Devon secretary, Keith Ponting had done a tremendous job in both staging the match, and trying to sell it to the public at short notice. Yes Devon you let him down.

When both teams arrived in Torquay they were obviously feeling the strain of the world championships and the journey back from Yugoslavia.

The match started well with England quickly going into a 2-0 lead through Denis Neale beating Masahiko Ohya and Nicky Jarvis accounting for their junior champion Masayoshi Kuze. Japan came back when Sachiko Yokota—she is their No. 1—beat Karenza Mathews before Jarvis and Linda Howard took the mixed to put England in command at 3-1.

That lead, however, was short-lived as Tokio Tasaka and Ohya got the better of Neale and Jarvis, and then the scores were levelled when Yoshiko Takase beat Linda. With a women's doubles and a men's singles left, there was everything to play for. And play they did with Tasuko Abe and Tomie Edano putting the visitors in front for the first time, before Neale beat Tasaka in the best set of the evening to square the match at 4-all.

On reflection a fair result, but I am still left wondering where those table tennis lovers of Devon went, the day the Japanese came to Torquay.

Individual scores:—

D. Neale bt M. Ohya 13, 16; bt T. Tasaka 13, 9.

N. Jarvis bt M. Kuze 19, 20.
Mrs. K. Mathews lost to S. Yokota -19, -12.
Miss L. Howard lost to Y. Takase 17, -6, -15.
Jarvis/Neale lost to Ohya/Tasaka -19, 21, -12.
L. Howard/Mathews lost to T. Edano/T. Abe -12, -20.
Jarvis/L. Howard bt Kuze/Edano 25, 20.

Before a much bigger and more enthusiastic crowd at the Leisure Centre, Bletchley on Good Friday evening, Apr. 20, Japan triumphed 5-3 despite Neale again beating Tasaka and Jill Hammersley reinforcing the distaff side, to beat Tomie Edano, and sharing in a women's doubles success, with Susan Howard, over Miss Edano and Miss Abe. But that was all.

Scores:—

Jarvis lost to Ohya 6, -13, -18.
D. Douglas lost to Kuze -17, 18, -15.
Neale bt Tasaka 19, 20.
S. Howard lost to Edano -19, -14.
J. Hammersley bt Yokota 13, 11.
Douglas/Neale lost to Kuze/Tasaka 19, -14, -17.
Hammersley/S. Howard bt Abe/Edano 14, -20, 18.
Jarvis/Hammersley lost to Ohya/Takase 8, -17, -9.

In the third and final match played at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace on Easter Sunday afternoon, Apr. 22—again before a fair-sized audience—Japan triumphed 4-3 to win the Japan Airlines Trophy.

With the match score poised at 3-3, everything hinged on the final set between Neale and Tasaka. But, despite his wins over the same opponent, both at Torquay and Bletchley, Neale failed to capitalize on an opening game win as Tasaka powered his way back to win the next two for the set, match and the coveted trophy.

Scores:—

Neale bt Kuze 18, 8; lost to Tasaka 20, -15, -16.
Jarvis lost to Tasaka -15, 20, -14.
Douglas lost to Ohya -10, -14.
Mrs. Mathews bt Edano -15, 18, 18.
Douglas/Neale lost to Kuze/Tasaka -13, 16, -19.
Neale/Mathews bt Ohya/Takase 11, 13.

Local Leagues' Magazine Competition

By PHIL REID

Well—the magazines have come in, the judges have met and their decisions made.

All three of the judges were impressed by the high standard set and it was far from easy to decide the winners.

Fortunately there was a good support from the manufacturers and it was possible to give six prizes.

The Liverpool League Magazine, 'TABLE TENNIS DIGEST' emerged winner and thus qualified for one gross of DUNLOP BARNA SUPER 3 CROWN table tennis balls. The 'Digest' was the only entry which was printed (the others all being duplicated) but this alone was not sufficient to give them first place. They achieved an excellent balance in local league gossip, National news and articles of general interest. So—Jack Lambert—stand by for your gift from Dunlop any day now!

When long-serving Maurice Goldstein, editor of 'Birmingham Table Tennis News' entered, his words were thus 'Our magazine isn't very brilliant and it won't be until we get an editor with more time to spare than me'. The judges disagreed with the modest maestro of Birmingham and Warwickshire. They placed the magazine in second spot with its well-typed divisional reports, interesting controversial articles and generally well-planned set-up. Maurice—who was (he says) a good

player in his hey-day will have the opportunity to show his paces again, thanks to John Jaques and Son, who will be despatching to him two Karenza Mathews Butterfly bats and two Denis Neale bats.

Vic Bennett, the enthusiastic, happy-go-lucky editor of the Norwich magazine, 'Monthly Mardle' not only plays himself but has a son Douglas who is equally enthusiastic. The Norwich magazine is well set out, there are illustrations and a number of interesting articles. I hope Vic gets as much pleasure out of his three 'STIGA' bats (with covers) as the judges did out of reading his magazine.

Harold Webb, the editor of the North Middlesex magazine is giving up anti-loop, to the relief of most players in Division 2. He will, however be receiving two bats from S. W. HANCOCK AND SONS for the quality of his magazine. There was plenty to read in this magazine which however had fewer articles of general interest than some of the others.

One of the smallest leagues to enter was Mansfield, whose magazine 'TABLE TALK' was a racy, lively production. Tony Hewson, the editor can expect to receive two table tennis holdalls, with the compliments of A.D.B. Ltd.

Finally there is something of a 'mystery prize' for sixth spot. This has been won by the Reading League. Judi Charters certainly produced a beautifully typed magazine with plenty of pages and their prize is one of engraving. This will be arranged by F. Cordell & Sons in connection with the E.T.T.A. office.

Finally—thanks to all the leagues who were sporting enough to enter—and to the three judges — Philip Mulcahy, John Pike and John Woodford who did such a thorough job of marking the entries.



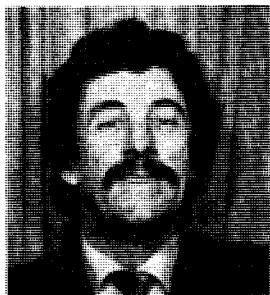
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Controversy



JOHN WOODFORD expounds at length on the tiny England women's squad . . .

I'm the last person to attack selectors. Having had a long innings as one myself I know that in any set of decisions there is often something bound to upset somebody and their supporters. It is a thankless task being on a selection committee and I am never surprised when at annual meetings, reluctant candidates have to be press-ganged into it.

That is not to say that selectors should be above criticism. They must expect it and they usually get it. It's often a question of the critics trying to find a platform — I have never felt that meetings of the National Council or the E.T.T.A. A.G.M. are NOT the right places; perhaps the letters columns of this magazine could be enlivened with constructive ideas on national selection

However, I am sure that there are large numbers of people in our game who have been puzzled for several if not a number of years by the restrictive policies adopted by the England selectors regarding the national women's squad and in particular, the very small number of women or girl players chosen to represent their country. It's almost a squad without reserves — heaven knows what would happen if our two top girls Jill Hammersley and Karenza Mathews suddenly became unavailable for any reason whatever.

Take possible illness alone. These two girls play themselves into the ground sometimes day after day, night after night in all sorts of events all over the world, no wonder Mrs Hammersley has recently announced she is not happy about departing on another tour of China; no wonder that Trevor Taylor and Denis Neale yearn for their annual change of summer scene on their holiday camp commitments.

Why is it, to return to the girls, that for the past three years it has been impossible for women players from No. 3 on the ranking list downwards to represent England? One exception only — Linda Howard who has been suitably rewarded for her breaking into the senior ranks last year.

Are they not good enough? This might be the answer, at least in the eyes of the selectors. Most of the players concerned — Lesley Radford, Shelagh Hession, Judy Williams and Susan Howard — have had the odd win against European and world-class

players. This suggests that given a chance they might succeed in Europe. Just look at the cups scooped up over the years by the two Rumanians Maria Alexandru and Eleonora Vlaicov.

Are they too old? Lesley Radford, married with a child trained a lot last season to produce results this year. After a very narrow loss against Karenza Mathews at the beginning of the campaign was told "You are playing well, but you don't stand a chance of selection — you'll give up too soon". Yet Lesley has been playing since she was 10 — so why should it be assumed that she'll give up before some of the current promising juniors? Who is the continental star still mopping up nearly all comers at the age of 35?

Is their style wrong? It seems to be assumed that "awkward" or in fact any defensive player, though effective at home, will cut no ice against the European women. Can we tell without finding out? Awkward players present most problems to people who have never played them before and spend a lot of time practising orthodox systems. Conversely, this means that stylists need to be that much better to be effective in a higher class.

Conditions in England are much faster than in Europe. Consistent hitters here find they lack penetration abroad whilst defensive and awkward players find the slower conditions suit them better.

So what can the players concerned do about it? They try to get results that count. Single successes are clearly not sufficient. Shelagh Hession has beaten Karenza Mathews and Marita Neidert (Sweden). She has been well up the rankings but never been given even a single game for England, even against home countries, in eleven years. Our top two girls are continuously playing at the higher level, our other girls hardly ever get the chance, perhaps once a year at the English Open. Even at this event no second ladies' team has been entered for several years, whereas two and sometimes three men's teams are fielded.

This is particularly choking when more money is now coming into the game and even countries like Eire send their Nos. 3 and 4 players for the experience. A ray of light — ranked players were invited to compete in the qualifying competition at the Commonwealth Championships — at their own expense. At Cardiff, England should have fielded at least six women and nine men. Look at the number of players often participating from the host country at the European and World championships. And then when the 1973 World's championships is only two hours flying time away, we send only three girls.

The policy of selecting the top team plus up-and-coming juniors has been followed for something like eight or nine years. The result is, that really only the top two have had any real international experience. Three years ago or more there were little breakthroughs by Lesley Radford and Judy Williams who were given a sniff of top play. Two more players who have given up going for the top are of course Pauline Piddock and Maureen Robson.

So we are back to square one — if Jill and Karenza give up next year, where are we? In trouble, because there are so many other distractions for young stars these days, just doing things like getting married for a start.

Marriage can appear a great deal more attractive than trying to reach the top for England at table tennis.

Unless a much wider range of players are given chances soon it looks as though our overall standard will go downhill steadily, yet more talent will be wasted and more players will give up altogether through resentment and frustration.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS SEMI-FINALS

By John Pike

The twin towers of Wembley are in sight, or at least it's equivalent in the table tennis world, as the semi-final draw was made this week for the National Club Championships.

One thing is certain this year, and that is that, it will be a North versus South cup final in the men's section, while the women's competition sees three of the last four teams coming from the South.

The Ormesby Cup for men first, and the big game in the North is at Ormesby itself where the holders take on English Electric from Liverpool. The other semi-final tie is in London where Fellows Cranleigh from the Barking League are at home to the Romford side, Dagenite. In the quarter-finals, Dagenite went to Southampton and beat Snobs Sports 5-4, while Fellows Cranleigh reached the last four with a 5-1

win over Staines League side, St. Annes.

While Ormesby remain one of the best men's teams in Europe, there is no success this year for their women's team. In the quarter-final of the Ladies' competition they were beaten 5-2 at home by Gatley Y.M.C.A. This win means the Stockport side are the sole survivors from the North, and will travel again in the semi-final to meet Letchworth Settlement from North Herts. The other tie is an all London affair with Gainsford having the home advantage over Maldon Wanderers from Chelmsford.

