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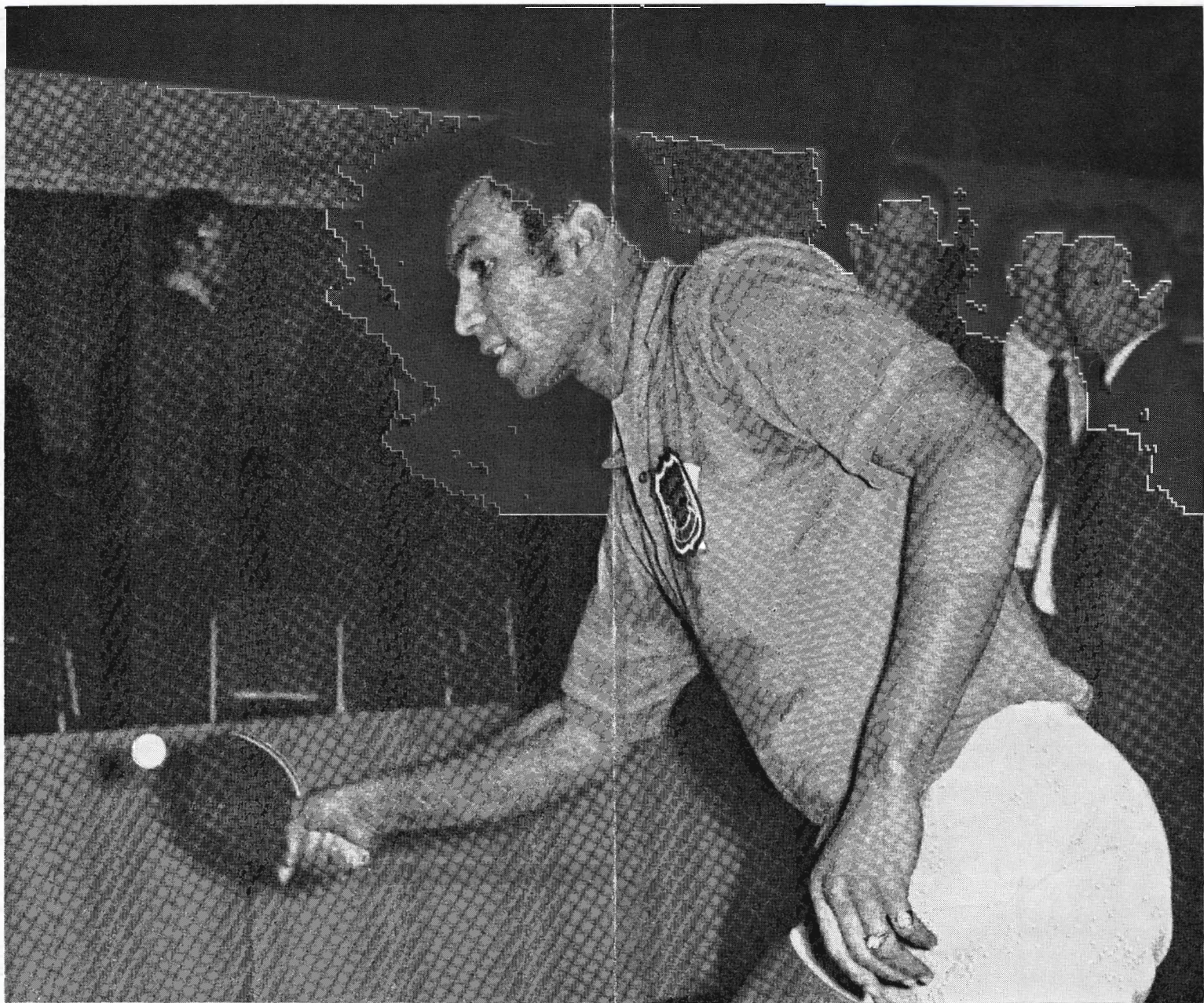


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No Rose Bed

A measure of the task confronting the E.T.T.A.'s newly appointed Trainer/Coach, Les Gresswell, soon became evident at Vejle, Denmark, on the occasion of the 15th European Youth Championships in August.

To play for England is one thing but to win for England is quite another, and it is this other aspect that henceforth will occupy the full time attention of the former Middlesex junior international.

Life with an England team, be it at senior or junior level, has seldom been a bed of roses. But, in the main, the thorns have been more of a psychological nature than to any deformity of growth.

It is in this field, therefore, that the seateurs could well be employed, for future policy dictates a healthy plant necessitating pruning of non-productive stems, be they young or old.

Let no one underestimate the size of the job confronting Les Gresswell, and to those people who will be called upon to integrate their coaching activities with those aimed at the creation of dedicated international squads be mindful of the desired end product.

A job of work has been set up, and a duly qualified person has been appointed to see it through. Good luck, Les, the season lies before you.

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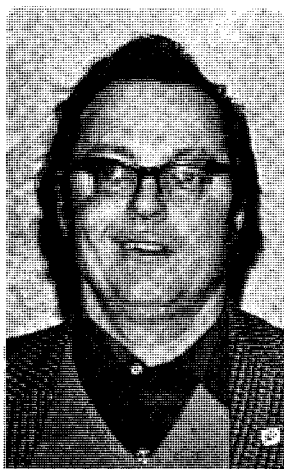
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15th EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHOCKS ABOUND AT VEJLE

by Philip Reid



France win the Boys' Team event—two unseeded players win the major singles titles and some abysmal performances by England—those were the main headlines at the 15th European Youth Championships, held at Vejle, Denmark from Aug. 7—12.

Team Events

Staged in an idyllic woodland setting about 1½ miles from Vejle, the Championships provided unprecedented scenes following the final of the Boys' team event. The England team, after a long overland journey, arrived at Vejle on the Sunday afternoon prior to the start of the championships on the following day.

After an initial flurry about where the team were to be accommodated, it was finally resolved by the girls and their captain, Brian Wright, staying at the venue whilst the boys, Les Gresswell and I, stayed at the Caleb Hotel in the town.

There was an entry of 24 countries and only two teams failed to make an appearance—Turkey girls and Spain boys' cadets.

The first match involving England was at 9 a.m. on Monday—England Cadets played Belgium. Belgium had finished 10th last season (as against England's 5th) but their No. 1 Mathy Vastmans, looked very sound indeed and although Paul Day—one of England's successes on this tour—won 19, 19, it was too close for comfort.

Day hit well and played with great determination, a factor which was lacking in much of some of the subsequent play by England.

Andy Barden followed by playing Geert Roels and whilst Barden may be lacking in flair he has immense powers of concentration and determination. His win may not have been spectacular to watch but it was impressive in that it was a workman-like performance, executed with ruthless efficiency.

The first doubles game was close but there was no such trouble in the second where England led 4—0 and

21—6 before running out winners at 14.

The early afternoon brought the first match for the girls — against Austria who were not regarded as serious challengers although Linda Howard was surprisingly extended in her first game.

England went away to a 2—0 lead. At this juncture skipper Wright decided to bring in Anita Stevenson to partner Linda Howard in the doubles. The pair had never played together before but they did the job that was required of them, winning 2—straight.

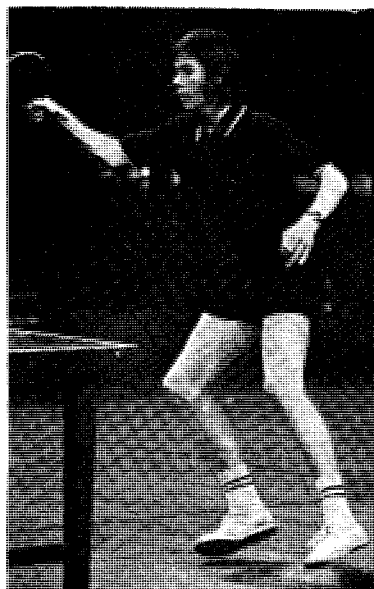
RELIED ON ERRORS

Switzerland had a completely new team of boys and were not expected to extend England but their defender, Michel Kocher, took Simon Heaps uncomfortably close in the first game. Heaps led 20—15 but allowed his opponent to creep up to 20—19 before winning. I say 'allowed' deliberately because Kocher appeared to have nothing in his game which suggested he could collect points, only by the errors of his opponents and, in this case, there were plenty.

Desmond Douglas followed by beating Gabriele Pampuri. Douglas trailed 7—8 in the first but once he got over his initial 'nerves' and his forehand swung into action, he won almost as he pleased.

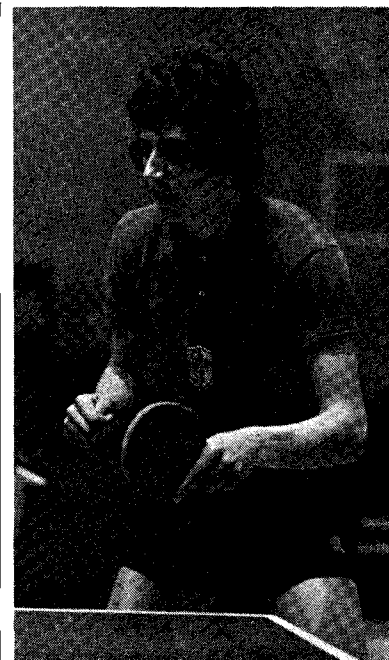
Ian Horsham moved England into a 3—0 lead by beating Beck. After a poor start Horsham had his opponent in all sorts of trouble and ran out an easy winner. Douglas followed by accounting for Kocher without experiencing any of the difficulties encountered by Heaps. With a 4—0 lead it needed only for Heaps to beat Beck which he did with ease.

Next opponents for the cadets were Italy, who had finished 12th the previous season. The hard work put in by their captain, Ugo Luccio, was much in evidence for whilst England won 3—0 it was by no means as easy as the score might suggest.



David Alderson who came out of the team events with four wins against three losses.

Photo by Tony Ross.



Stefano Bosi (Italy) conqueror of England's Ian Horsham and Desmond Douglas, but beaten by Simon Heaps in the match England won 5—3.

Photo by Dennis A. Reed.

Day, for instance, was down 15—18 in the third game of the opening set against Romano Rodella, yet contrived to win 23—21. Barden too had a real fight on his hands when losing his first game to Constantine.

Barden led 9—4 in the second but Constantine chanced his arm and to come up to 16—15 before levelling at 18—all. Barden ran out the winner when his opponent, in rapid succession, hit a serve into the net, missed a loop and then pushed a half-volley in the net. In the decider Barden quickly established a 5—1 lead, which he subsequently increased to 20—12 and won 21—15.

SATISFACTION

The meals at Vejle were excellent—popular opinion was that they were the best of any previous championships—and we were able to savour the meal that evening with great satisfaction. We had played 14 sets and won them all!

After tea England were opposed to the host country, Denmark, in the boys' event. Heaps opened for England and—as against Switzerland—was seriously troubled by a player he should have dealt with easily.

With the set one game all, and at 20—16 to Heaps in the decider, the Cheshire lad seemed to have it 'in the bag' but he flattered to deceive. He made three poor defensive returns and then looped into the net and the score stood at 20—all. Heaps managed to take the next two points but it was not a very impressive performance.

David Alderson, brought in for Douglas, was also taken the distance but, by dint of some careful play and accurate hitting, he contrived to win the decider at 8.

Horsham beat Lars Breidahl in 2—straight, though it took a considerable

effort from Horsham to prevent the set from going to three. The match score became 4-0 when Alderson summarily disposed of Bendixen.

But England lost their first set of the championships when Heaps lost to Bredahl after taking the first. Heaps appeared rather slow and unable to put on the pressure when most needed and his cause was not helped when he was warned about his service.

Holland at this time were playing Italy. The Dutch were amongst the most vociferous of supporters and their hero was Hans Lingen. When he made a particularly good shot the Dutch boy would thrust his arms into the air and turn and wave to his admirers. In this particular case all their efforts were in vain for the Italian team won 5-2.

England clinched their match with Denmark when Horsham beat Iversen comprehensively in the second after a close first game.

The only English match remaining to be played in the first group matches was the girls' against Luxembourg. The latter were obviously relying heavily on the play of Berthy Krier and sure enough she put them on the right track by beating Janet Hellaby.

