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FORWARD POLICY

Judging by the amount of money that is currently being ploughed into table tennis, one can feel justified in claiming that commerce, at least, has faith in the future standing of our chosen sport.

Let us then make every endeavour to improve our image by attractive presentation, not only at prestige events where television coverage is being sought, but in the more parochial fields of domestic championships and the like.

There is no need—nor has there ever been—for slovenly dress. And such outlandish 'gear' as was in evidence at a recent 3-Star open tournament does nothing but darken the image and evoke criticism.

Manufacturers of sports clothing, whose wares are elsewhere to be found advertised in this magazine, have a wide selection of conventional apparel so let us dress for the occasion as we would for other events.

Now that we have the 'strength of the insurance companies' round us is the time to check our own policies, one such being the engagement of a full-time Trainer/Coach who has already made his presence felt.

Another is the move from Park Crescent to Hastings where the 'nerve centre' is now situated and from which source the efforts of both Derek Tremayne, the General Secretary, and his assistant, Albert Shipley, can better be pursued.

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On the International Front

by George R. Yates

World Classifications

As only to be expected Sweden's 20-years-old **Stellan Bengtsson** and China's **Lin Hui-ching** retain their No. 1 positions in the new world classification list recently released by the International Table Tennis Federation.

But many are the changes to have been effected since the release of the previous rankings back in July last year.

Japan's Nobuhiko Hasegawa moves into second place from being No. 7 in the former list and other gigantic leaps have been taken by Istvan Jonyer of Hungary — runner-up to Bengtsson in the Rotterdam European Championships—who rises from No. 10 to No. 3, Sweden's Kjell Johansson (from No. 15 to No. 5) and China's Tiao Wen-yuan—national title holder in the People's Republic—who was previously unlisted and now comes in at No. 7.

A place is also found for England's **Denis Neale** (at No. 23), the other newcomers being Istvan Korpa, Wang Chia-in, Jiri Turai, Janos Börzsei and Choi Seung Kuk.

Out from the last list are Hans Alser (Sweden) (14), Chuang Tse-tung (China) (16)—both now employing their talents in the coaching field—Christian Weber (France) (2), Masahiko Ohya (Japan) (26), Matyas Beleznai (Hungary) (28) and Chu Chang Sook (South Korea) (30).

In the women's list, which sees the down grading of England's **Jill Hammersley**, from No. 17 to No. 28, Hungary's Beatrix Kishazi rises from No. 23 to No. 7 with her compatriot Judit Magos from No. 27 to No. 13, a far from unlucky number for this blonde bombshell from Budapest.

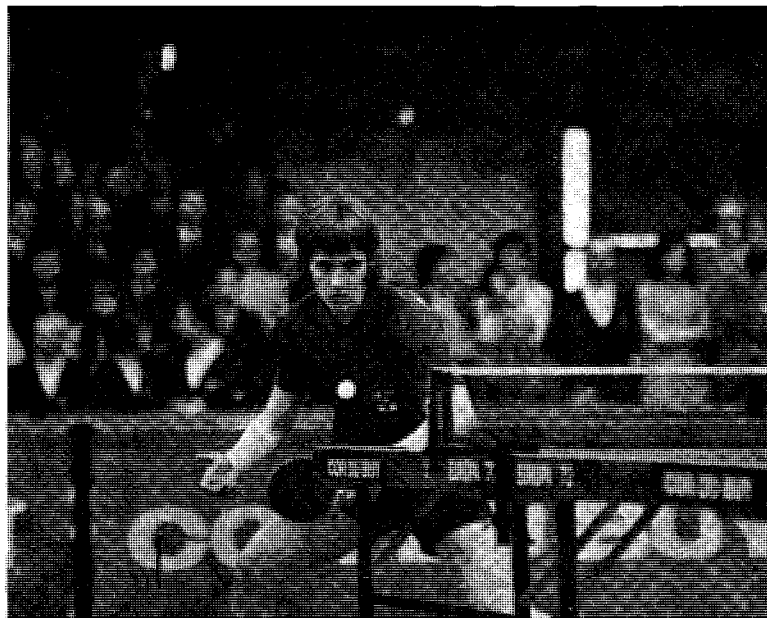
Newcomers comprise Japan's Mieko Fukuno, at No. 11, China's national champion, Hu Yu-lan, at No. 12, Takase (Japan), Birgitta Radberg (Sweden), Cheng Li (China), Chen Pao-chin (China), Pak Mi-la (S. Korea), Lin Mei-cheng (China), Mirjana Resler (Yugoslavia) and Lena Andersson (Sweden).

Missing from the previous list are Kiyoko Inoue (Japan) (10), Choi Jung-Sook (S. Korea) (19), Emiko Ohba (Japan) (21), Elmira Antonyan (U.S.S.R.) (22), Marta Hejma (Fed. Germany) (24), Rita Pogossova (U.S.S.R.) (25), Mieko Hirano (Japan) (26), Marita Neidert (Sweden) (28), Liang Li-chen (China) (29) and England's **Karenza Mathews** (30).

New list (previous position in brackets);—

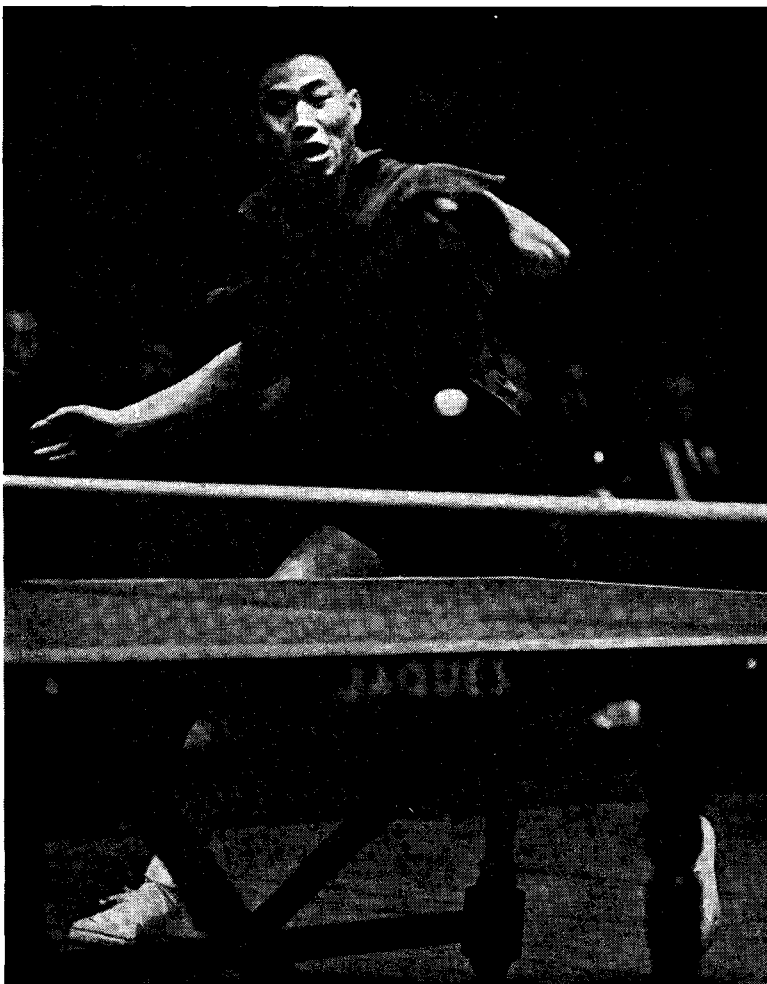
Men

1. Bengtsson (Sweden) (1)
2. Hasegawa (Japan) (7)
3. Jonyer (Yugoslavia) (10)
4. Li Ching-kuang (China) (4)
5. Johansson (Sweden) (15)
6. Itoh (Japan) (2)
7. Tiao Wen-yuan (China) (—)
8. Hsi En-ting (China) (6)
9. Stipancic (Yugoslavia) (8)



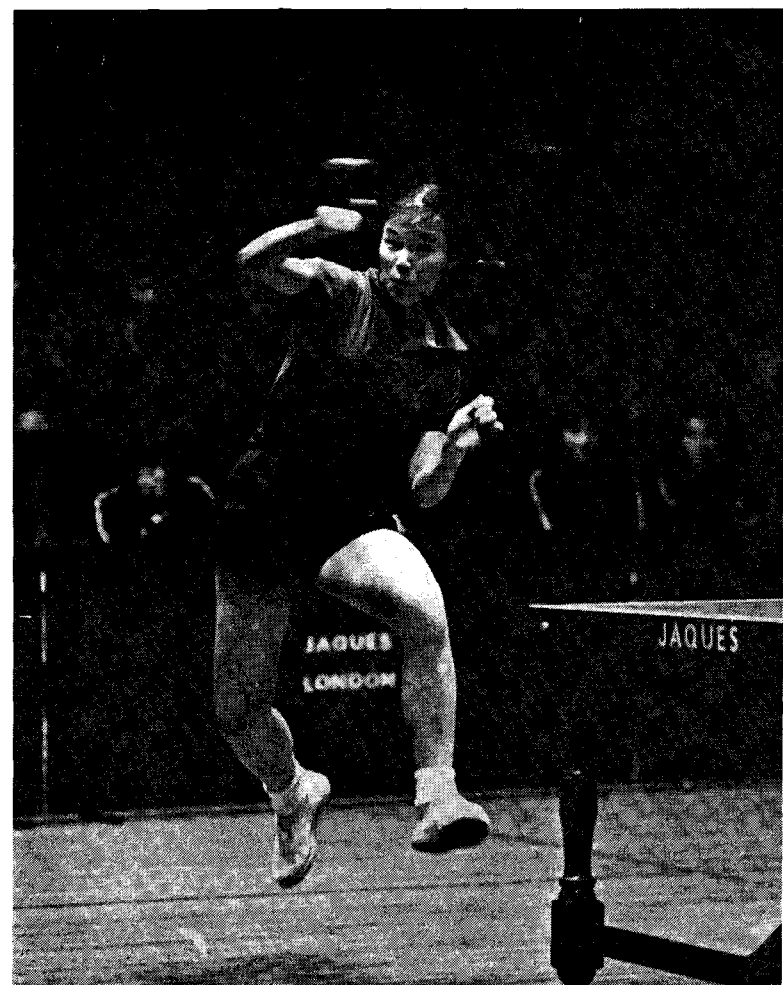
The maestro himself, World and European champion, Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden.

Photo by Cliff Darley.



China's Li Ching-kuang, nick-named "Tomahawk", the leading Asian in the men's list.

Photo by Tony Duffy.



Cheng Huai-ying of China who retains her 9th position in the women's classification list.

Photo by Tony Duffy, Sutton, Surrey.

10. Khono (Japan) (12)
11. Klampar (Hungary) (5)
12. Surbek (Yugoslavia) (3)
13. Liang Ko-liang (China) (11)
14. Schöler (F. Germany) (13)
15. Korpa (Yugoslavia) (—)
16. Secretin (France) (18)
17. Gomozkov (U.S.S.R.) (22)
18. Tasaka (Japan) (21)
19. Orlovski (Czechoslovakia) (20)
20. Karakasevic (Yugoslavia) (19)
21. Pak Sin Il (Korea DPR)
22. Wang Chia-in (China) (—)
23. Neale (England) (—)
24. Imano (Japan) (24)
25. Turai (Czechoslovakia) (—)
26. Börzsei (Hungary) (—)
27. Kunz (Czechoslovakia) (17)
28. Lieck (F. Germany) (27)
29. Choi Seung Kuk (Korea RO) (—)
30. Kollarovits (Czechoslovakia) (29)

Women

1. Lin Hui-ching (China) (1)
2. Cheng Min-chih (China) (2)
3. Rudnova (U.S.S.R.) (7)
4. Ohzeki (Japan) (6)
5. Li Li (China) (5)
6. Kowada (Japan) (4)
7. Kishazi (Hungary) (23)
8. Alexandru (Rumania) (8)
9. Cheng Huai-ying (China) (9)
10. Vostova (Czechoslovakia) (3)
11. Fukuno (Japan) (—)
12. Hu Yu-lan (China) (—)
13. Magos (Hungary) (27)
14. Lee Ailesa (Korea RO) (12)
15. Hamada (Japan) (13)
16. Federova (U.S.S.R.) (14)
17. Schöler (F. Germany) (16)
18. Grofova (Czechoslovakia) (11)
19. Simon (F. Germany) (20)
20. Takase (Japan) (—)

21. Radberg (Sweden) (—)
22. Cheng Li (China) (—)
23. Sakamoto (Japan) (18)
24. Konno (Japan) (15)
25. Chen Pao-chin (China) (—)
26. Pak Mi-la (Korea RO) (—)
27. Lin Mei-cheng (China) (—)
28. J. Hammersley (England) (17)
29. Resler (Yugoslavia) (—)
30. Andersson (Sweden) (—)

NEW ASIAN UNION

At a meeting of the I.T.T.F. Council in Sarajevo it was noted that the Table Tennis Federation of Asia had expelled Taiwan and that a new Asian Table Tennis Union had been formed with an initial membership of 16 countries.

Whilst recognising that the problem of there being two Continental Organisations was one for the Asian Associations to solve, the I.T.T.F. offered its services in any attempts to stabilise the situation.

Subsequently it was learned that the T.T.F.A.'s Asian Championships, scheduled to have been played in Bangalore, had been cancelled and that 31 Associations and Regions were attending the A.T.T.U.'s Asian Championships in Peking.

DOPING AND GAMBLING

Another of the problems facing the I.T.T.F. is that of doping. The Biennial General Meeting in Nagoya in 1971 unanimously passed a resolution banning doping. Since then the Specialist Medical Panel, under Dr. Eiben of Hungary, has been investigating all aspects and made proposals as to the substances to be declared

as dopes and the machinery by which tests would be conducted.

It is in the matter of tests that the greatest problems exist, problems of cost and practicability. No concrete steps were agreed in Yugoslavia and the matter is having further consideration. What is certain, however, is that the I.T.T.F. is committed to oppose doping and urgently requests all Associations to remind all players of the permanent danger to health which could come from a recourse to drugs for a temporary advantage.

Gambling, too, received consideration by the Council and the Yugoslavs have promised the utmost co-operation to ensure that the blatant gambling which took place at Rotterdam, during the European championships, is **not** repeated.

YELLOW BALL

After a few years of looking at this matter there is no evidence that the yellow ball is required and the Sarajevo Biennial General Meeting may decide to consider the question not worth pursuing any further.

CLOTHING

It has been noted that there is a gradual deterioration in observance of the rule regarding light-coloured clothing. There is a regulation on the subject and Associations are urged to examine this and thus avoid the possibility of disqualification of their players in an important match.

UMPIRES

Approval was given by the Council

to a scheme prepared by a Subcommittee of the Rules Committee (Messrs. Clemett, Giesecke and Mercier, with England's Colin Clemett as the Secretary) which will give official recognition to Umpires capable of operating competently at the highest international level.

NEW MEMBER

The Council elected LIBERIA to "provisional good standing". Correspondence should be sent to:— Dr. McKinley A. DeShield Jnr., c/o Postmaster General DeShield, Monrovia, Liberia, West Central Africa.

ISRAEL

A telegram was sent to Israel Association expressing the sincere sympathy of the Officers and Members of the I.T.T.F. at the tragic death of the Israel athletes in Munich.

PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Council voted against giving Mr. Sol Rabinowitz, of U.S.A., assistance to invite leading World players to a series of high cash tournaments in the United States and recommended Associations not to co-operate with Mr. Rabinowitz.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1st World University Table Tennis Championships will take place in Hannover from Feb. 20-25/73. Mr. Jupp Schlaf, the I.T.T.F. Vice-President will represent the Federation at these Championships.

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

A new record was set in the 1972



Denis Neale, England's No. 1, back in the big time at No. 23.

Photo by Tony Duffy

New Zealand Championships, played in Christchurch from Aug. 28—Sept. 2, when 195 entrants contested the men's singles event.

Winner, for the fourth time in his career, was **Alan Tomlinson** who had a comfortable 3-straight final win over Ling Nan Ming—conqueror of Richard Lee, the 17-years-old defending champion, in the semis.

In the other semi, Tomlinson, whose previous successes were recorded in 1959, 1964 and 1969, disposed of Gary Murphy.

18-years-old **Anne Stonestreet** retained her women's singles title but not before she had been taken to a fifth and deciding game by Yvonne Fogarty. Yvonne, herself, only just scraped through, 25—23, in the fifth game of her semi-final encounter with Neti Traill.

Neti has been playing all year with a steel rod inside her thigh, the rod being necessary as a result of a car accident last August.

Terry O'Carroll and **James Morris** had an easy win over Tomlinson and Geoff Jennings in the men's doubles final but, in the women's doubles, **Anne Stonestreet** and **Kathy Fraser** were extended to 5 games before taking the title from Yvonne Fogarty and Maree Murphy.

A triple crown came **Anne's** way when, with **Jennings** as her partner, the 5 game threat of Lee and Kathy was eventually put down in the mixed final.

Lee was the winner of the U-18 boys' singles with Maurice Burrows the runner-up. In the girls' event **Philipa Marks** accounted for Jan Morris who looked to have the final sewn up at one stage when after winning the first game, she raced away to a 14—6 lead in the second of a best-of-three final. Results:—

M.S.: Semi-finals:

Ling Nan Ming (Canterbury) bt R. Lee (Hamilton) -10, 13, 6, 17;

A. Tomlinson (Auckland) bt G. Murphy (Hamilton) 19, 9, 20.

Final:

Tomlinson bt Ling Nan Ming 18, 14, 9.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

A. Stonestreet (Auckland) bt K. Fraser (Auckland) -17, 16, 18, 16; Y. Fogarty (Otago) bt N. Traill (Northland) -12, 17, 9, -18, 23.

Final:

Stonestreet bt Fogarty 13, -18, 20, -18, 14.

M.D.: Final:

J. Morris/T. O'Carroll (Northland) bt G. Jennings (Auckland)/Tomlinson 12, 15, 11.

W.D.: Final:

Fraser/Stonestreet bt Fogarty/M. Murphy (Hamilton) -21, 13, 18, -19, 15.

X.D.: Final:

Jennings/Stonestreet bt Lee/Fraser 16, -22, 11, -14, 16.

U-18 B.S.: Final:

Lee bt M. Burrows (Canterbury) 12, 14.

U-18 G.S.: Final:

P. Marks (Canterbury) bt J. Morris (Canterbury) -23, 21, 10.

V.M.S.: Final:

N. Brightwell bt F. O'Gorman 19, 17.

Anne Stonestreet and **Yvonne Fogarty** were the two players named by the selectors to represent New Zealand in next year's 2nd Commonwealth and the 32nd World Championships in Cardiff and Sarajevo respectively.

New Zealand will almost certainly be represented by a men's team as well, but the men will have to finance themselves. Finances usually permit the sending of teams to every other worlds and they attended the last, in Nagoya, with a full squad.

CHINESE NATIONALS

Tiao Wen-yuan was the winner of the men's singles event in the China National Championships, played in Peking last June, with Hsi En-ting the runner-up.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES
SEASON 1972-73

Premier Division

- Oct. 11—Sweden v. Czechoslovakia, Mohndal, near Gothenburg.
- „ 25—Hungary v. **England**, Budapest.
- „ 27—Federal Germany v. Sweden, Bad Kreuznach.
- Nov. 21—**England** v. Federal Germany, Leeds.
- „ 22—Sweden v. Soviet Union, Norrtalje, near Stockholm
- „ 29—France v. Hungary, Croix.
- Dec. 7—**England** v. Sweden, Guildford.
- „ 13—Hungary v. Czechoslovakia, Budapest.
- „ 14—Federal Germany v. France, Rastatt.
- „ 16—Soviet Union v. **England**, Moscow.
- „ 20—Czechoslovakia v. Soviet Union, Prague.
- Jan. 24—Soviet Union v. France, Moscow.
- „ 25—Czechoslovakia v. Federal Germany, Prague.
- „ 31—Czechoslovakia v. **England**, Prague.
- Feb. 6—France v. Czechoslovakia, Bordeaux.
- „ 15—Federal Germany v. Hungary, Hattersheim
- „ 15—France v. Sweden, Annecy.
- „ 26—**England** v. France, Aylesbury.
- Mar. 4—Soviet Union v. Federal Germany, Moscow
- „ 15—Hungary v. Soviet Union, Budapest.