JUNIOR INTERNATIONALS SCOTS "WHITWASHED"

With only two sets needing a deciding game England inflicted a crushing 10-0 defeat on Scotland in a Junior International match played at Barmulloch Community Centre, Glasgow on Mar. 9/73. Scores:—

A. Barden bt D. Mullen 9, 6;
J. Kitchener bt J. McNee 14, 15.
Miss J. Walker bt Miss G. McKay -22, 10, 15.
Barden/Miss G. Taylor bt McNee/Miss P. Fleming 21, 18.
D. Alderson bt A. McCulloch 18, 16.
Kitchener bt Mullen 12, 10.
Miss G. Taylor bt Miss Fleming 14, 14.
Barden bt McCulloch 22, 13.
Alderson bt McNee 17, 9.
Miss Taylor/Miss Walker bt Miss McKay/Miss M. Smith -18, 13, 15.

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23 of Yorkshire's 25 quadruple title-winning players in party spirit at the Yorkshire dinner-dance at Knaresborough on May 1/73. From left—Front: Bert Dainty (County Match Sec.), Judith Walker, Denis Neale, Alan Ransome (holding Premier Division trophy), Tony Clayton, Jimmy Walker, David Alderson (holding Junior Premier Division trophy); Middle: Brian Alderson, John Krier, Sylvia Broadbent, Karen Wilson, Lynda Sutton, Tony Martin, John Kedge, Philip Ward; Back: Jeanette Richardson, Pat Clements, Mike Thirkettle, Carole Grayson, Julie McLean, Melody Ludi, Stephen Souter, Robert Wiley and Andrew Kilburn. Nicky Jarvis and Paul Cox were not present when the picture was taken by Tony Ross.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

ORMESBY HAT-TRICK

On Apr. 30 last, Ormesby TTC became the first club to win all 3 sections of the Yorkshire Club Championships in the same season, beating Moor Allerton (Leeds) in the men's team competition, Barnsley North End in the women's and Hull Y.P.I. in the junior. The winners and runners-up in the Yorkshire League were:—

Div. 1 — Middlesbrough I (Huddersfield I); Div. 2 — Halifax I (Sheffield II); Div. 3—Harrogate I (Middlesbrough III); Div. 4—Castleford/Pontefract I (Doncaster II); Div. 5—Halifax III (Wharfedale and Airedale).

Women—Middlesbrough I (Barnsley); Junior: Bradford I (Middlesbrough); Veterans: Bradford II (Barnsley).

Yorkshire League Merit Awards, which go to the player(s) in each division who has/have (i) won the most and (ii) lost the least number of sets, were awarded to:— Div. 1—David Alderson (Middlesbrough) (won 13, lost 1) and John Kedge (Huddersfield) (13—1); Div. 2 — Brian Dawson (Halifax) (15—1); Div. 3—Graham Carr (Harrogate) (13—3); Div. 4—B. Potter (Barnsley) (15—1); Div. 5—Paul Dykes (Wharfedale and Airedale) (13—3); Women—Carol Knight (Middlesbrough) (16—0); Junior (Boys)—Philip Halmshaw (Bradford) (23—1); Junior (Girls)—Melody Ludi (Bradford) (10—2); Veterans—Brian Starkie (Barnsley) (18—0).

Bob Shutt (19) is the new Bradford champion, beating the holder and next-door neighbour Paul Cotten-

ham in Rd. 3. Steve Worsman, who had earlier defeated Jim Yeats, was Shutt's final opponent. Sylvia Broadbent was the WS winner and Melody Ludi took the GS title. In the boys' event, Greg Hill defeating Steve Waring, who had had earlier wins over the higher-ranked David Renton and Philip Halmshaw.

In Harrogate, Leeds and Northumberland player Alan Jones retained his local MS title with a win over David Shaw in a repeat of last season's final, whilst in the Halifax Closed, David Lamb defeated holder Keith Guy in the MS final.

Over in Hull, Clive Pollard, regained the MS title he last held 12 years ago, after knocking out holder Neil Fulstow in the semis, and Gordon Birch in the final. Lynda Sutton retained her WS title with a win over GS winner Karen Wilson. The boys' event went to David Robson, victor over Malcolm Noble, after he had beaten Steve Gray, Mike Thirkettle's conqueror.

At Doncaster, Mick Dainty beat John Keys to retain his MS title. St. Mary's Y.C., South Elmsall, provided a trio of young winners, with Pat Waldron taking the WS, Paul Cox the U-18 BS and Alan Summerscales the U-15 BS.

Surprise winner last year, Geoff Sagar did the same again this year to take the Barnsley MS title, with Lillias Hamilton also retaining the women's. David Starkie made it a successive hat-trick of BS successes.

The Middlesbrough Closed finals had not been played at press-time, but the wealth of talent provided a few shocks in the earlier rounds. In the MS, Brian Alderson put out Durham champion Malcolm Corking in Rd. 1, and Tony Martin in Rd. 2, but then avoided a clash with his brother David in the semis by losing

to Dennis Reed.

In the other semi, Jimmy Walker was due to play Alan Ransome. Andrew Kilburn hammered his way to the finals of both U-15 and U-17 BS, where he was due to face Stephen Souter and David Alderson respectively, having already beaten, in the U-17 event, Souter and Brian Alderson.

Congratulations to Social Secretary, Alan Cram, on the success of the well-attended County Dinner Dance on May 1.

E.T.T.U. CALENDAR 1973/4

September		
7/9	Czech Junior Open	
October		
5/7	Polish Open	Lubline
12/14	Spanish Open	Alecante
November		
2/4	Yugoslav Open	
14/15	Hungarian Open	Budapest
Last week	Scandinavian Open	Malmö
1974		
January		
15/18	USSR Invitation	Vilnius
20/22	Rumanian Open	Cluj
25/27	Czech Open	Prague
February		
10/12	ETTU Classification (Top 12)	Sweden
15/16	Irish Open	Dublin
24/25	Federal German Open	Munich
February 28/March 2		
	English Open	Brighton
March		
10/11	Welsh Open	Cardiff
23/24	Scottish Open	Edinburgh
April		
6/13	EUROPEAN CHAMPS.	Novi Sad

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Hastings, Sussex.
TN34 1HA.

to whom they should be returned by 18th June, 1973.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS SCHOOL 1973 KOLBODA, SWEDEN

The Swedish Sport University are again holding a summer school for table tennis players of all ages and stages from the 3rd of June to 15th September at Kolboda, situated 25 kilometres south of Kalmar, Sweden.

Instruction is under the top Swedish coaches and play is on 30 Stiga tables and 5 Dunlop tables.

Charges are 260 Swedish Kroner per week except for the period 8th July to 4th August when the price rises to 310 Sw. Kr. per week. (£24 and £28 approx.). Minimum period of booking—one week.

A week commences with evening meal on a Sunday through to lunch-time the following Saturday. The price includes full board and all coaching fees.

Full details and all bookings to:—

Mr. Johan Messa,
Oxenstiernas Vag 159,
S—184 00 Akersberga,
Sweden.
Telephone: 0764-62560.

U-13 CHAMPIONS

Martin Shuttle (Surrey) and Angela Mitchell (Middlesex) were the winners of the Halex U-13 National Singles Championships at the Abbey Stadium, Redditch on Saturday, May 12.

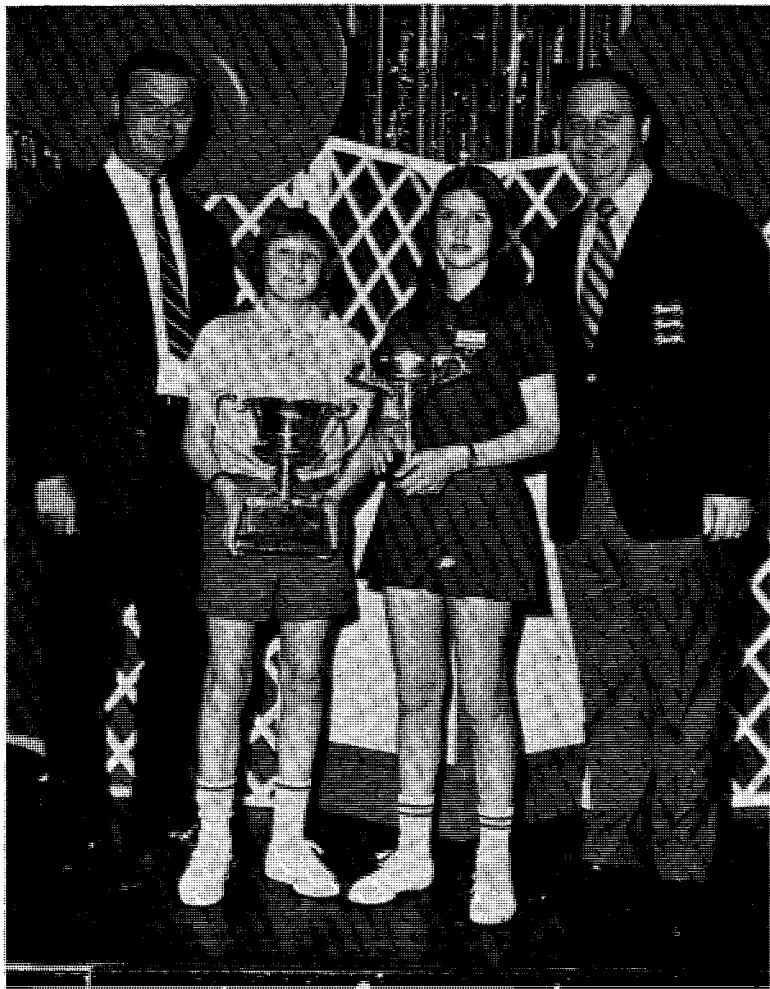
Although tying with Chris Rogers (Leics.) and David Newman (Essex), all with 7 sets won and one lost, Shuttle had the superior game average despite losing to Newman who, in turn, lost to Rogers.

Angela Mitchell had the impressive record of seven successive wins, all in straight games. Suzanne Hunt was the runner-up and Angela Tierney finished third.

'NEWS OF THE WORLD' COACHING SCHEME

Table Tennis 'Tigers'

by JOHNNY LEACH



The winning line-up (from l. to r.) Mr. Bobby Butlin, David Newman, Belinda Chamberlain and Scheme Administrator, Johnny Leach.



The whole company at Bognor Regis with coaches Karenza Mathews and Brian Burns to Johnny's right and Alan Hydes and Suzanna Kavallierou to his left.

Two 13-year-old table tennis tigers gifted with attacking flair and fame at their fingertips were on Sunday, Apr. 29 acclaimed the News of the World "Boy" and "Girl of the Year".

Slim, left-handed David Newman, of Maldon, Essex and pretty, pig-tailed Belinda Chamberlain, of Buckden, Hunts., proved outstanding among the sixteen finalists at Butlin's Bognor Regis Camp, and hence the pick of 40,000 teenagers who took part in the whole News of the World National Coaching Scheme at Butlin Holiday Camps last summer. They are guaranteed every help and encouragement to emulate those past title-holders who have climbed to stardom.

David and Belinda were the unanimous choice of our international team of coaches, which included past winners in Karenza Mathews and Alan Hydes, though David in particular had very fierce competition in the latter stages. They received their trophies from Mr. Bobby Butlin in front of an appreciative crowd in Butlin's Regency Ballroom.

Earlier in the day that same crowd thrilled to the exciting rallies in the Pupil Partners Doubles Competition contested by boy-and-girl partnerships from each of the eight Butlin Camps. This was eventually won by the Skegness team of 15-year-old Michael Douglas of Crawley, Sussex and 13-year-old Susan Hunt, of Grantham, Lincs. from Minehead, represented by Gary Hamilton of Wolverton and Wendy Brown, of Dronfield, Sheffield.

The last named were also runners-up for individual awards, finishing joint 3rd and 4th respectively.

Other runners-up were:—

BOYS—2nd Trevor Burrows, 15, of Crewe, Cheshire. Joint 3rd Keith Richardson, 13, of Soham, Cambs.