The next set was absolutely vital as far as England were concerned—Linda Howard against Christiane Putz. All three games went the full distance but Linda eventually won 22-20 in the third.

Linda and Janet were much too strong in the doubles but when Linda—after a confident first game win over Krier—lost, all depended on the final set. In the event Janet was equal to the occasion, winning 2-straight and England had completed their first set of matches without defeat and we were able to rest until the morrow.

DAY TWO

At 8-30 a.m. England played Italy. Douglas was restored to the team to the exclusion of Alderson and it was the Warwickshire boy who played first for England, his opponent being Roberto Giontella, a useful but not outstanding player.

Whilst Douglas made some fine shots, his lack of mobility told heavily against him in this set. It was not that he was not trying—he appeared to be rooted to the spot without realising it.

The brilliant Stefano Bosi next appeared at the table, his opponent being Heaps. Heaps won a very good first game, despite being again warned about his serve, the problem being a question of its visibility to the umpire.

In the second game Heaps trailed 16-19, levelled at 19-all but, after losing the next point, missed a smash to level the set score at 1-all. Bosi was easily the best of the Italian team and a defeat against him would not only improve England's position but would obviously undermine the confidence of the Italians.

Heaps changed ends at 9-10 down but then took 5 points in a row. Leading 17-14, Heaps looked in command and when Bosi missed a kill he stamped his foot in annoyance—a rare show of emotion. After Heaps had collected the next point (18-14) he missed an ambitious forehand kill (18-15) and then followed a bad

miss and a nervous shot which he put into the net, 18-all!

However Heaps, with some well chosen shots, went on to win 21-18 and thus level the match score.

The Italian No. 3, Guido Bisi, was not in the same class as the other two but it took a supreme effort by Horsham to win, 19 in the third. Horsham, at this stage, was not moving at all well, sometimes in fact he was not moving at all and it was a very close shave indeed for England.

Douglas put up stout resistance against Bosi before narrowly losing in two games but here again good footwork was not a feature. It brought the match score to 2-all but Horsham, with a good display, beat Giontella easily to restore the lead.

The score became 4-2 when Heaps had another win, this time over Bisi but, this time, it was not a particularly inspiring performance. Bosi's concentration and speed brought him an easy victory over Horsham and yet again the match was wide open.

Douglas, however, beat Bisi to give England a match-winning 5-3 lead although, at the time, we did not know it was to prove our last success in the team matches, the girls without winning another set!

DISAPPOINTING

On the next table at this time, the other two teams England had to play were having a fine battle which culminated in Czechoslovakia winning 5-3 against Russia. The Czech star was Josef Cermak whose trio of wins included one against the mighty Anatoli Strokotov.

Cermak's great strength was in his ability to block the loop very early. It kept his opponents on their toes all the while and with Pavel Ovcarik also winning two, Czechoslovakia had—barring accidents—ensured Russia, the holders, would not be in the top two. I feel sure this win made an undue impression on our team about which I will write later.

England's first defeat came in the Girls' team event where Linda and Janet were quite unable to stem the Federal German pair of Ulrike Durre and Kirstan Kruger. Even in the doubles, after establishing a big lead in the third, we were unable to hold it and 3-0 was the measure of our defeat.

Perhaps even more disappointing was the Cadets' defeat by Sweden. Day opened against Grolund and the Swedish player played some superb shots. Trailing 18-20 in the third, Day showed all the fight in the world.

He pulled back to 20-all but neither player could take the necessary two points lead until, at 28-27 Day put away a winner to give him victory. Against Glans, Barden trailed 8-12 in both games against the fleet-footed Scandinavian who was not unduly troubled in levelling the match score.

England restored their lead with success in the doubles but Day was unable to make any impression on Glans and the match score was equated for a second time.

Barden's set with Grolund thus became all important, ensuring England would finish in at least fourth place if success was achieved.

The Middlesex youngster was never in the first game but improved considerably in the second to win at 12.

This set was creating considerable interest and for some reason, not apparent to me, the Federal Germans were rooting for Sweden whilst the Dutch were giving strong vociferous support to the England team.

Play was rather scrappy—not perhaps surprisingly when one considers the pressures on two players so young. Barden, in fact, narrowly trailed 8-9 and 12-14 but a run to 17-12 virtually sealed the match for Sweden. Barden had given his best but it was clear his game was not flexible enough to cope with Grolund.

MORE DEFEATS

The Boys, meanwhile were playing Czechoslovakia. A win for the, Czechs would almost guarantee their finishing in the first two and they played as though they meant to get there. Unfortunately England did not always show the same determination and went down 1-5.

Alderson replaced Douglas for this match and it was he who won England's only set. Horsham lost the opening set to Mucka and Heaps subsequently had a very narrow defeat against Cermak. Both were sets England could—and should—have won. With Ovcarik on top form, England's only win came when Alderson beat Mucka at a time when it was almost too late to make any difference.

The Cadets, meanwhile, were playing their penultimate match against Czechoslovakia. Barden made no impression on Pavel Schenk but

Day levelled the score by beating Miroslav Cich, despite being a game and 2-6 down.

The doubles set, for the first time, was dropped by England but once again Day restored the balance by defeating Schenk. It was another fine performance by the Soham boy who was 9-10 down in the second but recovered well enough to lead 17-13, and finally won at 15 to give him a 2-straight victory.

Everything then depended on Barden and he gave perhaps his best performance in the team event. Barden, grim, determined, never yielding an inch could hardly have done more but he went down -18, -18. It was, of course, the second 3-2 defeat in succession and a big disappointment.

The only match then to be played on a thoroughly disappointing day for England was the Girls' match against Hungary. The Hungarian pair of Katalin Szendy and Alna Molnar had been strong enough to beat England's top pair of Karenza Mathews and Jill Hammersley 3-1 at Brighton last season.

England's pair both put up spirited resistance in the first but rather fell to pieces in the second. The Hungarians indulged in the liberty of putting their second string—Marta Csik and Gyorgyi Kuchar—in the doubles!

After a rather poor first game, England came much more into the second, with Linda Howard making



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Scotland's Elaine Smith who won six of her nine sets in the team championships.

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most of the attacking strokes. England in fact led 13-9 and 14-10 but by 16-15 the lead had changed hands and when Linda failed to control a loop, England had suffered their second consecutive 3-0 defeat. Tuesday then had not been a good day for England. They had won only one of their six matches.

DAY THREE

In the light of this, what happened on Wednesday could hardly be regarded as surprising. The Boys opened at 8-30 a.m. by playing Russia and shortly after 10 a.m. it was all over, 5-0 to the Soviets.

Heaps opened against Victor Fursov, a diminutive player for the Russian Cadet team at Teesside two years ago and now a powerful player with an excellent all-round game. Heaps, in fact made a good start and led 5-3 but then trailed 13-20 before pulling back four points, only to lose at 17.

A poor start in the second game—down 2-7—meant he had a long way to catch up and whilst he managed to hold Fursov reasonably well after that, he was unable to make a serious challenge to the Russian's supremacy.

Against the then reigning European Youth champion, Strokotov, Douglas showed his best form so far. True he still had to be reminded frequently to move his feet but he became more positive in his play, more determined in his approach and more conditional to the stresses of play at this level.

There were, however, one or two careless shots—a luxury which can never be afforded against a side as strong as the Russians—but Douglas was still there at 18-all. At this stage the pressure seemed to tell. He made a poor shot, followed up with a weak attempt to return the service and lost the next point to lose -18.

The Russian, a game in hand, understandably played with more confidence. 4-9 down, Douglas got back as far as 12-14 but could make no more inroads and ultimately lost -19 after a late comeback. The

weakest of the Russians, Felix Sarkisjan, then played Horsham.

The Essex boy made a poor start and trailed 10-19 before he got in a tremendous forehand — his only really good shot in the first game. The second saw him losing 11-14 but he came back strongly, took the lead at 17-16 and advanced it to a 21-16 win. This, however, was only to be a temporary come-back for he was never really in the picture in the decider, this despite Les Gresswell appealing to the umpire about the Russian's service.

An exceptional win by Heaps over Strokotov was needed if England were to remain in the match with any chance, but despite keeping up with the Russian to 15-all in the first it went 21-15 to the Soviet player. In the second game, Strokotov pulled away from 5-all to 15-9 and never let up.

England went down to their first 5-0 defeat when Fursov then beat Horsham but they had by no means been outclassed. Horsham and Douglas had both given samples of what might have happened. As it was, all that was left to battle for was sixth place against Federal Germany.

NOT OUTSTANDING

The Girls went down 0-3 to Czechoslovakia with Anita Stevenson getting a singles run-out in place of Linda Howard. It gave England a final No. 6 position. This was, in fact, two places higher than at Ostend but with basically the same team could not be hailed as an outstanding performance. The basic difference of course was that whilst we had lost to Luxembourg in the 1st Stage last season, we were able to win 3-2 this season.

Final match for the Cadet Boys was with Hungary and here again defeat resulted. Day put England off to a good start by beating Bogdan but then England lost 3 sets in a row. Barden lost a good set with Frank, we lost the doubles, and Frank returned to the table to account for Day. As a result we fell from fifth place to eighth, perhaps rather unluckily.

The crucial match was with Sweden, which England lost 2-3. **Had we won then we could not have finished lower than fourth. Certainly Day's feat in winning six of his eight sets was quite exceptional and, for my money, by far the best performance by any English player at Vejle.**

Andy Barden tried as he always tries and whilst he won his first two sets, once he was up against the more professional approach of the Communist countries and Sweden he found things very much more difficult.

Final match of all for England in the team events was the Boys v. Federal Germany for 5th and 6th place. For this match skipper Gresswell took the surprising but completely justified decision to leave out Horsham and play Alderson, Heaps and Douglas.

It meant, in fact, that Brian Johns was the only one of the ten players not to participate in the team events. But, whilst naturally disappointed, he accepted it in the right spirit.

Heaps put England off to a good start (it was the first time since Monday, four matches ago, that England had won the opening set!) by beating Engel in 2-straight. It was an impressive performance and it looked as though the tide had turned when Douglas, in an excellent display, took the first game from Hoffman.

The blond, bespectacled and bearded Hoffman moved with great speed and played well but, in the first game, could never hold Douglas's forehand kills. In the second, the Birmingham player held his opponent to 8-all and we held our breath—could Douglas make it in two straight.

At this stage Hoffman collected a lucky point and then, by means of a curious combination of streaky shots, excellent kills and sheer speed at getting into position (which always made him difficult to contain) moved to 17-9 and 20-10 before winning at 11.

In the decider, Douglas made a poor start losing the first four points. At the change of ends he was 3-10 down. The German, playing like a person inspired, moved briskly round the table, picking out winners and by the time the score had reached 18-9 Douglas seemed out of it.

However, taking his life in his hands, he moved in to take over the attack and recovered to such an extent that he had his opponent really worried at 19-15. Another point at this juncture would have made all the difference but a missed forehand gave the German five set points and whilst Douglas took two, he went under -17.

FAMILIAR PATTERN

Alderson next played Stellwag whose tactics were soon clear—keep the ball away from Alderson's forehand except when killing it. He soon moved into a 13-5 lead and went on to win 2-straight.

Hoffman then came back on against Heaps. Almost inevitably it was a story of what might have been. The scores -20, 21, -18 qualify this. It was, however, a spirited effort by Heaps against a player who later reached the semi-final of the Boys' singles event.

Alderson's win over Engel kept England in the picture but the score became 4-2 when Douglas was unable to hold Stellwag. Alderson then gave us a sort of last gasp hope when he took the first game off the mighty Hoffman, at 13. The now familiar pattern followed. Unable to keep up the pressure, he went down -17, -14 and England had slipped from 3rd to 6th in the final placings.

True we had no Jarvis (who had dropped only two of his fifteen sets in Ostend) but it was a little disappointing just the same.

Meanwhile other factors had emerged in other matches. France were proving the surprise packet and their wins over Sweden, Federal Germany and Yugoslavia had made them strong contenders for the final, where they were to play Czechoslovakia, winners in their group over Italy, Russia and, of course, England.

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In the counterpart Girls' event, Hungary had reached the final with a sets record of 12 to nil. Russia, the top team in the other section had struggled to beat Czechoslovakia (3-2). Russia were to play Federal Germany in the Cadet Boys' final with Hungary and Rumania contesting the Cadet Girls' title.