Second Division

- Oct. 25—Greece v. Austria, Athens.
- „ 28—Luxembourg v. Italy, Luxembourg.
- „ 28—Belgium v. Switzerland, Malines.
- Nov. 25—Austria v. **Scotland**, Vienna.
- „ 25—Italy v. Switzerland, S. Elpidio a Mare.
- Dec. 9—Switzerland v. Luxembourg, Mothey/Wallis.
- „ 9—**Scotland** v. Belgium, Edinburgh.
- „ 16—Greece v. Italy, Athens.
- Jan. 20—Italy v. **Scotland**, Naples.
- „ 25—Austria v. Belgium, Vienna.
- Feb. 3—Austria v. Italy, Vienna.
- „ 10—Switzerland v. Greece, Bellinzora.
- „ 10—Luxembourg v. **Scotland**, Luxembourg.
- Mar. 10—**Scotland** v. Switzerland, Edinburgh.
- „ 17—Italy v. Belgium, Firenze.
- „ 30—Switzerland v. Austria, Hergiswil/Luzern.
- Apr. 1—Luxembourg v. Austria, Luxembourg.
- „ 21—**Scotland** v. Greece, Edinburgh.

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£4,000 TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

At a Press Conference held at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington on Oct. 3, it was announced that English table tennis is set to carve itself a new image with the help of a £4,000 sponsorship from the Norwich Union Insurance Group.

Increased prizes, more money to bring over top foreign players, better facilities and promotion of the game's two major events are all part of the package to win greater recognition and attract television coverage.

Gone will be the traditional titles of the English Open and Closed to be replaced by the Norwich Union International and Norwich Union English championships, both of which events are to be the showpieces of the 1972-73 season.

"We've been written off as a minor sport too long" said E.T.T.A. Secretary, Derek Tremayne. "I know that judged by international standards England hasn't done well in recent years but I see this sponsorship as the start of great things. Along with other support we have, it relieves us of financial worry and will let us get on with the job of developing the vast amount of young talent in this country. If things go well I shall be very disappointed if we don't produce a player capable of winning the world title in five years".

Prize money in the English, to be held at Crystal Palace from Jan. 4-6, is back to the £100 maximum for the men's singles winner and £50 for the women. Lack of cash has kept the award well below this level since 1970.

The international at Brighton from March 1-3 takes on a greater importance in 1973 as it is the last major event in Europe before the World Championships in Yugoslavia. This means that many of the world's leading players will attend and use the tournament as a final preparation.

Mr. John McDonnell, Public Relations Manager of Norwich Union said "We see our sponsorship as helping to improve the standard of English table tennis. It is a sport enjoyed by an astonishing number of people from every section of the community. The Association needed to be relieved of the financial worry to stage these prestige events. They are now free to develop the quality of the game in this country".

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In the Coaching Field

with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

An unexpected rise in the demand for coaching within the schools has developed in my own area. I emphasise the word unexpected, because these same schools had not shown any interest when approached on previous occasions.

As the active coaches available for such type of coaching are already over-stretched, the problem of meeting this demand is more acute.

It also brings to light a further problem often overlooked in relation to its seriousness. That is, pupils having learned to play table tennis at school—some reaching quite a high standard—then find that their local clubs either do not have team places available for them, or that club rules do not allow young persons into membership.

Then again, there is the problem of young players getting home after a match, and unless a member of the club will accept responsibility to see that children get home safely, parents will not allow their offsprings to play.

From all the foregoing it can well be seen that many potentially good players will never get the immediate opportunity to improve. Therefore it is important to find out how many players are active in school leagues and to calculate the output to the clubs if facilities allowed.

For this figure to have any meaning, the co-operation of the schools officials will have to be sought, and the counties and leagues notified in an endeavour to find places for them.

This problem is further highlighted when one studies the programme being carried out by the Reading League who have, as their target, 500 juniors per annum!

This programme was instituted in Sept. 1971, and in its first year, based on four centres providing coaching for 150 juniors, supplementary sessions increased the number to 250 from which number there are now 90 Bronze, 34 Silver and 6 Gold Award winners. How many other leagues can boast six "Gold" among their juniors?

These results show just how successful programmes of this nature can be, but without the help of Alan Dines, on whose research the whole organisation is based, together with the stout support of Reg Hart, John Fenon and many others, such schemes would never get off the ground.

Any such comprehensive programme requires a large number of voluntary helpers, the centres at Reading employing about 60 in the first 12 months. With an annual target figure of 500 this number will be insufficient to meet the demand.

It is not only coaches who are required, for without equipment they could not function, and the Reading League's management committee, under the chairmanship of Tom Williams have given full support. What is more, they have made funds available sufficient to purchase seven Jaques tables. This loan was repaid in less than a year and plans are now

in hand for the purchase of more tables.

I hope other league committees, with available funds, would follow suit with this sort of help as well as giving their moral support.

As the children starting to play table tennis, under the guidance of the Reading programme, can be as young as seven years, it was necessary to liaise with the Staff Coach and Coaching Advisor to run a parallel scheme to provide an ever increasing number of coaches to meet the requirements.

This task was carried out by Bryan Merrett and Leo Thompson and as one figure, recently assessed for children in Reading, was 5,000, Bryan will have to run many courses for student coaches to meet the demand.

At this point may I be allowed to divert from the coaching field to bring your attention to the reason certain information supplied me never appears in print.

To have any information included in these notes, it must be in the Editor's hands by the 15th of the month prior to publication. It must, therefore, reach me well before this date for, after my despatch to the Editor, they cannot be included in that particular issue, and the information may be irrelevant or completely out of date by the next issue.

So, please, if you wish to submit items for these notes, try to get them to me, at 1 Shenley Road, Liverpool, L15 7NG by the first week of the

month or within one week after receipt of the current magazine.

PROGRESSIVE RESISTANCE TRAINING FOR TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS

With the increasing interest that has been shown in weight training for Table Tennis Players, a one day session has been arranged for Coaches and Players who are interested in this subject. The session will be conducted by Wilf Paish, B.A.A.B. National Coach who is one of the experts in this field. The programme will include both the theoretical and practical aspects of Progressive Resistance work.

The session will take place at the Leeds Athletic Institute, Jack Lane, Hunslet, Leeds 10. Telephone: Leeds 76828. Details obtainable from either the Leeds Athletic Institute or from Peter Simpson, E.T.T.A. Staff Coach (North), 9 Lisker Avenue, Otley. Date—Sunday, 19th November, 1972 from 10-30 a.m. to 4-0 p.m. Fee—£1-00 per person, including Lunch.

WHAT A WEEKEND!

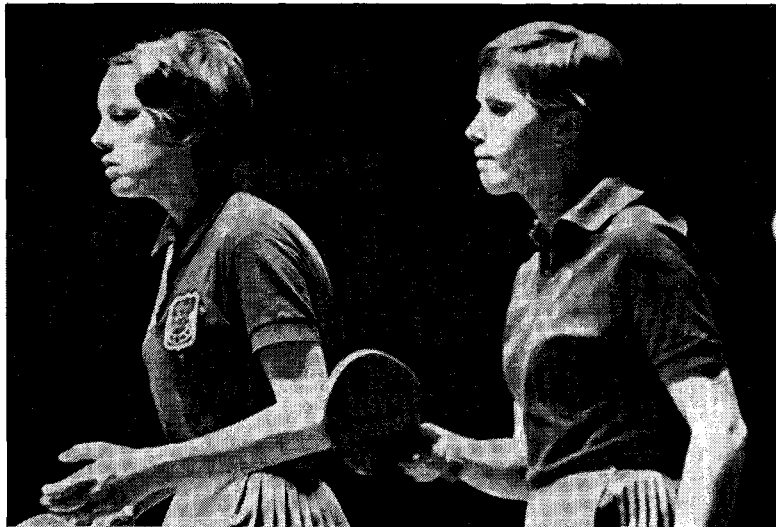
Entries of 194 boys and 104 girls for the Newbury Junior Open, played on Oct. 7/8, were the most ever.

Another record was the number of tables used—twelve. 400 sets were played on them during the Saturday and 348 on the Sunday. Play was concluded before 9 p.m. on each day

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Belgian Open



Jill Hammersley (left) and Beatrix Kishazi who combined to win the women's doubles title in Anderlecht.

TITLE FOR JILL IN ANDERLECHT

by Les Gresswell

The 14th Belgian Open Championships were held at the Salle de Sports, Anderlecht from Oct. 5—8 with ten countries being represented for the team and individual events.

In the men's team event, surprise winners were Federal Germany "B" whose Wilfried Lieck and Jochen Leiss accounted for Hungary, 3—1 in the final, after ousting Czechoslovakia, England and Yugoslavia!

England were beaten 3—1 with "Les" Haslam gaining our only success by beating Leiss. It was a close fought encounter with both Haslam and Mike Johns playing well considering their limited international experience.

In the women's team event, England were first in action, in the quarters, against Federal Germany "C" whose young players, Ulrike Dürre and Iris Sudmann, put up a

good fight before being beaten 3—0.

It was England's turn to be disappointed in the semis when they were beaten 3—0 Di Schöler and Agnes Simon representing Federal Germany "A" whom in the final, lost by a similar score to Hungary.

There was little excitement in the team events but compensation came with the individual events although watched by a sparse crowd.

A much more aggressive Istvan Jonyer (Hungary) took the men's singles title without the loss of a game with Anton Stipancic (Yugoslavia) proving a rather fragile opponent in the final. In the semis, Jonyer accounted for Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia) and Stipancic had a 22, 13, 13 win over Peter Rozsas who, in the quarters, had beaten Eddy Schöler 16, 18, -16, 19.

Haslam went down to the Federal German, Klaus Schmittinger in Rd. 2 (-16, -19, 18, -13) after beating the Belgian Schwilden by 10, 10, -18, 10.

Wins over Belgium's Nassaux and Roels carried Johns through to the

last 16 and defeat at the hands of Rozsas (-14, -18, -11).

Hungary took the second singles title when Beatrix Kishazi had a 3-straight win over surprise finalist Polackova who had left in her wake Hungary's Judit Magos and Federal Germany's Weibke Hendriksen and Di Schöler. Miss Kishazi had progressed with wins over Dürre, Alicia Grofova and Agnes Simon.

Karenza Mathews fell to Hendriksen, 24—26 in the fifth, with expedite coming in at 20-all. A stage further on, in Rd. 3, Jill Hammersley lost, again over 5 games, to Simon. Both our girls had easy opposition in the previous rounds.

England did gain an Open title when Jill, partnering Kishazi, triumphed over Hendriksen and Jutta Krüger in the final of the mixed.

Winning scores were 22, 17 18 after they had eliminated Dürre/Sudmann and Grofova/Polackova. Karenza was partnered with Belgium's No. 2, van Heybeek, but they lost 14, 16, -5, -12, -17 to the beaten finalists.

Men's and mixed doubles saw little joy for England and all our pairs succumbed in the early rounds. Haslam/Johns made little impression on Hoffman/Schöler and, in the mixed Haslam/Hammersley lost in 3-straight to the Schölers. In the same second round, Johns/Mathews fell to Leick/Hendriksen.

Winners of the men's doubles were the Yugoslavs, Stipancic and Surbek, who beat Alfred Nagel and Schmittinger in straight games.

Hungary's Jonyer and Magos combined to win the mixed beating their compatriots Rozsas and Kishazi -17, 12, 17, 12.

Croydon Invitation

by David J. Arterton

MONKS HILL BONANZA

On Sept. 22, the Monks Hill Sports Centre, Farnborough Avenue, South Croydon was officially opened by the

Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Mrs. B. Saunders. Coupled with the Official Opening was the first Croydon Invitation Table Tennis Tournament in which four top men and three women participated.

The draw brought English closed champion, Trevor Taylor, and No. 1-ranked Denis Neale together for the very first set. Winning in two straight got Neale off in fine style and his subsequent victories over Malcolm Sugden and "Les" Haslam earned the Yorkshireman top prize money. Runner-up was Scottish champion Sugden with Taylor, although beaten in the last set by Haslam, third.

In the women's section, Karenza Mathews began the proceedings by beating Jill Hammersley who, in turn, accounted for Linda Howard.

Final set of the evening was between Karenza and Linda and the Surrey girl took the first game to bring about visions of all three contestants being tied on the number of games won.

This was not to be, however, for Karenza fought back magnificently to take the next two games and the winner's prize, with Jill the runner-up.

Individual results:—

D. Neale bt T. Taylor 8, 19; bt M. Sugden 17, -21, 8; bt O. B. Haslam 14, 19.
Sugden bt Haslam 8, 19. Taylor bt Sugden 10, -13, 12. Haslam bt Taylor -15, 16, 14.
K. Mathews bt J. Hammersley 14, 18; bt L. Howard -15, 17, 9. Hammersley bt Howard 18, 10.

CHANGE OF ORGANISER

Because of business commitments, Mr. Ken Mitchell has had to relinquish the position of Organising Secretary for the Lancashire 2-Star Open, to be played at Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton on Saturday, Jan. 13/73.

His replacement, who is no stranger to the job, is Mr. George T. H. Fackrell of 9, Clive Avenue, Orford, Warrington. Entry forms, however, will still be obtainable from Mr. Mitchell at 3, Kempnough Hall Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 4QP. Home telephone: 061-790 2802.

With the anticipated entry of players from the European Economic Community, scheduled to play in a Fanfare for Europe spectacular, Lostock would appear set for yet another bonanza.

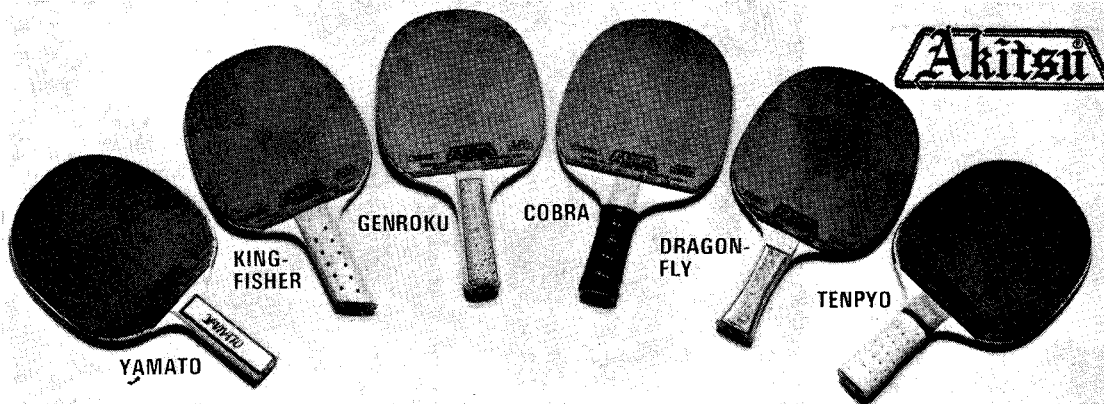
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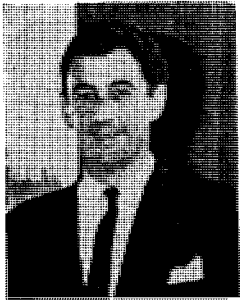
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As much as we welcome our latest sponsors the Norwich Union Insurance Group into table tennis, what a sad blow it is to hear that the title of the world-renowned English Open is changed to the Norwich Union International.

In fact, to me, its one of the saddest happenings for many years. The name "English Open" held a touch of magic because it is a tournament second only to the World Championships.

I am sure that my feelings in this matter are shared by many. I am equally sure that the E.T.T.A. had no option to agree to the title change but it must have been an uncomfortable decision—rather like a poor old soul losing his one remaining prize possession.

I now long for the day when every tournament in every sport bears a

sponsors name . . . it's happening faster every day—the Gillette Cup, Dewar Cup, John Player League, Dunlop Masters, Coca-Cola and many others.

Generations of newspaper sub-editors have blanched at the sight of such commercialism entering the news columns; one generation of television producers have from time to time been suddenly taken ill when faced with requests to allow advertising banners to appear in backgrounds.

Meanwhile, acknowledgments should be made that journalists and press officers who fight tooth and nail for publicity in all media, have had their task doubled overnight—for that I can thank no-one.

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Either the world has gone money-mad or we are still in this crazy

spiral of inflation causing people to work for two or more employers (one during the day and one in the remaining "spare" time) and table tennis addicts to dash from one end of England to the other in search of a few quid.

But, again, times are changing. The Butterfly tournament at Plymouth in September scored a new high in prize money and attendance of star players in consequence and has pioneered the principle of substantial sums for players who progress and even appearance money for the slaughtered.

The result of this is that without remorse the vast majority of players will go to the tournaments where the rewards are highest—does anyone blame them? The present shoe-string tournaments are in grave danger of being eclipsed; no doubt local or semi-local players will still support them but the chances of obtaining visits from those "at the top" are diminishing quicker than you may think.

'Kings of Europe' Celebrate in Style

Ormesby Table Tennis Club, last season's winners of the Europe Club Cup competition, celebrated their triumphant year in style at the Ladle Hotel, Middlesbrough on Oct. 5.

Surrounded by a glittering array of trophies, the principle members of the club were feted by a host of well wishers, including both local and national officials, who came to pay tribute to a club which has achieved more than any other, in any field of sport, this year.

E.T.T.A. Hon. Treasurer, Tom Blunn, who handed over the top trophy of the evening, the European Cup—won for the first time by an English side — said Ormesby broke records with everything they attempted.

The Mayor of Teesside, Councillor M. Sutherland, pointed out that no other sporting body in Britain could describe themselves as European champions in 1972.

Mr. M. Lister, secretary of the Middlesbrough and District League, said his organisation owed a debt to Ormesby's secretary, Alan Ransome, they could never repay.

"His organisation and administration have made all this possible" he said, presenting Alan with an illuminated address as "England's No. 1 coach".

Altogether the club won 12 national and international trophies, and individual awards were also made to Denis Neale, Trevor Taylor, Nicky Jarvis, Alan Ransome, David and Brian Alderson, Tony Martin, Philip Ward, Robert Wiley and J. Waller.

The occasion was also unique in that Ormesby donated a perpetual trophy bearing their name to the E.T.T.A., to be awarded annually to the English club champions, and Tom Blunn handed it back to Denis Neale, the captain of Ormesby, who have won the title for the last four years.

Feature by courtesy of the Stockton Evening Gazette

NEWBURY JUNIOR OPEN

by Tony Mosson

Caroline picks up two crowns

Newbury can be proud of its young table tennis players, Caroline Reeves, Mandy Smith, Gillian Heath and David Reeves, who turned in some notable performances at the Newbury Junior Open Championships at the USAF Gymnasium, Greenham on Oct. 7/8.

Caroline Reeves appeared in three finals at the under-15 level and won two of them. In the singles' event, Caroline reached the final with two straight victories all the way. Her opponent, Linda Wales, had put out the second seed, Julie Kelly in the semis and in the final managed to keep Caroline fairly quiet in a tight first game which the Newbury girl squeezed at 19. With this one under her belt, Caroline stormed through the second with some fine hitting to clinch the title at 12.

She also shared the girls' doubles success with Julie Kelly.

A hat-trick was on the cards and Caroline came near to it, for in the mixed playing with John Iszatt, she only lost by 20—22, 19—21 to Mark and Angela Mitchell. On their way to the final, John and Caroline had beaten the second favourites Chris Rogers and Linda Wales.

Caroline also made her presence felt in the under-17 events defeating the seeded Mandy Mellor, before losing in the semi-final. She progressed to the semi-finals of both doubles events, going out of the mixed against the eventual winners, and losing in the girls' doubles to Karen Rogers and Catherine Stonell.

Ten-year-old Winchcombe school-girl, Mandy Smith, chalked up her third success in national competitions this season when she won the Under-11 singles against her schoolmate, Gillian Heath.

She also fought her way to the semis of the Under-13 singles, going down to the talented Angela Mitchell, and to the same stage of the mixed doubles where Mandy and David Reeves lost to Reading pair, Timothy Heaps and Janet Thorpe.

Although not among the winners, David Reeves showed much promise.

All these results are rewarding, not only to the players, but also to the coaches who have worked hard to bring these youngsters along. Performances like these have not been achieved at a national level before and Newbury has its name firmly fixed in the minds of English officials.