GIRLS—2nd Patricia Allen, 15, of Malpas, Cheshire. 3rd Anne Wallis, 15, of Wellingborough, Northants.

Standards were extremely high throughout the competition, and any of the sixteen finalists could be rated a potential England representative of the future. For once the English boys and girls outclassed those from Scotland and Wales.

It was notable how many competitors favoured the all-out attacking style. This was refreshing, but no youngster today should neglect altogether his defensive technique. Modern world championship play demands strength in all departments of the game.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

BOY

1955	George Fearnley
1956	Howell Jones
1957	George Livesey
1958	David Creamer
1959	Nigel Ive
1960	Chester Barnes
1961	Colin Cadwallader
1962	David Brown
1963	Alan Hydes
1964	Stuart Gibbs/Jim Langan
1965	Trevor Taylor
1966	Haydn Thomas

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Michael Douglas and Susan Hunt, winners of the Pupil Partners Doubles Competition.

1967 Peter Taylor
 1968 Tony Langan
 1969 Ian Horsham
 1970 Robert Hellaby
 1971 Paul Day

GIRL

1955 Jacqueline Butcher
 1956 Margaret Bradnum
 1957 Carol Bagshaw
 1958 Hilda Brautigham
 1959 Diane Fitzgerald
 1960 Lesley Bell
 1961 Lesley Proudlock
 1962 Pat Dainty
 1963 Linda Henwood
 1964 Pauline Hemmings
 1965 Karenza Smith
 1966 Jill Shirley
 1967 Elaine Smith
 1968 Lynda Chesson
 1969 Lynda Jones
 1970 Janet Hellaby
 1971 Judith Walker

FUND RAISING

World Championships 1977

by LOUIS HOFFMAN

IN Sarajevo, England took up their option to stage the 34th World Championships in 1977 at Brighton. This is a fact. And another is that the cost of staging this enormous spectacle of our sport at today's prices would be in the region of £150,000! By 1977 this conservative amount could spiral to anything up to a ¼-million.

Well, having got that off my chest, let me now tell you that I have been given the task of Fund Raising. In the very near future I shall be putting into operation schemes for raising

money and the reason for such early notice is to call upon the table tennis fraternity at large to render all possible assistance by submitting ideas of how to raise the necessary money.

All such suggestions and/or donations should be sent to me, Lou Hoffman, F.R., 33a Grove Avenue, London, N.10. I do most sincerely hope that if and when your Club, League or County is approached for help that same will be readily forthcoming in that spirit of enthusiasm so very necessary for a Super World Table Tennis Championships.

HASTINGS WINKLE CLUB

ON the occasion of the England v. France match at Hastings on the 6th March, 1973, Charles Wyles and Keith Watts were made members of the Hastings Winkle Club in recognition of their long services to Table Tennis.

Those present at the induction ceremony which consisted of presenting them with a winkle (which is the symbol of membership) and their membership card, were Mr. John Burton, the President, Mr. Charlie White (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Charlie White (Junior) and Bill Vint (members).

The Winkle Club was founded in 1900 by the fishermen of Hastings with the main idea of helping others less fortunate than themselves. During the course of years many famous people who have visited Hastings have been made members including the Duke of Windsor (when he was the Prince of Wales), Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Robert Menzies, Field-

Marshal Lord Montgomery and Sir Alec Rose.

The Rules of the Club provide that if a member is challenged by another member and is unable to produce his winkle, he is fined — to the advantage of the funds!

Besides having an annual supper and giving a New Year Party to children, the Club fund raising events are organised and over a period of time considerable sums have been given to charity.

A.K.V.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

Another season over and I am afraid very little glory again for Staffs. The best performance came from the "B" team who finished runners-up to Glamorgan in the Midland division. The "A" team and veterans both finished in the bottom half of the table while the juniors had one of their worst ever seasons and were left at the finish holding the wooden spoon. To all four teams, better luck next season. In the Staffs. County League, the first division title is still undecided at the time of writing, but it will rest between the Potteries and West Bromwich. All the other divisions are clear cut with the winners as follows: Division 2—Potteries, runners-up—Stone; Division 3—Wolverhampton, runners-up—Potteries; Division 4—Wolverhampton, runners-up—Stone. In addition to this, Wolverhampton won the third division of the Midland League.

At the end of April, West Bromwich were just one game away from

the final of the Coca-Cola J. M. Rose Bowl, but if they are to be at Harlow on the 27th May, they must first win their semi-final tie at Stockport.

In the quarter-finals of the Bromfield Trophy, Wolverhampton were beaten 6-3 by Cheshunt, but all credit to the Wolves youngsters for getting this far in the competition.

Another full programme was completed at the Highfield Centre, but I hope next season, we shall see some of the Staffordshire players helping out. This season county coach, Jim Hayward, has been most grateful for the help given at the centre by the Birmingham players.

The Staffordshire selection committee will be working to a new policy next season when it comes to team selection. A number of changes were made relating to county players in a new set of rules issued at the end of April and approved by the county committee in May.

Two A.G.M. dates. The County hold theirs at Burton Manor, Stafford, on Sunday, June 24th at 3.30 while Goodyears is the venue for the Wolverhampton meeting on Thursday, June 14th.

Local youngsters, R. Legge, G. Round, and J. Hinton were all hoping to do well in the Joseph Leckie Junior tournament, held at the Walsall school at the beginning of May.

At the end of season dances and presentations, Hughie Porter a household name in the cycling world, did the honours at Wolverhampton, while at Darlaston, the pots were handed out by the West Bromwich secretary and now E.T.T.A. Vice-President, Arthur Wall.

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Royal Patronage

Her Majesty The Queen, in addition to being the Patron of the English Table Tennis Association, is also Patron of the Boys' Brigade to whose headquarters at Brigade House, Parsons Green she paid a recent visit.

The Queen is here seen chatting to former Middlesex international Laurie Landry who was running a table tennis coaching session on the premises. Boys' Brigade President, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, completes the group.

Photo by courtesy of Ronald Chapman, Enfield, Middlesex.

Halex Under-13 Singles Championships

By Ian R. Crickmer

165 boys and 89 girls took part in the Regional play of these championships at eight centres on the weekend of April 7th and 8th. The resultant winners who will contest the National Finals on Saturday, May 12th, at The Abbey Sports Centre, Birmingham Road, Redditch, are:

Boys:

Richard Jermyn, North Hertfordshire—Region 6.

David Newman, Chelmsford—Region 5.

Christopher Reed, Barrow-in-Furness—Region 2.

Christopher Rogers, Leicester—Region 3.

Martin Shuttle, Thames Valley—Region 7.

Andrew Smith, Birmingham—Region 4.

Michael Thirkettle, Hull—Region 1.

Richard Trim, Shaftesbury—Region 8.

Girls:

Belinda Chamberlain, St. Neots—Region 5.

Jane Dovey, Gloucester—Region 4.

Linda Holmes, Derby—Region 2.

Suzanne Hunt, Grantham—Region 3.

Angela Mitchell, North Middlesex—Region 6.

Janet New, Bournemouth—Region 7.

Angela Tierney, North East Summer—Region 1.

Mary Wakely, Exeter—Region 8.

Play in the National Finals will commence at 12.30 p.m., and the system of play has this year been amended to allow each finalist to play the other seven title contenders.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

PRESTON ARE CHAMPIONS

Founded in 1929, the Preston and District TTL really had something to celebrate at their prize distribution on May 11 when they took possession of The Sydney Richardson Challenge Cup as champions, for the first time, of the First Division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, first won by Blackpool back in 1938.

But it was no easy run-in the Prestonians had in their final match, away to Chester on Apr. 13. Down 0-3 they had to really pull out all the stops to win 6-4 but champagne corks duly popped as Donald Parker, Tony Rigby and Jim Clegg finally drank to their success in the company of inter-league secretary George Ressel. Final table:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	7	6	1	0	47	23	13
Manchester ...	7	5	1	1	47	23	11
Liverpool	7	4	2	1	43	27	10
Stockport	7	4	1	2	37	33	9
Bolton	7	2	1	4	34	36	5
Farnworth ...	7	2	1	4	30	40	5
Blackpool	7	0	2	5	23	47	2
Chester	7	0	1	6	19	51	1

Replacing demoted Blackpool and Chester for next season will be Blackburn and Sale, champions, respectively, of Divisions 2 (N) and (S).

Manchester retained their Women's Div. 1 title when, in their final match, they beat Bury 8-2. The Junior Div. 1 title went to Lancaster and Morecambe but in the play-off between the top four leagues, Stockport came through to win the Jack Livingstone Memorial Trophy. Final junior table (leading positions):—

Lanc./Mor. ...	8	7	0	1	50	30	14
Bury	8	5	1	2	54	26	11
Preston	8	4	2	2	48	32	10
Stockport	8	4	2	2	43	37	10

Congratulations to Lancashire on their return to the Premier Division of the CTC and to Donald Parker in winning 7 out of his 8 singles sets at Redditch which might well have had something to do with his elevation to No. 16 in the senior ranking list recently issued.

SPORTS HOLIDAYS AT SCARBOROUGH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Holidays with a difference have been arranged for the summer this year by the Sports Council. Young people under 18 will have the opportunity of a coaching holiday in any one of five sports, either on a day basis or resident at Scarborough College.

The first week—28th July - 4th August, includes an advanced cricket course for selected players for which scholarships are available, which has been organised in co-operation with the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, while courses in Table Tennis and Trampolining are open to boys and girls of all abilities.

The second week, 4th August - 11th August, has Cricket and Basketball for boys and a Badminton course for boys and girls at all levels of ability.

The fee for each course is £15.40 (including V.A.T.) for full accommodation or £6.60 (non-resident). Details and application forms are available from:—

The Sports Council,
5 St. Paul's Street,
LEEDS LS1 2NQ.
(Tel. 36443).

POP-MOBILITY TRAINING

by ALAN DINES

Coaching Organiser, Reading.
Organiser, ETTA Regional Centre,
Reading, and Secretary, ETTA
Southern Coaching Area.

Ken Woolcott the athletics coach has developed training to pop music to a very advanced level during the last seven years. His method is based on a two hour session in which various sets of exercises are performed to about 35 pop records. The programme is carefully worked out to exercise different groups of muscles in sequence. A very high standard of fitness is demanded and achieved—teenage girls are able to perform exercise routines which include 18 or 36 press ups to a record. There are different exercise routines to about 60 records so that variety or specialisation can be introduced to any session.

A demonstration session was staged in Reading on April 6th for the Reading Coaching Organisation and the Reading Regional Centre. This was attended by table tennis coaches from a wide area and many representatives from other sports. Ken Woolcott and his team of demonstrators generated an enthusiastic response from those present who were all soon convinced that this method of training is now highly developed and extremely valuable.

The training programme run by Ken Woolcott in London includes pop-mobility training sessions twice a

week, and these are attended by a large number of established and up-and-coming stars from a wide range of sports. These or similar sessions would be of considerable benefit to many of the better and high potential table tennis players.

Physical fitness is generally recognised as a key factor in success at table tennis and training to pop music achieves a more enthusiastic approach and a high work rate. A few of those attending this special demonstration session in Reading were familiar with some concepts of exercising to music, but left highly impressed with the system developed by Ken Woolcott.

This demonstration should lead to some interesting applications and development of pop-mobility training for table tennis.

GOVERNMENT URGED TO EASE EFFECTS OF VAT ON SPORT

Dr. Roger Bannister, chairman of the Sports Council, has appealed to the Government to change their minds and ease the affects of Value Added Tax on sport.

In a letter to Anthony Barber, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Bannister described the introduction of V.A.T. from 1 April as "a sad day for British sport".