The latter match was won 3-0 by Hungary with no other result ever looking likely, but the Cadet Boys' final was quite a different story.

With the match score standing at 2-all Frank Klitzsch (Fed. Germany) and Mironas Kreeris (USSR) came out to play the 'decider'. After losing the first game, Klitzsch showed amazing courage and skill to pull back the second from being 14-19 down, collecting the next 7 points to equate the set score.

In the third he was again down at 18-20 and levelled at 20-all. Nerves were playing a big part in this encounter, as one would expect, but eventually the Soviet player ran out the winner at 23-21.

The third place play-off in the Boys' team event was contested by Russia and Sweden and excitement was intense when the match score stood at 4-all with Sarkisjan to play Soderstrom.

With the set score at 1-all, Soderstrom built up a lead which went from 16-11 to 18-14 and eventually to 20-16. Then, for the first time, the Swede appeared to lose his nerve, making a wild hit and a nervous miss and open up the match. However, the pressure told and Sarkisjan put a fairly easy one off for Sweden to take third place.

FINALS

The Girls' and Boys' team finals were staged simultaneously but not in identical surroundings. The Boys' match was televised and seats were placed all round the arena whilst the Girls' match was situated in one corner with virtually no-one but their own team-mates and officials watching.

Whilst Hungary had carried all before them, they were unable to hold the strong Soviet team who won 3-1. The Boys' match was so full of incident that perhaps I had better start at the seventh set.

Up to this stage, Martin had won two for France and Constant one. For Czechoslovakia, Ovcarik had won one and Cermak two. The match score stood at 3-all, with Constant next to play Ovcarik.

The French boy looks a classy player in all he does but he did not have the consistency necessary to beat a player of the class of Ovcarik. Next set was Martin v. Cermak.

All three French players were left-handed but Christian Martin was, by some margin, the most impressive of the trio in this tournament. He went through undefeated but it was not so much what he did as how he did it.

Always preferring to defend, I sometimes formed the impression that he moved rather unnecessarily. He was, though, all elegance and class and a feature of his play was the way he came in to deal with dropshots, putting them away without hesitation.

He was the most impressive player in the tournament as far as I was

concerned — he varied his chop, switched wings, hit to break his opponent's rhythm and, in general, looked a very good player indeed. A sobering thought is that he will still be a junior next season!

Against Cermak (who had beaten all the Russian team) he completed his 100% record and a fine display it was, picking up a forehand kill at 20-18 to finish the set.

The final set then involved the two weakest players, Molodzoff (France) and Mucka. Nerves would clearly play a big part and tremendous cheering greeted every point, particularly those scored by the French player. Additionally they had a banner with the words 'ALLEZ FRANCE' which greeted every point.

In the first game, Mucka led 18-17 and then narrowly missed a kill. At 20-19 Molodzoff suddenly produced a fast service which took Mucka by surprise and gave him the game.

The second went fairly evenly until 17-15 to Molodzoff. At this stage a fast service, a good kill, running in, and a bad mistake by Mucka brought the score to 20-15. It then looked all over.

Then Mucka gets one off service, kills another. Molodzoff is having trouble with Mucka's service. It's 20-all!! The French complain about Mucka's serve. Then, at 23-all Mucka kills Molodzoff's serve then hits a winner of his own. And everyone is stamping, shouting, talking. And we have to go through the ordeal of another game!

Spare a thought for the players! Molodzoff leads 17-14. A bad hit (he's understandably nervous) 17-15 18-15, 18-16. Mucka hits one which shoots off his bat, high in the air, but misses the table, 19-16. 20-16. Tension 20-17. Molodzoff has got the winner—has he? Yes—it's there. He's won. France have won. Bedlam.

Everyone is in the arena. Hugging Molodzoff. Lifting him in the air. Shouting. Singing. I have never seen anything like it.

Now their delirious supporters race outside with the team and throw them all in the swimming pool. The team come back. They had forgotten their coach, Charles Roesch. He went into the pool. Then they were out, running round, hugging each other. Finally they were on the winner's rostrum and all the cheering started again! It was the first time France had won the title but they thoroughly deserved it.

Playing for Norway was Paul Guttormsen. He won 16 of his 17 sets and was in superb form. He was unlucky enough to play Ovcarik in the first round of the Boys' singles event but he took him to a 22-20, 26-24 decision.

TEAM EVENT RESULTS

BOYS

Stage 1

v. Switzerland (won 5-0)
S. Heaps bt M. Kocher 19, 15; bt B. Beck 13, 14.
D. Douglas bt G. Pampuri 11 12; bt Kocher 9, 6.

1. Horsham bt Beck 16, 8.
v. Denmark (won 5-1)
Heaps bt S. Bendixen 18, -12, 20; lost to L. Bredahl 18, -14, -17
D. Alderson bt J. Iversen 15, -15, 8; bt Bendixen 8, 12.
Horsham bt Bredahl 17, 19; bt Iversen 19, 10.

Stage 2

v. Italy (won 5-3)

Douglas lost to R. Giontella -17, -13; lost to S. Bosi -22, -18; bt G. Bisi 17, 22.
Heaps bt Bosi 19, -19, 18; bt Bisi 17, 18.
Horsham bt Bisi -17, 19, 19; bt Giontella 10, 15; lost to Bosi -18, -14.

v. Czechoslovakia (lost 1-5)
Horsham lost to A. Mucka -15, 15, -13; lost to P. Ovcarik -15, -17;
Heaps lost to Ovcarik -11, -15; lost to J. Cermak -20, 12, -18.
Alderson lost to Cermak -20, -17; bt Mucka -14, 19, 15.

v. Russia (lost 0-5)
Heaps lost to V. Fursov -17, -16; lost to A. Strokotov -15, -14.
Horsham lost to F. Sarkisjan -13, 18, -9; lost to Fursov -21, -22.
Douglas lost to Strokotov -18, -19.

Play-off for Positions 5 and 6
v. Federal Germany (lost 2-5)
Heaps bt S. Engel 19, 16; lost to H. Hoffmann -20, 21, -18.
Douglas lost to Hoffmann 11, -11, -18; lost to P. Stellwaag -17, -17.

Alderson lost to Stellwaag -13, -18; bt Engel -16, 16, 15; lost to Hoffmann 12, -17, -14.

Final positions:— (last year's positions in brackets).

1. France (7)
2. Czechoslovakia (5)
3. Sweden (2)
4. Russia (1)
5. Federal Germany (4)
6. England (3)
7. Yugoslavia (10)
8. Italy (8)
9. Holland (11)
10. Poland (12)
11. Rumania (9)
12. Austria (13)
13. Greece (14)
14. Denmark (15)
15. Luxembourg (17)
16. Spain (16)
17. Finland (21)
18. Belgium (18)
19. Norway (24)
20. Wales (—)
21. Denmark II (—)
22. Scotland (23)
23. Turkey (19)
24. Switzerland (20)

Individual records

	P	W	L	Ave. %
D. Alderson	7	4	3	57.1
S. Heaps	12	6	6	50.0
I. Horsham	10	5	5	50.0
D. Douglas	8	3	5	37.5

GIRLS

Stage 1

v. Austria (won 3-0)
L. Howard bt Frisch 19, 13, J. Hellaby bt Reifberger 11, 12.
Howard/A. Stevenson bt Frisch/Reifberger 18, 20.

v. Luxembourg (won 3-2)
Hellaby lost to B. Krier 16, -14, 13; bt C. Putz 16, 19.
Howard lost to Krier -10, 17, -14; bt Putz 22, -19, 20.

Hellaby/Howard bt Krier/Putz 4, 13.
Stage 2
v. Federal Germany (lost 0-3)
Hellaby lost to W. Durre -18, -11, Howard lost to K. Kruger -15, -17.
Hellaby/Howard lost to Durre/Kruger 19, -10, 19.

v. Hungary (lost 0-3)
Hellaby lost to K. Szendy -20, -11
Howard lost to A. Molnar -21, -14.
Hellaby/Howard lost to Csik/Kuchar -11, -19.

Play-off for 5th and 6th positions
v. Czechoslovakia (lost 0-3)
Howard lost to H. Riedlova -17, -16
Stevenson lost to L. Smidlova -11, -9.
Hellaby/Howard lost to Riedlova/Smidlova -11, -6.

Final positions:—

1. Russia (—)
2. Hungary (2)
3. Federal Germany (5)
4. Yugoslavia (3)
5. Czechoslovakia (1)
6. England (8)
7. Rumania (—)
8. Sweden (9)
9. Denmark (10)
10. Luxembourg (4)
11. France (7)
12. Holland (6)
13. Poland (13)

- 14. Spain (18)
- 15. Austria (14)
- 16. Scotland (11)
- 17. Switzerland (12)
- 18. Belgium (16)

Individual records

	P	W	L	Ave. %
J. Hellaby	5	2	3	40.0
L. Howard	6	2	4	33.3
A. Stevenson	1	0	1	—

CADETS (BOYS)

Stage 1

v. Belgium (won 3-0)
 P. Day bt M. Vastmans 19, 19 A. Barden bt G. Roels 12, 15.
 Barden/Day bt Roels/Vastmans 21, 14.
 v. Italy (won 3-0)
 Day bt R. Rodella 11, -12, 23. Barden bt M. Costantine -18, 18, 15.
 Barden/Day bt Costantine/Rodella 9, 13.
 v. Sweden (lost 2-3)
 Day bt A. Grolund -19, 15, 27; lost to O. Glans -16, -9.
 Barden lost to Glans -14, -12; lost to Grolund -10, 12, -15.
 Barden/Day bt Glans/Grolund 14, 15.

Stage 2

v. Czechoslovakia (lost 2-3)
 Day bt M. Cich -18, 15, 16; bt P. Schenk 17, 15.
 Barden lost to Cich -18, -18; lost to Schenk -10, -11.
 Barden/Day lost to Cich/Schenk -17, -19.
 v. Hungary (lost 1-3)
 Day bt T. Bogdan 19, 11; lost to L. Frank -12, -18.
 Barden lost to Frank 14, -13, -13.
 Barden/Day lost to Bogdan/Frank -14, 19.

Final positions:—

- 1. Russia (1)
- 2. Federal Germany (2)
- 3. Sweden (4)
- 4. France (—)
- 5. Czechoslovakia (—)
- 6. Rumania (3)
- 7. Hungary (—)
- 8. England (5)

- 9. Italy (12)
- 10. Denmark (6)
- 11. Holland (7)
- 12. Luxembourg (9)
- 13. Austria (13)
- 14. Belgium (10)
- 15. Finland (—)
- 16. Switzerland (—)

Individual records

	P	W	L	Ave. %
P. Day	8	6	2	75.0
A. Barden	7	2	5	28.6

CADETS (GIRLS)

Final positions:—

- 1. Hungary (6)
- 2. Rumania (2)
- 3. Yugoslavia (—)
- 4. Poland (—)
- 5. Russia (1)
- 6. Federal Germany (3)
- 7. Czechoslovakia (—)
- 8. France (—)
- 9. Belgium (9)
- 10. Sweden (—)
- 11. Austria (5)
- 12. Luxembourg (8)

WELSH RESULTS

BOYS

v. Holland (lost 0-5)
 W. Hussey lost to H. Lingen -16, -9; lost to R. Hijne -12, 19, -12.
 M. Owen lost to B. v.d. Helm -5, -11; lost to Lingen -11, -12.
 A. Thomas lost to Hijne -9, -13.
 v. Italy (lost 0-5)
 Owen lost to Giontella -16, -18; lost to A. Peterlini -15, -20.
 Hussey lost to Bisi -6, -19; lost to Giontella -10, -11.
 Thomas lost to Peterlini -10, -10.
 v. Belgium (lost 2-5)
 Owen lost to B. Sine -18, 13, -15; bt D. Verstraete 19, 17.
 Hussey bt J. Burton 15, 15; lost to Sine -13, -14; lost to Verstraete -13, 17, -9.
 Thomas lost to Verstraete -16, -19; lost to Burton -13, -16.

v. Switzerland (won 5-2)

Hussey bt Kocher 9, 15; bt Pampuri 19, -19, 18.
 Thomas lost to Pampuri -19, -9; bt H. Bijlani 18, -17, 18.
 Owen lost to Bijlani 13, -23, -18; bt Kocher 17, 17; bt Pampuri 12, -17, 9.
 v. Scotland (won 5-3)
 Owen bt A. Taylor 17, 16; bt J. McNee -15, 11, 9.
 Hussey bt C. Mathews 12, 6; bt Taylor 11, -19, 15; lost to McNee -15, 19, -13.
 Thomas lost to McNee -19, -5; lost to Mathews -14, -17; bt Taylor 16, 20.
 v. Norway (lost 1-5)
 Owen lost to J. Madsen 17, -18; lost to P. Guttormsen -18, -14.
 Thomas lost to Guttormsen -9, -14; lost to G. Wedoe 22, -15, -9.
 Hussey bt Wedoe 14, 9; lost to Madsen -15, 9, -15.