What a pity then that the Newbury committee had to take the tournament out of town to the air base after a request to the borough council for a reduction in the hire charge for the Corn Exchange which had risen considerably—had been rejected.

However, conditions at the base, where 12 tables were adequately spaced, were magnificent. Nothing was too much trouble for Captain Kenneth Allen and his USAF staff.

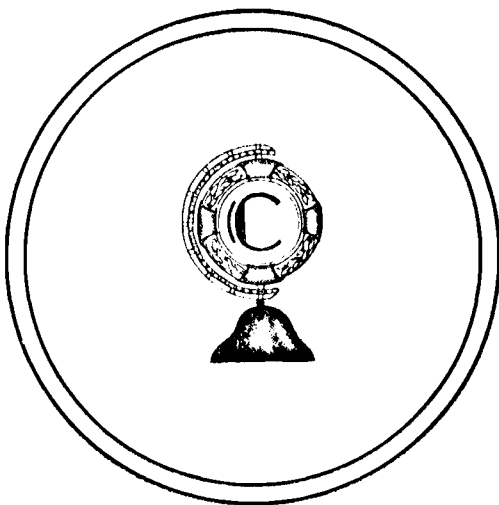
U-17 Events

B.S.: Quarter-finals:

S. Heaps (Ches.) bt D. Boulter

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Semi-finals:
Heaps bt Mitchell 14, 16; Day bt Pugh 20, 12.
Final:
HEAPS bt Day 11, 16.
G.S.: Quarter-finals:
K. Rogers (Leics.) bt S. Tame (Surrey) 15, -12, 20;
E. Tarten (Essex) bt N. Leslie (Surrey) 16, -18, 12;
C. Reeves (Berks.) bt M. Mellor (Derbys.) 21, 23;
G. Taylor (Essex) bt C. Stonell (Essex) 17, 16.
Semi-finals:
Tarten bt Rogers 22, 19; Taylor bt Reeves 17, 16.
Final:
TAYLOR bt Tarten -16, 20, 19.
B.D.: Semi-finals:
A. Bawden (Essex)/Tan bt Crimmins/Newman (Essex) 18, -16, 17;
P. Vickers/D. Yallop (Derbys.) bt Mitchell/Pugh 18, 15.
Final:
BAWDEN/TAN bt Vickers/Yallop 18, -16, 17.
G.D.: Semi-finals:
Tarten/Taylor bt Leslie/Tame 11, 18;
Rogers/Stonell bt J. Kelly (Essex)/Reeves 17, 16.
Final:
TARTEN/TAYLOR bt Rogers/Stonell 14, -10, 17.

X.D.: Semi-finals:
Bawden/Taylor bt Day/Tarten 17, -21, 21;
Vickers/Kelly bt D. Iszatt (Essex)/Reeves -20, 16, 15.
Final:
VICKERS/KELLY bt Bawden/Taylor 18, 22.
U-15 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
Mitchell bt S. Newman 13, 14; Pugh bt L. Eadie 17, 11.
Final:
MITCHELL bt Pugh 17, 7.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
Reeves bt M. Sangster (Middx.) 19, 14;
L. Wales (Sussex) bt Kelly 20, 19.
Final:
REEVES bt Wales 19, 12.
B.D.: Final:
CRIMMINS/MITCHELL bt D. Newman/Pugh 14, 19.
G.D.: Final:
KELLY/REEVES bt B. Chamberlain (Hunts.)/Wales 19, 19.
X.D.: Final:
MITCHELL/A. MITCHELL (Middx.) bt Iszatt/Reeves 20, 19.
U-13 Events
Finals:
B.S.:
C. ROGERS (Leics.) bt R. Jermyn (Herts.) 15, 11.
G.S.:
MITCHELL bt J. New (Hants.) 15, 9.
B.D.:
K. HALL (Leics.)/**ROGERS** bt Jermyn/D. Reeves (Berks.) 5, 11

G.D.:
CHAMBERLAIN/MITCHELL bt J. Douglas/J. Thorpe (Berks.) 12, 12.
X.D.:
D. NEWMAN/MITCHELL bt T. Heaps (Berks.)/Thorpe 11, 2.
U-11 Events:
Finals:
B.S.:
S. HARMER (Beds.) bt R. Bergemann 8, 7.
G.S.:
M. SMITH (Berks.) bt G. Heath (Berks.) 11, 5.

the final of the boys' coaching week competition in which James O'Connell beat Steve Hosking (Durham) while Mary Ryan completed a double with final victory over Melody Ludi (Yorkshire).

But, in conclusion, we are more than grateful to express our thanks through the medium of your magazine.

WILLIAM HAYES,

Hon. Secretary,

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1066 AND ALL THAT

The establishment of the permanent headquarters of the E.T.T.A. at 21 Claremont, Hastings heralds the first epoch making invasion there since 1066.

Like the archery of that period this one ought to be a winner. Another opening, another show refreshed by the rollicking sea breezes, the powers that be should insist on Table Tennis being officially recognised by Parliament as a great contributor to the friendship of nations and a major sport in this green and pleasant land.

Who or what else would have opened the door of friendship so very well as did the trip to the People's Republic of China.

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From the Editor's Postbag

THANKS FROM EIRE

During the summer, eight of our junior players attended a coaching course run under the auspices of the C.C.P.R. and the E.T.T.A. Many friendships were made and reciprocal invitations were issued to one another's homes.

Our juniors were very appreciative of the many shots learned and tips given by Douglas and Kathleen Foulds of Derbyshire and by Ridge Wentworth (Yorkshire) to whom we are indebted for their kindness to our young people.

The trip also showed that Ireland was by no means "dead" where table tennis is concerned as witness

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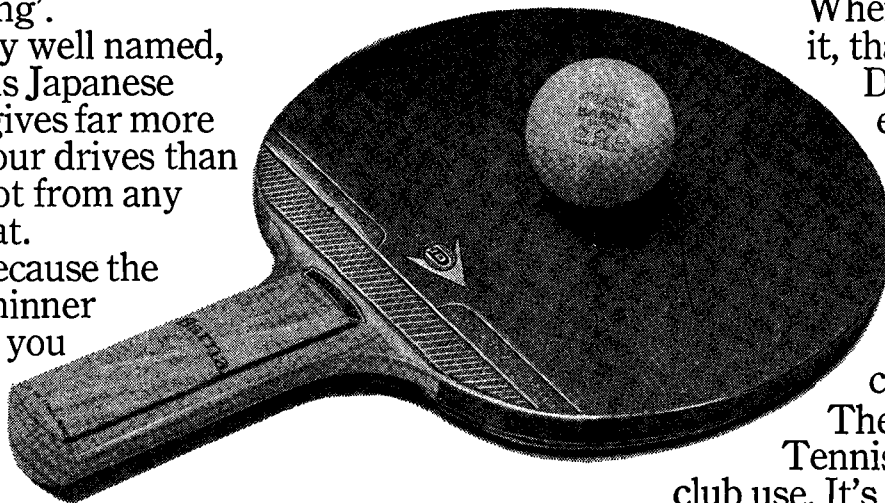
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Open Tournament Survey

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NEALE TAKES THE BIG ONE

Following his success in the Croydon Invitation on Sept. 22, England's No. 1 Denis Neale wasted no time in showing why he was top seed in the men's singles of the **Halex North of England 3-Star Open** played at Newton Heath, Manchester on Sept. 30.

After beating Peter Taylor — his conqueror at Plymouth in the Butterfly tournament—in the semi-final, he went on to take his third successive N. of E. title by beating "Les" Haslam after the Middlesex international had beaten Derek Munt in the other semi.

First seed to be tumbled in this star-studded event was Brian Burn who went out in the second round to Lancashire junior Donald Parker who subsequently lost to Burn's team-mate, Richard Cooper, 24—26 in the decider.

Cooper went on to account for Alan Ransome before falling to Munt in the quarters. Jimmy Walker was the second seed to go, ousted by another Lancastrian, Kevin Forshaw, in Rd. 3. Forshaw progressed to the quarters by beating A. McCulloch, a Scot, but curled up his toes when opposed by Haslam.

Munt's appearance in the semis was made easier by the absence of Trevor

Taylor, the No. 2 seed entered as a member of the International Squad, but subsequently withdrawn.

Another Red Rose entrant to inflict damage before departure was Brian Mitchell who disposed of Brian Johns, G. Doak of Scotland, and Laurie Landry—the latter in 2-straight, 12 and 15.

Neale was twice taken to a deciding game, firstly by Desmond Douglas, the new England No. 1 junior—the Yorkshireman winning 16, -19 17—and by Peter Taylor in quite the best of the two semis.

Again in the men's doubles, Neale was there to retain his half share of the title with a new partner in Barry Hill, a capable stand-in for Alan Hydes now in China.

The women's singles final brought together England's Nos. 1 and 2, Jill Hammersley and Karenza Mathews with the former reversing the Croydon verdict in a hard-fought three game final.

Karenza took some consolation for her singles defeat by carrying off two doubles titles. In partnership with Linda Howard they defeated sister Sue and Jill, while in the mixed Karenza and Haslam beat Ian "Benny" Robertson and Janet Hellaby.

In one of the best sets in the championships, Douglas beat Parker in the boys' final after the latter had disposed of Simon Heaps to keep his name before the selectors.

No. 1 Junior girl, Linda Howard took the girls' singles title with final victory over Anita Stevenson and Derek Schofield beat M. Tew to retain his veteran singles crown.

The popularity and success of the **Four T's 1-Star**, played at Southampton University on Sept. 17, increases from year to year.

Started as a Club invitation tournament, it graduated to a 'Restricted Open' in 1969 with a total entry of 60 players. This season it grew to record proportions and an entry of over 170 makes it the biggest tournament in the city since the heydays of the Southampton Open.

Much of the success, especially from a financial aspect, is due to the considerable help given by two local firms in sponsoring the two main singles events. Snows Office Supplies donated the men's singles prizes and Elkins Engineering those for the counterpart women's event.

The undoubted star of the day was Birmingham's Desmond Douglas. This 16-years-old Jamaican-born left-hander showed all the skill and temperament which could lead him to top international honours. He dominated every event he entered to end up a triple champion.

From an entry of 127, Douglas had a comfortable final m.s. victory over Bob Brown after disposing of D. Randall, in the quarters, and Hants No. 1 Chris Pickard, in the semis. Brown had ended the Surrey hopes of Gordon Chapman and David Welsman.

Partnered by his Birmingham compatriot, R. Boyne, a second title was won in the men's doubles and, as one would expect, Douglas was in a class of his own in the junior singles event which, although attracting 65 entrants, contained few nationally known players. Bristol's Chris Sewell was the beaten finalist.

Dorset's Jenny Vass justified her promotion to county No. 1 by beating former No. 1, Joyce Coop in the final of the women's singles after trailing all through the long deciding game. Victor and vanquished then combined to take the doubles title beating Sheila Foster and Tina Pickard.

The only local player to have a hand on a trophy, as has been many times in the past, was Christine Davies, whose scratch partnership with Graham Blomfield came out on top against Trevor Smith and Joyce Coop in the mixed.

Another record entry was registered in the **Teesside Junior Open** played at Thornaby Pavilion over the weekend Sept. 16/17 when, in the U-17 boys' singles, Mark Mitchell of Middlesex, reached his third such final of the season.

As in the North Herts. Junior, however, it was to be a runners-up effort, the winner being the local hero David Alderson, whose titles were fourfold for, in addition, with his

brother Brian, the team and boys, doubles events were won as was the mixed, with Anita Stevenson.

There were few shocks in the boys' event in which Andrew Barden, the No. 2 seed, was a non-starter. Third seed, Robert Wiley, went out to David Alderson, Mitchell accounting for brother Brian, seeded No. 4.

Major shock of the championships came in the U-17 girls' singles in which event top seed Anita Stevenson, the England No. 2 girl, was beaten, in the quarters, by Karen Wilson of Hull, winner of the U-15 event.

But it was Mandy Mellor who took the title beating the Humber-side 'terror' in the final after putting down the threat of Marilyn Sangster in the semis. Mandy also beat Anita in the girls' team final which, considering the Chesterfield girl failed to reach the final assessment camp, wasn't at all bad going!

Consolation came twofold for Anita when she shared the girls' doubles title, with Ann McCarthy of Hull, and the mixed with David Alderson.

In the U-15 boys' singles, Mark Mitchell came into his own with final victory over Wiley, but failed in the doubles when partnered by the diminutive Peter Hunt of Essex. The southern pair lost to Trevor Burrows of Cheshire and the local boy S. Souter in the semis, the event being won by Wiley and his Teesside colleague A. Kilburn.

Michael Thirkettle, of Hull, had a good win over Eric Minto of Durham in the U-13 boys' event, from a large field, but only three entries for the counterpart girls' event won by J. Skipp of Ormesby!

Up in Edinburgh at the **Meadowbank Open** on Sept. 24, two Sassanachs ran riot to lift triple crowns, the monarchs being Mike Johns and Susan Lisle.

Mike beat younger brother Brian to lift the singles title and partnered brother Ian to success in the doubles.

Miss Lisle had a comfortable final victory over Elaine Smith in the women's singles and, in the doubles, had Janice Green, of Cheshire, as her successful partner. Mike and Susan combined to take the mixed.

Anglo-Scot John McNee, of the Wirral League, won the boys' singles but, in the girls' event, the Scottish flag was carried to victory by Pat Fleming with a final win over B. Kearney of Northumberland.

RESULTS

Halex North of England 3 Star

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
D. Neale (Yorks.) bt M. Johns (Ches.) 15, 17;
P. Taylor (Beds.) bt L. A. Clayton (Yorks.) 19, 14;
O. B. Haslam (Middx.) bt K. Forshaw (Lancs.) 17, 14;
D. R. Munt (Warwks.) bt R. Cooper (Warwks.) -19, 16, 21.
Semi-finals:
NEALE bt Taylor -13, 19, 15; HASLAM bt Munt 13, 13.
Final:
NEALE bt Haslam 15, 15.
Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
J. Hammersley (Bucks.) bt L. Sutton (Yorks.) 11, 8;
S. M. Lisle (Lancs.) bt S. Howard (Surrey) -20, 12, 18;

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L. Howard (Surrey) bt J. Hellaby (Essex) 17, 11;
 K. Mathews (Middx.) bt J. Heaps (Ches.) 19, 18.
Semi-finals:
 HAMMERSLEY bt Lisle 5, 6; MATHEWS bt L. Howard 8, 20.
Final:
 HAMMERSLEY bt Mathews -19, 19, 19.
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
 B. Johns (Ches.)/M. Johns bt Munt/D. Schofield (Ches.) 16, 13;
 B. D. Hill (Surrey)/Neale bt A. Isaac (Staffs.)/B. Dunne (Warwks.) 21, 15.
Final:
 HILL/NEALE bt Johns/Johns 15, 9.
Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
 S. Howard/Hammersley bt D. Johnson (Lancs.)/D. Schofield (Ches.) 17, 15;
 L. Howard/Mathews bt Heaps/Lisle 16, 18.
Final:
 HOWARD/MATHEWS bt Howard/Hammersley 15, 15.
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
 Haslam/Mathews bt Neale/S. Howard 20, 18;
 I. Robertson (Essex)/Hellaby bt P. Day (Cambs.)/E. Tarten (Essex) 14, 16.
Final:
 HASLAM/MATHEWS bt Robertson/Hellaby 17, 8.
Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:
 S. Heaps (Ches.) bt B. Alderson (Yorks.) 18, -20, 14;
 D. Parker (Lancs.) bt R. Wiley (Yorks.) 10, -15, 20;
 D. Douglas (Warwks.) bt P. Edon (Durham) 12, 13;
 D. Alderson (Yorks.) bt Day -19, 14, 11.
Semi-finals:
 PARKER bt Heaps 19, -9, 18; DOUGLAS bt Alderson 17, 12.
Final:
 DOUGLAS bt Parker -19, 18, 17.
Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:
 L. Howard bt K. Wilson (Yorks.) 13, 13;
 Tarten bt M. Mellor (Derbys.) -11, 17, 12;
 G. Taylor (Essex) bt P. Clements (Yorks.) 8, 17;
 A. Stevenson (Leics.) bt B. Shepherd (Yorks.) 16, 16.
Semi-finals:
 HOWARD bt Tarten -18, 15, 15;
 STEVENSON bt Taylor 20, 14.
Final:
 HOWARD bt Stevenson 18, 19.
Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:
 Schofield bt G. Smith (Lancs.) 13, 16;
 M. Tew (Ches.) bt L. Browning (Yorks.) 15, 14.

Final:
 SCHOFIELD bt Tew 14, 12.
Four T's 1 Star
Men's Singles: Semi-finals:
 R. Brown (Wores.) bt D. Welsman (Surrey) 19, 20;
 D. Douglas (Warwks.) bt C. Pickard (Hants.) 13, 15.
Final:
 DOUGLAS bt Brown 12, 14.
Women's Singles: Final:
 J. VASS (Dorset) bt J. Coop (Dorset) 15, -12, 21.
Men's Doubles: Final:
 R. BOYNE (Warwks.)/DOUGLAS bt G. Bloomfield (Essex)/D. Jemmett (Middx.) -18, 18, 11.
Women's Doubles: Final:
 COOP/VASS bt S. Foster (Hants.)/T. Pickard (Essex) 13, 15.
Mixed Doubles: Final:
 B. LOMFIELD/Mrs. C. DAVIES (Hants.) bt T. Smith (Dorset)/Coop 22, 18.
Junior Singles: Final:
 DOUGLAS bt C. Sewell (Gloucs.) 10, 8.

Teesside Junior

U-17 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
 D. Alderson (Yorks.) bt R. Wiley (Yorks.) 6, 17;
 M. Mitchell (Middx.) bt T. Burrows (Ches.) 10, -18, 19.
Final:
 ALDERSON bt Mitchell 21, 11.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
 K. Wilson (Yorks.) bt P. Clements (Yorks.) 18, 19;
 M. Mellor (Derbys.) bt M. Sangster (Middx.) 11, 16.
Final:
 MELLOR bt Wilson 17, -18, 14.
B.D.: Final:
 B. ALDERSON (Yorks.)/D. ALDERSON bt M. Bawden/D. Boulter (Essex) -18, 20, 16.
G.D.: Final:
 A. MCCARTHY (Yorks.)/A. STEVENSON (Leics.) bt Clements/Sangster -21, 19, 8.
X.D.: Final:
 D. ALDERSON/STEVENSON bt S. Hosking (Durham)/P. Kearney (Northld.) 12, 18.
U-15 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
 Wiley bt P. Hunt (Essex) 15, 18;

Mitchell bt S. Souter (Yorks.) 19, 16.
Final:
 MITCHELL bt Wiley 12, 10.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
 B. Shepherd (Yorks.) bt Sangster 19, 17;
 Wilson bt W. Brown (Yorks.) 20, 14.
Final:
 WILSON bt Shepherd 20, 19.
B.D.: Final:
 A. KILBURN (Yorks.)/WILEY bt Burrows/Souter -17, 12, 17.
G.D.: Final:
 J. KINNERSLEY/J. McLEAN (Yorks.) bt Shepherd/Wilson 14, -17, 18.
U-13 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
 M. Thirkettle (Yorks.) bt M. Shallow (Yorks.) -20, 14, 13;
 E. Minto (Durham) bt P. Ellison (Durham) 20, 19.
Final:
 THIRKETTLE bt Minto 9, 16.
G.S.: Group of 3:
 Winner: J. SKIPP (Yorks.) Runner-up: S. Lister (Yorks.)
Boys' Team
 ALDERSON/ALDERSON bt P. Ward/Wiley 3-0.
Girls' Team
 CLEMENTS/MELLOR bt McCarthy/Stevenson 3-2.