He stressed the dependence of amateur sport on the devoted and unpaid efforts of thousands of supporters throughout the country. He added: "I am most concerned that the additional burden of V.A.T. will not only have a depressing effect on sport as a whole but will also, by imposing further demands on the administrators' time and energies, start to undermine this essential voluntary support."

Dr. Bannister made the following firm proposals:—

1. Subscriptions to sports clubs and associations should be exempt from V.A.T. in the same way that subscriptions to trade, professional and vocational associations are already excluded.
2. Courses in sport and physical recreation should be zero rated or exempt from V.A.T. on the grounds that they are of an educational nature and can, in many cases, be considered as a normal extension to a physical education curriculum.
3. That certain safety and life-saving equipment associated with physical recreation should be zero rated.
4. Admission charges to sports centres and events should be zero rated. It is the Sports Council's view that the arguments which led to the abolition of the entertainment's tax are equally valid today.

Dr. Bannister's letter to the Chancellor followed the completion of a wide-ranging investigation into the effects of V.A.T. on sport which was carried out with the help of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the governing bodies of sport and a number of sports centres.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

by Hon. Sec.,
Laurie Landry

A FAIRLY active year and some new members bring our membership to nearly 140. The main events were the highly successful 2nd Rubber Bat Open and the match with the Chess-hunt League celebrating their Silver Jubilee. The International Club Trophy will be played for at the English Junior Open for the Boys' Team event.

With so many members it is not difficult for the Club to involve itself in celebrations of any type so if there is any League or Association that wishes the International Club to provide a team of Juniors, Veterans or present day full Internationals just contact me at 53 Highfield Road, London, N.W.6 1QD (01-794 6753).

Joseph Leckie 1 Star

By John Pike

THIS new Joseph Leckie tournament at Walsall for juniors is here to stay. With 225 entries and 14 events, it was a new tournament on view for the first time, and what an impact it made. Like the F.A. Cup final, played on the same day, this tournament had its moments of greatness and disappointments.

Taking the latter first, and one must feel sorry for Marilyn Sangster from North Acton. She appeared in no fewer than five finals but only came out on top in the Girls Under-15 doubles with Susan Dove. Another disappointment fell to Gary Alden, the Northants No. 2, who had to leave the tournament because of suffering from migraine, but this I am glad to say had a happy ending. With Gary not returning on the second day, his brother Kevin teamed up with Leamington's Ewan Ferlie. The outcome? They took the Cambridge cup by winning the Boys' doubles. Now those moments of greatness and some of the youngsters that stood out above the rest. Trevor Burrows from Crewe, Bristol's Chris Sewell, Roger Idowu of Sale, Bolton's Nigel Hallows, although he lost in three finals, he won the mixed with Susan Dove. Susan herself won three trophies, and we saw another good display from Birmingham's Di St. Ledger. Both the consolation prizes went to Staffordshire players with Robert Legge (Cannock) taking the boys'; and Wolverhampton's Janet Carr picking up the girls'. With their first tournament behind them, one can only find praise for Sid Parker and his committee, and I thought it very fitting at the end, that the tournament referee, Ian Crickmer, should receive a tankard from the committee.

RESULTS:—

U-17 EVENTS

BS: T. Burrows (Ches) bt N. Hallows (Lancs) 19, 14.
GS: D. St. Ledger (Warwks) bt M. Sangster (Middx) 15, 11.
BD: K. Alden (Nthnts)/E. Ferlie (Warwks) bt Burrows/G. Jackson (Ches) 14, 20.
GD: K. Groves (Warwks)/St. Ledger bt S. Dove (Middx)/Sangster 15, 20.

XD: Hallows /Dove bt K. Alden/Sangster 20, 16, 18.

U-15 EVENTS

BS: C. Sewell (Gloucs) bt Hallows 13, 15.
GS: Dove bt Sangster 14, 13.
BD: Burrows/D. Shropshire (Warwks) bt Hallows/I. Smith (Lancs) 15, 11.
GD: Dove/Sangster bt J. New (Hants)/R. Newman (Cambs) 12, 14.

U-13 EVENTS

BS: R. Idowu (Lancs) w.o. G. Alden (Nthnts).
GS: S. Hunt (Lincs) bt V. Feakin (Nthnts) 10, 20.
BD: Idowu/E. Waiters (Ches) bt A. Sankey/A. Smith (Warwks) 16, 14.

U-11 EVENTS

BS: G. Baker (Nthnts) bt C. Wilson (Hants) 19, 9.
GS: M. Smith (Berks) bt G. Heath (Berks) 13, 11.

From the Editor's Postbag

WORTHY OF PRAISE

One reads about International Table Tennis, but rarely do we hear very much about what should be classed as the "back-bone" of the sport, the league clubs.

These are the teams who play week in and week out, fielding dedicated players, who in my opinion, build the interest for all young boys and girls and play a major part in every Table Tennis Tournament throughout the country. Players who know they have no chance of winning high honours, but on every occasion you will see them battling away until defeated and hoping above all else to play a ranked player.

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EASY MONEY

After reading the editorial in the April edition I can only say that the newspaper reporters of this country earn easy money. Your topic was the scratching of Neale and Taylor from the Norwich Union International Championships and to quote your words "under the full glare of national publicity". That is quite a laugh since the first I knew of it was when I read TT News.

Table tennis on the whole is very poorly reported in the national press, hardly any of the results of the 2nd Commonwealth Championships were printed and even the coverage of the recent World Championships was scant to say the least. But they did print Neale's victory over a past holder of the men's singles title.

Who is to blame for the lack of table tennis results in the national press — according to you it is not the reporters as, at big events, they are

present in mass — so it must be the Sports Editors. But why send reporters if they have no intention of printing their copy. It is time the E.T.T.A. had a show down with the press barons in an endeavour to get our sport reported, not more fully, but just reported. Thank heavens for Table Tennis News, even if some of the results are somewhat dated as is inevitable with a monthly publication.

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Why not write in to the Sports Editor of your particular newspaper and complain. Both The Guardian and the Daily Telegraph carried comprehensive reports from Sarajevo.—Ed.

PROTEST REGISTERED

I WOULD like to protest that again this season's finals of the Coca-Cola National Team Competitions are held away from the North.

The ETTA has a duty to all its members and therefore the venues for these events should move throughout the country, but I feel the North always gets the "rough end of the stick" when details are sorted out in our "Southern" H.Q.

If you wish for a specific grievance then I site the case of Stockport women who last year travelled to Birmingham for the Rose Bowl final, which I admit is reasonably central, and this year have to go to Harlow in Essex — if they manage to reach the final next year will it be the Isle of Wight?

I think the time has come for more "National" thinking for these National Trophies, let us see the finals of 1974 somewhere in the North.

GEORGE STAFFORD

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TAKE THE PLUNGE

IT'S quite natural that stars of sport make the headlines and coverage in their respective media magazines. Such reading is fine for top-liners and above average performers, but as our subject is Table Tennis, of what intense interest is such news to the below average.

Not so long ago, a League Secretary, an excellent player, told me he didn't know really much about the lower divisions of his League. His knowledge was adequate but not intimate.

It seems to me that much larger and wider circulation could be achieved by describing life "below stairs" in our table tennis leagues.

A page devoted to play and conditions of less talented but equally enthusiastic low division players would be very readable to those who play for enjoyment and no desire to take the sport too seriously, or indeed could not.

Though having no choice in the matter it has always seemed to me a cheerful game and a social evening was surely more enjoyable than the frenzied efforts of top players to do or die. Although, of course, bless 'em, we would perish without 'em.

Harking back to my St. Bride's Institute days (Ludgate Circus, London) in winter, the covering of the swimming pool there with wooden planks was simply great for table

tennis. I believe it is permanent there now.

Swimming Baths having dressing rooms and other amenities used in this way for t.t. in the winter months are splendid. There must be dozens that could be converted for this purpose and provide an unexpected income for the council.

It might interest the ETTA to know that the small swimming bath at the White Rock Main Baths is completely unused throughout the year by the public. Who knows, an enquiry, might be a new Hastings TT HQ.

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DURHAM NOTES

by Fred Inch

Jim Liddell, Durham County Vice-President and Philadelphia League President died at the age of 44 years on Saturday, April 14th, 1973 and many Officials and representatives of Leagues throughout the County attended the funeral to pay their respects and below is a tribute, given by Don Charlton, Secretary of the Philadelphia League and County Coaching Chairman.

"The death of our President, Jim Liddell, is a great shock to his family as well as to his friends in Table Tennis.

As an official of the Philadelphia League for many years in the post of Treasurer he worked tirelessly for the good of the League and Table Tennis as a whole.

As President he had at all times an active interest in the welfare and well-being of all members.

As a person, a finer man you could not wish to find, quiet and quietly spoken, with an integrity beyond question, who would not hesitate to speak his mind if he thought an injustice was being done to anyone.

I spoke with him last, early on the Saturday morning. Table tennis was of course being discussed, something he said to me was simply Jimmy Liddell when he said 'The result does not matter as long as we play the game'".

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

Last month I reported the death of Ted Brooks, one of our vice-presidents, from Newport. It is now my sad duty to record the loss of yet another, Ray Harris of Bristol, who passed away early in April. He was our chairman for many years and, upon his retirement four years ago, was made a vice-president of the League.

He served the League well, as did Ted, and we shall miss these faithful friends of ours. In addition, both had given yeoman service to their respective leagues and long will their devoted services be remembered. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to their families.

On the playing front we have another successful season and my sincere thanks go to all League Secretaries for their loyal co-operation.

Midland League

by PHILIP REID

Practically all the Midland League titles have now been settled but first let's look at the Veterans' 1st Division. Oxford and Coventry both arrived at the final match with 100% records. An exciting match ended with the spoils shared but this was good enough to give Oxford the championship on sets average. The last three years—in fact the ONLY three years—these teams have met the score has on each occasion been a draw. Alan Bury recorded a splendid maximum. In his three seasons in the Midland League Arthur Davies has won 60 out of 63 sets—on each occasion he has lost it has been to Alan Bury!!

It has in fact been a good season for Oxford veterans since their 2nd team have also topped their division. Gloucester had a mathematical chance of catching them if they could beat Derby 10-0 but two good wins by D. Salmon spoiled any chances of that happening. Accompanying Leicester to the Veterans' 2nd Division next season will be Nottingham 'B' who needed to win outright against Coventry in their final match to stay up. An 8-2 defeat ended their hopes.

Leicester Juniors have come in with a late spurt and taken the Junior 1st Division title. Chris Rogers has been the lynchpin of the Leicester side being unbeaten in his 18 encounters this season. Not a bad performance for a 12-year-old! An outright win was needed against Chesterfield in the final match of the season and it was a match Leicester won 9-1. Their previous encounter—with Derby—was the vital match and here they managed a 6-4 victory. Chesterfield themselves narrowly avoided relegation, Coventry 'B' going down with Cheltenham, having collected two less SETS than the crooked spire town!

Birmingham won the Men's 1st Division and called on twelve players to do it. Richard Habgood made his debut in the first team (having twice played in the third team) and now qualifies for his Birmingham badge. Well done Richard! Hincley's final match with Birmingham 'B' decided the relegation issue and a 6-4 defeat for the South Leicestershire side put paid to their hopes of retaining 1st Division status. Birmingham's hero was Barry Hayward who showed he can play as well as coach in recording a maximum. Backed with two from Graham Binney, and the doubles, Birmingham 'B' are now safe for another season.

In the Men's 3rd Division Wolverhampton 'B' and Nottingham 'B' gain promotion. Wolverhampton have only to draw with Redditch in their final match to finish top.