SCOTTISH RESULTS

BOYS

v. Austria (lost 1-5)
 McNee lost to W. Latzelsberger -15, -19; bt H. Fritz 14, 15.
 Mathews lost to Fritz -12, -12; lost to A. Nussbaumer -8, -8.
 Taylor lost to Nussbaumer -19, 15, -7; lost to Latzelsberger -13, -13.
 v. Czechoslovakia (0-5)
 McNee lost to Mucka -16, -11; lost to Cermak -19, -17.
 Taylor lost to Cermak -8, -16; lost to Ovcarik -8, -18.
 Mathews lost to Ovcarik -7, -10.
 v. Belgium (lost 3-5)
 Taylor lost to Sine -20, -17; lost to Verstraete -13, 19, -9.
 Mathews lost to Verstraete -18, -17; lost to Burton -16, -7; lost to Sine -18, -17.
 McNee bt Burton 19, 17; bt Sine 12, 17; bt Verstraete -14, 15, 13.
 v. Switzerland (won 5-3)
 Mathews lost to Bijlani -20, -20; lost to Pampuri -24, -16.
 McNee bt Beck 12, 17; bt Bijlani 12, 18; bt Pampuri 16, 18.
 Taylor lost to Pampuri -18, 17, -20; bt Beck 15, 15; bt Bijlani 19, 15.
 v. Wales (lost 3-5)—See Welsh results
 v. Denmark II (lost 1-5)
 Taylor lost to F. Druedahl -14, -11; lost to C. Jacobsen -20, -19.
 McNee lost to J. Petersen -10, 12, -15; bt Druedahl -15, 16, 18.
 Mathews lost to Jacobsen -17, -16; lost to Petersen -15, -14.

GIRLS

v. Denmark (lost 1-3)
 E. Smith bt G. Juhl -14, 13, 15; lost to B. Andersen -15, -18.
 P. Fleming lost to Andersen -12, -10.
 Fleming/Smith lost to Andersen/Juhl -20, -16.
 v. Czechoslovakia (lost 0-3)
 Fleming lost to Smidlova -11, -19; Smith lost to Riedlova -8, -14.
 Fleming/Smith lost to Riedlova/Smidlova -11, -12.
 v. Belgium (won 3-2)
 Fleming lost to C. Verachttert -18, -11; bt Dhont 14, -21, 21.
 Smith bt Verachttert 17, 9; bt Dhont 11, 9.
 Fleming/Smith lost to Dhont/Verachttert -20, 22, -22.
 v. Poland (lost 1-3)
 Fleming lost to E. Olek -11, -10.
 Smith bt A. Przygoda 16, 13; lost to O'ek -16, -18.
 Fleming/Smith lost to Olek/Przygoda -10, -10.
 v. Austria (lost 2-3)
 Smith bt Reifberger 15, -12, 9; bt Frisch 10, -17, 15.
 Fleming lost to Reifberger -13, -18; lost to Frisch 17, -18, 18.
 Fleming/Smith lost to Frisch/Reifberger 10, -19, -10.

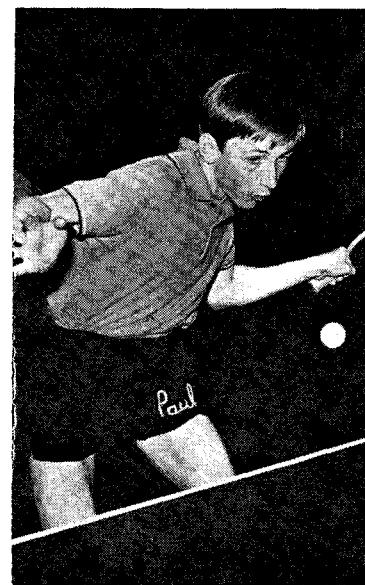
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Individual Events

TITLES FOR SAVNIK AND ILEI



Paul Day, England's leading cadet.

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Miran Savnik of Yugoslavia and **Lidia Ilie** of Rumania were the major title-winners at Vejle, and neither was seeded!

After his fine performances in the team event another unseeded player, Christian Martin of France, was strongly fancied in some quarters to take the title but popular opinion was that Anatoli Strokotov of Russia would retain his title.

Strokotov, in fact, reached the final without being taken the full distance, whilst in the second quarter Heinz Gunter Hoffmann, the fleet-footed German beat Philippe Molodzoff in a close encounter and went on to dispose of Josef Cermak (who had beaten the seeded Sarkisjan) before bowing to the power of Strokotov.

Pavel Ovcarik progressed to the semi-final, his toughest encounter being his first where Paul Guttormsen extended him to 22-20, 26-24. Savnik, meanwhile was struggling in almost every round. First he beat Hans Lingen 23-21 in the second, after losing the first, dropped 19 points in the second game against Corassimo Roussopoulis, a Greek, and narrowly got home in three against Kjell Hellstrom, thus qualifying to play Martin in the semis.

Close his games may have been but the Yugoslav was still there. Martin had disposed of No. 2 seed Victor Fursov, and the highly-rated Italian Stefano Bosi with equal ease and a Strokotov-Martin final appeared probable.

The aggressive Savnik, however, had other ideas. He won the first at 18 and the crowd gathered round. Savnik's fine hitting took him to a 13-8 lead, which Martin pulled back to 13-12. It was to no avail. The brilliant Yugoslav, picking out his hits well, went on to win, again at 18.

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Individual Events cont.

The final between Strokotov and Savnik produced a set of sheer brilliance, with Savnik hitting beautifully from either wing, even when forced away from the table. His footwork was a revelation and his shots had a crispness and sureness about them which illustrated that here was a player we shall surely hear more about. Strokotov played as well as he was allowed and some of his shots could scarcely be bettered for power and accuracy.

NO FAULT

Unseeded Rumanian, Lidia Ilie won the girls' singles without as much as dropping a game. Her play may not have been particularly exciting to watch—in some ways she rather resembled her elder compatriot Maria Alexandru—but her determination and concentration could not be faulted.

England's main hope, Linda Howard, went down on her first visit to the table but the Rumanian's win over the powerful Russian girl, Elmira Antonjan, by scores of 9 and 13, showed her real worth. Her finalist opponent was Hana Riedlova, a Czech and, incidentally, also unseeded!

Miss Riedlova had to play five times before she reached the final and every set went to three! The final, however, proved the exception where the Czech girl tried to push and wait for the right ball and although the second game went to 20-all, the Rumanian always looked the likeliest player to win.

Top seeds in the boys' doubles, Hellstrom and Thorsell, fell at the second hurdle to the Luxembourg partnership of Lucic and Klinger in straight games. Engel and Stellwag were the other seeds in this half of the draw and they too made an early exit at the hands of Rumania's Buzescu and Firanescu—and it was the Soviet pair of Burnazjan and Sarkisjan who ultimately reached the final from this half.

In the lower half, **Strokotov/Firsov** duly reached the final without serious trouble and their experience proved too much for their compatriots in the last encounter.

It was an all-Hungarian affair in the final of the girls' doubles with **Csik/Kochar** beating Ivasko/Ruzsenszky. The top Hungarian combine, Szendy/Molar were eliminated by the Swedes, Hellman and Johansson who, in turn, were beaten by the Hungarian cadets!

The powerful pairing of **Strokotov** and **Antonjan** reached the mixed final without dropping a game and qualified to meet the Federal German pairing of Hoffmann and Kruger, victors by 22—20, 27—25, over England's Horsham and Linda Howard.

The final was very one-sided, the Russian pair winning 14, 8. Incidentally, it completed a fine tournament for Strokotov—he won all twelve doubles sets he contested, eleven in straight games.

HIGH STANDARD

The Cadet events produced play of an extraordinarily high standard but the Russian, **Bagrat Burnazjan**, stood head and shoulders above everyone else. Nobody could collect more

than 17 points against him, a feat managed by the German, Frank Klitsch and Paul Day of England, both of whom collected 14 points in the other game.

Russia also supplied the winner of the Cadet girls' singles title where **Tatjana Ferdmann** was too strong for all opposition. Yugoslavia's penholder, Dubrava Fabri, played some fine attacking strokes but with insufficient power to disturb the Russian.

Linda Howard was England's only finalist where she lost at the last stage in the girls' consolation singles to the Rumanian, **Ana Lunteanu**. The corresponding event for boys narrowly went to the German, **Steffen Engel** over Marin Firanescu (Rumania).

What of England's results? Ian Horsham progressed to Rd. 3 with a hard earned win over the Finnish No. 2, Martii Audio, but was no match for Strokotov. Simon Heaps crashed in his first excursion to the table losing to the Greek, Anghelis in straight games. Although the Greek team have some outstanding prospects, this was a set Heaps should really have won.

Brian Johns played the energetic Dutch boy, Leon van der Zuijlen who, like himself, had not participated in the team events. Johns won 2-straight and followed this up by beating the bearded Italian Peterlini. Constant was the player to bring a halt to John's progress.

David Alderson hit far too well for the Greek, Priftis, and looked to be playing well enough to take No. 2 seed Fursov. But, after winning the first, it was the old familiar story of faltering when the pressure was really on.

MOST IMPRESSIVE

England's most impressive performance, though, came from Desmond Douglas. He disposed of Druedahl (Denmark), Buzescu (Rumania) and Bjorn Danielsson (Sweden), all in straight games. Pavel Ovcarik was, of course, in a different class altogether but the Birmingham lad fought hard and showed great fight and promise before going down -17, -14.

None of the three girls had an easy draw and all lost at the first attempt. Linda Howard was unfortunate enough to be drawn against Ilie and, despite a good second game, went down in two. Janet Hellaby simply could not cope with Ludmila Smidlova and Anita Stevenson, desperately wanting to win and playing like it, met with the same fate when opposed by Erzebet Korpa of Yugoslavia.

In the boys' doubles, Horsham/Alderson had a fairly easy first round win but then surrendered to a Russian pair. They were by no means the strongest of the Soviet combines—Kreeris in fact was their No. 2 cadet—but the fact that they were Russians seemed to be enough.

Barden and Day could scarcely be expected to make much impression on the top Czech pair of Ovcarik/Cermak but they did contrive to collect 17 points in the second game—no mean feat.

It was Douglas and Heaps who made most progress, beating a moderate Austrian pair, a strong French pair (Decret/Molodzoff) and a Spanish pair before bowing out to Strokotov and Fursov.

This was a most impressive display by the England duo, who could easily have won in two straight. When one recalls that this was the only time in 12 doubles sets that Strokotov went to three, one will realise its value. As a pair there would seem to be considerable merit in the Douglas/Heaps pairing, the power of Douglas combining well with the intelligent play of Heaps.

Brian Johns partnered the Czech, Mucka, and they combined surprisingly well. A good win over a Greek pair was followed by a good but unavailing display against two Swedes.

Linda Howard was singularly unfortunate in her opposition in this tournament. In her first appearance in the singles she lost to an unseeded player who subsequently won the event; in the doubles, partnered by Janet Hellaby, they went out at the second time on the table to the Hungarians Ivasko/Ruzsenszky, who were also unseeded.

ANGLO/FRENCH

Anita Stevenson partnered the French girl, Claude Folet, and curiously they were opposed to another duo-nation pair—Pohankova (Czechoslovakia) and Ilie (Rumania). A close first game was won by the Anglo/French combine but the consistency of their opponents told in the next two.