Meadowbank Open

Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
 B. Johns (Ches.) bt R. Yule (Scot.) 18, 22;
 E. Sutherland (Scot.) bt P. Hoyle (Nthld.) 10, 15;
 D. Schofield (Ches.) bt R. Kerr (Scot.) 12, 13;
 M. Johns (Ches.) bt J. McNee (Scot./Ches.) 14, -12, 16.
Semi-finals:
 B. JOHNS bt Sutherland 16, -17, 13;
 M. JOHNS bt Schofield 14, -12, 16.
Final:
 M. JOHNS bt B. Johns 14, 9.
Women's Singles: Semi-finals:
 E. Smith (Scot.) bt J. Green (Ches.) 18, 8;
 S. Lisle (Lancs.) bt K. Angus (Scot.) 12, 13.
Final:
 LISLE bt Smith 14, 19.
Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:
 J. Hawkins/L. Wilson (Scot.) bt Sutherland/Yule 19, 16;
 I. Johns (Ches.)/M. Johns bt M. Thomson/R. Thomson (Scot.) 17, 15.
Final:
 JOHNS/JOHNS bt Hawkins/Wilson 13, 11.

Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:
 C. McBeath (Scot.)/Smith bt T. Nash/D. Quinn (Scot.) 16, 17;
 Green/Lisle bt Angus/P. Kerr (Scot.) 14, 13.
Final:
 GREEN/LISLE bt McBeath/Smith -14, 13, 16.
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
 Yule/Smith bt B. Johns/Green 13, 19;
 M. Johns/Lisle bt G. Angus (Scot.)/Angus 14, 11.
Final:
 JOHNS/LISLE bt Yule/Smith 18, 16.
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
 P. Edon (Durham) bt A. McCulloch (Scot.) -14, 16, 13;
 McNee bt D. Mullin (Scot.) 15, 14.
Final:
 McNEE bt Edon 15, 18.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
 P. Fleming (Scot.) bt J. Truman (Ches.) 16, 18;
 B. Kearney (Nthld.) bt H. Garrett (Ches.) 18, 7.
Final:
 FLEMING bt Kearney 15, -13, 17.
Boys' Doubles: Final:
 R. FERGIE (Scot.)/McCULLOCH bt McNee/N. Roberts (Ches.) 20, 15.
Girls' Doubles: Final:
 L. CLARK (Nthld.)/KEARNEY bt A. Hepple (Ches.)/Truman 8, 18.
Veteran Singles: Final:
 SCHOFIELD bt W. Hall (Warwks.) 11, 15.

P.C. FROM PEKING

In a past card from China, dated Oct. 8, news from Yorkshire's Alan Hydes, pursuing his Winston Churchill Fellowship Award studies on Asian coaching methods, is of training up to six hours per day, six days per week.

Alan is allowed just one day off per week for sightseeing. On Oct. 15 he was due to revisit the Great Wall of China having previously retraced his steps within the Summer Palace and the Forbidden City.

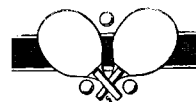
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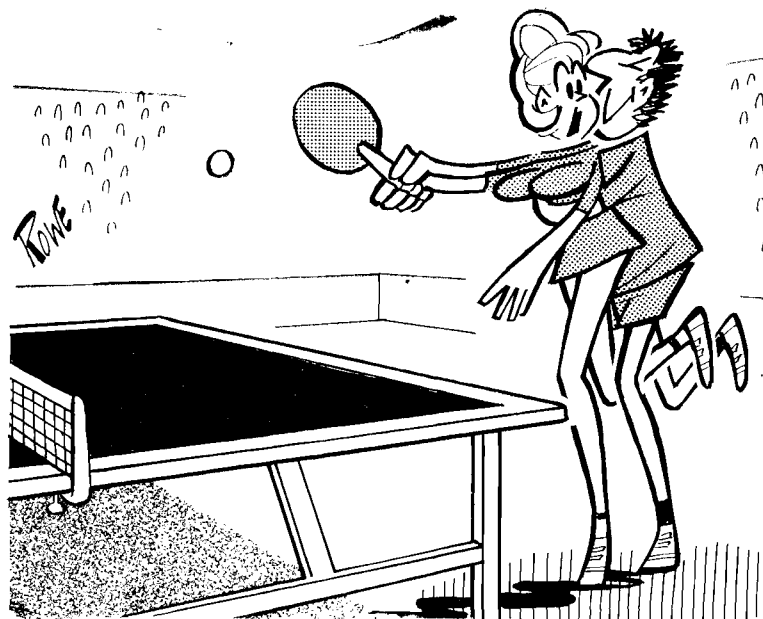
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County Notes Supplement

SURREY NOTES

by Geoff Ryan

IMPRESSIVE DEBUT

A good start to the season with victory for the first team over Essex and Roger Chandler looking very impressive on his debut. He should prove a valuable asset.

Latest ranking lists are:—

Men

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

Women

1. Miss L. Howard
2. Miss S. Howard
3. Mrs. J. Warren
4. Mrs. K. Miles
5. Miss S. Tame
6. Miss N. Leslie
7. Mrs. A. Tyrrell
8. Miss J. Ingerfield

Boys

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

Girls

1. Linda Howard
2. Nicolette Leslie
3. Susan Tame
4. Stephanie Clarke
5. Kay Greenough
6. Lorraine Knight
7. Rosemary Wilkinson
8. Shelagh Ryde
9. Nina Webb
10. Diane Elliott

Congratulations to Gerry Walsh for being included in the England rankings at No. 12 also to Linda Howard for her No. 1 ranking, Nicolette Leslie at No. 9 and Susan Tame at No. 10.

The compositions for the Inter-League matches are as follows:—

Percy Johnson Group I

Croydon A & B, Dulwich, Guildford A, Sutton, Wandsworth A, Thames Valley.

Percy Johnson Group II

Croydon B.H., Byfleet, Guildford B, Leatherhead, Reigate & Redhill, Wandsworth B.

Arthur Williams Rose Bowl

Byfleet, Guildford, Leatherhead, Thames Valley.

Harding Cup

Byfleet, Guildford, Leatherhead, Thames Valley.

Sutton Trophy

Byfleet, Guildford A & B, Leatherhead, Thames Valley A & B.

The opening of the Monks Hill Sports Centre at Croydon was a successful affair when Denis Neale won the invitation singles first prize of £50 and Karenza Mathews won the counterpart women's prize of £25.

A date for your diary—Redhill & Reigate Closed will be held March 17/18 at a new venue—Royal Philanthropic Society School gymnasium, Philanthropic Road, Redhill, which is also the venue for the county match against Warwick, on Mar 10.

Attention all aspiring world champions, this next piece of information is for you! Come along in your hundreds to Guildford on Thurs., Dec. 7 and witness the current world champion Stellan Bengtsson in action for Sweden against England in the European League. Tell all your friends not to miss this wonderful opportunity—congratulations to the hard-working Guildford committee for landing this plum.

An impressive performance by the 2nd team in their first match particularly from Dave Wellsman with two singles wins and men's doubles with Derek Holman. Scores: Wellsman bt Pickard -13, 9, 18; bt Sommerfeld 18, 15, Strathearn lost to Shetler -13, 15, -16; lost to Pickard -18, -16. Holman lost to Sommerfeld -17, -13; bt Shetler 13, 24. Sue Howard bt Christine Davies 8, 13. Wellsman/Holman bt Shetler/Sommerfeld 13, -24, 14. Sue Howard/Joan Warren bt C. Davies/C. Hutchings 11, 14. Strathearn/J. Warren bt Pickard/C. Hutchings 22, 10.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

First of all — congratulations to Anita Stevenson, now England No. 2 girl, our highest-ever. Well done, Anita, everyone in Leicestershire is delighted! Karen Rogers has slipped to seventh in the Ranking List but the position between the girls is so close that I feel anything could happen in the places between about three and eight.

The resignation of Ernest McLeish for personal reasons has come as a big blow to Leicestershire. Personally I rate him as one of the two best captains of the county in the past 25 years (Johnny Burraston being the other) but this is no reflection on the many other captains we have had. 'Mac' was always supremely dedicated to the team and always wanted them to win every possible point. There is no doubt he will be missed. Fortunately Colin Truman has accepted the post and there is little doubt he will give his utmost to see the team do well.

Coaching is on the increase in Leicester with several members taking night school classes. This should in the long run produce more league players—to the benefit of both the individuals and the leagues concerned.

Leicester did not make a particularly good start in the Midland League. The men's 2nd team could collect only two sets from Oxford, who look almost certain to return rapidly to division one. The ladies won 8-2 against Derby with Karen Rogers and Pat Kilsby returning maximums. The veterans were defeated 7-3 by Coventry for whom Alan Bury still looks a very good player indeed.

Loughborough opened by beating Birmingham 'B' 6-4 in the Junior 2nd Division. Anita Stevenson and Peter Angrave were both unbeaten.

Hinckley have not made a very good start in the Midland League either but the first team have played two of the strongest teams, Chesterfield and Birmingham 'A'. Hinckley 'B' went down 9-1 to Darlaston, not normally regarded as a particularly strong side and it is clear Hinckley have quite a fight on their hands if they are going to steer clear of the bottom places.

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Walter Reeves

DERBY SUPPLY TWO-THIRDS

Against Warwickshire II in their opening county match programme, the County junior team had six players and four of them came from Derby. Such is the extent of the improvement in Derby junior table tennis.

Playing at No. 1, David Yallop won both his singles and with his regular partner, Phil Vickers, was further successful in the boys' doubles.

Vickers is earning a reputation as a doubles specialist and he also partnered Susan Holmes to a win in the mixed.

In the Newbury Junior Open, Vickers, partnered by Julie Kelly of Essex, won the mixed event and reached the boys' doubles final, an event won by Bawden and Tan of Middlesex.

In the match against Warwks, II, Mandy Mellor had a singles win and was further successful in the girls' doubles with Susan, her county rival.

The County League is late in getting under way, due to the late return of notice of intent from both Matlock and Alfreton. Because of their withdrawal all divisions will play this season on a home and away basis, the new set-up affording only six fixtures in a curtailed calendar starting on Oct. 30 and ending on Mar. 6/73.

In this competition, Chesterfield have only entered 1 senior and 1 junior team. They have been the king-pins of Derbyshire table tennis for many years, but without pressure from below, their top players will not maintain their County supremacy.

Other towns have found this to be true in the past. Matlock, for instance, just after the war, took County honours, but they never had any junior strength, and have been struggling at the foot of the County League table for sometime now.

Derby's juniors, thanks to Messrs. M. Yallop, K. Holmes and Vickers, are very much travelled with transport no problem. To date they have given a good account of themselves in all the junior opens they have entered.

Arthur Downer's accident was more serious than I thought when I last reported. It now appears he will be in hospital until Christmas at least. Even then, he will have to spend 3 months in a caliper and be on crutches. It is fortunate, in a way, that he is so young and best wishes are hereby extended for his complete recovery in as speedy a time as possible.

CHESHIRE NOTES

by Brian Kean

PERMANENT FIXTURE

In my nine years of table tennis involvement I have seen many promising young players come and go, but one man who has become a permanent fixture on the table tennis scene in Cheshire and throughout England is, of course, Stockport's ageing veteran, Derek Schofield. Since my first meeting with this living legend, he has aged a little, bringing his sum total to 42 years. However, despite his age, he is still turning in vintage performances. People may say his present return to form is largely credited to his using the new anti-loop bat; however, should Derek use a frying pan or a cricket bat, he would still be one of the finest players to perform on the open tournament circuit.

Our return to the Premier division has, after two matches, met with mixed fortunes. Our first match, held in ideal conditions at C.P.R.O., Cheadle Hulme, saw us succumb to the might of Middlesex by 6 sets to 3. Our ever-faithful Mike Johns beat 'Les' Haslam, then in partnership with younger brother, Brian, won the men's doubles, our third and last set was collected by Derek Schofield. A pleasing change of fortune was in store when we visited the 'big smoke' for our encounter with Essex. In this 5-4 victory a Mike Johns double, backed by wins from Judy Heaps and Derek Schofield, plus the men's doubles, secured the much valued points. On the same day our second, third, junior and veteran teams were also doing battle. While the seconds and juniors were going down 6-4 and 9-1 respectively at the hands of Yorkshire, our thirds and veterans enjoyed wins, the thirds over Cumberland, the latter over Worcester.

Once again our players are earning themselves respect on the tournament circuit. The recent Meadowbank Open held in the Commonwealth Stadium, Edinburgh, was completely invaded by the Boys and Girls from "Sch... you know where!!!" The silver collection was plentiful, as we collected more than our fair share of titles—the details of results, etc., are published elsewhere in this issue. The North of England Open wasn't quite so successful, although Nigel Eckersley had a good win over Middlesex's highly rated Bob Aldrich. Nigel is one of our most improved players and I expect him to upset a few of the big guns in the very near future.

Moving on to the League scene, I am pleased to see the Stockport League have at last introduced three-men teams. Initially it only applies to the first division, however I would envisage its introduction to the lower division gradually over the next few seasons.

After two years of studies in America it is pleasing to welcome home Stockport's Don Berry. I am sure we will soon see Don "The Loop" back in action shortly. News also of another of our globetrotting friends, John Hilton. It appears that sunny Australia is no substitute for the grit, grime and friendliness of England's North West and John could well be back home around March or April next year.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

WIDE GAP

In their first match of the season, in the Junior Division, Cambs. II suffered a 10-0 defeat at the hands of Norfolk. Although the result was not surprising, it does show the wide gap that exists between the County's top juniors and the second strings. Six players were making their debut, as against a Norfolk team that consisted of players with two or three years experience at County level. Cambs. players in this match included Brian Richardson (brother of Keith), Carol Ellis, and Ruth Newman, who all performed with credit which augers well for future matches.

It is pleasing to note that Paul Day, the Cambs. Junior, is now No. 5 in the National Junior rankings. During the last two seasons 13-year-old Paul has improved enormously and as he has still four more seasons to go as a junior it can be assumed that he will in time reach the top. In the Butterfly Tournament at Plymouth, Day excelled himself by beating Keith James 13, 13, and then achieved his best win of this season when he defeated David Brown, of Essex, 16, 20.

In the Cambridge & District League, early results have run pretty much to form. In Division I, Soham II beat Y.M.C.A. II 7-3, John Ashman and Keith Richardson were invincible and both beat Ken Muhr, 20 in the third. Impington II defeated Haverhill 7-3 in the second division, with Bernard Adams winning three sets and "Lofty" Adams and Maurice Beckford two each.

In Division III, Spicers and St. George's II are setting the pace and both had overwhelming victories over Melbourn II and Y.M.C.A. IV respectively. Fisons who head Division III, include a 10-0 victory over Civil Service, while Wilburton II, promoted last season, gained a 7-3 win over R.A.F. Oakington, for whom Flying Officer Lyddon-Jones won all his three singles.

Peter Reeve, who does an enormous amount of work in promoting table tennis in the schools, is again running the Mixed Schools' League this season. There will be three divisions for both girls and boys, comprising Under-17, Under-15 and Under-13. Newcomers to the boys U-17 section are Coleridge, who will run two teams, while Perse will run a team in the U-13 division. In the girls' section, Perse have also entered an additional team in the U-15 division.

Cambs. senior teams, who both have hard matches in store, will almost certainly be represented by the following players:—

First Team:—

Michael Harper
Paul Day
Tony Littlechild
Deborah Clarke
Ruth Puddick
Sally Hirst

Second Team:—

Ken Muhr
Brian Jones
Paul Chisnall
Karen Garner
Ruth Ellis

In the second team, the female element will almost certainly come

from the junior ranks, who will have a testing time.

In my last month's notes I mentioned that Emma Swan, our 14-year-old Senior Champion, had decided to give up the game. This, of course, is a great blow to Cambs., who were relying on her to add additional punch to the Senior team. Her main reason for giving up the game was that she had too many commitments, which included tournaments, County matches, League matches and coaching sessions. I would say to Emma, 'Think again, before it is too late!'

The following players were successful in coaching examinations held recently:—

1* Coaching Diploma—Ken Muhr and Gerald Coteman.

Club Coaching Certificate — John Constable, Geoff Newman and Ian Hale.

The Cambs. Junior Open, to be held next May at Cambridge Corn Exchange, is to be partly sponsored by Messrs. Hobbs, Sports Outfitters of Cambridge.

In their first East Anglian League match of the season, Cambridge defeated Yarmouth 9-1.

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

The S.E.M.L. Closed tournament will be held at Cambridge Corn Exchange on Apr. 14/15, 1973 and the veterans' tournament will be run at Cryselco canteen, Woburn Road, Kempstead, Beds. on Mar. 17/73 (1-30 p.m.).

League officials for the current season are:— Chairman—M. H. Webb (Hunts.), Vice-Chairman—E. W. Ball (Bedford), Hon. Sec./Treas.—H. Fox (Hunts.) Hon. Press Officer—L. R. J. Constable (Cambridge), Hon. Tournament Sec.—Mrs. M. A. Cornwell (Cambridge) and Hon. Score Card Sec.—Miss P. Tate (Peterboro.).

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

WHAT A UNION!

Quite the most momentous and exciting news from Norfolk last month was the announcement that the great Norwich Union Insurance Group, with its enormous financial strength, is to sponsor the E.T.T.A.'s two major tournaments during the 1972-73 season. As a result, the former English Closed will become the Norwich Union English Championships and the English Open will be known as the Norwich Union International Championships.

Posters advertising the Championships are to be sent to over 8,000 clubs throughout the country. The Norwich Union was founded by Thomas Bignold in 1797, and its name will soon become a household word to all table tennis players. Long may this happy association between the Norwich Union and top Table Tennis continue!

Norfolk Juniors have started the season well with a to-be-expected win over Cambs. II at Duxford. John Fuller, Peter Maybury, Peter Burton, Paula Ribbins and Lesley Read appeared for Norfolk. At this match the East Anglian League chairman, Jack Fuller (John's father), presented county junior colours to Maybury and Burton.

Yarmouth league's new secretary is Michael Baer, who must be one of the youngest secretaries in the country. At Dereham, Mr. Harvey, of Brisley, takes over the chairmanship from Trevor Betts. Frank Bower, former secretary, is back again, after illness last season, as secretary of the junior section.

Congratulations to Stan Ford of Dereham who has qualified as a Tournament referee for one and two-star opens.

Wymondham, this season, have a record number of 43 teams split into four divisions. Finally, the newly-formed Norfolk schools' under-19 championship must be mentioned. This has attracted eight teams which have been divided into two groups.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Ron Anson

BIG "KITTY"

With generous sponsorship from Halex and the Cutler-Prescott organisation swelling the "kitty" the stage is set for the most ambitious Midland "Open" to date. To be held at the Harry Mitchell Centre, Warley, Smethwick, on Nov. 11/12, it was hoped that all the "big guns" would be attracted to help make the event the Midlands best ever "open".

The County trials went mostly according to expectation with the only surprises in the Veterans' section where Graham Elsdon, lately of Leicestershire, came through unbeaten without dropping a game, resulting in him gaining the number one spot at the first time of asking.

Complete ranking list:—

MEN

1. B. Burn, 2. D. Munt, 3. R. Cooper, 4. D. Douglas, 5. R. Gunnion, 6. P. Judd, 7. P. Glynn, 8. B. Hayward, 9. M. Griffiths, 10. B. Dunne, 11. G. Binney, 12. J. Thorpe, R. Jenkins, J. McCorry, P. Giles, R. Judd.

WOMEN

1. J. Cornock, 2. D. St. Ledger, 3. D. Hazzard, 4. J. Rowley, 5. A. Lloyd, 6. J. Scott, 7. M. Rose, 8. K. Grove, 9. S. Elsdon.

BOYS

1. D. Douglas, 2. E. Lasek (Cov.), 3. A. Cotton, 4. A. Jones (Cov.), 5. K. Pilgrim (Cov.), 6. D. Shropshire, 7. M. Horne, 8. D. Johnson, 9. C. Wainwright, 10. R. Davis, 11. R. Mountford.

GIRLS

1. D. St. Ledger, 2. K. Groves, 3. M. Williams, 4. M. Allen, 5. V. Russell, 6. C. Moseley, 7. C. Vines, 8. L. Hill, 9. J. Loudon, 10. L. Melen, S. Gibbons, S. Hemmings, D. Groves, J. Sephton.

VETERANS

1. L. G. Elsdon, 2. E. Edwards, 3. C. W. Dawson, 4. J. Peakman, 5. G. Hayward, 6. J. Harrison, 7. J. Sykes, 8. D. Sanders, A. Hoey.

Unfortunate indeed that while these trials were in progress Desmond Douglas was taking the cream of England's Juniors apart at Crystal Palace with performances that resulted in a No. 1 England Ranking. With Warwickshire's Senior team for the opening match already selected (minus Desmond) there were a few red faces around, but I imagine our

opponents are quite happy about the arrangement.