KENT NOTES

by Brian Jordan

The Kent League season drags on into May this year, with far too many matches being postponed or left unplayed, primarily because of the reluctance of some players and Associations to fulfil their obligations to the County league, preferring, instead, to enter numerous tournaments. Clearly if next season's programme

is to run more smoothly the number of postponed matches must be drastically reduced and the Executive Committee must insist that matches, once arranged, must be played, if necessary with weakened teams.

Of the League's 10 divisions, three remained unresolved at the time of writing as do many of the promotion and relegation issues.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

The Cambs. team's lack of consistency is emphasised in the individual averages, where no player has averaged more than 50%. Michael Harper, Sally Hirst, and Ken Muhr

all averaged a win every two sets, but Day surprisingly could only manage a win every three. The three doubles sets continue to be a big failing and only the mixed produced more wins than losses. The individual averages for the season were as follows:—

	Played	Won
Michael Harper	10	5
Ken Muhr	4	2
Tony Littlechild	10	4
Paul Day	6	2
Sally Hirst	4	2
Ruth Puddick	1	0

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

The Northumberland League fix-

tures have now been completed, and the Division winners and runners-up are:—

- Div. 1: Byker CC 'A' and Reyrolles 'A'.
- Div. 2A: Byker CC 'B' and Reyrolles 'C'.
- Div. 2B: Reyrolles 'B' and Newcastle University 'A'.
- Div. 3A: Electrics 'C' and Wills SRC 'A'.
- Div. 3B: St. Wilfred's BC and Byker CC 'C'.
- Div. 3C: Leam Lane CC and Newton.
- Div. 4A: Sterling Winthrop 'B' and North Shields YMCA 'D'.
- Div. 4B: Health and Social Services and Ponteland Adult.
- Div. 4C: South Shields YMCA 'C' and Vickers Michell.

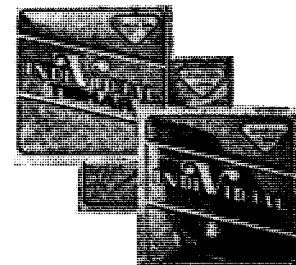
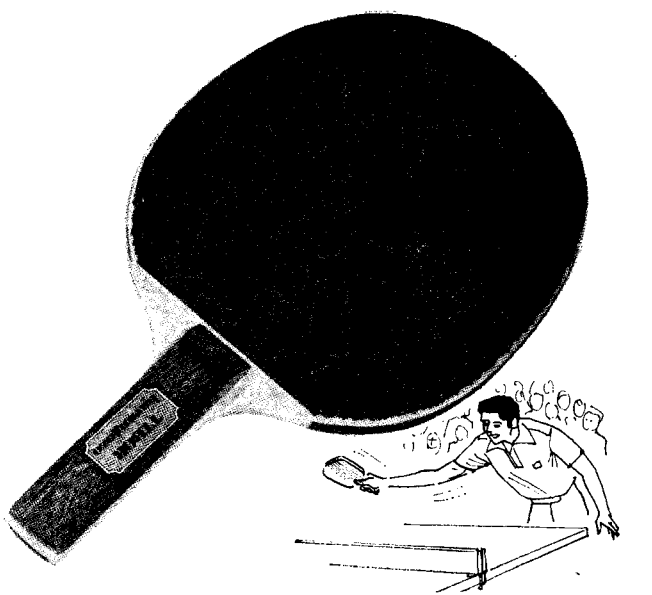
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In the Coaching Field

by John O'Sullivan

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

INSTEAD of looking ahead to spotlight what is forthcoming on the coaching scene it might be as well to look back and see if we have gained anything from past efforts.

From the coaches themselves complaints have been made that they are not given sufficient notice of impending courses and, on occasions, never hear of them at all. It is also difficult for coaches who are married to leave their wives on too many occasions, especially so if also engaged in playing table tennis in addition to coaching, say on two nights per week.

This complaint was emphasized when a coaching course was residential over a weekend entailing a husband, or wife, being away for more than one day. On enquiry, I found that, in respect of the first grouse, the problem was more of a local one involving a breakdown in communications from some coaching and league secretaries.

I dare not make too many comments about the second point, involving one's opposite number, but if the coaches who do attend courses are indicative, I think that 'Women's Lib' must have a strong foothold.

From the students desirous of coaching, come moans about lack of continuity and, in some areas, no coaching at all. This again indicates that Staff Coaches must have some idea as to which coaches, in their particular area, are willing to travel and indications should be afforded as to how far.

Having said all that, I may have given the impression that there is precious little coaching taking place. But this is not true for I am constantly hearing of school groups, and other centres, positively thriving all over the country. Regretably it is not always qualified people who involve themselves and those that do are grossly overworked.

These groups receive little outside attention mainly because so little is known about them. So, come on, brag a little about your group, and let us hear about you.

Only the advertised courses, run by the Staff Coaches, come to the notice of the table tennis community at large. These will, of course, still be reported on, but don't hide your light under the table tennis table.

With all the coaching taking place, why is there a problem concerning juniors receiving tuition? I thought I would count the coaches whose names are listed on the official ETTA register. This proved too lengthy a job with many hundreds of names and lots of pages. I gave up the task.

Yet when refresher courses are set up, or courses offering new information, it is considered a success if it attracts 20-30 applicants! Of the courses I have attended, and they have been numerous, it is always the same faces one encounters no matter in what part of the country the courses are held.

It seems that very few coaches are able to attend, perhaps due to the reasons previously advanced, or that

they are simply not interested. Such being the case it would seem a great pity as the courses can be most enjoyable as well as informative.

Having already covered in detail the previous courses held by Northern Staff Coach, Peter Simpson, at Lea Green it is not my intention to repeat myself by elaborating on the most recent one, held at Carnegie College, Leeds. I would only add that this was the last of a series formulated to stimulate new ideas for coaches to take away for further study.

To this degree the courses succeeded, and there could be more, But unless the demand is greater, resulting in higher attendances, it would appear that the effort required to organise, including research and

preparation, is a high price to pay for such little return.

During April, both Bryan Merrett and Peter Simpson journeyed to the World Championships in Yugoslavia. Following the issue of their report on the championships, and the direction in which the game is evolving, it may be possible to take a further look at our own coaching methods.

It would appear that after every World Championships we discover a new facet to the game, and we all start practising like mad, and it happens that what was once frowned upon, suddenly becomes in vogue.

I mention this, because in previous notes, I have said that we always seem too be copying other nations' training methods, be it the Scandi-

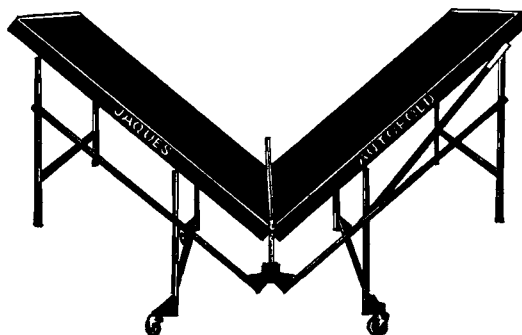
navian or Asiatic countries.

Personally I would like to see our own Staff Coaches come up with the 'English Method', and if the Asians wish to copy it, let us just tell them enough to keep them at least half a step behind.

Peter Hirst has been officiating at courses for schools and teachers in addition to running a Training Camp at Lea Green as well as student courses at various places throughout his region.

The next issue of Table Tennis News will not be published until the Autumn so, if you have any items of news on coaching activities over the summer months, please keep me informed, and I will endeavour to include them in the October issue.

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PREMIER

	P	W	%
D. Neale, Yks.	12	12	100
C. Barnes, Ex.	4	4	100
N. Jarvis, Yks.	8	7	88
D. Douglas, Wa.	12	10	83
M. Sugden, Mx.	10	8	80
J. Walker, Yks.	10	8	80
R. Stevens, Ex.	8	6	75
R. Aldrich, Mx.	4	3	75
M. Johns, Ch.	14	10	71
A. Clayton, Yks.	10	7	70
C. Warren, Sy.	12	8	67
D. Brown, Ex.	14	8	57
B. Burn, Wa.	14	8	57
R. Chandler, Sy.	14	8	57
A. Pidcock, Ke.	14	8	57
D. Munt, Wa.	14	7	50
Miss J. Williams, Sx.	6	6	100
Mrs. K. Mathews, Mx.	4	4	100
Mrs. D. Court, Mx.	3	2	67
Mrs. L. Radford, Ex.	5	3	60
Miss J. Walker, Yks.	7	4	57
Miss L. Howard, Sy.	4	2	50
Miss S. Hession, Ex.	2	1	50
Miss S. Howard, Sy.	2	1	50
Mrs. D. Schofield, Ch.	2	1	50

2nd SOUTH

A. Watson, Bu.	10	9	90
K. Summerfield, Ha.	8	7	88
E. Emecz, Sx.	10	7	70
D. Welsman, Sy.	10	7	70
L. Wooding, Bu.	10	7	70
L. Etheridge, Ke.	10	6	60
R. Thornton, Bk.	10	6	60
Miss S. Howard, Sy.	4	4	100
Mrs. R. Buick, Ke.	3	3	100
Mrs. J. Hammersley, Bu.	2	2	100
Miss S. Kavallierou, Sx.	5	3	60

2nd NORTH

P. Mayman, Ch.	6	6	100
J. Krier, Yks.	4	4	100
A. Martin, Yks.	4	4	100
A. Ransome, Yks.	4	4	100
D. Alderson, Yks.	8	7	88
B. Hill, Li.	8	7	88
D. Parker, La.	8	7	88
J. Kedge, Yks.	8	5	63
Mrs. D. Johnson, La.	5	5	100
Mrs. D. Schofield, Ch.	3	3	100

2nd MIDLAND

E. Hall, Dy.	4	4	100
P. Judd, Wa.	12	11	92
P. Glynn, Wa.	12	10	83
P. Randell, Le.	12	10	83
D. Foulds, Dy.	10	8	80
D. Douglas, Wa.	4	3	75
S. Ward, St.	4	3	75
A. Hunt, Dy.	10	7	70
A. Croome, Ng.	12	8	67
R. Cooper, Wa.	8	5	63
A. Isaacs, St.	8	5	63
D. Marples, Dy.	8	5	63
Miss K. Rogers, Le.	3	3	100
Miss A. Stevenson, Le.	3	3	100
Miss K. Perry, St.	6	5	83
Mrs. J. Lloyd, Wo.	3	2	67
Miss D. St. Ledger, Wa.	5	3	60

2nd EAST

P. Taylor, Bd.	10	10	100
R. Aldrich, Mx.	8	6	75
A. Barden, Mx.	8	6	75
C. Jackson, He.	4	3	75
M. Mitchell, Mx.	8	6	75
I. Robertson, Ex.	8	6	75
D. Bowles, Ex.	10	7	70
P. Harmer, Bd.	10	6	60
B. White, He.	10	6	60

Mrs. B. Hammond, Bd.	4	4	100
Miss J. Hellaby, Ex.	5	4	80
Miss S. Hamilton, Mx.	5	3	60

2nd WEST

R. Bishop, Gn.	6	6	100
G. Davies, Gn.	10	9	90
A. Griffiths, Gn.	10	9	90
R. Morris, So.	10	8	80
J. Bowden, Gn.	4	3	75
B. Reeves, So.	10	7	70
A. Kinsey, So.	8	5	63
T. Bruce, Wi.	10	6	60
M. Rattue, Dv.	10	6	60
Miss P. Mortimer, Dv.	5	5	100
Miss A. Boyce, Wi.	3	2	67
Miss L. Jones, Gn.	3	2	67
Miss S. Rapsey, Co.	3	2	67