Dave Alderson and Anita played together in the mixed and, after beating a Spanish pair, took the French seeded Birocheau/Bergeret to 23—21 in the first, but mishits did not help matters in the second.

Heaps/Hellaby went out at the first time of asking to a useful but not outstanding Russian pair. Johns was paired with a Russian cadet and adapted his game well despite losing to a Dutch duo who won 19 and 16.

Johns had done fairly well in the Championships being able to adapt his game to all conditions. Without perhaps quite so much talent as some of the others he had shown aggression and determination.

England's best results in the mixed were obtained by Horsham and Linda Howard. Having beaten a Luxembourg pair, one from Sweden and one from Rumania (which included the much-feared Ilie) they moved to the quarter-final where they were opposed by Yugoslavia's Savnik and Korpa.

Hitting well and sensibly, the England pair recovered from a game down to win 24—22 in the decider. The win did something to alleviate the disappointments of the past and naturally the prospect of a place in the final loomed large.

Against Hoffman and Kruger, the English pair could not be faulted for lack of fight but it was the German combine that just made it to the final 22—20, 27—25.

The Cadet boys' singles was very fortunate for Paul Day in that after an easy first round he had to play the eventual winner, Burnazjan. His form was excellent and it is difficult to fault him in any way. He fought like a tiger, hit well and moved well. His form suggested that it was not beyond the realms of possibility that had he been in the other half he would have reached the final.

Andy Barden had an easy first set which resulted in the lowest score of

the tournament 21—1. It was in fact nearly 21—0 for Barden led 20—0 before missing a loop. Against Hugging, the Federal German, Barden played well but the classy Hugging looked the winner.

A tournament where England won very little but where plenty of lessons were learned and which could, hopefully, be put to good use in Greece.



Desmond Douglas who, in the boys' singles, reached Round 4 before falling to the Czech Pavel Ovcarik.

Photo by Rupert Abbs.

Individual results:—

- Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**
A. Strokotov (USSR) bt A. Mucka (Cz) 14, 7;
H. Hoffmann (Fed. G.) bt J. Cermak (Cz) 10, 19;
P. Ovcarik (Cz) bt P. Stellwag (Fed. G.) -19, 12, 11;
M. Savnik (Yu) bt C. Martin (Fr) 18, 18.
Semi-finals:
STROKATOV bt Hoffmann 20, 11;
SAVNIK bt Ovcarik -8, 19, 10.
Final:
SAVNIK bt Strokotov 19, 15.
Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:
E. Antonjan (USSR) bt A. Molnar (Hu) 14, 17;
L. Ilie (Ru) bt A. C. Johansson (Sw) 14, 11;
H. Riedlova (Cz) bt A. C. Hellman (Sw) -13, 19, 11;
L. Smidlova (Cz) bt C. Bergeret (Fr) -20, 19, -20.
Semi-finals:
ILIE bt Antonjan 9, 13;
RIEDLOVA bt Smidlova 19, -17, 16.
Final:
ILIE bt Riedlova 7, 20.
Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:
B. Burnazjan/F. Sarkisjan (USSR) bt D. Klinger/V. Lucic (Yu) 11, 12;
V. Fursov (USSR)/Strokotov bt Z. Kosanovic (Yu)/Savnik 13, 15.
Final:
FURSOV/STROKATOV bt Burnazjan/Sarkisjan 16, 18.
Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
G. Ivasko/Z. Ruzsenszky (Hu) bt Hellman/Johansson -16, 15, 15;
M. Csik/G. Kuchar (Hu) bt Bergeret/B. Thiriet (Fr) 17, 16.
Final:
CSIK/KOCHAR bt Ivasko/Ruzsenszky 12, 21
Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:
Strokotov/Antonjan bt Fursov/K. Szendy (Hu) 12, 20;
Hoffmann/K. Kruger bt I. Horsham/L. Howard (Eng) 20, 25.
Final:
STROKATOV/ANTONJAN bt Hoffmann/Kruger 14, 8.
Cadet Singles (Boys): Semi-finals:
Burnazjan bt O. Glans (Sw) 13, 14;
E. Hugging (Fed. G.) bt A. Grolund (Sw) 10, 18.
Final:
BURNAZJAN bt Hugging 10, 12.
Cadet Singles (Girls): Semi-finals:
D. Fabri (Yu) bt Ivasko (Hu) 17, 21.

T. Ferdmann (USSR) bt I. Gyongyosi (Ru) 12, 10.
Final:
FERDMANN bt **Fabri** -18, 12, 13.
Consolation Singles (Boys): Final:
S. ENGEL (Fed. G.) bt **M. Firanescu** (Ru) 19, -11, 19.
Consolation Singles (Girls): Final:
A. LUNTEANU (Ru) bt **L. Howard** (Eng) 9, 18.

ENGLISH RESULTS

Boys' Singles
Round 1:
B. Johns bt **L. v.d. Zuijlen** (Ho) 21, 17.
Round 2:
I. Horsham bt **M. Audio** (Fi) 21, 17.
S. Heaps lost to **A. Macris** (Gr) -19, -19.
D. Douglas bt **A. Buzescu** (Ru) 15, 16.
Johns bt **A. Peterlini** (It) 17, -17, 15.
D. Alderson bt **C. Priftis** (Gr) 14, 14.
Round 3:
Horsham lost to **A. Strokotov** (USSR) -9, -13.
Douglas bt **B. Danielsson** (Sw) 15, 14.
A. Stevenson lost to **V. Fursov** (USSR) 16, -13, -13.
Johns lost to **J. Constant** (Fr) -12, -13.
Round 4:
Douglas lost to **P. Ovcarik** (Cz) -17, -14.
Girls' Singles
Round 1:
J. Hellaby lost to **L. Smidlova** (Cz) -18, -9.
A. Stevenson lost to **E. Korpa** (Yu) -16, -17.
Round 2:
L. Howard lost to **L. Ilie** (Ru) -7, -19.
Boys' Doubles
Round 1:
Douglas/Heaps bt **Fritz/Nussbaumer** (Au) 19, -20, 12.
Alderson/Horsham bt **Birel/Hartmann** (Lu) 16, -15, 9.
Johns/Mucka (Cz) bt **Macris/Priftis** (Gr) 11, -21, 16.
Round 2:
Douglas/Heaps bt **Decret/Molodzoff** (Fr) 18, -18, 16.
Alderson/Horsham lost to **Kreeris/Shoubin** (USSR) 17, -12, -19.
Johns/Mucka lost to **Karlsson/Soderstrom** (Sw) -13, -16.
Round 3:
Douglas/Heaps bt **Feliu/Salomo** (Sp) -19, 7, 14.
Round 4:
Douglas/Heaps lost to **Fursov/Strokotov** -18, 19, -12.
Girls' Doubles
Round 1:
Folet (Fr)/**Stevenson** lost to **Ilie** (Ru)/**Pohankova** (Cz) 21, -13, -15.

Round 2:
Hellaby/Howard bt **Dill/Schmitz** (FG) 14, 17.
Round 3:
Hellaby/Howard lost to **Ivasko/Ruzcensky** (USSR) 13, -16, -20.
Mixed Doubles
Round 1:
Alderson/Stevenson bt **Lupon/Sanahuja** (Sp) 10, 15.
Round 2:
Heaps/Hellaby lost to **Schoubin/Romanova** (USSR) -14, -18.
Johns/Osodlodkova (USSR) lost to **Hijne/Arntz** (Ho) -19, -16.
Alderson/Stevenson lost to **Birocheau/Bergeret** (Fr) -21, -12.
Horsham/Howard bt **Putz/Putz** (Lu) 16, -21, 12.
Round 3:
Horsham/Howard bt **Feliu/Lupon** (Sp) 11, -19, 7.
Round 4:
Horsham/Howard bt **Savnik/Korpa** -15, 19, 22.
Semi-final:
Horsham/Howard lost to **Hoffmann/Kruger** (FG) -20, -25.
Boys' Cadet
Round 1:
P. Day bt **A. Ruiteenbeck** (Ho) 11, 12.
Round 2:
Day lost to **B. Burnazjan** (USSR) -14, -17.
A. Barden bt **P. Schroeder** (Lu) 1, 7.
Round 3:
Barden lost to **E. Higing** (FG) -13, -17.

WELSH RESULTS

Boys' Singles
Round 1:
A. Thomas lost to **J. Grahl-Madsen** (No) -19, -14.
M. Owen lost to **A. Hartman** (Lu) -11, -10.
W. Hussey lost to **J. Schweiger** (Au) -11, -10.
Boys' Doubles
Round 1:
Thomas/Schroeder (Lu) lost to **Beck/Pampuri** (Swi) -19, -12.
Hussey/Owen lost to **Ham/v.d. Zuijlen** (Ho) 17, -10, -17.

SCOTTISH RESULTS

Boys' Singles
Round 1:
C. Mathews lost to **A. Tugrul** (Tu) -15, -11.
A. Taylor lost to **G. Wedoe** (No) 18, -14, -14.
I. McNee bt **J. Burton** (Be) 10, 18.
Round 2:
McNee lost to **D. Klinger** (Yu) -21, -11.

Girls' Singles
Round 1:
E. Smith bt **A. Schirning** (No) -18, 18, 19.
P. Fleming lost to **P. Lupon** (Sp) -10, -20.
Smith lost to **K. Kruger** (FG) -12, -14.
Boys' Doubles
Round 1:
Taylor/Wedoe (No) lost to **Latzelsberger/Schweiger** (Au) -14, -15.
Mathews/McNee lost to **Bijlani/Kocher** (Swi) 15, -11, -20.
Girls' Doubles
Round 1:
Fleming/Smith lost to **Riedlova/Smidlova** (Cz) -12, -16.

TRAINING SCHEME COSTING £7,500

The E.T.T.A., on July 17, announced the appointment of Les Gresswell as Trainer/Coach to the England International teams from August 1/72. Les, aged 27, was a former junior international and has a Diploma in Physical Education from St. Paul's College, Cheltenham.

He was formerly employed by the E.T.T.A. as a Staff Coach before embarking on a trip to Japan, at his own expense, to study coaching methods employed by one of the leading table tennis countries in the world.

Les Gresswell will be completely responsible for the training of the English International Squad for senior and junior players and will co-ordinate the training activities of coaches throughout the country to ensure the best possible talent is available for consideration.

The cost of the complete training programme envisaged by the E.T.T.A. could be at least £7,500 per annum and support has already been forthcoming from a number of sources.

The Sports Council has agreed to give grant towards the salary of the

new appointee and Coca-Cola Bottlers Limited have assured the E.T.T.A. that the £1,000 per annum already injected into junior training will continue.

A considerable part of £1,500 being put forward by Halex Table Tennis Limited will be used for the training programme.

The annual Dunlop Junior Assessments Camps will form part of the scheme and Dunlop Sports Company Limited have agreed to give a grant to the E.T.T.A. for players who progress from their Assessments Camps to the International Squad. The Company will also consider giving cash incentives to members of the Squad using Dunlop Equipment, who are successful in national and international events.

Discussions are being held with other companies who have already shown interest in giving similar support for the scheme.

Charles Wyles, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., said, "We are most encouraged by the support so far received and promises of further assistance. We hope that we can achieve our target of £7,500 per annum without having to reduce any of our other activities to find money.

"The Association has now embarked on a policy which must have a far reaching effect on the future of table tennis in England. The cost of the scheme is considered to be the minimum figure which should be expended on such development. We need further financial assistance which will enable us to give support to the squad players and once again occupy a leading position in the world and European table tennis."

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**Sportsman
Extraordinary**

by Hon. Ivor Montagu

Geoffrey Harrower died quite suddenly at a meeting of the Sports Council at Corby, where he had been living these last few years.

Everyone knew him, for, although he did not play so much nowadays, his tall person, fresh complexion and currently substantial figure was seen everywhere. He must have been one of the most active people in our world. He did everything and he did it rather well.

He was an all-round sportsman, a natural stimulator and organiser, a penetrating and sometimes caustic critic. He was one of those most valuable persons in whom British sport is rich, those whose interest does not end with playing but brings to their game a contribution of inside knowledge of its problems, its players and how the latter feel about the former.