The Warwickshire League is due to commence with the format as before except that it is hoped to stage the Birmingham Clubs' home matches over 2 weekends if a suitable venue can be found.

Birmingham's representative teams got off to a mixed start with the Vets 'A' team of 'debut man' Elsdon, Edwards and Dawson winning comfortably 8-2 v. Walsall 'B' and Birmingham's 'A' team of Munt, Douglas and Isaacs winning 8-2 at Hinckley. On the debit side our women—Andy Jones, Di St. Ledger and Doreen Hazzard were somewhat off-key going down 3-7 to Nottingham, while the Men's 'B' of Binney, Glynn and Griffiths were squeezed out 6-4 by Chesterfield, but can count themselves somewhat fortunate in that Denis Neale reported to be appearing for Chesterfield was not available. The mostly untried trio of Wainwright, Johnson and Anson were no match for Loughborough for whom Anita Stevenson was outstanding in a Junior match, going down 3-7.

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

WIN FOR NEWCOMERS

League newcomers, Bournemouth, opened their campaign away to Newport and gave proof of their strength by winning 7-2 when represented by Trevor Smith, Brian Pickard and Cyril Bush, the latter losing to Tony Watkins and John Bloomer.

Exeter were without Paul Stone and Mike Putland of last season's team for their away match against Weston who won 6-3 thanks to a maximum from Tony Kinsey with supporting sets from Ray Philpott (2) and young Paul Drew (1).

For Exeter, Mike Rattue beat both Philpott and Drew while Kevan Rice also accounted for Drew. Mike Rundle was the only player without success.

In a first class women's match, title holders Newbury just managed it 5-4 against Bournemouth, the result depending on the outcome of the final set between Jackie Smith, of the host team, and Julie Hudson. Jackie won in two-straight.

Newbury played their youngest team yet to represent them, but found their visitors a very strong addition to the league and a decided threat to their title retention hopes.

For Bournemouth Joyce Coop played brilliantly to win all her 3 sets against Miss Smith, Caroline Reeves and Joyce Taylor, her 3-game set with Caroline being the best of the match.

Newbury took a 3-1 lead, but Bournemouth levelled at 3-all, Caroline surprisingly losing to Julie Hudson after playing so well against Mrs. Coop.

The visitors then went 4-3 in front, Mrs. Coop beating Joyce Taylor, setting the young Newbury team without Heather Masters, now in semi-retirement, quite a task.

But, they rose to the occasion and took the final two sets for victory.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

ALDERSON AGAIN

Yorkshire Closed men's singles title-holder David Alderson showed that his surprise win last year was no flash-in-the-pan affair by romping through this year's field at Bradford, on Oct. 8, with the loss of only one game, this being the first in the final against Huddersfield's John Kedge, whose slow topspin returns at first puzzled the Ormesby player. However, Alderson took control in the second and third games to retain his title; his boys' singles title he retained without the loss of a game. Not bad for a 15-year-old!

Alderson's task in the men's singles was made easier by the absence of Denis Neale, Nicky Jarvis and Alan Hydes plus Tony Clayton's voluntary non-entry in this event. But a convincing win over top seed Jimmy Walker in the semis emphasised that the title was well earned.

The women's title was won for a second time in three years by Hull's Lynda Sutton, after top seed Judith Walker had gone down to Bradford's Sylvia Broadbent. There was no consolation for Judith in the girls' event, where she lost to beaten finalist Julie McLean. The winner was Ormesby's Pat Clements, who was also seeded in the women's event but lost to rival junior Karen Wilson. In the girls' event, Karen's exit was at the hands of Julie, ranked No. 10 in the girls, Julie provided something of an upset to the ranked form by beating the Nos. 1, 3 and 9 on the day.

The men's doubles went to Nicky Davies and Jim Yeats, after holders David Alderson and Tony Martin had succumbed to Sheffield's David Sykes and Roy Brothwell, surely the best playing commentator in the game today, and Alan Ransome and Jimmy Walker had been edged out by Clayton and Hull inter-league player Andrew Petrie. Results:—

M.S.: Semi-finals:

D. Alderson (Middlesbrough) bt J. Walker (Middlesbrough) 16, 15;
J. Kedge (Huddersfield) bt A. Ransome (Middlesbrough) 18, 17

Final:

Alderson bt Kedge -7, 13, 14.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

S. Broadbent (Bradford) bt J. Walker (Sheffield) 16, 15;
L. Sutton (Hull) bt K. Wilson (Hull).

Final:

Sutton bt Broadbent 17, 12.

B.S.: Semi-finals:

D. Alderson bt P. Ward (Middlesbrough) 9, 14;
R. Wiley (Middlesbrough) bt B. Alderson (Middlesbrough) 18, 16.

Final:

D. Alderson bt Wiley 18, 16.

G.S.: Semi-finals:

J. McLean (Hull) bt K. Wilson 17, 11;
P. Clements (Middlesbrough) bt A. McCarthy (Hull) 17, 11.

Final:

Clements bt McLean 20, 14.

M.D.: Final:

N. Davies (Leeds)/J. Yeats (Bradford) bt M. Dainty (Doncaster)/J. Kedge 17, 18.

W.D.: Final:

Broadbent/Walker bt P. Dawson (Bradford)/Sutton 22, 13.

X.D.: Final:

Ransome/Clements bt A. Clayton/B. Shepherd (Hull) -11, 18, 17.

V.S.: Final:

G. Brook (Huddersfield) bt D. Oddy (Halifax) 13, 13.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

PROMOTEES OFF TO FLIER

Farnworth, promoted this season to Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, began their programme with an 8-2 home victory over Chester.

Both Bryn Farnworth and Bob Kelly registered treble successes and together took the doubles. Ian Johns and Liam Barclay obtained the visitors' wins, both at the expense of Clive Heap.

Bolton, the defending champions, accounted for Blackpool 7-3. Derek Schofield kept a clean sheet and with Colin Lang won the doubles. Bolton's other wins came from Lang (2) and Philip Riley (1). Blackpool's wins were equally shared by Brian Parkinson, Gordon Beardsworth and Roy Frankland.

England's No. 7, Tony Clayton, playing for Liverpool, was beaten by Phil Bowen 20, 19 when Manchester played hosts to the 'scousers'. The match ended up in a 5-all draw with Bowen also successful against Wally Allanson but beaten, 19 in the 3rd, by Peter D'Arcy.

Tony Boasman, the former England junior, lost to both Allanson and Clayton but accounted for D'Arcy. Kevin Forshaw lost only to Clayton who, with D'Arcy, took the doubles against Forshaw and Bowen.

Despite a treble from Donald Parker, Preston could do no more than draw 5-5 with Stockport, their other wins coming from Tony Rigby, who beat Phil Mayman, and Jim Clegg who accounted for newcomer P. Holt.

Scottish junior international, John McNee, had a thin time of it for Wirral who were beaten 10-0 by Sale in Division 2 (South). Eric Ford, Ian Walmsley and K. Israr did the damage.

In the women's first division Manchester, the champions, gave promotees Bolton a 9-1 hammering their one set dropped being by Janice Green to Linda Jackson. Back in Manchester's colours was Connie Moore, previously with Blackpool, and she, like Susan Lisle swept all before her.

Liverpool, the most likely challengers, had a similar win over Crewe whose A. Moran beat Suzanne Manning. Both Brenda Williams and Barbara Kirkman had clean sheets. Sadly it must be recorded that Stockport have withdrawn from this section of activity.

Finally, from Salden, comes the news of twins born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keogh on Oct. 6. Twin boys in fact, David James and Richard John, weighing 5lb. 6ozs. and 5lb. 5ozs. respectively — brothers for Lindsey, aged 21. Both mother, Marilyn, and Jack are doing well. Congratulations from one and all.

Jack was to have played for Lancashire against Northumberland, at North Shields, but visits to Burnley's Edith Watson Maternity Wing took precedence, and rightly so.

Brian Mitchell made the trip across the Tyne and shared in a 9-1 success after Donald Parker had suffered a shock opening reverse to Alan Jones, the former Leeds player. Phil Bowen made up Lancashire's male squad with Di Johnson and Brenda Williams being the other team members, all in charge of ex-international Benny Casofsky of Manchester.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

PRaise FOR JANET

Staffordshire started the new season on a mixed note with two wins and two defeats. The "A" team opened with a 6-4 win at Worcester but the following day they went down 8-2 at home to a Leicestershire side that must surely win the second division midland group on this form.

The "B" team got off to a good start with a 10-0 win over Shropshire at Shrewsbury and after this match, Ray Dixon was full of praise for 15-year-old Janet Carr who was playing in her first senior county match. The veterans were the other team to come unstuck, they went down 6-3 to newcomers Warwickshire.

At long last the County are getting to grips with their umpiring problems and it was very encouraging to see three new umpires, Colin Pearse, W. Davies, and P. Benson, taking their test at the Leicestershire match. P. Benson is the new umpires secretary and with any luck, the County should have a good squad to call on by the end of the season.

Another honour came to Staffordshire recently when Jim Hayward was elected chairman of the Midland region of the National Coaching and Schools committee.

After presenting the trophies at the Wednesbury and Darlaston Summer League, I am sorry to report that the event was very poorly supported, and those who did go, had to suffer a comedian who would have been much better suited to a Working Men's club. A pity this for Margaret Hood had put a lot of hard work into this event.

The Woodfield club at Wolverhampton are hoping for a record entry for their annual tournament on the 25/26 of this month. All details from Ken Hodgkiss, 35, Whitehall Road, Penn, Wolverhampton.

Highfield school at Wolverhampton had their problems in the National Schools' competition last season, but I am sure those were soon forgotten when Malcolm Scott went along to the school recently to make a special award to the players. I hope we shall see Highfield carrying the Staffordshire flag again this season.

As a result of county trials held at the Woodfield club, the following ranking list was issued: **Men:** 1. A. Isaacs, 2. K. Fellows, 3. P. Eaton, 4. S. Ward, 5. J. Pugh, 6. S. Rowe, 7. S. Dunning, 8. B. Keates, 9. J. Salt.

Women: 1. K. Perry, 2. S. Warner, 3. B. Eardley, 4. J. Carr, 5. G. Round.

Veterans Men: 1. D. Pritchard, 2. V. Hankey, 3. W. Russell, 4. E. Coggins, 5. J. Chalkley.

Women: 1. B. Hall, 2. M. Cumberbatch, 3. J. Blair.

There will be a new look county junior team this season following their trials at the Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

THREESOME RANKED

A very successful start to the season for the Juniors with Mark Mitchell, Andrew Barden and David Tan ranked at Nos. 7, 8 and 9 in the new England ranking list. This is the first time since season 1960-61 that we have had 3 in the top 10. On that former occasion it was Brian Wright, Nigel Ive and David Offenbach who occupied Nos. 2, 5 and 7 positions.

The Halex Middlesex 3-Star Open will this season be staged at the Royal Horticultural Hall on Dec. 2/3. Entry forms will now be in circulation (closing date Nov. 14) and the draw will take place on Nov. 19. It is hoped that we will have our usual good entry for the Horticultural Hall is a wonderful venue which should do justice to a 3-Star Open.

Spearheaded by Karenza Mathews, the Gainsford Club began their quest in pursuit of the Europe Club Cup (women's section) with a trip to the continent on Oct. 13 and a match against Belgian champions Alph C.T.T.

A splendid 5-0 victory was the outcome, the individual scores being: Mrs. K. Mathews bt Detourney 6, 10; bt Crevencoeur 15, 12. Mrs. J. Hammersley bt Collingnon 6, 7; bt Detourney 11, 15. Miss S. Hession bt Crevencoeur -11, 17, 18.

DURHAM NOTES



by Fred Inch

Durham's Juniors got off to a disappointing start in the County Championships, underestimating the opposition from Westmorland, and only finishing with a draw. Peter Edon (Stockton) won both his singles with solos coming from Steve Hosking (Stockton) and Carol Walker (Philadelphia). Carol and Shirley Jenkins (Murton) won the girls' doubles.

Malcolm Corking (Stockton) had a tremendous start to the seniors' new campaign when, against Lincolnshire away, he won both his singles and partnered Jim Armstrong (Philadelphia) to a MD success. Armstrong also won a singles set but from a trailing 3-5 position it was first Corking, and then Sunderland's Mike Ford who earned Durham a division of the spoils, the latter from being 12-18 down winning 9 pts. in a row for his success. Don Carlton, the team manager, reports that the team spirit was excellent as evidenced by the fighting finish.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

GILBERT BEST, BUT RANKED 4

The Hampshire 'trials', held as a prelude to the Four T's tournament at Southampton University, did little to separate the mass of similar standard players within the county. In fact, Martin Gilbert of South East Hants had the most successful day.

The women's trial was marred by the absence of a number of top players and the fact that some of the up-and-coming brigade had good results on the day must be valued against the lack of opportunity they had against the established county players.

Rankings:—

Men

1. Chris Pickard (Bournemouth)
2. Chris Shetler (Southampton)
3. Keith Summerfield (Soton)
4. Martin Gilbert (S.E. Hants.)
5. Alan Thornton (Aldershot)
6. Davis Phelps (Aldershot)
7. Brian Pickard (Bournemouth)
8. Malcolm Read (Aldershot)
9. Kevin McQuade (Gos.)
10. Steve Wilson (Bournemouth)
11. Trevor Smith (Bournemouth)
12. Steve Kitcher (Gos.)

Women

1. Christine Davies (Soton)
2. Daphne Gray (Portsmouth)
3. Sheila Foster (Portsmouth)
4. Celia Hutchings (Bournemouth)
5. Julie Hudson (Bournemouth)
6. Ann Abrahams (Gos.)
7. Lesley King (Southampton)
8. Karen Saywell (Gos.)
9. Susan Harding (Southampton)
10. Angeline Gilbert (S.E. Hants.)

Boys

1. Kevin McQuade
2. Steve Wilson
3. Jeff Brixton (Soton)
4. Andy Whitcher (Soton)
5. John Colbourne (Soton)
6. Barry Luck (Gos.)
7. Ian Sleet (Gos.)
8. Ian Cooper (Soton)
9. Adrian Noke (Soton)

Girls

1. Lesley King
2. Karen Saywell
3. Susan Harding
4. Julie Reading (Bournemouth)
5. Janet New (Bournemouth)
6. Linda Clemmett (S.E. Hants.)
7. Beverley Davis (Bournemouth)

Veteran Men

1. Ray Lush (Portsmouth)
2. Cyril Bush (Bournemouth)
3. John Ewles (Win.)
4. Doug Skipton (Bournemouth)
5. Tom McQuade (Gos.)
6. Harry Spraggs (Aldershot)
7. Alan Bland (Portsmouth)
8. Les Cooper (S.E. Hants.)

Veteran Women

1. Daphne Gray
2. Yvonne Wilson (Bournemouth)
3. Kay Lynne (Portsmouth)
4. Dot Robbins (Bournemouth)

The senior team opened their programme with a match against Surrey II with the men each winning a singles.

Strange how things sometimes work out! Derek Holman, for many years a Hampshire stalwart, had a disastrous trials day, and would have been ranked outside the top ten.

He promptly joined Surrey, gained a place in their second team only to find his first match was against

Hants! And, to his obvious delight, he beat Shetler, the Hampshire No. 2!!

The veteran team began their programme with a convincing 8-1 win over Northants. With former first teamer Ray Lush, and Cyril Bush changing his allegiance from Dorset, together with English Open veteran champion Daphne Gray, this team must be in contention for the championship.

In the inter-town league, lack of interest by many top players, especially from Southampton, should mean that Bournemouth will retain their mixed division title with Basingstoke having lost Bob Thornton.

Gosport could well gain the junior title that so narrowly eluded them last season.

HUNTINGDON & PETERBRO' NOTES

by David Obee

THREE POINTS THEN CRASH!

In the first three matches of the current County Championships programme, our senior and juniors sides have, between them, taken three points.

These result from a win by our Juniors against Bedfordshire and a draw for the Seniors against Cambs. II.

In the Juniors' first match against Beds., a home encounter at St. Ives club, fine hat tricks from Tim Speller and Kevin Moore, successful in both their singles and the boys' doubles, paved the way to victory.

These added to the girls' singles won by Jean Allinson, and a girls' doubles shared with Belinda Chamberlain, made up the County's total of 7 sets.

Suffolk, three weeks later, unfortunately proved a vastly different kettle of fish and, led by England-ranked John Kitchener, the visitors romped to an 8-2 win at Peterborough.

Only Tim Speller (1 singles) and, once again, Jean and Belinda, in their doubles, prevented a complete 'white-wash'.

In the opening encounter in the Eastern Division, our senior team travelled to Haverhill to tackle Cambs. II. In a thrilling encounter, the home team fought back from a 2-4 deficit to share the spoils.

Stars for the County were Geoff. Atkinson (an ex-Cambs. League player!) and Barbara Webb. Geoff took both singles, against Ken Muhr and Paul Chisnall, whilst Barbara won her singles and teamed up with Diane Bushby to take the women's doubles.

Alan Albon was the other scorer for the visitors with a win over Chisnall, unluckiest player for Hunts, was undoubtedly Paul Charlton, playing again this season and ranked at No. 1 for the first time.

His singles sets against Brian Jones and Muhr provided the evening's best entertainment and, in the former, Paul went down at 19 in the third. It was a pity that either player had to lose this set.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by Jim Flowers

On Oct. 14, Lincolnshire's senior team played Durham at Keadby, Scunthorpe and we saw a closely fought match despite the visitors taking an early lead.

John Beaumont, the home No. 3, celebrated a return to his old form in beating M. Ford and the match score was levelled when Miss J. White and Mrs. C. Moran had a comfortable win over Mrs. L. Bainbridge and Mrs. E. Charlton.

The next set was the men's doubles which turned out to be the best of the evening, with long exciting rallies making it impossible to predict the winners. But the Durham pair got the verdict in the end.

In the seventh set, Mick East had the complete answer to J. Armstrong's loop and, at 5-3, Lincs. looked all set to win. But it was not to be as Malcolm Corking and Ford provided the sting in the tail to win the last two sets for a division of the spoils.

Scores:

East lost to Corking 17, -14, -18; bt Armstrong 13, 19.
C. Judson lost to Armstrong 17, -14, -18; lost to Ford 10, -18, -18.
Beaumont bt Ford 10, 16; lost to Corking -10, -12.
Miss White bt Mrs. Bainbridge 10, 15.
Beaumont/East lost to Armstrong/Corking -19, 19, -20.
Mrs. Moran/Miss White bt Mrs. Bainbridge/Mrs. Charlton 17, 14.
Judson/Mrs. Moran bt Ford/Mrs. Charlton 18, 13.

On the same day at Knighton Park T.T. Club, Leicestershire's juniors played hosts to Lincs. who found the opposition much too strong for them. The home county ran out 9-1 winners with Chris Brown, the Lincs. No. 2 playing well to beat Peter Angrave.

Christine Hunt, playing in her first county match, had a tough baptism in having to play England's No. 2 Anita Stevenson. Scores:

P. Cater lost to G. Hall -13, -7; lost to C. Rogers -14, -11.
C. Brown lost to Rogers -16, 19, -9; bt Angrave 13, -17, 16.
C. Boyd lost to Angrave -15, -12; lost to Hall 17, -11, -14.
Miss C. Hunt lost to Miss A. Stevenson -10, -15.
Brown/Cater lost to Hall/Rogers -14, -17.
Miss J. Hackford/Miss Hunt lost to Miss K. Rogers/Miss Stevenson -11, -12.
Boyd/Miss Hackford lost to S. Penny/Miss Rogers 21, -10, -16.

ESSEX NOTES

by Alan Shepherd

As we feared we have lost our opening fixtures against Surrey and Cheshire, although a bare two points in the Men's Doubles was the difference between 4-5 to Cheshire and 5-4 to us. Still, that is in the past, and we are now going to strain every nerve to wrest points from Sussex and Kent. The Committee and the Supporters are right behind the players in their difficult task and there will be no recriminations; we all know that they are doing their utmost. A bright note is that a Stuart Gibbs-inspired Second team defeated Cambs. while the third and Junior

Second teams were also successful. The Veterans, however, were upset by an unexpectedly strong Hants. side.