SOUTHERN

M. Read, Ex.	4	4	100
D. Randall, Ex.	6	5	83
D. Seaholme, Hc.	8	6	75
F. Mauthour, Ex.	4	3	75
B. Parish, Ex.	4	3	75
D. Phelps, Ha.	4	3	75
A. Hammond, He.	8	5	63
Miss E. Tarten, Ex.	2	2	100
Mrs. J. Godwin, Bk.	4	3	75
Mrs. D. Baines, He.	3	2	67

NORTHERN

C. Heap, La.	8	8	100
D. Stills, Dy.	4	4	100
W. Allanson, La.	8	7	88
I. Johns, Ch.	8	6	75
P. Edon, Du.	4	3	75
S. Kaufman, La.	4	3	75
C. Lang, La.	4	3	75
P. Mayman, Ch.	4	3	75
J. McNec, Ch.	4	3	75
D. Roberts, Ch.	8	5	63
Mrs. C. Downer, Dy.	4	3	75
Miss B. Kirkman, La.	4	3	75

MIDLAND

S. Dunning, St.	8	7	88
J. Mansfield, Mo.	8	7	88
R. Dixon, St.	6	5	83
B. Keates, St.	6	5	83
J. Bowden, Gn.	8	6	75
M. Owen, Gn.	4	3	75
F. Anderson, Gn.	8	5	63
Miss J. Anderson, Gn.	3	3	100
Miss B. Eardley, St.	4	3	75

EASTERN

R. Marchant, Np.	8	8	100
M. Broughton, Nk.	4	4	100
J. Goodall, Np.	8	7	88
J. Kitchener, Sk.	8	7	88
M. Musson, Nk.	4	3	75
S. Ball, Sk.	6	4	67
B. Jones, Ca.	6	4	67
A. Albon, Hu.	8	5	63
D. Hogg, Np.	8	5	63
Mrs. C. Bane, Np.	4	3	75
Miss B. Webb, Hu.	4	3	75
Miss J. Youngs, Sk.	4	3	75

JUNIOR PREMIER

D. Douglas, Wa.	14	12	86
S. Heaps, Ch.	6	5	83
P. Ward, Yks.	6	5	83
D. Alderson, Yks.	14	11	79
P. Day, Ca.	14	11	79
D. Parker, La.	14	11	79
B. Alderson, Yks.	8	6	75
M. Mitchell, Mx.	14	10	71
R. Wiley, Yks.	14	10	71
D. Tan, Mx.	12	7	58
A. Barden, Mx.	14	8	57
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G. Walsh, Sy.	14	8	57
M. Bawden, Ex.	12	6	50
J. McNec, Ch.	14	7	50
K. Richardson, Ca.	14	7	50
J. Nix, Wa.	8	4	50
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Miss B. Williams, La.	7	5	71
Miss E. Tarten, Ex.	3	2	67
Miss D. St. Ledger, Wa.	7	4	57

JUNIOR SOUTH

M. Crimmins, Sy.	14	13	93
M. Douglas, Sx.	14	13	93
G. Pugh, Sx.	10	9	90
S. Wilson, Ha.	14	12	86
A. Allars, Sx.	8	6	75
R. Mellin, Ke.	4	3	75
C. Wells, Sx.	8	6	75
P. Matthews, Sy.	12	8	67
P. Trott, Bk.	12	8	67
M. Luckhurst, Ke.	6	4	67
A. Hicks, Bk.	14	9	64
K. McQuade, Ha.	14	9	64
D. Reeves, Bk.	10	6	60
G. Hamilton, Bu.	10	6	60
Miss K. Mashford, Bk.	3	3	100
Miss J. Holtam, Ke.	2	2	100
Miss C. Reeves, Bk.	2	2	100
Miss L. King, Ha.	7	6	86
Miss S. Tame, Sy.	5	4	80
Miss L. Holtam, Ke.	3	2	67

JUNIOR NORTH

S. Souter, Yks.	10	10	100
P. Cox, Yks.	4	4	100
P. Ward, Yks.	6	5	83
P. Edon, Du.	10	8	80
B. Towell, Wd.	10	8	80
A. Kilburn, Yks.	8	6	75
A. Clark, Nd.	10	7	70
G. Baines, Wd.	6	4	67
Miss M. Ludi, Yks.	2	2	100
Miss K. Wilson, Yks.	2	2	100
Miss B. Kearney, Nd.	5	4	80

JUNIOR MIDLAND

D. Yallop, Dy.	12	12	100
P. Vickers, Dy.	8	8	100
C. Rogers, Le.	12	11	92
G. Hall, Le.	12	10	83
R. Dawkins, Ng.	4	3	75
M. Douglas, Ng.	4	3	75
A. Ashley, Ng.	6	4	67
K. Alden, Np.	10	6	60
S. Penny, Le.	10	6	60
J. Smith, Li.	10	6	60
Miss A. Stevenson, Le.	4	4	100
Miss K. Rogers, Le.	2	2	100
Miss M. Mellor, Dy.	5	4	80
Miss S. Hunt, Li.	3	2	67
Miss H. Round, St.	5	3	60

JUNIOR EAST

J. Kitchener, Sk.	10	10	100
R. Oldfield, Sk.	12	11	92
R. Jermyn, He.	12	10	83
L. Eadie, Ex.	6	5	83
T. Speller, Hu.	12	9	75
D. Newman, Ex.	4	3	75
R. Potton, Ex.	10	7	70
S. Ball, Sk.	12	8	67
M. Penney, He.	12	8	67
J. Proffitt, He.	8	5	63
P. Burton, Nk.	10	6	60
Miss S. Harper, He.	2	2	100
Miss S. Smith, Ex.	2	2	100

JUNIOR WEST

M. Owen, Gn.	10	10	100
W. Hussey, Gn.	10	9	90
C. Sewell, Gs.	10	9	90
A. Thomas, Gn.	8	7	88
P. Twigg, Gs.	6	5	83
M. Green, Gs.	12	9	75
K. James, Dv.	12	9	75
P. Knights, Wo.	10	7	70
M. Ashcroft, Dv.	6	4	67
W. Dawe, Gs.	8	5	63
S. Claxton, Wo.	10	6	60
M. Williamson, So.	10	6	60
Miss D. Michael, Gn.	4	4	100
Miss J. Willson, So.	5	4	80
Miss K. Rowe, Dv.	6	4	67
Miss J. Mortimer, Gs.	5	3	60

VETERAN SOUTH

R. Coussens, Ex.	6	6	100
V. Atterno, Ke.	12	11	92
C. Bush, Ha.	12	11	92
D. Whittaker, Ke.	10	9	90
R. Lush, Ha.	12	10	83
P. Curtis, Ex.	10	8	80

J. Baxter, He.	6	4	67
S. Norton, Ex.	6	4	67
G. Collins, Ox.	8	5	63
R. Etheridge, Ke.	10	6	60
Mrs. D. Gray, Ha.	6	6	100
Mrs. B. Andrews, He.	3	3	100
Mrs. K. le Milliere, Ke.	6	5	83
Mrs. M. Davies, Ox.	6	4	67

VETERAN MIDLAND

A. Barber, Ch.	8	7	87
M. Tew, Ch.	8	7	87
E. Coggins, St.	6	5	83
J. Burraston, Ng.	10	8	80
E. Edwards, Wa.	10	8	80
R. Bolton, Ng.	10	7	70
J. Peakman, Wa.	10	6	60
Miss M. Leigh, Ch.	5	5	100
Mrs. B. Hall, St.	5	3	60
Mrs. P. Hammond, Ng.	5	3	60
Mrs. J. Rogers, Le.	5	3	60

The following players were undefeated in the only match in which they played singles:—

PREMIER:

A. Barden (Mx).

2 NORTH:

I. Johns (Ch); C. Lang (La)
W. Allanson (La); R. Kettlewell (Nd); Miss S. Broadbent (Yks).

2 MIDLAND:

Miss M. Mellor (Dy).

2 EAST:

S. Gibbs (Ex).

2 WEST:

K. James (Dv); C. Diffeys (Dv); Miss J. Racey (Dv).

SOUTHERN:

A. Schooler (Bk); A. Foster (Bk);
B. Mailey (Ex); G. Blomfield (Ex);
C. Jackson (He); M. Borshell (He);
Miss G. Locke (Ex); Miss C. Stonell (Ex).

NORTHERN:

T. Burrows (Ch); A. Hunt (Dy);
C. Eltringham (Du); B. Crook (La);
R. Kelly (La); D. Cottrell (La);
T. Hart (Nd); Miss M. Leigh (Ch);
Miss B. Kearney (Nd).

MIDLAND:

S. Rowe (St); Miss G. Thomas (Gn).

JUNIOR PREMIER:

D. Iszatt (Ex); M. Crimmins (Sy);
Miss N. Leslie (Sy).

JUNIOR SOUTH:

G. Roberts (Bk); B. Williams (Sy);
K. Seager (Sy); Miss M. Johnson (Bk);
Miss K. Greenough (Sy); Miss A. Terry (Sx); Miss H. O'Brien (Sx).

JUNIOR NORTH:

Miss J. Pachul (Cu); Miss J. McLean (Yks).

JUNIOR MIDLAND:

D. Johnson (Wa); Miss S. Holmes (Dy); Miss J. Hackford (Li).

JUNIOR EAST:

D. Iszatt (Ex); J. Fuller (Nk); Miss S. Sutton (Ex); Miss P. Abbott (Ex); Miss J. Livesey (Ex); Miss J. Kelly (Ex); Miss P. Ribbans (Nk); Miss J. Langridge (Sk).

JUNIOR WEST:

P. Harry (Gn); Miss L.

Viewpoint

SPECIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

By Brian Kean

Publicity Sec., Cheshire T.T.A.

The 1973 World Championships held in Yugoslavia from April 5-15 will be remembered for the final bridging of the European-Asian gap.

Despite the return of the Men's Singles Crown to the Far East, European dominance in both team and individual events was most apparent, this being highlighted by Sweden's winning of the Swaythling Cup and only one oriental surviving the European onslaught to hold a place in the quarter-finals of the men's singles.

Defending Champion, Stellan Bengtsson, although falling in the second round to Soviet Union's Gomozkov, proved he is still the best player in the World by producing countless miracles to enable the Swedes to capture the coveted World team title. I predict this 20-year-old to emerge as an all-time great as I feel he was pushed beyond human endurance when he finally cracked under the pressure of defending his individual crown. Almost all of Europe mourned the defeat of this talented player who has emerged as the most popular and best-loved player in the game.

Looking to the domestic front, we ask what happened to England? I feel there must be some concern over what can only be described as a complete fiasco.

Only two wins, over lower ranking France and Indonesia, comprised the sum total of England's joy. Apart from these victories and a narrow 4-5 reverse at the hands of Japan, England made very little impression on the foreign opposition. Finally the disastrous and humiliating defeat at the hands of Austria poses certain questions regarding England's future at World and European level.

So where did we go wrong? No doubt countless critics will be only too willing to (unconstructively) tear the whole International Squad, and officials, to pieces and leave us in transit without any real solution.

However, as I see it, we must be completely honest and pull no punches in our endeavours to guide England back to successful pastures. To achieve this, the following existing problems must be remedied.

Firstly, Les Gresswell scalp hunters bury your hatchets and stop taking the easy way out by planting the seeds of failure at Les's feet.

True, and fairly, he will share some blame. As a captain I feel Les does not have the total respect of his players and operates at a different level. There should be a closer and more equal relationship between captain and player thus producing a happier and more understanding platform from which to progress. Also, at this low England ebb, a captain of greater personality is required, a dynamo who can generate the necessary enthusiasm to lift a player's confidence and will-to-win. In soccer comparison, exchange a Frank O'Farrell for a Tommy Docherty.

At this point I don't feel the training and championship build-up need be analysed as my following observations would be apparent irrespective of preparation, therefore the pre-mentioned points are, in my opinion, the faults and requirements of England's team captaincy.