I first learned to know him well when he accompanied me on a tour of Czechoslovakia, the first E.T.T.A. trip after the war. The team split up. He captained one half, I the other and we worked excellently together. I found him knowledgeable, shrewd and able. We were a happy ship. At the table, in the Council room, or—as in later years he preferred—on the fringe he served Table Tennis well and his going will leave a gap.

SWING TRUMPETER

I write that we all knew him. But who knew all about him and his extraordinary, many-sided activities? I suppose that a lot of us knew vaguely that he had been some sort of agent in the toiletry trade, and that he had made good use of the mobility associated with such a calling—as he did afterwards with journalism—to get around the country and have a hand in everything.

But who knew that he had also been a keen musician and not only served as swing trumpeter in Sydney

Lipton's band at the Savoy Hotel but deputised as needed for the lead singer with a voice mostly bass but sometimes tenor?

Geoffrey came of a sporting family. His father, Pat Harrower, was a first-class football referee and had played for the Corinthians. A sister lost her life on the Cresta Run. Geoffrey himself, who liked to be thought of as a Scotsman but was really born in England and taken north as a baby before making the return journey, was first-class, or near it, at nearly every sport he took up.

At our game he was not quite in the super-class, nor did he have super strokes, but he was a formidable opponent for anyone, with his considerable intelligence and athleticism applied to studying their methods and adapting his own to exactly the sort of tactics they did not want—a sort of strategy seen too seldom nowadays.

He won the Welsh and Scottish Open titles, a host of tournaments up and down the country, played several times for and also captained England, and more than thirty times for Middlesex in its great years as champion county.

All this is pretty good. But how many knew that this was chicken-feed to what he might have done in sport if he had not been obliged to handicap himself by a physical twist-around, a natural right-hander tackling adversaries with only his left-hand?

At Stowe school as a boy athlete he had been Victor Ludorum, that is, given the award as the outstanding all-rounder, and as a batsman scored sensational swift centuries.

He was a good golfer. He played cricket for Bucks. He rode point-to-point and might have reached international status at this. But in an accident at this he broke his arm. This forced him to make the change-over that enriched our game. He also took up bridge, playing successively for both Herts, and Northants, and being graded County Master.

ONLY PARTS

From Bridge he adapted the Master Points scheme for Table Tennis. His energy and enthusiasm were responsible for getting the County Championships established. I had talked for years about the need for an International Club, on the lines of that at Lawn Tennis, whereby old internationals could maintain their social contacts, encourage youth, and help in the promotion of the game. But I was far too lazy to do anything about it. Geoffrey started it and organised it. In 1946 he had founded our first and strongest county association, Middlesex. All these are only parts of his contribution to the game.

Perhaps his biggest contribution of all was in his last phase, as a journalist. Every would be Table Tennis populariser has known the struggle necessary to break into the press, local or national.

Geoffrey, like Geoffrey, did something about it. If there was a gap, he would set about trying to fill it. And not as an amateur. He changed his livelihood from going round the country as a salesman to doing the same as a reporter, and became a good N.U.J. member.

He wrote in the Daily Telegraph and got items in a host of dailies and evenings. He first ran, and then took

over, the Northants Press Agency—moving from Barnet to Corby and became Press Officer for the Badminton Association. He came nearer than anyone to solving the publicity problem that confronts all minor sports like ours, for he learned to know it from both sides.

BIG FALL

There is no denying that Geoffrey was not everybody's cup of tea. Every initiator comes up against inertia and Geoffrey never suffered fools gladly. (He had no time). He was kind and, like all enthusiasts, vulnerable, but he concealed shyness beneath brashness, a sardonic manner, affected cynicism and an abrasive wit.

Once he had a big fall. In 1953, at the invitation of the All-India Table Tennis Association, he went out to Bombay to advise and help in the management of the first World Championships at any sport to be held in Asia.

This extremely responsible task, requiring delicate diplomacy, he managed superbly. The following year he was a natural for appointment as Organising Secretary of the next, Wembley 1954, with George White as referee by his side. The entry was a record.

The successful carrying through of such a task notwithstanding the backing the E.T.T.A. has always enjoyed from so many generous volunteers, involved a tremendous strain, taxing physical and moral resources to the utmost.

At the time, getting through seems all, and tact a luxury. One is apt to relax one's guard with those one most relies on. The result was that afterwards, inevitably, just when he expected, and deserved, to be put on a pedestal of triumph, he found himself instead in the pillory. He was deeply hurt and, thenceforward, preferred independence to the E.T.T.A. hurly-burly.

Geoffrey was able at anything he undertook. He was an acute judge of the game and a precise observer. In more than one crisis I availed myself of these qualities and they were never stinted. His mask of Machiavelli hid stout honesty and what was really a very simple nature. He could fly off the handle but never sustained malice.

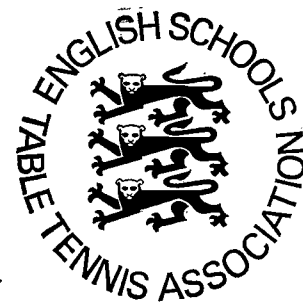
FACTUAL TRILBY

He could be irritating and obstinate, but often turned out irritatingly right. He could be excellent company.

He was a real family man and even imported Table Tennis into the household, coaching Bobbie, the wife, half his size, without whose devotion he, like every other super-active husband, would never have been able to do a tenth of what he managed, and his daughter Jean, his star pupil, international at the age of 18 and at one time No. 2 in England, a factual Trilby to his incongruous Svengali, since escaped into a happy marriage.

Sometimes it is said of people who spread their achievement into many directions without breaking into public headlines that they have not been 'a success'. This is quite wrong.

Like others who are never idle Geoffrey lived a full and happy life, for all its storms. Those who knew him best, loved him best. He did a very great deal for us and we shall miss him. All this is not a bad epitaph.



by **PENHOLDER**

SPONSORSHIP BOOST

Following approval given by the Annual General Meeting of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association in May, an Agreement has been reached between the Association and Stiga Ltd. for Stiga to sponsor the National School Team Championships.

Under the terms of the Agreement—which was negotiated with Mitre Sports of Huddersfield (who are the sole distributors for Stiga in the United Kingdom) Stiga equipment will be used for the National Finals, the three Regional Finals and a number of the nine Area Finals.

In addition Stiga have agreed to meet the costs of plaques and individual trophies, certificates and a number of administrative items mainly concerned with the organisation of the Championships which have grown in size and popularity since first being held in 1967.

This welcome boost for the Association will enable it to use its own income to far greater effect and the establishment of the new contract will enable the E.S.T.T.A. to spread its coverage much wider.

The Association has been aware for some time of the need for increased income and at the Annual General Meeting it was decided to raise the affiliation fees from 10p to 25p per school.

In view of the raising of the school-leaving age the Under-15 events will be altered to U-16 in the 1973-74 season.

The organisation of the National School Team Championships remains the same; there are seven events ranging from Under-11 to Under-19 for boys and girls (4 per team) from affiliated schools. County and Local Schools' Associations are asked to arrange their own qualifying competitions by December 31 and from this date the E.S.T.T.A. takes over by organising Area, Regional and National Finals.

There are no changes in the constitution of the Executive Council. Details of the arrangements for the competition will be included in the next issue and the Competition Secretary, E. J. Mitchell will be pleased to answer enquiries addressed to him at The Schoolhouse, Cookhill, Alcester, Warwickshire. (Tel.: Astwood Bank 3506).

VICTOR'S WILL

Former world table tennis champion Victor Barna, winner of the world men's singles title on five occasions, left £35,460 net (duty paid £9,320) when he died in February last.

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No one can deny that times change and people change. There are many things happening today that were undreamt of ten years ago when many of us wouldn't have dared to appear in the street in a coloured shirt to give but a small example.

I'm not a betting man nor do I have any strong feelings either way on this one—I'm told on good authority that betting on the results of big table tennis matches, especially tournaments, will, in a few years time be permitted!

While you recover your breath and start working out a list of diehards who will make that milestone the point at which they retire as administrators, rest assured that it will be strictly controlled in many ways. Possibly a bookmaker would be allowed a 'license' for a special tournament for a substantial fee which would help to sponsor the event and discreet facilities provided adjacent but not in, the tournament hall.

It is already happening "underground" at a number of table tennis events now. Many sports owe their very existence to less direct forms of

gambling and have done so for years. A number of our rival sports also permit books to be opened quite freely, so who can say that our sport will be left behind on a sacred shelf?

Clearly, strenuous steps would have to be taken to ensure that the younger players are not encouraged to participate, probably, no person under 18 would be admitted to the tournament betting shop as a start.

It's much too early to start thinking in terms of detail, but it might not be too soon to think of who can accept such radical changes and who might wish to say here and now, "It's been nice knowing you all but this is where I drop out of the game."

The matter needs a lot of thought and will, I hope, lead to some bumper post-bags for the Editor, so dive for that pen or typewriter and let us have YOUR viewpoint, please.

INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

The National Selection Committee announced on August 28 that the following players have been selected to

be members of the International Squad for the new season:

Trevor Taylor (Essex), Nicky Jarvis (Yorks), Alan Hydes (Yorks), "Les" Haslam (Middx.), Jill Hamnersley (Bucks), Karenza Mathews (Middx.) and Linda Howard (Surrey).

Les Gresswell, England's newly appointed Trainer/Coach said "These are the players who will form the basis of England teams but this does not preclude other players from being chosen for specific international matches. A programme of play and training has been devised as the first step towards improving the standing of England in the world of table tennis."

Notable omission from the squad is Denis Neale, who, in the last ranking list, figured at No. 1.

From the Editor's Postbag

GEOFF FOR PERFECTION

Geoffrey Harrower, who was so suddenly taken from us during the summer, will be remembered and admired by many of us who really knew him.

Geoffrey was someone who only undertook a job if he knew he could do it well which was invariably the case. Perhaps it was because of this that he did not see eye-to-eye with everyone, but one thing was certain—Table Tennis and the good of the

game was always foremost in his mind.

Geoff was instrumental in the formation of the Middlesex Table Tennis Association, he was the prime mover in the establishment of the County Championships and it was his enthusiasm and hard work that started the International Table Tennis Club of England. The fact that these three organisations are thriving is in itself a memorial to Geoffrey.

I realise now just how much Geoff Harrower did for Table Tennis in so many different ways and he will be sadly missed.

Laurie Landry

53 Hillfield Road,
London, NW6 1QD.

WANTED

Zdenko Uzorinac of Yugoslavia, who is writing a book 'World Championships 1926-1973', is desirous of acquiring the autographs of two Hungarian players, Dr. R. Jacobi and Z. Mechlovits, who participated in the first World Championships in 1926.

Would any reader who collects autographs and having one or both signatures please communicate with Hon. Ivor Montagu, 'Old Timbers', Verdure Close, Garston, Watford, Herts. The autographs would, of course, be borrowed, copied and returned.

An appeal is also made by E.T.T.A. President, Bill Vint, for a photograph of the Memorial Hall, Faringdon Street, London (now demolished) where the first World Championships took place. Bill's address is 69a, St. Helens Park Road, Hastings, Sussex.

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NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

AN APPEAL

By John Pike

As the new Press Officer for the National Club Championships may I appeal to all Leagues to give serious consideration this season to entering their club champions in this competition.

Although this event is still new to the table tennis calendar, one is hopeful that before the competition gets under way this season, we could have a sponsor, which of course will add a great deal of interest to an event, which is bound to grow in popularity in the next two or three years. Publicity this season is the key word as far as these championships are concerned, and this in turn will no doubt benefit the company lending its name to the event, as well as giving good coverage to the teams taking part. Last season 57 leagues entered their club champions which was an improvement on the previous year, but I am sure this number could be doubled in an effort to make this event worthy of the sponsorship we could get.

To qualify, you have to be club champions of your local league, men or women, and in an effort to keep travelling to a minimum, the competition is run on a zone basis.

Entry forms will be sent out from the E.T.T.A. office to all leagues in October.