Another pleasant surprise was the victory of our Under-25 squad in the annual Bernard Crouch Trophy against Kent, Surrey and Middlesex. Our policy in this event is not to select any player who is currently regarded as a First or Second team candidate. Our team was Graham Blomfield, David Randall, Brian Mailey, Michael Read, Steven Whiteley, Fezal Mauthoor, Steve Willis, Michael Locke, Cathy Stonell, Linda Budd, Tina Dale and Marilyn Thacker.

The reports have just reached me upon the members of our junior team which won the County Championship last season and who attended the so-called 'Dunlop Assessment Camps'. None of the boys was considered good enough to attend the Final Camp at which the England Ranking List was to be worked out. According to the Assessors our players are variously said 'to have poor temperament, poor and lazy movements, lack concentration, lack fight, lack flexibility, etc.'. Perhaps the remaining member of our team, Ian Horsham, was lucky to be too old to be assessed, but one does wonder how the players of these Counties who could not beat our team, i.e. Yorkshire, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Herts. and Warwicks, were assessed. All I can say is that something is sadly lacking in the set-up of these Assessment Camps if players of the skill, temperament and fighting qualities that I know they possess are seen in this light.

WILTSHIRE NOTES

by "Moonraker"

Though faced with a financial crisis — Chairman Freddie Garrett reporting a Bank balance of just 87p in the absence of retiring Treasurer Gordon Townsend—the County Association were quickly put in funds thanks to a timely generous loan.

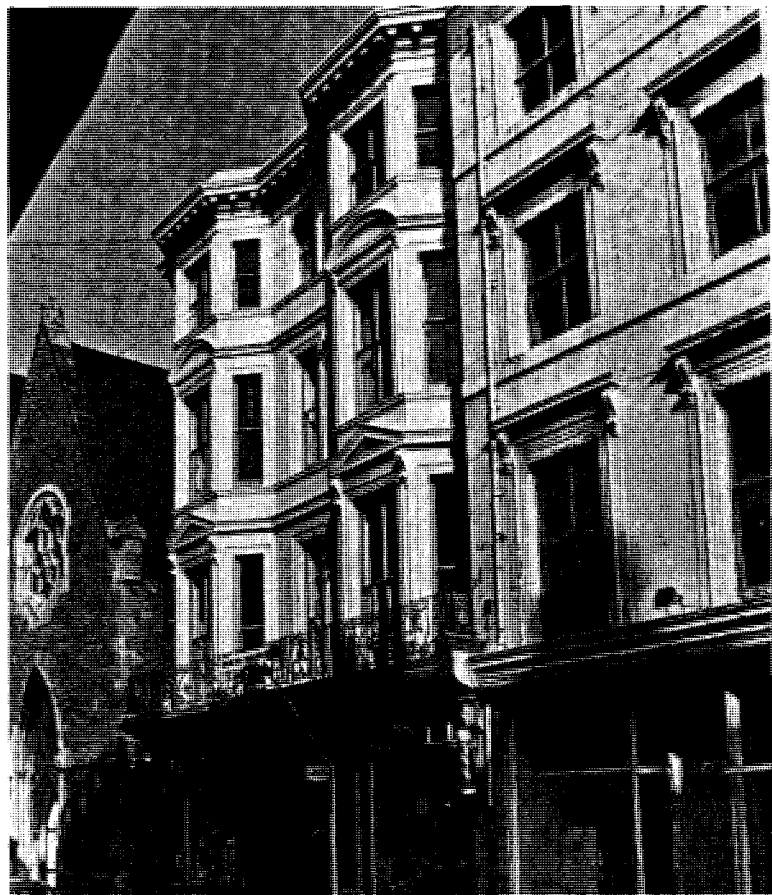
The payment of £18-75 for equipment used in connection with the junior championships would never have arisen had not the power cuts caused the postponement of the Junior Championships.

Two pleasing features of the A.G.M. were Fred Garrett's election as a life member and the appointment of Jim Fielding—a newcomer to the Committee—as Assistant Secretary and Senior County Championship Secretary.

Following a ranking Session held at Swindon the Men's Ranking list is: **MEN:** 1. R. Arney (West Wilts), 2. T. Bruce (Salisbury), 3. A. Wolff (Swindon), 4. W. Moulding (Salisbury), 5. K. Harrison (Swindon), 6. R. Smith (West Wilts). **WOMEN:** 1. Mrs. M. Alexander (Devizes), 2. Miss A. Boyce (Devizes), 3. Miss H. Rusby (Devizes), 4. Mrs. G. Hazell (Swindon).

While the Juniors went down 10-nil to visitors Glamorgan at Swindon, a depleted senior side—Richard Arney failing to arrive—put up a creditable performance against Glamorgan 1sts at Aberdare with Alison Boyce and Margaret Alexander winning all the women's events and the mixed with the assistance of Tony Wolff.

New E.T.T.A. Offices Opened at Claremont



Exterior view of 21 Claremont, the entrance being located directly beneath the E.T.T.A. signboard. The office accommodation rises from the balustrade and rental from the two ground floor shops now becomes due to the Association.

As featured in, and by courtesy of, the **HASTINGS OBSERVER**

"All the top names in the administrative world of English table tennis attended the opening of the E.T.T.A.'s new offices at 21 Claremont, by the Mayor, Alderman Tom Mears, on Saturday, Oct. 7.

"Council members and Corporation officers as well as local table tennis officials were there to welcome the national body of table tennis to its new home.

"E.T.T.A. president, Mr. Bill Vint, opened the proceedings by extending a warm welcome to all present and illustrating the colossal growth of the association since its formation back in 1927.

"It had started with a modest 19 leagues; now within its mammoth organisation was a total of 334 leagues, between 8,000 and 9,000 clubs, 20,000 teams and a staggering 200,000 players.

INVOLVED

"Mr. Vint recalled that Hastings was one of the founder leagues and throughout its life the town had been heavily involved in the building up of the association, not only nationally but internationally, too.

"During the 45 years, the Borough Treasurer's Department had provided at least eight people who had con-

tributed greatly to the development of the game.

"Mr. Vint spoke of his early days as treasurer of the association when, as a young man in his early twenties, he had sought the sum of £25 from Lloyds Bank.

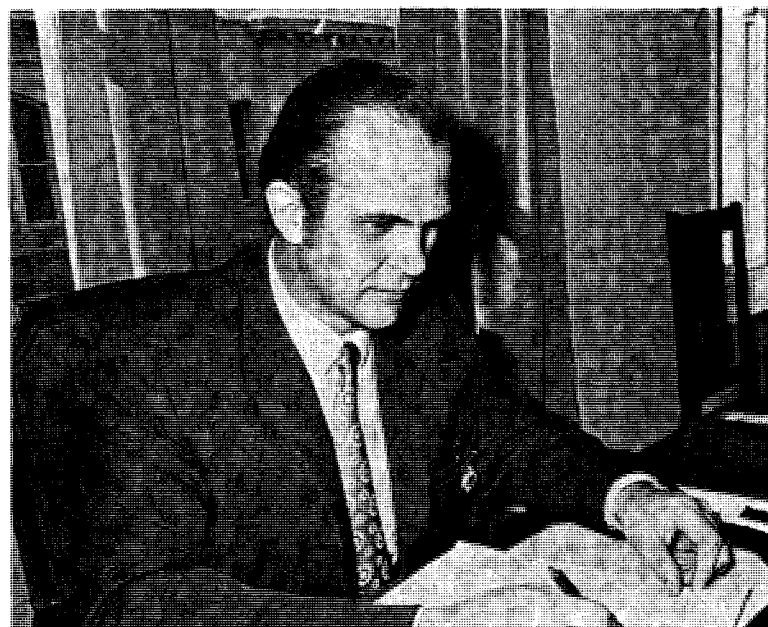
"The then manager, another well-known local veteran sporting personality, Mr. Joe Lyford, wanted five guarantors. 'I managed to get five guarantors from the management committee, we got our £25 and have been with Lloyds Bank ever since' he said.

SPONSOR

"Another local link since those memorable early days had been the Norwich Union Insurance Society, who only that week had undertaken to sponsor the English open and closed table tennis championships to the tune of £4,000.

"This association has always had extraordinary good connections with Hastings and although that may not have been the influencing factor which brought us here, it is a fact that the town has always shown a progressive attitude towards sport and in particular, table tennis.

"Hastings is looking forward to expansion and although we cannot contribute tremendously, we can contribute something. I am sure our small staff here will want to become integrated with the people here and



General Secretary, Derek R. Tremayne, tries out his new desk on the third floor while, on the floor below, Assistant Secretary, Albert W. Shipley, takes an incoming call at Hastings 33121.



Photos by George E. Gregory, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

to play their part in the life of the community', Mr. Vint told the company.

"Officially opening the offices, the Mayor, who was accompanied by the Mayoress, said that they were not only pleased to welcome the association to the town, but were grateful that Hastings had been chosen.

PUBLICITY

"The Mayor said: 'I am confident that in the event of any appeal being launched by this association, the borough of Hastings will rally round you.'

'All your activities represent publicity and every letter you send out will bear the Hastings postmark. We are very much indebted to your association for coming here.

'I am sure my Council colleagues will join me in wishing all strength to your elbow and I hope the premises here will completely fit your needs'.

"E.T.T.A. chairman Mr. Charles Wyles proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and commented: 'I know we are going to be a very happy crowd in Hastings'.

"Among those attending the ceremony were Alderman Mrs. V. M. Jones, Alderman D. W. Wilshin and Councillor Frank Jones. From the E.T.T.A. were Deputy Chairman Mr. George Yates, who is editor of 'Table Tennis News', General Secretary Derek Tremayne, Hon. Treasurer Tom Blunn, Assistant Secretary Albert Shipley, and management committee members Keith Watts, Louis Hoffman, Ian Crickmer and Maurice Goldstein, who is secretary of the vast Birmingham League, the biggest in the country".

Subsequent to day of days on Oct. 7 a letter has been received from the Mayor's Parlour, dated Oct. 9, which reads as follows:—

"The Mayoress and I were delighted to come along to the opening of the

E.T.T.A. move continued

Offices of the English Table Tennis Association.

"We found it to be a very happy occasion and the Mayoress particularly asks me to thank you for the lovely box of chocolates given to her.

"I trust the Association's 'residence' in Hastings will be a long, happy and successful one.

Yours sincerely,
Thomas Mears Mayor"

And from Alderman Douglas Wilshin, in a letter dated Oct. 8:—

"I write to thank the Officers of the Association for so kindly inviting me to the Official Opening of the Association's Offices on Saturday, 7th October, and for the exceedingly generous hospitality I enjoyed at the Reception which followed.

"It was a privilege to have been present at such an interesting and important stage in the history of the Association. Thank you all so much.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
Douglas Wilshin"

COVER PICTURE

The Mayor of Hastings, Alderman Tom Mears, signs the visitors' book after officially declaring open the E.T.T.A.'s new premises at 21 Claremont. Looking on (from l. to r.) are:— A. K. "Bill" Vint, O.B.E. (President), George R. Yates (Deputy Chairman), Mrs. Mears (Mayoress), Tom Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) and E.T.T.A. Chairman, Charles M. Wyles.

On the Move

by TOM BLUNN
Hon. Treasurer, E.T.T.A.

The possibility, or indeed the necessity, of the Association moving away from London had been on the cards for several years. But a major decision of this nature could not be taken lightly and many factors had to be taken into consideration.

The fact that we had no rental agreement and that the rates were increasing each year was an important factor. Also, the administrative costs in central London, particularly office salaries, were rising and rapidly drawing away from provincial rates.

A further important fact was that the office accommodation was limited and overcrowded with both staff and equipment to an extent that prevented any extension of activities and threatened the efficiency of the staff.

The Sports Council had said it would not be any detriment to our position if we chose to move away from London. So the search for new premises began.

Other areas of London were considered and so were areas north of London and in the midlands. The possibility of buying our own premises was considered very seriously. But to buy needs money, and for an unincorporated body to raise the amount of money that we would require is almost an impossibility. It was therefore concluded that premises to rent would be the only solution.

POLICY

The policy of the Association has always been to keep fees down to a minimum and to plough everything back into the game for the benefit of the members. This has resulted in only a modest balance in the accumulated fund after 45 years and consequently a shortage of available cash.

It was by chance that we heard of some Crown property that was available in Hastings provided that suitable tenants could be found. It was a coincidence that Hastings had a long association with the game through "Bill" Vint, and that the present chairman Charles Wyles lives there.

The premises seemed to be ideal for our requirements with at least three times the space and rooms already planned for an efficient office. Everything that we required was laid out in a modest way in congenial surroundings. The only matter left for consideration was the cost.

The lease has 16 years still to run and was available at a cost of £3,000. The annual rent is fixed for the period at £400 per annum. Rates are only £150 per annum but there will be additional costs in heating, lighting, cleaning and repairs that together with the rent and rates will total about the same as what we were paying at Park Crescent for an inclusive rent and rates.

But, at Hastings, there are two shops included in the property and these pay a rent of £100 p.a. each and their leases are due for renewal. It is anticipated that a substantial increase in these rents will be effected—and indeed expected—to the benefit of the Association.

SAVING

A material saving will be made in office salaries by moving into a provincial area. Only the General Secretary and the Assistant Secretary have moved with the office and new staff have been engaged and, even so, an overall saving of about £1,000 on salaries will be made.

There will be some additional expenses on extra travelling and possibly on telephones but the net saving is obviously of a material amount, but a further important point is that the rent is now fixed for the next 16 years. It is impossible to even guess what the rent of offices will be in London in 1988/89 season!

I must admit that I went to Hastings for the official opening of the offices with some trepidation but my fears were soon dispelled when I inspected the premises. There is no doubt that the facilities are well beyond what I had expected and I am quite content that this particular problem has been solved to our complete satisfaction.

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ENGLAND BEATEN

A two-straight victory by Denis Neale over Janos Börzsei was all that England could manage when beaten 6—1 by Hungary in their opening European League match played in Budapest on Oct. 25. Match report and scores will appear in the December issue.

Junior Rankings

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, the National Selection Committee, comprising Ron Crayden (Chairman), Les Gresswell and Brian Wright, issued a new ranking list following the Dunlop Final Assessment Camp at Crystal Palace.

All rankings are subject to review based on results obtained in Open tournaments and major competitions, and the next ranking list will be issued at the end of November. Previous rankings, as issued on Feb. 9/72 are shown in brackets.

BOYS

1. Desmond Douglas (Warwks.) (8)
2. David Alderson (Yorks.) (3)
3. Simon Heaps (Ches.) (2)
4. John Kitchener (Suffolk) (9)
5. Paul Day (Cambs.) (11)
6. Donald Parker (Lancs.) (6)
7. Mark Mitchell (Middx.) (B)
8. Andrew Barden (Middx.) (A)
9. David Tan (Middx.) (—)
10. Andy Mitchell (Kent) (A)
11. Gerald Pugh (Sussex) (—)
12. Gerald Walsh (Surrey) (—)

GIRLS

1. Linda Howard (Surrey) (1)
2. Anita Stevenson (Leics.) (4)
3. Brenda Williams (Lancs.) (10)
4. Judith Walker (Yorks.) (7)
5. Elaine Tarten (Essex) (6)
6. Gillian Taylor (Essex) (5)
7. Karen Rogers (Leics.) (3)
8. Gillian Locke (Essex) (11)
9. Nicolette Leslie (Surrey) (A)
10. Susan Tame (Surrey) (A)
11. Diane St. Ledger (Warwks.) (12)
12. Suzanne Manning (Lancs.) (8)

Additional to the startling rise of Desmond Douglas from No. 8 to No. 1 in the boys' list is that of Liverpool's Brenda Williams who leaps from No. 10 to No. 3 in the counter-part girls' list.

Because of his success in the Essex, North Herts. and Teesside Junior Opens, Mark Mitchell of Middlesex was subsequently invited to the final camp although not originally selected.

Out from the previous list on age qualification are Peter Taylor (Beds.) (1), Ian Horsham (Essex) (4), Brian Johns (Ches.) (5), Robert Aldrich (Middx.) (7), Jeffrey Nix (Warwks.) (10) and Tony Martin (Yorks.) (12).

Missing from the girls' list is Janet Hellaby (Essex) (2), also over age, and Mandy Mellor (Derbys.) (9) who failed to make the final assessment. Mandy keeps her name before the selectors by winning the Teesside girls' singles as does Preston's Donald Parker who in reaching the final of junior boys' singles in the North of England Open disposed of Simon Heaps en route.

RETURN VISIT

Following the visit of Grun-Weib Schladern T.T.C. to the Chiltern League in September of last year, a party of Chiltern League players made the long overland journey to Schladern, near Cologne in August.

Two highly competitive, but sporting, matches were played with the Chiltern League victors by 9—5 in the "A" team encounter and 10—2 in the second-string engagement.

In the first team encounter, Ivor Gough had a good win over the home team's No. 2, V. Schumacher, but lost to the German No. 1, Herman Schmidt, as did Brian Savage in the most exciting set of the match.

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Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Dec. 2/3	Halex Middlesex 3-Star , Royal Horticultural Society New Hall, London.	VS.	Miss I. Moss, 49 Okehampton Road, London. NW10 3EN. Closing date: 18.11.72.
9	Yorkshire 2-Star, Festival Hall, Harrogate.	VS.	B. Foggin, 25 Woodrow Avenue, Marton in Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Yorks. Closing date: 24.11.72.
9/10	Reading Junior 1-Star Bulmershe Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, Reading.	U-15 BS, GS, U-13 BS, GS, U-11 BS, GS.	T. R. Williams, 56 Cotswold Way, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks. Closing date: 11.11.72.
30	ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED , Loughborough University.		E.T.T.A., 21 Claremont, Hastings, Sussex.
Jan. 4/6	NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS , Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.		E.T.T.A., 21 Claremont, Hastings, Sussex. Closing date: 7.12.72.
6/7	Yorkshire Junior 2-Star, Y.P.I., Feren's Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull.	U-15 BS, GS, BD, GD.	R. Balmford, 205 Park Avenue, Hull. HU5 4DE. Closing date: 15.12.72.
7	International Club Hard-Bat Special, Barnet T.T. Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet.		L. F. Landry, 53 Hillfield Road, London. NW6 1QD. Closing date: 21.12.72.
13	Lancashire 2-Star, Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton.	VS.	G. T. H. Fackrell, 9 Clive Avenue, Orford, Warrington. Closing date: 28.12.72.
13/14	Middlesex Junior 2-Star Walford Sports Hall, Northolt.	U-15 BS, GS, BD, GD, U-13 BS, GS, BD, GD.	J. M. Wright, 124 Rusthall Avenue, Bedford Park, London. W4 1BG.

IRELAND

1973
Jan. 6 Kildare Open (Maas).

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tournaments from:—
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12/13 Irish Closed (Dublin).

SCOTLAND

Jan. 14 Edinburgh Open,
Meadowbank Sports Centre.

Mrs. H. Hamilton,
6 Grove Street,
Edinburgh.

WALES

1972
Dec. 9 Cardiff Open.

Mr. J. Brown,
27 Heol Erwin,
Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

COUNTY DIARY

FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR NOVEMBER, 1972

SECOND MIDLAND

Nov. 4 Nottinghamshire v. Worcestershire, Central Y.M.C.A., Shakespeare Street, Nottingham. 6.00 p.m.
.. 19 Derbyshire v. Warwickshire II.

NORTHERN

Nov. 18 Derbyshire II v. Durham II.

JUNIOR PREMIER

Nov. 18 Monkshill Sports Centre, Farnborough Avenue, South Croydon, Surrey.
Essex v. Surrey and Middlesex v. Cambridgeshire 10.30 a.m.
Cambridgeshire v. Essex and Surrey v. Middlesex 2.00 p.m.
Cambridgeshire v. Surrey and Middlesex v. Essex 6.00 p.m.
.. 18 Darwen Sports Centre, Everton Street, Darwen, Lancs.
Cheshire v. Warwickshire and Lancashire v. Yorkshire 10.30 a.m.
Warwickshire v. Lancashire and Yorkshire v. Cheshire 2.00 p.m.
Cheshire v. Lancashire and Warwickshire v. Yorkshire 6.00 p.m.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Nov. 11 Berkshire v. Surrey II.

.. 18 Kent v. Oxfordshire.