Moving the beam of enquiry, I feel that a captain needs response from his players and it was obvious that in Gresswell's decision to send Trevor Taylor home for lack of effort he was not receiving it. Although I did not see the Austrian match in which Trevor was so accused I am, after thorough investigation, convinced that Gresswell had strong grounds for his actions.

The players showed no real support or encouragement for each other and the spirit was similar to that of the losers' dressing room after a Wembley Cup Final. I understand there was a special circuit training programme advised for their use which was largely ignored. These points aside, the ugly and unfortunate fact is simply that the players we have at present are just not good enough to cause any worrying tremors on top European — let alone World soils. With 'old' campaigner Denis Neale now struggling at a level where he once sparkled, Taylor's unpredictability, and the hard cold truth that Jarvis and Douglas looked like lambs being led to the slaughter — although in fairness Douglas was, in his inexperience, somewhat thrown in at the deep end.

In this present plight I cannot see the material required to enable England to walk heads high once more, therefore we must set about the task of restoring national pride and prepare for the future in the appropriate fashion considering the mammoth task ahead. We must also broaden our outlook and be prepared to tackle this problem by inviting suggestions and ideas from those who have a genuine interest in the progress of English Table Tennis.

I have based this report on the results of facts as I see and believe them to be, plus any enquiries during my two-weeks stay in Sarajevo.

I have not intended to offer solutions to existing problems, only to highlight them and enable us to give them serious thought and respond in a manner which would be in the best interests of the game.

LOSS OF RECREATIONAL LAND

The Central Council of Physical Recreation are most concerned that land and facilities which are currently being used for recreation are coming under increasing pressure from private and public development schemes. Whilst in a limited number of cases sport may benefit financially from such schemes, in the majority of plans sport is certainly the loser. It would be most helpful if Leagues or Clubs affected, or likely to be affected by such schemes, could provide the E.T.T.A. with full information so that the matter may be taken up as a matter of urgency with the C.C.P.R. and the Sports Council as necessary. Obviously no guarantee of success can be given but the co-operation of a stronger body maybe of assistance in delaying schemes, until other similar facilities can be provided.

Conclusion of County Championships Round-up continued from page 35

Lancashire 6, Bedfordshire 3

Donald Parker's sole MS defeat of the weekend -16, -18 to Peter Taylor.

Final table:—

	P	W	L	F	A	P	Pts
Bucks.	4	4	0	30	6	8	
Lancs.	4	3	1	20	16	6	
Leics.	4	2	2	18	18	4	
Glamorgan	4	1	3	11	25	2	
Bedfords.	4	0	4	11	25	0	

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the County Table Tennis Championships will be held on Saturday, June 9, 1973 at the Waverley Hotel, Southampton Row, London W.C.1. The meeting will commence at 2 p.m.

Men Count-down :-

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	W	L	
Bedfordshire																					
1 P. Taylor				L	L		W	W		W	W				W	W			6	2	
2 P. Harmer					L		L	L		L	L				L	L		L	0	8	
3 C. Crowe									L	L							L	L	0	6	
4 D. Holden													L		L				0	2	
Buckinghamshire																					
5 P. Shirley	W	W						L	L		L	W			W	W			5	3	
6 L. Wooding	W	W							W	W	L	W			L	W			6	2	
7 A. Watson	W	W							W	W		W	W			L	W		7	1	
Glamorgan																					
8 A. Griffiths	L	W				W	L				L	L			L		W		3	5	
9 G. Davies	L	W				W	L				L	L			L	L		L	3	5	
10 M. Owen		W	W				L	L					L		W			L	L	3	5
Lancashire																					
11 D. Parker	L	W				W	W		W	W					W	W			7	1	
12 P. Bowen	L				W	L	L	W		W					L	W		L	3	5	
13 W. Allanson						L	L										W	L	1	3	
14 R. Kelly		W		W					W	L									3	1	
Leicestershire																					
15 P. Randell	L	W				L	W		W	W		L	W						5	3	
16 J. Hughes	L	W				L	W					L	L						2	4	
17 C. Jacques	W	W				L	L	L		W			W	W					5	3	
18 M. Newman									L	W									1	1	

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	L	
Women									
1 B. Hammond			L	W	L	W		2	2
2 J. Hammersley		W		W	W		W	4	0
3 J. Evans		L	L		L		L	0	4
4 D. Johnson		W	L	W			W	3	1
5 K. Rogers		L						0	1
6 A. Stevenson			L	W	L			1	2

FINAL TABLES

The following have already appeared: 2S, 2N, 2E, 2W, S, N, M, JP, JN, VM.

PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	7	7	0	0	50	13	14
Warwks.	7	5	0	2	30	33	10
Essex	7	4	0	3	35	28	8
Surrey	7	4	0	3	32	31	8
Middlesex	7	3	0	4	34	29	6
Cheshire	7	3	0	4	28	35	6
Kent	7	2	0	5	24	39	4
Sussex	7	0	0	7	19	44	0

2nd MIDLAND

Warwicks. II	6	5	1	0	44	16	11
Leics.	6	3	2	1	39	21	8
Derbys.	6	4	0	2	32	28	8
Notts.	6	3	1	2	29	31	7
Staffs.	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Worcs.	6	1	1	4	24	36	3
Gloucs.	6	0	0	6	15	45	0

EASTERN

Northants	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Suffolk	4	3	0	1	29	11	6
Hunts.	4	1	1	2	14	26	3
Cambs. II	4	0	2	2	12	28	2
Norfolk II	4	0	1	3	14	26	1

VETERAN SOUTH

Hampshire	6	6	0	0	39	15	12
Kent	6	5	0	1	42	12	10
Essex	6	4	0	2	34	20	8
Oxfords.	6	3	0	3	29	25	6
Herts.	6	2	0	4	17	37	4
Hunts.	6	1	0	5	18	36	2
Northants	6	0	0	6	10	44	0

JUNIOR SOUTH

Surrey II	7	6	0	1	54	16	12
Berkshire	7	6	0	1	48	22	12
Sussex	7	5	0	2	53	17	10
Hampshire	7	5	0	2	47	23	10
Bucks.	7	3	0	4	25	45	6
Kent	7	2	0	5	28	42	4
Herts. II	7	1	0	6	18	52	2
Oxfords.	7	0	0	7	7	63	0

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Leics.	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Derbys.	6	5	0	1	48	12	10
Notts.	6	4	0	2	31	29	8
Northants	6	1	2	3	26	34	4
Lincs.	6	1	2	3	23	37	4
Warwicks. II	6	1	1	4	23	37	3
Staffs.	6	0	1	5	11	49	1

JUNIOR EAST

Essex II	6	5	1	0	44	16	11
Suffolk	6	5	0	1	47	13	10
Herts.	6	4	0	2	36	24	8
Hunts.	6	2	0	4	26	34	4
Beds.	6	2	0	4	25	35	4
Norfolk	6	1	1	4	24	36	3
Cambs. II	6	1	0	5	8	52	2

JUNIOR WEST

Glamorgan	6	6	0	0	55	5	12
Gloucs.	6	5	0	1	42	18	10
Devon	6	4	0	2	38	22	8
Worcs.	6	3	0	3	30	30	6
Somerset	6	2	0	4	27	33	4
Wiltshire	6	1	0	5	14	46	2
Monmouths.	6	0	0	6	4	56	0



FIRST TIMERS

Northamptonshire's senior County team championed the Eastern Division of the C.T.T.C. to win promotion for the first time ever. The players responsible, looking justifiably proud, were (from l. to r.):—Mrs. Judith Wooding, Rod Marchant, J. Moloney, David Hogg (Capt.), John Goodall and Mrs. Connie Bane.

Photo by courtesy of Northamptonshire Newspapers Ltd.

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beat Sukdeve Singh. Best set between the youngest players, won by Philip Vickers 22, 19 over Gary Alden. Newly affiliated Towcester League laid on excellent facilities for their debut match and both teams responded well.

Staffordshire 1, Warwickshire II 9

For the first time words fail Colin Pearse—what a dreadful season his team has had.

JUNIOR EAST

Hertfordshire 7, Bedfordshire 3

Nice maximum by Richard Jermyn in a comfortable Herts. win.

Norfolk 4, Huntingdonshire 6

Suffolk 10, Cambridgeshire II 0

Camps. never stopped trying, but Suffolk simply carried far too much ammunition.

JUNIOR WEST

Gloucestershire 9, Wiltshire 1

After an opening win by Bryan Saunders it was all Gloucs.

Worcestershire 7, Somerset 3

VETERAN SOUTH

Hertfordshire 9, Northamptonshire 0

A closer match than 9—0 suggests with 5 sets needing a decider.

Huntingdonshire 1, Essex 8

Oxfordshire 3, Hampshire 6

VETERAN CHALLENGE

Hampshire 7, Cheshire 2

R. Lush lost to D. Schofield -7, -6; bt A. Barber 16, 17.

C. Bush bt Schofield 14, -21, 15; bt A. Summerfield -21, 15, 16.

L. Cooper bt Barber -19, 16, 10; bt Summerfield 22, 16.

Bush/Cooper lost to T. Donlon/Schofield -18, -16.

Mrs. D. Gray bt Miss M. Leigh 18, 14.

Lush/Gray bt Donlon/Leigh 19, 14.

The win set up by Cyril Bush who started the evening by defeating Derek Schofield; Ray Lush and Les Cooper then made it 3—0 and the expected home XD success 4—0. Schofield and Terry Donlon got MD

but the damage was done and Daphne Gray wrapped up the match against Mary Leigh. Schofield repeated his Norwich Union result against Lush but Hants. took the other two and surely the magnitude of this win dispels any doubts which may have lingered on Hants. abilities.

JUNIOR PROMOTION CHALLENGE

Staged by Loughborough at very short notice (well done Reg Billson, Dick Johnson and helpers) the Junior Challenge saw Leicestershire and Suffolk take the Premier places vacated by Lancashire and Cheshire.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicestershire	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Suffolk	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Glamorgan	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Berkshire	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Northblnd	4	0	1	3	12	28	1

Northumberland 3, Suffolk 7

Barbara Kearney and Lucille Clark picked up two sets, but the Suffolk boys too good.

Leicestershire 8, Berkshire 2

6 sets went the distance, including Anita Stevenson trailing at ends in 3rd to Kara Mashford before winning -20, 13, 15, but Leics. worthy winners.

Berkshire 6, Northumberland 4

Two nice wins for Peter Clark, and another Nthld. GD success, and Berkshire's XD win the vital one.

Suffolk 6, Glamorgan 4

Michael Owen careless against Robert Oldfield but superb in great set to beat John Kitchener 18, -12, 16; backhand most impressive. I felt that the inclusion of a 4th boy (in both doubles) lost Glamorgan a win —after this they reverted to usual pairings with much greater success. Nice GS win for Judith Langridge 17, -20, 19 over experience of Dawn Michael.

Glamorgan 6, Berkshire 4

Berkshire rather unfortunate to trail 0—3 and Glamorgan comfortably took the other 3 sets needed to win.

Northumberland 0, Leicestershire 10

Leics. fully deserved a handsome win, but this result was cruel to a game team. Kevin Hall made singles debut for Leics. and showed up very well.

Suffolk 5, Leicestershire 5

Suffolk had worked out how to get this draw and their predictions were 100%: 2 from Kitchener, 1 each from Oldfield and Simon Ball, and BD. But how Kitchener had to fight to take Graham Hall at -15, 9, 19!

Glamorgan 5, Northumberland 5

Probably the biggest surprise of the day with the Nthld. girls taking a maximum and the Clark brothers each picking up a BS. Some consolation here for the Leics. result.