FINAL TRIALISTS

Invited to the Final Dunlop Junior Assessment Camp, held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on September 22-24 were:

BOYS

David Alderson (Yorks)
Andrew Barden (Middlesex)
Paul Day (Cambs)
Desmond Douglas (Warwicks)
Simon Heaps (Ches.)
Steve Hosking (Durham)
Keith James (Devon)
John Kitchener (Suffolk)
Andy Mitchell (Kent)
Donald Parker (Lancs)
Gerald Pugh (Sussex)
David Tan (Middlesex)
Gerry Walsh (Surrey)
Philip Ward (Yorks.)
Reserves —
Robert Huson (Middlesex)
Chris Rogers (Leics)

GIRLS

Linda Howard (Surrey)
Nicolette Leslie (Surrey)
Gillian Locke (Essex)
Suzanne Manning (Lancs)
Karen Rogers (Leics)
Diane St. Ledger (Warwicks)
Anita Stevenson (Leics)
Susan Tame (Surrey)
Elaine Tarten (Essex)
Gillian Taylor (Essex)
Judith Walker (Yorks.)
Brenda Williams (Lancs)
Reserves
Mandy Mellor (Derbys)
Melody Ludi (Yorks)

The Selection Committee wish to thank all Counties for their co-operation in putting forward the names of

junior players for the 5 Area Camps and although they were only able to assess 130 players out of over 200 nominated, it was felt they had been able to achieve a good knowledge of the junior talent within the country.

First junior ranking list of the 1972-73 season will be based mainly upon the results obtained at the Final camp and the same will be published in the November issue.

2nd COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seventeen Commonwealth Associations—six more than in Singapore—have already signified their intention to participate in the 2nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships to be played at the National Sports Centre for Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff from Mar. 26 ending on Sunday, Apr. 1/73.

The Associations are: Australia, Canada, England, Gambia, Ghana, Guernsey, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Jersey, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, Scotland and Wales.

It is proposed to hold the team events from Monday to Wednesday, Mar. 26-28, with the play-offs for all except the top teams taking place on Wednesday morning or afternoon. The final matches between the top teams of both men and women would be on Wednesday evening. Thursday, Mar. 29, will be the free day.

The Individual Events are scheduled to take place on Fri/Sat.,

Mar. 30-31, with the Finals on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 1, followed by a Farewell Banquet. The Opening Ceremony will take place in the evening of Monday, Mar. 26.

An invitation has been issued to the E.T.T.A. to supply teams of umpires and there could well be a Scottish squad in action too.

President and Hon. Organising Secretary, is H. Roy Evans, O.B.E., and Norman Parker, Esq., Manager of Lloyds Bank Ltd., Queen Street, Cardiff has been appointed Hon. Treasurer.

BUTTERFLY TOURNAMENT

Left on the shelf for the European Youth Championships in Denmark, after an indifferent display in the English Junior Open on Teesside last May, Peter Taylor (Beds.) was the shock winner of Butterfly 'Champion of Champions' tournament promoted by Ascot Sports (Sussex) Ltd., and the West of England Sporting Club in conjunction with the Plymouth Table Tennis League, on Sat., Sept. 16.

No longer a junior, Taylor accounted for Cheshire's Mike Johns in the final -19, 19, 12, the pair having wrought havoc en route.

Taylor hammered his way past Chester Barnes and Denis Neale while, with heavy top spin, Johns put out "Les" Haslam, Nicky Jarvis and English closed champion, Trevor Taylor! A full report of the tournament will appear in the November issue.



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COCA-COLA POINTS AWARDS

Denis Neale who received the £100 first prize last year only received £50 this year as runner-up in the Men's Section to **Trevor Taylor** the England No. 2.

Trevor was joined by his younger brother, Peter, the No. 1 Junior, who was awarded a £100 Scholarship through his position as leading Junior, last season, in the Men's Section.

The situation in the Women's Section was a complete repetition of last year with the winning prize of £100 going to Mrs. **Jill Hammersley**, £50 to the runner-up Karenza Mathews, and Linda Howard again the winner of the girls' Scholarship of £100.

Final leading positions were:—

MEN

	Pts.
1. Trevor Taylor (Essex)	2090
2. Denis Neale (Yorks)	1973
3. Nicky Jarvis (Yorks)	863
4. Alan Hydes (Yorks)	545
5. "Les" Haslam (Middx)	483
6. Chester Barnes (Essex)	465
7. Jimmy Walker (Yorks)	387
8. Mike Johns (Ches)	353
9. Tony Clayton (Yorks)	335
10. "Connie" Warren (Surrey)	330
11. Brian Burn (Warwks)	300

12. Roger Chandler (Sussex)	295
13. David Brown (Essex)	225
14. Alan Ransome (Yorks)	181
15. Peter Taylor (Beds)	170

WOMEN

1. Jill Hammersley (Berks)	1510
2. Karenza Mathews (Middx)	1334
3. Linda Howard (Surrey)	1130
4. Shelagh Hession (Essex)	630
5. Judy Williams (Sussex)	618
6. Lesley Radford (Essex)	385
7. Susan Howard (Surrey)	275
8. Betty Bird (Kent)	250
9. Diane Simpson (Essex)	245
10. Judy Heaps (Ches)	244
11. Susan Lisle (Lancs)	195
12. Linda Bashford (Yorks)	122
13. Janet Hellaby (Essex)	120
14. Sheila Hamilton (Middx)	75
15. Judith Walker (Yorks)	70

Scheme Administrator, Laurie Landry comments that right through the season, the Men's Award was a neck-and-neck fight between Taylor and Neale. Taylor got it but only because of his home record which gave him 965 (46%) out of 2090. Neale, on the other hand, only got 453 (22%) out of his 1973 for home tournaments, 1180 (60%) coming from his results in international play.

The same pattern applied for the Women's Award with Linda Howard top of the tournament section with 850 to Karenza Mathews' 659 and Jill Hammersley's 560. The points for these three being 155, 400 and 630 for international play.

The final totals were made up by points for County matches and bonus points obtained in other events.



An expression of incredibility appears on the face of Jill Hammersley as she receives her £100 cheque from Coca-Cola P.R.O., Barry Ricketts.

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AUSTRIAN VISITORS

The Table Tennis Section of the Turnerschaft Innsbruck (Innsbruck Athletic Association) have the opportunity of taking advantage of an exceedingly cheap charter flight from Innsbruck to London and back and would like to make use of the opportunity to play a friendly match with a London club.

Saturday, Nov 4, is the date suggested for a match involving 4 men

and 3 women, either afternoon or evening. The men's team play in the 2nd Austrian State League and the women's in the regional Tyrolese League.

The Austrian party are scheduled to arrive in London on the afternoon of Nov. 3 and will be accommodated for 3 days in the London International Hotel.

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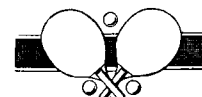
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CHESHIRE NOTES

by Brian Kean

WELCOME RETURN

Yet another season is upon us, and for Cheshire it means a little more than the previous two. After two long seasons in the Second Division North of the C.T.T.C. it is a welcome return to join the elite of the Premier.

However, now the rejoicing and celebrating of our promotion is over, the time has come for us to have a long factual look at the task confronting us.

Firstly for us to avoid a quick return to the depths of doom two players in particular must fulfil the promise of the preceding seasons. They are our international juniors Simon Heaps and Brian Johns.

Both these lads were part of the English squad participating in the European Youth Championships in Denmark and the experience gained should prove a valuable asset for the status required in the fierce competition of the Premier Division.

Despite earlier talk and rumours, the Yorkshire and England left-hander, Tony Clayton, has settled his differences with his native county and will not be sporting Cheshire colours in the coming season.

The close season has seen our first all-out assault on the coaching scene, and it is pleasing to report it met with enormous success. The Wythenshawe Forum was the hive of activity and I extend my heartiest thanks to all the coaches who attended, in particular Mike Johns and John O'Sullivan, who made the sessions go like clockwork.

I will now make my usual appeal to anyone with news of county interest not to hesitate in giving me a ring at 061-973 8744 and I will endeavour to include same in subsequent notes. My address:— 20 Ashstead Road, Brooklands, Sale, Cheshire.

CHESHIRE HOME FIXTURES 1972/73

1972

- Sept. 23—Premier Division v. Middlesex. CPRO Cheadle Hulme. 7-15 p.m.
- Oct. 14—Veterans Division v. Worcestershire. Willaston Working Mens Club, Wistaston Road, Willaston, Nantwich. 3-0 p.m.
- .. 14—2nd Division North v. Yorkshire II. Crewe. 7 p.m.
- Nov. 18—Junior Premier Division v. Lancashire, Yorkshire, Warwickshire. Darwen Sports Centre, Everton Street, Darwen. Comm. 10 a.m.
- Dec. 16—Premier Division v. Kent. Sports Centre, Grange Road West, Birkenhead. 7-15 p.m.
- .. 16—Junior Division North v. Westmorland, St. Michael's School, Newhey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead. 3 p.m.

- Jan 20—Veterans Division v. Staffordshire. Gatley YMCA. 3 p.m.
- .. 20—Northern Division v. Northumberland. Gatley YMCA. 6-30 p.m.
- Feb. 17—Premier Division v. Surrey. ICI Canteen, Macclesfield. 7-15 p.m.
- .. 17—Junior Division North v. Cumberland, St. Michael's School, Newhey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead. 3 p.m.
- Mar. 10—Junior Division North v. Durham. YMCA Gatley. 3 p.m.
- .. 10—2nd Division North v. Durham. YMCA Gatley. 6-30 p.m.
- .. 10—Veterans Division v. Warwickshire. Willaston Working Mens Club, Wistaston Road, Willaston, Nantwich. 3 p.m.
- .. 18—Premier Division v. Yorkshire. CPRO Cheadle Hulme. 6-15 p.m.

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DURHAM NOTES

by Fred Inch

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V.G. FOODSTORES (Joshua Wilson & Bros. Ltd.) are once again sponsoring Table Tennis in Durham County this season and after the successes of last season with the V.G. Coaching Scheme, V.G. Club Championship and the V.G. Award Scheme, I look forward to even greater efforts by all concerned to ensure that the total sponsorship of £300, towards these events and possibly others, is used wisely.

This is the year that the signs should begin to show for the future and the prospects of winning the County Junior Division and entry into the Premier Section should become more than a possibility. This season should also be a better one for the seniors as the old faces go and new ones emerge, the blend of youth and experience should stand the team in good stead.

Congratulations to young Eric Minto for doing so well in the National Finals of the Under 13-year-old Competition, but a word of advice

to all our young players. 'A lot more hard work is needed before you can take on and beat some of the players in the same age group that I have seen this season as I go round the Open Tournaments'.

One of the greatest outlets for increasing ability is to attend the many Open Tournaments throughout the Country and if there are any juniors who are keen enough to want to go to any Tournaments, especially the Junior Competitions please let me know and I will endeavour to make the necessary arrangements. Address: 'Kimberley', 107, Dairy Lane, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham. DH4 5BW.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Laurie Landry

MITCHELL MAKES HIS MARK

Andrew Barden, who represented England as a Cadet at the European Youth Championships in Denmark, and David Tan were final trialists at the Final Dunlop Junior Assessment Camp.

Robert Huson was the first reserve whilst Mark Mitchell was not far behind and already, this season, has made quite an impression by winning the Essex U-17 boys' singles and reaching the final of the same event in the North Herts. Middlesex expect a lot from these three youngsters in this and future seasons.

There has been much activity in the County during the summer months with three County coaching rallies at Barnet, regular weekly sessions for the County team under the guidance of Leo Thompson and myself, and a dozen U-14 coaching sessions.

Earlier in the period under review, an U-14 group took part in the usual development Rally at Crystal Palace. New players are getting experience at these events and already Marilyn Sangster and Angela Mitchell have won the U-15 and U-13 girls' singles respectively at the Essex Junior, and Angela and Jill Campion reached the finals of both the U-15 and U-17 doubles.

Friendly matches were played against Essex (U-14) last May resulting in a 5-5 draw and against Cambridgeshire, another 5-5 result. A very pleasant afternoon was spent at East Finchley with some friendly matches with Worcestershire which resulted in 7-3 (seniors) 12-0 (boys) and 7-3 (girls) in favour of Middlesex.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Ron Anson

Warwickshire start the 72-73 season with probably the best chance for some years of consolidating a position in the top flight and ridding themselves of the "yo-yo" tag. With Brian Burn supported by the ever-dependable Derek Munt plus Richard Cooper the County appear to have a good account of themselves. If our girls, notably Jenny Cornock and Di St. Ledger can raise their game just a peg or two then a well balanced squad is in the making.