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Nov. 4 Northamptonshire v. Warwickshire II, Daventry School, Ashby Road, Daventry. 6.00 p.m.
.. 19 Derbyshire v. Leicestershire.

JUNIOR EAST

Nov. 18 Suffolk v. Bedfordshire, The Dome, Defoe Road, Ipswich. 3.00 p.m.

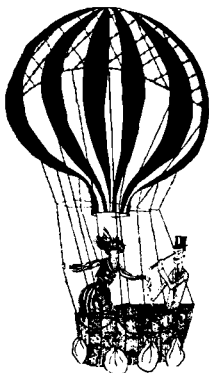
VETERAN MIDLAND

Nov. 18 Nottinghamshire v. Cheshire.

Apologies for the diary again being so short of venues, but County Match Secretaries are seemingly most reluctant to supply me with the details in time for publication.

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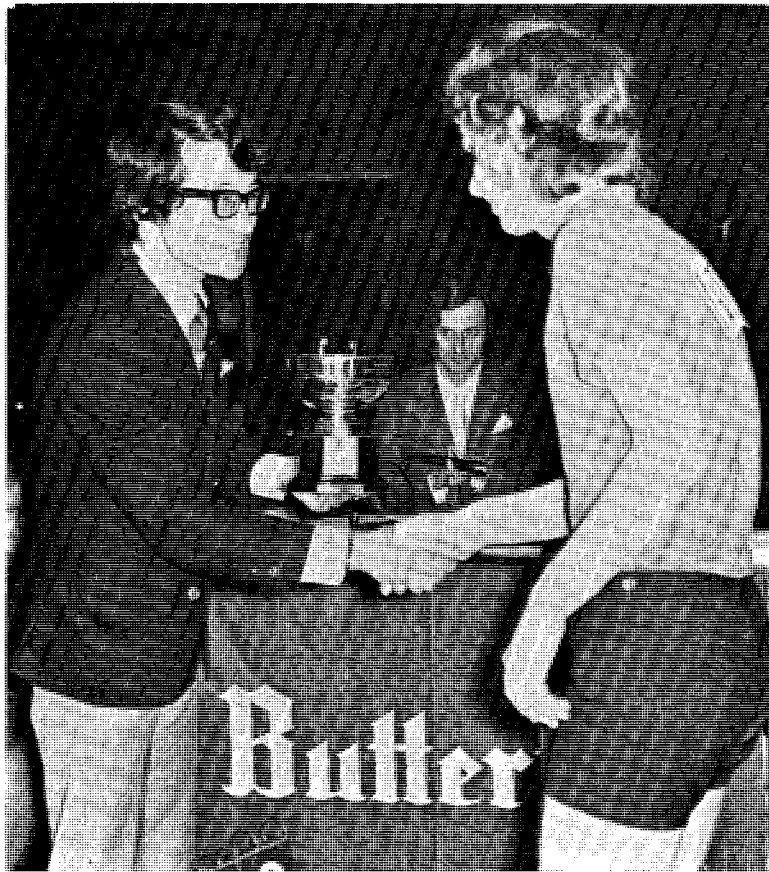
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Butterfly flies high - But the stars bite the dust!

A report by JOHN WOODFORD on the first Butterfly 'Champion of Champions' Tournament



Together with a cheque for £100, winner Peter Taylor receives the champion's trophy from the hands of Mr. Kimihiko Tamasu.

Photographic coverage by John O'Sullivan

Being present at the birth of a new tournament can be a thrilling or distressing experience. In this instance, the very first BUTTERFLY CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS tournament was an exciting experience for several reasons—the main one was that this could set the pattern for the future.

The fact that it was won by one of England's greatest hopes for the future PETER TAYLOR also made all the effort worthwhile. Although the number of spectators present in the early stages was not enough, nearly 600 appeared to make the finals session an occasion to remember.

After winning a relatively easy group, young Peter was immediately called into action against one of the biggest names in the game Chester Barnes. Chester put all his experience into the match but Taylor, standing up to the table calmly broke up the rhythm of the Essex man's attack hitting ferociously on both wings to win at 15 in the third.

Even after that win against Barnes, few relished Taylor's chances against an in-form Roger Chandler, fresh from a win over Tony Clayton. The young Taylor was a trifle fortunate to get through 19, -18, 13 bringing him up against Denis Neale. Even fewer would have backed him up against Denis but again, as cool as an iceberg (this could be his greatest asset) he cut through the Yorkshireman's web of experience 16, 18.

When sensations occur in one half of a draw, the other half is often dull by comparison. Not so at Plymouth—the man who created havoc at the bottom was none other than the co-organiser of the tournament Mike Johns! Right out of practice, carrying some superfluous weight as well as most of the responsibility for the entire event, Mike emerged from his group to find the Jamaican giant "Les" Haslam (just back from his latest jet-set trans-Atlantic jaunt), all set to go.

LETHAL

"Les" got away with the first at 19, but the Cheshire man began to pile on the pressure romping away with the second and third 14, 15. How did Johns do it is the question that you are now asking and which really remained unanswered at the Mayflower Centre. Opinions from skilled observers suggest that his services, always regarded as dangerous, seemed to become almost lethal on the Butterfly tables. Certainly he played his usual game calculated to outspeed his opponent, piling on the top-spin even more than usual and generally creating havoc and poor returns before anyone (except Taylor in the final) could do anything about it.

Johns then made incredibly short work of both Nicky Jarvis and the reigning England champion himself Trevor Taylor. The defeat of Trevor meant that between them the two finalists had disposed of England's

three top-ranked players, Neale, Trevor Taylor and Barnes!

Tension mounted in the final when Johns won the first at 19 and it looked as though his tenacity could make him the winner of his own tournament . . . but it was not to be. There was one vital turning point in the second game with the score around 4-4. The Bedfordshire boy was all but beaten by a shot. He ballooned it yards high. Descending vertically from the heavens it just clipped the edge of the table. Given fresh heart Taylor got through the second at 19 and in the third the gallant co-organiser finally cracked to lose at 12.

Johns was almost home-and-dry late in the second game when he led 18-14 only for Taylor to catch him after being half-way over the cliff-edge.

£50 POINT!

That edge-ball probably cost Johns £50—at least that must have been his thought as he collected a cheque for that amount, whilst Peter Taylor walked triumphantly off with the biggest cheque of the lot, £100.

13-year-old Paul Day was the best of the county champions. The Cambridgeshire lad was the only group player to beat a seed. He took out

David Brown (Essex) 13, 20 to win his group. Young Paul was then unlucky enough to come up against Denis Neale whose skills were rather beyond his reach for one so young.

The £500 prize money seems to have set a new style which most other tournaments will have a mighty struggle to match. What was especially attractive was the prize monies for all players; two examples were £17-50 for quarter-finalists and £5 for one win with £2 appearance money for the players who lost both their sets in the group. Credit must be given to the sponsors ASCOT SPORTS LTD., THE WEST OF ENGLAND SPORTING CLUB and the TAMASU CO. LTD. of Tokyo and of course, the English companies who sponsored many of the players.

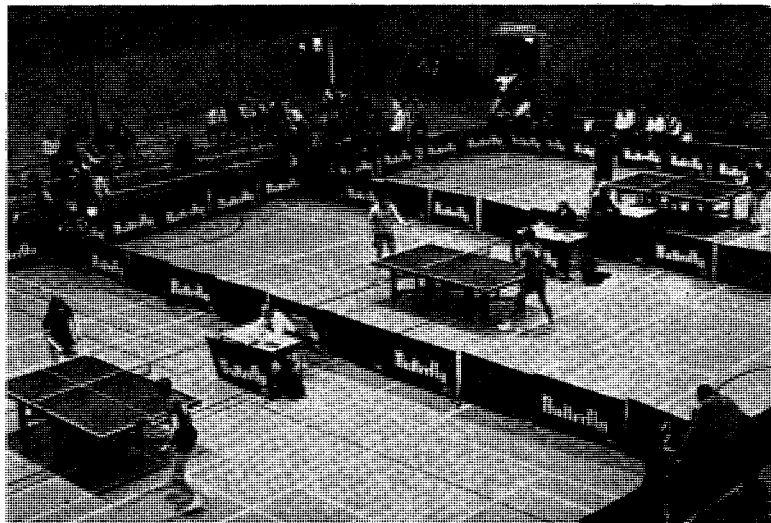
FROM JAPAN

The TAMASU organisation created something of a sensation by sending the son of their Managing Director Mr. Kimihiko Tamasu all the way from Japan along with his aide Mr. M. Ohson to present the prizes. The Japanese executives flew in to Heathrow on the Saturday morning and were rushed to Plymouth to a great welcome.



The brothers Peter (centre) and Trevor Taylor (r.) with co-organiser Mike Johns.

Butterfly Tournament continued



General view of the lay-out at Plymouth's Mayflower Centre on Sept. 16.

One of the Plymouth newspapers reported the flight from Japan in glowing terms but reported that Mr. Tamasu was flying in to play in the tournament!

In conversation with Mr. Tamasu later I discovered that he was also visiting West Germany whilst in Europe, so in fact, his visit was a diversion, but a very pleasant one.

Mr. Edward Heath's visit to Japan last month to try to establish an import-export trade balance between the two countries is particularly relevant to table tennis equipment. Further successes by the makers and importers of Butterfly equipment will

depend a great deal on the Japanese government's attitude to importing other leading companies equipment into Japan.

Summing-up the Plymouth tournament — basically I rated it a big success. Assuming it will become an annual event, certain improvements will be made including the possible taking in of a women's singles event, but overall it was a happy week-end.

Results:—

Group winners:

1. D. Neale (Yorks.)
2. P. Day (Cambs.)
3. I. Horsham (Essex)
4. R. Stevens (Essex)

5. L. A. Clayton (Yorks.)
6. R. Chandler (Sussex)
7. P. Taylor (Beds.)
8. C. Barnes (Essex)
9. N. Jarvis (Essex)
10. A. Griffiths (Glamorgan)
11. M. Johns (Ches.)
12. O. B. Haslam (Middx.)
13. B. Burn (Warwks.)
14. J. Walker (Yorks.)
15. C. J. Warren (Surrey)
16. T. Taylor (Essex)

Round 1—

Neale bt Day 10, 6; Horsham bt Stevens 11, 16;
Chandler bt Clayton 13, 20; P. Taylor bt Barnes 19, -15, 15;
Jarvis bt Griffiths 13, 14; Johns bt Haslam -19, 14, 15;
Walker bt Burn -11, 11, 11; T. Taylor bt Warren 7, -11, 12.

Quarter-finals:

Neale bt Horsham 18, -12, 15; P. Taylor bt Chandler 19, -18, 13;
Johns bt Jarvis 17, 14; T. Taylor bt Walker 21, 18.

Semi-finals:

P. TAYLOR bt Neale 16, 18; JOHNS bt T. Taylor 15, 17.

Final:

PETER TAYLOR bt Mike Johns -19, 19, 12.

International Club

by Laurie Landry

Big event this month for the Cheshunt League will be the challenge match against the International Table Tennis Club of England to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the League. The Club team will be Brian Burn, Bobby Stevens and Stuart Gibbs for the

match on Nov. 26 at the Cheshunt Boys' and Youth Club (3 p.m.).

On Jan. 7/73 at the Barnet T.T. Centre, the Rubber-Bat Open will take place incorporating all five standard events. It is hoped that Denis Neale will defend the Richard Bergmann Memorial Trophy and that there will be a good entry for the women's singles for which the Victor Barna Memorial Trophy has been presented by Suzie Barna. Closing date for this Open is Dec. 18.

The 10th A.G.M. of the Club will also take place at Barnet on the same date.

SUSSEX 2-STAR OPEN

Belgium's **Norbert Van der Walle** was the winner of the men's singles event in the Sussex 2-Star Open played at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings over the weekend of Oct. 21/22. Scotland's Malcolm Sugden was the defeated finalist.

In the semis, Van der Walle accounted for David Brown (Essex) and Sugden ousted "Connie" Warren who had previously beaten Peter Taylor.

Karenza Mathews won the women's singles title with final victory over Shelagh Hession; took the women's doubles partnered by **Linda Howard** and made it a hat-trick in the mixed when paired with **Van der Walle**.

Stuart Gibbs and **Bobby Stevens** were the shock winners of the men's doubles, beating Sugden and Warren, and **Gordon Chapman** took the veterans' title by beating Ron Etheridge.

A full report (with scores) will appear in the December magazine.

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West Yorkshire Championships

ANGLO-FRENCH AFFAIR AT BRADFORD

By Steve Nunn

The Bradford and District League had the added attraction of players from their twin town, Roubaix in France, competing in the West Yorkshire championships held at the Bradford Sports Centre, Parkside Road on Sept. 17.

Major titles were taken by John Kedge, of Huddersfield, and local lass Sylvia Broadbent, but the French came into their own in the boys' singles event won by C. Tiberghien who beat D. Renton of Bradford in the final.

Essentially a 'closed' tournament, the visitors from Roubaix were made honorary members of the local Hermits club thus qualifying them to play.

The Lord Mayor of Bradford, Alderman Mrs. A. Firth, J.P. presented the prizes and, also in attendance was the Chief Constable of Bradford, Mr. H. Ambler, and his wife.

Miss Jane Metcalfe, of Leeds, was presented with the Merit Award for the best performance of the day, a nice consolation after losing the girls' singles final after a long drawn out battle with Melody Ludi.

Results:—

M.S.: Semi-finals:

J. Kedge (Hudds.) bt A. Jones (Leeds) 16, 18;
D. Gomersal (Brad.) bt K. Guy (Halifax) -11, 21, 13.

Final

Kedge bt Gomersal 16, 12.

W.S.: Semi-finals:

S. Broadbent (Brad.) bt P. Dawson (Brad.) 18, 21;
B. Clough (Brad.) bt J. Bottomley (Halifax) 16, 17.

Final:

Broadbent bt Clough 13, 11.

M.D.: Final:

N. Davies (Leeds)/J. Yeats (Brad.) bt Kedge/M. Stephenson (Brad.) -13, 13, 11.

W.D.: Final:

Broadbent/L. Parker (Leeds) bt Clough/M. Sutcliffe (Brad.) 11, 16.

X.D.: Final:

Yeats/Dawson bt L. Browning/L. Parker (Leeds) -18, 19, 14.

B.S.: Final:

C. Tiberghien (Roubaix) bt D. Renton (Brad.) 16, 14.

G.S.: Final:

M. Ludi (Brad.) bt J. Metcalfe (Leeds) 11, -19, 11.

V.S.: Final:

G. Brook (Hudds.) bt Browning -12, 12, 17.



Admiring a trophy before making the presentations is Bradford's Lord Mayor, Ald. Mrs. Firth, with tournament organiser, Steve Nunn, to her immediate left. Also in the picture are Maurice D. Shaffner, the Y.T.T.A. President who acted as M.C. for the finals, Mr. Ambler, Mr. R. Martin, the Bradford League's new president and, on the left of the picture, Frank Briggs, the B. & D. T.T.L. Chairman whose theme song might have been 'put me among the girls'.

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The Coca-Cola National Team Trophy Competitions

by Keith Ponting

Once again it is pleasing to report an increased entry in our National Team competitions in this, the third season of the sponsorship agreement between the E.T.T.A. and the Coca-Cola Organisation.

The increase, amounting to almost 10%, is made up as follows (increase shown in brackets);—

Leagues entered	136	(7)
In Wilmott Cup	115	(3)
Rose Bowl	86	(6)
Carter Cup	96	(14)
Bromfield Trophy	50	(10)

The entry has steadily built up since the events were sponsored and it is hoped that this trend will continue in the seasons ahead. A glance at the above figures will show another substantial increase in the Junior events (Carter and Bromfield), surely an encouraging sign for the development of the game.

I hope this season's competitions will proceed without let or hindrance from the industrial disputes which have affected us during the past two seasons. But the fact that the competitions were completed on time was a tribute to the keenness of all concerned.

During the course of the season many teams will be all-out to spike the 'big guns' who have all entered again.

North Yorkshire will be set on making it three-in-a-row in both the Wilmott and Carter Cup competitions, whilst the same can be said for Central London in the J.M. Rose Bowl. Guildford's girls, who caused a surprise by winning the Bromfield Trophy last term, will be all-out to show it was no fluke and with their three girls all in the new Junior ranking list they will certainly take some beating.

Once again I look forward to renewing old acquaintances and welcoming the newcomers. Interesting features of matches if recorded on the score sheets will be a help in bringing them to the notice of a wider public. Meanwhile I take this opportunity of wishing all players and officials a very happy association with us during the coming season.

Completion dates for each round for the **Wilmott Cup**, **Rose Bowl** and **Carter Cup** are as follows:—

Rd. 1	26.11.72
Rd. 2	7. 1.73
Rd. 3	18. 2.73
Rd. 4 (Inter-Zone Finals)	18. 3.73
Rd. 5 (Quarter-finals)	15. 4.73
Rd. 6 (Semi-finals)	6. 5.73

Bromfield Trophy

Rd. 1	7. 1.73
Rd. 2	18. 2.73
Rd. 3	18. 3.73
Rd. 4 (Quarter-finals)	15. 4.73
Rd. 5 (Semi-finals)	6. 5.73

Finals date is Sunday, May 27/73.

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WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

BORDER INCIDENT

With the domestic programmes of most Leagues only just under way at the time of writing, the majority of the notes I have received again reflect the junior element. It is most gratifying, after seasons of comparative inactivity, to find Worcestershire entrants at the Junior Opens (though sadly they were all listed as Warwickshire at the Essex on September 2nd!)

This enthusiasm has had its rewards, with Denise Morton (Under 13's) and Mandy Mytton (Under 11's) making the semi-finals of their age groups in both the North Hertfordshire and Newbury tournaments. Eddie Mitchell tells me it is his postal address (Cookhill, Alcester, Warwickshire) which causes the confusion—Cookhill nevertheless stands entirely in Worcestershire, though the home of the Cookhill Club is so near the County boundary that it has been suggested that a really good defence could return the ball from Warwickshire back into Worcestershire.

Whilst other areas lag behind, the provision of sports facilities proceeds apace in Redditch. Having moved the County Closed venue from Redditch Youth Centre to the Leys Sports complex in 1971/72, there is now a possibility of another hall being considered for the Twenty-first Closed on Sunday, February 18th. This is the Sports Hall now ready at the Abbey

Stadium, which will have its big event baptism when sixteen tables are installed for the County Schools' Championships on November 11th.

It is to be hoped this expansion will be reflected in increased entries, with the leading young players of the County able to persuade their P.E. teachers that their own schools should be entered.

The five defeats suffered in the opening County fixtures will obviously be closely analysed by the respective selectors — the junior losses against Devon and Glamorgan and the veterans' failure versus Cheshire come into the expected category, but the two senior defeats at home were particularly frustrating.

With so many of the County players having started their careers elsewhere or having transferred allegiances, it was essential to make a good start to stifle criticism of selectorial policy. However much there may be a desire to foster home talent and to encourage local youngsters, the selectors can rightly point out that there seem very few players available of genuine County calibre, and that an attempt to integrate more younger players

has been badly thwarted by the premature departure from the table tennis scene of several promising players still in their teens or early twenties.

TEAM SELECTION

Publicised on Oct. 17 was the National Selection Committee's announcement of the following team to represent England for their first European League match of the season against Hungary, in Budapest, on Oct. 25, followed by a friendly match on Oct. 26:—

D. Neale (Yorks.), O. B. Haslam (Middx.), Mrs. J. Hammersley (Bucks.) and Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.). Non-playing captain—Les Gresswell.

In the corresponding match last season, at Westcliff-on-Sea, England brought off a memorable 4—3 win on which occasion Neale beat both Istvan Jonyer and Janos Börzsei as well as partnering Trevor Taylor to a doubles success over Jonyer and Gabor Gergely.