Leicestershire 6, Glamorgan 4

Switching Dawn Michael to XD gave Glamorgan a fourth set to go with the expected 2 x BS from Owen plus BD from Owen and Walter Hussey. But no more could be squeezed and Hussey's form over the weekend a big disappointment. Karen Rogers again impressive: the only player to go unbeaten through the weekend.

Berkshire 2, Suffolk 8

Berkshire had such high hopes of this weekend but their boys proved themselves to be not quite ready for the top flight. I feel they will come again, and do much better!

Count down:—

BS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	W	L	
Berkshire																					
1 A. Hicks					L	L		L	L			W	L			L	L		1	7	
2 D. Reeves					L	L	L		W		L		W						2	4	
3 P. Trott					W	L		L	W							L		L	2	4	
4 S. Douglas													L	W			L	L	1	3	
Glamorgan																					
5 M. Owen	W	W						W	W			W	W			W	W		8	0	
6 W. Hussey	W	L						L	L	L	L	W		W		L	L	L	4	4	
7 A. Thomas	W	W						L	L			L	W			L	L	W	4	4	
Leicestershire																					
8 C. Rogers	W	W			L	W						W	W			L	W		6	2	
9 G. Hall	W	W			L	W						W		W		L		W	6	2	
10 S. Penny		L	L			W	W												2	2	
11 K. Hall												W	W				L	L	2	2	
Northumberland																					
12 A. Clark	L	W			L	W		L	L							L	W		3	5	
13 P. Clark	W			W	L	W	L			L						L		L	3	5	
14 G. McCardle	L	L		L	L	L	L			L									0	6	
15 M. Bowman																		L	L	0	2
Suffolk																					
16 J. Kitchener	W	W		L	W		W	W				W	W						7	1	
17 R. Oldfield	W		W	L	W	L				W	L			W					5	3	
18 S. Ball			W	W	W	L	L		L	W	W	W	W						6	2	
GS																					
1 K. Mashford					W			L	W				2		1						
2 C. Reeves									W				1		0						
3 D. Michael			L						L	L			0	3							
4 K. Johnson							L						0	1							
5 K. Rogers						W				W	W		3	0							
6 A. Stevenson			W										1	0							
7 B. Kearney		L		W		L				W			2	2							
8 J. Langridge			L	W		L	L						1	3							

PROMOTION CHALLENGE (SENIOR)—REDDITCH

Leicestershire 5, Bedfordshire 4

After losing the first set, Leics. were never again behind nor more than one in front! Graham Hughes comfortably took the last for the win.

Glamorgan 2, Lancashire 7

Mike Owen featured in both the Welsh wins and from 2-all Lancs. were never seriously troubled.

Lancashire 5, Leicestershire 4

As it turned out the second promotion place turned on this result. Poor Anita Stevenson may be kicking herself for letting a 15—9 lead in 3rd v. Di Johnson go, but she did recover from 18—20 and was desperately unlucky to -12, 17, -21. Donald Parker led Paul Randell 13—0 in 3rd!

Bedfordshire 0, Buckinghamshire 9

Peter Taylor, unbeaten in singles and doubles in the other matches, failed dismally here, losing -9, -12 to Leslie Wooding and -7, -15 to Paul Shirley. His performance can hardly have inspired his team, and Bucks. could not have hoped for such a start to their programme. Barbara

Hammond stretched Jill Hammersley to -21, -15.

Buckinghamshire 7, Lancashire 2

An impressive performance with only Donald Parker's two denied Bucks.

Leicestershire 7, Glamorgan 2

The Glamorgan team disappointed throughout the weekend: an extremely good result this for Leics.

Bedfordshire 4, Glamorgan 5

Barbara Hammond (who beat Janet Evans 7, 6) and Peter Taylor emerged unbeaten, but Beds. could manage no more.

Buckinghamshire 7, Leicestershire 2

Alec Watson's only defeat of the series, 13, -19, -18 by Graham Hughes.

Glamorgan 2, Buckinghamshire 7

Bucks. clinched it in style despite two singles defeats for Paul Shirley. They dropped a total of 6 men's singles and won all the other sets with Jill Hammersley, as expected, a tremendous asset. Les Wooding and Alec Watson remained undefeated in MD for the season.

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County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT



C.T.T.C. Secretary, John Wright (left) hands over the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy to Worcestershire T.T.A. Chairman, Doug Moss, during the Senior Promotion Challenge Matches at Redditch over the weekend of Apr. 28/29. Photo by courtesy of Redditch Indicator and Alcester Chronicle

LIKELY FORMATION FOR 1973-74

All issues having now been settled, it remains only to briefly recap the main events of the season. All four competing Yorkshire teams won their divisions without losing a match, and only one point was dropped (by the Junior 1st team to Surrey). A really remarkable record, this.

Three Senior Second Divisions were won by County 2nd teams and only game average prevented this being four: although Glamorgan won 2nd West comfortably they could finish no higher than 4th in the Challenge where Bucks. and Lancs. triumphed and return to the top flight.

Only one Regional Division was won by a 1st team: Eastern by Northants, and they move up as do Lancashire II following their own success and that of their 1st team. Both Kent II and Sussex II drop to Regional Divisions with the relegation of their higher teams from the Premier. Both enter 2nd South which looks pretty strong again.

Likely formation of the Senior Divisions is:

Premier: Bucks., Ches., Essex, Lancs., Middx., Surrey, Warwks. and Yorks.

2 South: Berks., Hants., Kent, Middx. II, Surrey II and Sussex.

2 North: Ches. II, Durham, Lancs. II, Lincs., Nthld. and Yorks. II.

2 Midland: Derbys., Gloucs., Leics., Notts., Staffs., Warwks. II and Worcs.

2 East: Beds., Cambs., Essex II,

Herts., Northants. and Norfolk.

2 West: Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Glam., Somerset and Wilts.

Southern: Bucks. II, Hants. II, Herts. II, Kent II, Oxon. and Sussex II.

Northern: Ches. III, Cumb. Dbys. II, Durham II and Nthld. II.

Midland: Glam. II, Monmths., Salop., Staffs. II and Worcs. II.

Eastern: Cambs. II, Essex III, Hunts., Norfolk II and Suffolk.

Leicestershire and Suffolk impressed at the Junior Challenge and deserve their places in that Premier. Cheshire and Lancashire drop and the relegation of the former may mean the loss of their second team unless it moves to J. Midland. Ambitious Berkshire, although disappointed at the Challenge results are believed to be considering the entry of a 2nd team (to J. West?) while Alan Shepherd, embarrassed possibly by the wealth of talent at his disposal, may be able to persuade his County to enter a 3rd Junior team.

If, as seems possible, there is any increase in the Veteran entry, it would seem likely that the two divisions will become three which will, one imagines, end the straightforward play-off arrangements which have existed thus far. Hampshire follow Notts. and Essex as Veteran Champions following a great performance against Cheshire.

Doug Moss, Worcestershire Chairman, was surprised at the Senior Challenge with the Leslie Forrest Memorial Award, the annual County

Championships presentation to an outstanding official at County level. League Secretary at 17 (few can beat that!) Tournament Organiser, Champion Fund Raiser, dedicated County Captain are just a few of the jobs handled by Doug in a career spanning nearly 35 years and he looks good for as long again. So well did Ken Green and his Worcs. colleagues keep the secret that not even Doug's wife Diana knew until the moment of presentation!

PREMIER DIVISION

Middlesex 7, Sussex 2

O. Haslam bt S. Ogundipe 15, 13; lost to P. Williams 15, -16, -11.
R. Aldrich bt Ogundipe 12, -11, 14; bt J. Clarke 8, 18.
A. Barden bt Williams 20, 19; bt Clarke 13, 16.
Aldrich/Barden bt Clarke/Williams 17, 18.
Mrs. D. Court bt Miss S. Kavallierou 15, -17, 15.
Haslam/Court lost to Ogundipe/Kavallierou -18, -17.

A pleasing debut by Andy Barden, whose win over Peter Williams one of the best things of the evening. Williams had earlier inflicted yet another defeat on "Les" Haslam—the Middlesex No. 1 won only three of his 12 sets this season. A fine tussle between Di Court and Sue Kavallierou, and a remarkable run of points by Bob Aldrich v. Sam Ogundipe from 4-11 to 17-11 in 1st.

Surrey 4, Kent 5

C. Warren bt A. Piddock 16, 9; bt C. Morris 15, 18.
R. Chandler lost to Piddock 18, -16, -18; bt H. Buist -19, 22, 13.
G. Chapman lost to Morris -16, -12; lost to Buist -18, -6.
Chandler/Warren bt Buist/Piddock 20, 13.
Mrs. J. Warren lost to Mrs. J. Ellis -4, -10.
P. Bishop/Warren lost to Morris/Ellis -17, -16.

An uninspiring match, neither side having a great deal to play for. "Connie" Warren again outstanding for Surrey, and the first set of the match, Roger Chandler's defeat of Tony Piddock, virtually the decider. Henry Buist in good form (first singles of the season) and came within a point of beating Chandler.

Essex 4, Yorkshire 5

D. Brown lost to A. Clayton -14, -13; lost to J. Walker -14, 15, -16.
S. Gibbs lost to Clayton -15, 13, -14; bt D. Alderson -14, 18, 10.
R. Stevens lost to Walker 16, -16, -15; bt Alderson 13, -12, 23.
Brown/Gibbs lost to Clayton/Walker -18, -13.

Mrs. L. Radford bt Miss J. Walker 11, 11.
Stevens/Radford bt A. Ransome/Walker 17, 17.

Tony Clayton and Jimmy Walker won this match between them.

2nd MIDLAND

Gloucestershire 4, Worcestershire 6

So Gloucs. finish without a point, but with the consolation that in Chris Sewell they have a real prospect for the future. He won 2 x MS, MD with Roy Morley who also took 1 x MS but Worcs. took the rest. David Harvey unlucky to break his bat the previous evening which contributed to defeats by players he has beaten. Good team effort by visitors.

Leicestershire 4, Derbyshire 6

Derbys. came back from 2-4 to win. Doug Foulds their star with wins over Paul Randell and Graham Hughes: the latter a real cliffhanger at -19, 18, 22! Derrick Marples unbeaten in MS and also took XD with Marilyn Deakin: his MS with Charlie Jacques won -20, 17, 17 after Expedite called at 19-18 in first. Karen Rogers impressive for Leics.

Warwickshire II 7, Staffordshire 3

EASTERN

Cambridgeshire II 0, Suffolk 10

A young and very useful Suffolk side always in command. Simon Ball tested by both David Tiplady and Brian Jones but came through well beating the former at -17, 16, 23 and the latter -18, 13, 19.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Hampshire 3, Berkshire 7

Stephen Wilson gave Hants. a nice start but the visitors better balanced team took the next five and later two more before Wilson scored again. Lesley King surrendered her unbeaten record in GD and GS on her last outing as a Junior, but how she made Karen Mashford fight before going down -18, 20, -19. Poor Hants., who had led the division from the start, and now end 4th.

Oxfordshire 2, Hertfordshire 8

Surrey 8, Buckinghamshire 2

Surrey surprisingly trailed 1-2 but allowed their visitors no more. Extremely entertaining BS between Chris Leslie and Martin Shuttle with the Bucks. lad winning 28, -17, 16. Max Crimmins gave one of his best displays and backed by Peter Matthews, Shuttle Susan Tame and Kay Greenough formed a team of which coach Mick Kercher can justly feel proud.

Sussex 9, Kent 1

Kent's approach this season has been one of introducing players to County play: this has rarely been rewarded with matches won and this was no exception.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Lincolnshire 3, Nottinghamshire 7

Northamptonshire 1, Derbyshire 9

The only defeat for a solid looking Derbys. side came when Kevin Alden

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