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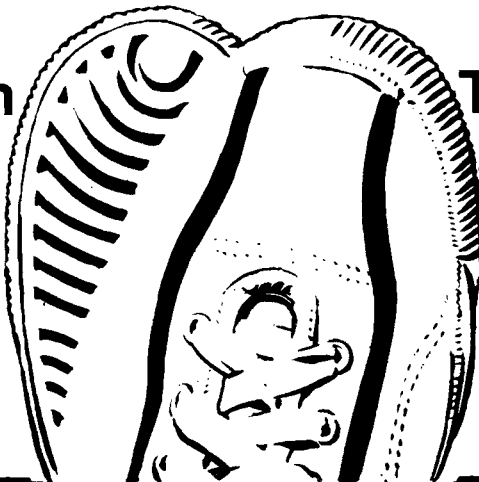
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	Singles	Doubles
Winner	16	8
Runner-up	8	4
Semi-finalist	4	2
Quarter-finalist	2	1

On such a basis, the points allocation from results obtained in the Halex North of England Open afford the following tables:—

Men

D. Neale (Yorks.)	26
O. B. Haslam (Middx.)	16
B. D. Hill (Surrey)	8
M. Johns (Ches.)	7
D. R. Munt (Warwks.)	6
I. Robertson (Essex)	5
P. Taylor (Beds.)	5
B. Johns (Ches.)	4
P. E. Day (Cambs.)	3
L. A. Clayton (Yorks.)	2
R. Cooper (Warwks.)	2
B. Dunne (Warwks.)	2
A. Isaac (Staffs.)	2
K. Forshaw (Lancs.)	2
D. Schofield (Ches.)	2
A. Barden (Middx.)	1
B. Burn (Warwks.)	1
N. Eckersley (Ches.)	1
P. Freeman (Warwks.)	1
B. Mitchell (Lancs.)	1
S. Rossington (Yorks.)	1
S. Smith (Essex)	1
D. Yallop (Derbys.)	1

Women

K. Mathews (Middx.)	24
J. Hammersley (Bucks.)	20
L. Howard (Surrey)	12
S. Howard (Surrey)	8
J. Hellaby (Essex)	7
S. M. Lisle (Lancs.)	7
J. Heaps (Ches.)	4
L. Sutton (Yorks.)	4
D. Johnson (Lancs.)	3
D. Schofield (Ches.)	2
E. Tarten (Essex)	2
W. Brown (Derbys.)	1
L. Clark (Nthld.)	1
M. Deakin (Derbys.)	1
L. Godsell (Ches.)	1
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HOW TO FIND A CLUB

by ALAN J. CAVELL

National Councillor for Shropshire

After leaving school many young people will wish to know about the facilities that exist for playing table tennis.

A minority will be fortunate enough to have employers who provide social and sporting, including table tennis, facilities. Most businesses however cannot cater for the conflicting needs of their staffs and most school leavers will have to look for clubs outside their place of work.

Fortunately, owing to the administrative structure of table tennis in this country, the E.T.T.A. can quickly put anybody in touch with someone with a local knowledge of existing table tennis clubs. Local information can often be obtained quite quickly by looking at the local league's current handbook in the local reference library.

Table tennis facilities are provided at most community centres, at sports and social clubs open to the general public and at local branches of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Many lawn tennis and football clubs also have a table tennis table in their pavilion and some have separate table tennis sections.

Unless those clubs offering a range

of sporting activities to their members regard table tennis as an athletic sport and provide suitable playing conditions it is preferable to join a table tennis club with several tables and several league teams.

Private multi-sport clubs and local sports centres will probably also offer the future school leaver excellent facilities for playing table tennis.

INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

Denis Neale has accepted an invitation to join the English International Squad, replacing Trevor Taylor who declined to accept the conditions required for Squad membership although, it is reported, he has since had a change of heart.

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Berkshire juniors (l. to r.) Gary Roberts (Didcot), Mandy Smith (Newbury) and Caroline Reeves (Newbury) line up alongside their sponsored vehicle.

Is it a First?

by MIKE LAMBERT

Running round the junior tournaments this season, you may well have seen a rather battered white minibus with MANPOWER written on the side.

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The squad has been in existence over a year now under the firm control of Pete Charters, but sponsorship has come as an unexpected bonus only in the last few months. Not only has MANPOWER provided the use of the minibus, but also ESSO have been good enough to provide a substantial donation to the County's junior funds. Lucky Berkshire—will other counties follow this forward move?

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IT'S SIXTEEN OF THE BEST

by JOHNNY LEACH

Here is the news you have been waiting for—the names of the 16 boys and girls who have reached the grand finals of the News of the World national table tennis coaching scheme to be contested at Butlin's Bognor holiday camp next April (27th to 29th).

The 16 were awarded top marks by approved coaches at eight Butlin camps during the summer. They have emerged from a record total of more than 40,000 contestants for the titles of "Boy" and "Girl of the Year".

The 16 finalists are:—

AYR—
Robert Fergie (aged 16) of Glasgow W.3.

Julie Inch (13) Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham.

BARRY—
Sam Harmer (10) Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

Christine Bahryi (12) Slough, Bucks.

BOGNOR—
Donald Parker (16) Preston, Lancs.

Anne Wallis (15) Wellingborough, Northants.

CLACTON—
Keith Richardson (13) Soham, Cambs.

Patricia Allen (14) Malpas, Ches.

FILEY—
Trevor Burrows (14) Crewe, Ches.

Jean Truman (15) Stockport, Ches.

MINEHEAD—
Gary Hamilton (14) Wolberton, Bucks.

Wendy Brown (14) Dronfield, Yorks.

PWLLHELI—
Glenn McCordie (13) Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nthld.

Belinda Chamberlain (12) Buckden, Hunts.

SKEGNESS—
Michael Douglas (14) Langley Green, Sussex.

Suzanne Hunt (12) Grantham, Lincs.

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played well but Sussex the better team although not at full strength.

Buckinghamshire 6, Kent 4

Although the Holtam sisters Julie and Lynn picked up GS and GD, Kent's boys could get only 1 BS and BD. Chris Leslie, at 12, had a fine first set BS and this was a real tonic to Bucks. after their disaster v. Hants.

Oxfordshire 1, Sussex 9

Surrey II 4, Hampshire 6
Hampshire's winning ways continue with Stephen Wilson unbeaten. Both Surrey girls Kay Greenough and Stephanie Clarke nervous and below par, but Kay improved later in XD win. 13-years-old Martin Shuttle the only home winner in the first 6 sets—this boy has much promise!

JUNIOR NORTH

Durham 5, Westmorland 5

The improved Westmorland team merited a draw with their surprisingly easy BD win vital. Peter Edon very impressive but Brian Towell was also in good form.

Northumberland 7, Cumberland 3

Andrew and Peter Clark in good form, and Barbara Kearney much too good for her opposite number.

Yorkshire II 9, Cheshire II 1

The hosts far too strong, with especially good performances from Andrew Kilburn, Stephen Souter, and Melodi Ludi (13).

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Leicestershire 9, Lincolnshire 1

No mercy shown by Leics. to a sporting Lincs. team. Chris Rogers, Grahame Angrave, and of course the girls, never in serious trouble, whilst Chris Brown looked the best for Lincs.

Warwickshire II 3, Derbyshire 7

Warwicks, always struggling against opposition who applied themselves better. David Yallop the outstanding player, particularly sound in his treatment of top spin on his backhand wing, with Kevin Pilgrim best for the hosts.

Northamptonshire 3, Nottinghamshire 7

Both teams missed their No 1's, but Notts. still managed to take 5 BS, all comfortably. The young Northants. side needs experience at this level and could be much improved by March.

JUNIOR EAST

Cambridgeshire II 0, Norfolk 10

With all but one of the Cambs. team on debut, Norfolk much too strong but the home girls Carol Ellis and Ruth Newman both showed promise. After a season's absence, a welcome return for Norfolk's John Fuller, in a class of his own.

Huntingdonshire 7, Bedfordshire 3

Tim Speller and Kevin Moore both picked up maximums and Jean Allinson successful in her first GS and also took GD with Belinda Chamberlain. A good performance by visiting Martin Harlow with one win and nearly a second.

Bedfordshire 1, Essex II 9

Closer than 9—1 suggests, with 4 sets going the distance (two lost by Beds. at -19 in 3rd) and Michael Charter going down to Robert Potton by -20, -24.

Huntingdonshire 2, Suffolk 8

Spear-headed by John Kitchener,

the Suffolk team turned in a good all-round show. Tim Speller recorded good -11, 20, 20 win over Simon Ball, and the girls again took GD.

Hertfordshire 9, Cambridgeshire II 1

An easy win for Herts.

JUNIOR WEST

Wiltshire 0, Glamorgan 10

Devon 6, Worcestershire 4
The fine play of Keith James tipped the scales Devon's way. Worcesters youngsters impressed on appearance and sportsmanship in an enjoyable match.

Wiltshire 0, Devon 10

Monmouthshire 1, Gloucestershire 9

The visitors far more experienced and Chris Sewell easily the best player on view although for a time troubled by Bob Swain. With both last season's top ranked players eligible but not interested, Monmouths. have problems.

Glamorgan 9, Worcestershire 1

Monmouthshire 0, Somerset 10

Bob Swain comes closest to a win, but Somerset very worthy winners.

VETERAN SOUTH

Hampshire 8, Northamptonshire 1

A convincing win for this much improved Hampshire team.

Hertfordshire 5, Huntingdonshire 4

Jack Baxter unbeaten but the rest of the Herts. team made rather hard work of this match which was not decided until the final set. But S. Tuvey made no mistake, beating A. Gibby 8, 3.

Oxfordshire 2, Kent 7

Oxon's. two victories from Alf Davies over Ron Etheridge 13, 16 and an incredible XD with wife Mair 2, 12 over Etheridge and Kath Le Milliere.

Hampshire 6, Essex 3

Surprising that Hants. did not consider the eclipse of last season's champions to be worth a mention?

Kent 8, Hertfordshire 1

Northamptonshire 4, Oxfordshire 5

VETERAN MIDLANDS

Cheshire 7, Worcestershire 2

Nottinghamshire 6, Leicestershire 3

Staffordshire 3, Warwickshire 6

What a match this was! Staffs. 0—4 down and losing 3 of these at -19 in the 3rd, the play continued to be close and 13 of the 25 games finished at 19 or closer. The hosts, however, could take only two of the 7 sets needing a deciding game.

ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED

This season's English Junior Closed is to be played at the P.E. Centre, Loughborough College of Education, Ashby Road, Loughborough on Saturday, Dec. 30.

Entry forms can now be had from the E.T.T.A. at 21, Claremont, Hastings (Phone: Hastings 33121) the closing date being Dec. 9. The draw will take place on Dec. 17. Entry fees are 40p for the singles events and 20p per player for the doubles.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY

Mr. H. Purvis of 10/3 Greendykes Drive, Edinburgh EH16 4JA. (Home phone: 031-661 6875) has taken over from Miss Nancy Watts as National Secretary of the Scottish Table Tennis Association.

County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

POSSIBILITY OF MORE SPONSORSHIP

A glorious start by Surrey, and a dreadful one by Essex, are the main features of September and October. Six Premier Division matches have so far been played and not one of these has yet seen both teams with a full complement: this for a variety of reasons.

There seems to be a possibility of extra sponsorship (to add to the Halex ball adoption) and I have been asked to compile a file of press-cuttings. I would be grateful if County Match Secretaries would send me anything which they see in their local Press which concerns County Championships: pre-match gossip, reports, etc.

LESLIE FORREST AWARD

The Leslie Forrest Award is presented annually to a person in the administrative sphere of the game who has made an outstanding contribution to County Table Tennis. Nominations, from County Associations, to me by Dec. 31/72.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cheshire 3, Middlesex 6

M. Johns bt O. Haslam -20, 14, 18; lost to M. Sugden -14, -16.
D. Schofield lost to Haslam -18, -18; bt L. Landry 18, 14.
B. Johns lost to Sugden -5 -16; lost to Landry -19, 19, -13.
Johns/Johns bt Haslam/Landry -12, 15, 17.
Miss J. Heaps lost to Mrs. K. Mathews -15, -12.
Schofield/Heaps lost to Sugden/Mathews -11, -9.

Surrey 7, Essex 2

C. Warren bt D. Brown 21, -22, 12; bt I. Horsham 19, 14.
R. Chandler bt Brown 12, 18; bt I. Robertson 13, 8.
G. Chapman bt Horsham -11, 7, 15; bt Robertson 17, 13.
Chandler/Warren bt Brown/R. Stevens 13, -12, 11.
Miss S. Howard lost to Miss S. Hession 15, -17, -20.
B. Hill/Howard lost to Stevens/Hession -13, 18, -13.

A fine team effort and the first time Surrey can recall taking all MS from Essex. Roger Chandler, on debut, showed what an asset he could be to his new county; "Connie" Warren at his volatile best in memorable set v. David Brown; anti-loop Gordon Chapman effective in his first Premier match for 5 years (in his last one he lost to new colleague Chandler!). Susan Howard led Shelagh Hession 20-17 in 3rd but expedite helped Shelagh to the next 5 points.

Essex 4, Cheshire 5

D. Brown lost to M. Johns 19, -13, -15; bt S. Heaps 13, -15, 18.
R. Stevens lost to Johns -23, -18; bt D. Schofield 13, 14.
I. Robertson bt Heaps -14, 17, 15; lost to Schofield -17, -14.
Brown/Robertson lost to B. Johns/M. Johns -17, 12, -19.

Miss S. Hession lost to Miss J. Heaps 17, -8, -16.
Stevens/Hession bt B. Johns/J. Heaps 17, 19.

Is relegation for Essex a real possibility? Early days yet, and the lack of a crowd (only 100—low for them) did not help. One MS for each Essex man, and the XD but this was not enough. Had Shelagh Hession not had such a rush from Belgium the story might have been different.

Kent 8, Sussex 1

A. Piddock bt P. Williams 11, -15, 17; bt S. Ogundipe -11, 16, 19.
C. Morris bt Williams 7, 14; bt G. Pugh 20, 12.
A. Mitchell bt Ogundipe 20, 19; bt Pugh 18 -19, 16.
H. Buist/Piddock bt Pugh/Williams 13, 15.
Mrs. J. Ellis lost to Miss J. Williams -8, 16, -16.
Buist/Ellis bt Ogundipe/Williams -17, 18, 15.

Fine start for Kent against luckless Sussex. At short notice 14-years-old Gerald Pugh made creditable debut and for Kent, Andy Mitchell shone in beating Sammy Ogundipe. Surprise XD win for the untried Kent pair.

Middlesex 3, Surrey 6

O. Haslam lost to C. Warren -17, -11; lost to R. Chandler -13, 17, -16.
M. Sugden bt Warren -23, 9, 21; bt G. Chapman 19, 17.
E. Coster lost to Chandler -12, -16; lost to Chapman -16, 20 -17.
Coster/Sugden bt Chandler/Warren 12, 9.
Mrs. D. Court lost to Miss L. Howard 17, -22, -18.
Haslam/Court lost to B. Hill/Howard -8, 15, -16.

The first 4 sets all went the distance with Malcolm Sugden in a superb opener v. "Connie" Warren coming back from 11-18 in 3rd to win. "Les" Haslam never seemed "in touch" v. Roger Chandler—a bat re-covered less than 12 hours before didn't help—and Eric Coster found too many problems posed by Gordon Chapman. Surrey stretched their lead to 3-1 with XD when they recovered from 6-10 in 3rd to win with the "wrong" order, but an easy MD win made it closer. Replacing stranded Karenza Mathews at the shortest of notice Diane (Simpson) Court thrilled the small crowd with a great display v. Linda Howard which the Surrey girl took after trailing by a game and 17-20. 4-2 to Surrey and the rest little more than a formality, but what great stuff in the first 6 sets.

Yorkshire 9, Warwickshire 0

D. Neale bt B. Burn -19, 14, 17; bt D. Munt 12, 17.
A. Clayton bt Burn 20, -18, 15; bt R. Cooper 18, 11.
J. Walker bt Munt 19, 18; bt Cooper 8, 10.
Clayton/Neale bt Burn/R. Gunnion 18, 12.
Miss J. Walker bt Miss J. Cornock 5, -22, 14.
A. Ransome/Miss Walker bt Gunnion/Cornock 17, 12.

Warwicks fought better than 0-9 suggests with Brian Burn in particular

proving a real handful, Jimmy Walker at his best and Judith Walker also impressive v. Jenny Cornock. And Yorkshire were without Hydes and Jarvis!

2nd DIVISION SOUTH

Hampshire 3, Surrey II 7

A disappointing match for Hants., who were well beaten. Their men took one MS each but David Welsman and Susan Howard shone for Surrey.

Kent II 4, Buckinghamshire 6

Sussex II 5, Berkshire 5

2nd DIVISION NORTH

Cheshire II 4, Yorkshire II 6

Yorkshire's strong men took 5 x MS and the match hinged on XD. This was going Cheshire's way until mid-way through the 2nd game when Sylvia Broadbent found her touch and played really well. Doreen Schofield the only player to emerge unbeaten.

Lincolnshire 5, Durham 5

The visitors started well and led 2-0 but all looked lost at 3-5. Malcolm Corking put new heart into them in the 9th and Mike Ford just managed to steal a point at the finish. Best set was MD won 19, -19, 20 by Corking and Armstrong in a set where the result was always in doubt.

Northumberland 1, Lancashire 9

Alan Jones got his team off to a good start beating Donald Parker 20, -10, 19 but after that Lancs. proved much too good.

2nd DIVISION MIDLAND

Leicestershire 8, Nottinghamshire 2

Paul Randell started this season as he finished last, in great form and was well backed particularly by the strong home girls (Anita Stevenson's first WS County win). Alf Saunders defended superbly for Notts. and although fading at the end of the 3rd game gave Randell trouble.

Warwickshire II 9, Gloucestershire 1

Two "deuce in the 3rd" wins for Des Douglas and one for Paul Judd; Di St. Ledger's -18, 17, 18 win over Jean Golding; 3 more 3-game sets: no, this was no pushover. Special mention of 13-years-old Chris Sewell who showed great potential for Gloucs.

Worcestershire 4, Staffordshire 6

Staffordshire 2, Leicestershire 8

A clear-cut win for the visitors who were far better: they led 8-0. Nice win for Karen Rogers 17, -15, 12 over Kath Perry.

2nd DIVISION EAST

Essex III 7, Cambridgeshire 3

Stuart Gibbs proved he is still a fine player and Steve Smith (although falling -20, -16 to Paul Day) also indicated he was still improving.

Hertfordshire 7, Norfolk 3

Richard Morris sadly out of practice and beaten on his three visits to the table: few other problems for Herts.

Middlesex 4, Bedfordshire 6

A dreadful result for Middlesex in this newly formed division. They picked up only XD of the girls' events and could add just one MS from each man. A redeeming feature the fight of Andy Barden, but Colin Crowe knew just too much for him.

2nd DIVISION WEST

Devon 6, Somerset 4

In one of Exeter's best-ever County matches both sides produced some fine play and either could have won. A good start for Devon against the divisional champions who were weakened by the absence of 'flu victim Tony Kinsey. High standard of sportsmanship throughout.

Dorset 6, Cornwall 4

A Dorset team with several new faces did well to score a win at their first outing, although Jenny Racey is a name well known in Bedfordshire. She and Rosalind Symes took all their sets and could ease the home County's loss of Joyce Coop and Jenny Vass. 8 sets in this match went the distance.

Glamorgan 7, Wiltshire 3

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Berkshire II 5, Hertfordshire II 5

Essex III 9, Hampshire II 1

A lot of new faces here, with Essex as usual showing much depth.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Cumberland 2, Cheshire III 8

Lancashire II 10,

Northumberland II 0

Late arrival Wally Allanson found his place taken by Colin Lang who, together with debutante Susan Thompstone, claimed equal shares in this romp home.

MIDLAND DIVISION

Shropshire 0, Staffordshire II 10

Worcestershire II 2, Glamorgan II 8

EASTERN DIVISION

Cambridgeshire II 5,

Huntingdonshire 5

Improved Hunts. gave Cambs. a fright when they led 4-2. Both No. 2's were unbeaten in MS, with Geoff Atkinson having splendid debut for visitors and Brian Jones also notching XD with young Karen Garner (on senior debut).

Norfolk II 2, Northamptonshire 8

The excellent conditions at Dereham to the liking of Rod Varchant, Connie Bane and Judith Wooding.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Buckinghamshire 0, Hampshire 10

With 3 experienced boys, Bucks. hoped for at least a repeat of last season's draw, but the visitors seemed always to have a little in hand and won worthily.

Hertfordshire II 0, Sussex 10

Colin Williams, John Parfitt, and Shelia Harper all on debut and

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