Strongly in contention of course must come Desmond Douglas. This mercurial junior makes a habit of

taking a leap forward at each season's back end. Following a successful debut in the County play-offs he was a surprise finalist in the English Junior Open and gained a place in the English Junior International team. He seems at last to have conquered his big occasion nerves.

On the Junior scene big disappointment is the decision of England-ranked Jeff Nix to switch sports to the world of Motor-cycle scrambling. This great-hearted competitor will be sadly missed but good luck Jeff and hope you avoid the "loop" and resultant "chop" and "push" ahead with full throttle. This will be Douglas's and Dianne St. Ledger's last season as juniors and much will depend on their form in the Premier but the opportunity is there for promising youngsters to make the break-through.

Added interest this season is the decision to enter a County Veterans team. Obviously the men are no problem but our good secretary will need all the diplomacy he can muster when tackling the ladies to confirm qualification. Any volunteers?

After giving sterling service to Warwickshire in recent years "Andy" Jones and Bob Brown seek fresh opportunity in Worcestershire's colours. Good luck to both these popular players who are however still available for Birmingham.

The County selection committee for 1972-73 is Stan Parr, Ralph Gunnion, Barry Hayward, John Devey and Ron Anson. Further progress is evident in the Warwickshire League with probably 12 teams competing in 2 divisions and the possibility of a 3-a-side team competing.

News from Stratford is that they hope to consolidate the 5 divisions that operated in the Senior League last season. Last season the Intermediate League went very well and officials are hoping for an expansion.

Two successful coaching courses have been completed—1 senior, 1 junior — resulting in six members qualifying as Club Coaches and 16 junior members receiving E.T.T.A. bronze awards and a senior coaching group has been formed.

The new venue for the Closed Championships proved very successful and it is hoped to stage this season's championships at the College of Further Education again.

Tim Huc is the new chairman of the Leamington Association. Tim has great plans for the advancement of juniors in the area in particular.

Phil Burwell is the guiding light behind the proposed Youth League in Birmingham. With an age limit of 19—plus the provision that each team must contain 1 girl, response is encouraging. Fees will be halved.

With the first Lilleshall Course clashing with the Midland Counties Open in November, more opportunity will be given to neighbouring associations to send pupils. A week long course will be held for juniors in January, plus the usual February event. Bryan Merrett will be in attendance at all three events.

Trials dates: Warwickshire Juniors — Sunday, Sept. 17 at Brandwood School; Birmingham Juniors — Thursday, Sept. 7 at Brandwood/Washwood Heath Schools; Seniors — Sunday, Sept. 24 at a venue to be arranged. Final trial for juniors will be on Sept. 12.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

CAPTAINCY FOR RANSOME

All Yorkshire table tennis supporters will be pleased by the news that Tony Clayton has decided to stay with the county and thus to continue to present to the selectors the problem of which of four internationals to leave out of the first team. Despite multiple rumours to the contrary, Denis Neale also stays with Yorkshire, but the first team captaincy has been given to master tactician Alan Ransome, who will now only play for the second team when there is no clash of dates.

Contrasting with the strength on the men's side, the comparatively low standard of the women's game in Yorkshire continues to be a pressing problem and 15-year-old Judith Walker of Sheffield is the county's leading hope for the solution at the moment, though she has prospective even younger challengers who have yet to make their mark in the junior game.

The absence of Nicky Jarvis and Alan Hydes, away in Japan and China respectively during the early part of the season, could affect at least one first team match.

Junior trials were held in Bradford during August, and the lead of Alan Ransome's junior boys over the rest of the county is amply demonstrated by Ormesby's claim to the first seven places in the county boys' ranking list. After a whole day's intensive play, the following ranking lists were issued:—

Boys: 1—D. Alderson; 2—R. Wiley; 3—B. Alderson; 4—P. Ward; 5—A. Kilburn; 6—S. Souter; 7—S. Jennis (all Middlesbrough); 8—P. Cox (Doncaster); 9—M. Thirkettle; 10—R. Lawson (both Hull).

Girls: 1—J. Walker (Sheffield); 2—P. Clements (Middlesbrough); 3—K. Wilson (Hull); 4—A. McCarthy (Hull); 5—M. Ludi (Bradford); 6—J. Richardson (York); 7—C. Grayson (Hull); 8—C. Knights; 9—C. Williams (both Middlesbrough); 10—J. McLean (Hull).

The selectors also issued the senior ranking lists, which were as follows:—

Men: 1—D. Neale; 2—N. Jarvis (both Middlesbrough); 3—A. Hydes (Barnsley); 4—A. Clayton (Hull); 5—J. Walker; 6—A. Ransome; 7—D. Alderson (all Middlesbrough); 8—J. Krier (Hull); 9—J. Kedge (Huddersfield); 10—N. Fulstow (Hull).

Women: 1—J. Walker (Sheffield); 2—L. Sutton (Hull); 3—S. Broadbent (Bradford), followed by the girls' ranking list.

At the County annual meeting, Secretary and National Councillor Frank Briggs received the Leslie Forrest Memorial Award and a Special Badge Award was made to Mr. R. E. Ransome, President of Ormesby T.T.C., in recognition of the club's outstanding achievement in winning the European Club Championship.

John Kedge (snr.) and Cliff Darley bowed out of county committee work after 7 and 6 years' service respectively, and thanks were recorded for their services to the County in this time. Two new Leagues—Keighley and Wharfedale—were welcomed into county affiliation.

Main topic of discussion was England's top level training and coaching methods and the person to put these methods into practice, with main criticism of the present set-up coming from Middlesbrough, whose players are, of course, very much involved.

Finally, both Nicky Jarvis and David Alderson have made their advertising debuts, in full colour, no less, albeit anonymously, in the current issue of Mitre Sports' catalogue. I can tell Mitre Sports that their catalogue was well received by the Hull girls when this was discovered.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

SHOCK CLOSED WINNER

Shock winner of the men's singles title in Preston's Guild tournament, incorporating the County Closed championships, on Sept. 2, was Bolton's Alan Heap.

Home on summer vacation from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, where he is taking a Ph.D degree, the former Lancs. County player first set tongues wagging when, in the quarters, he ousted top seed Tony Boasman.

Subsequent victories over Bryn Farnworth and junior international Donald Parker earned Heap the solid silver Guild Trophy, donated by Preston Corporation, and which has been insured for £100.

Title holder Wally Allanson, of Liverpool, went out to Farnworth in Rd. 4. In the women's singles Brenda Williams took over the title from Barbara Kirkman as she did in the Junior girls' event — Barbara being over age now to defend the latter.

The only title to be retained was the veteran singles won by Arthur Hartshorn. Results:—

M.S.: Semi-finals:
D. Parker (Preston) bt D. Cottrell (Blackburn) 14, 11;
A. Heap (Bolton) bt B. Farnworth (Farnworth) 10, 14.

Final:
Heap bt Parker 12, -11, 16.

W.S.: Semi-finals:
B. Williams (Liverpool) bt H. Garrett (Manchester) 15, 19;
B. Kirkman (Liverpool) bt J. Dixon (Bolton) 4, 14.

Final:
Williams bt Kirkman 18, 14.

B.S.: Semi-finals:
Parker bt G. Young (Rochdale) 12, 11;
M. Seed (Preston) bt B. Crook (Preston) 19, -21, 19.

Final:
Parker bt Seed 16, 12.

G.S.: Semi-finals:
Williams bt Garrett 11, 18;
K. Cropper (Blackpool) bt Dixon -16, 12, 13.

Final:
Williams bt Cropper 9, 23.

M.D.: Final:
A. Boasman/P. Bowen (Manchester) bt J. Clegg (Preston)/Parker -19, 14, 14.

W.D. Final:
Kirkman/Williams bt M. Morris/B. Wilkins (Preston) 10, 11.

County trials were held at Bolton's Institute of Technology over the weekend of Sept. 9/10 which resulted in the following ranking lists being compiled:—

Men
1—D. Parker; 2—P. Bowen; 3—J. Keogh (Burnley); 4—B. Mitchell (Bolton); 5—B. Crook snr. (Blackburn); 6—W. Allanson; 7—S. Kaufman (Farnworth); 8—P. Riley (Bolton); 9—Clive Heap (Farnworth); 10—C. Lang (Bolton); 11—R. Durose (Bolton) and 12—J. Clegg (Preston).

Women

1—D. Johnson (unattached); 2—B. Williams; 3—S. Manning; 4—B. Kirkman (all Liverpool).

Boys

1—D. Parker; 2—G. Young; 3—N. Hallows (Bolton); 4—M. Hoy (Bury); 5—M. Seed; 6—B. Crook jnr.; 7—P. Morris (Oldham); 8—P. Brugge (Manchester); 9—N. Gledhill (Blackpool); 10—I. Blackmore (Bolton) and 11—C. Field (Liverpool).

Girls

1—B. Williams; 2—S. Manning; 3—S. Thompson (Blackburn); 4—K. Cropper; 5—S. Jackson (Preston); 6—J. Dixon.

The junior trials were well contested and produced a wealth of talent but the absence of Phil Bowen, Bryn Farnworth and David Cottrell marred the senior affair — all having been nominated with the exception of Bowen who was personally invited.

Also absent were Tony Boasman (not invited) and Susan Lisle, who does not wish to be registered by Lancashire this season, and on whose behalf Cheshire have made a request to register her. The matter will come up before the County committee in due course.

George Fackrell, Lancashire's former Hon. Treasurer, who has done so much as secretary for his native Warrington League, over many years, has relinquished the post. He is succeeded by Mr. M. W. Poole who resides in Grange Meadow Road, Liverpool.

Over at Sabden, news of a different kind is to hand from Jack Keogh. His wife is expecting twins!

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Walter Reeves

Arthur Downer's accident (as reported in the Sussex Notes) came after he had contested the County trials with established Derbyshire players. It was reported that the former Sussex man did not perform too well especially against Derek Marples who plays a strong defensive game.

It is a setback for Arthur that all within the County can only hope will be of the minimum duration for the need for new players has been accentuated now that John Wallhead and Eric Hall have indicated they will not be available for the coming season.

County champion Doug Foulds (Derby) was the County's representative at the Butterfly Champion of Champions tournament at Plymouth. Derbyshire players wished him all the best and power to his anti-spin bat.

Chesterfield's Mandy Mellor did not perform up to her best standards at the Regional Dunlop Assessment Camp and only qualified for a reserve position for the Final Camp. After doing so well all last season, it seems a pity that one bad day can cancel out all the hard work put in over a long period.

Derby, who had let it be known they did not wish to stage the County Championships this season, would appear to be having second thoughts. Having provided the men's and boys' singles champions what better than to defend these titles in front of a home crowd? If Derby do change

their mind it will be a relief to the County Committee for suitable venues within the County are hard to find.

Little change in the County admin. set-up to report. Tony Chatwin continues in the chair and Danny Blair as Hon. Sec. Kath Foulds has taken over as County Coaching Officer and she opened up her campaign with a questionnaire to all listed coaches—some 40-odd in number. At the first count, and after the closing date she had received 8 replies! It was ever thus, but keep it up Kath, who knows you may succeed in waking some of them up.

Hard working Malcolm Allsop was married during the summer with Chris Francis the Best Man. (Chris has been runner-up twice to Doug Foulds in the County's men's singles championship). Malcolm has been very active both at league and county level so please, Mrs. Allsop let him continue for we should certainly miss him otherwise. And who knows, you may even get to like us when we (the officials) get to meet you. Best wishes to you both.

SURREY NOTES

by Geoff Ryan

Firstly, my apologies for lack of notes in the May/June issue occasioned by business commitments, and now to tie up a few loose ends from last season's campaign.

In the Inter-League competition, Dulwich won the Percy Johnson Group 1 from Croydon while Croydon II won Group 2 from Sutton. Guildford won the Arthur Williams Rose Bowl from Thames Valley who, in turn, won the Harding Cup from Byfleet. Leatherhead won the Sutton Trophy from Croydon.

Many are the changes to have been effected on the administrative front for the current season, with a sad farewell to Percy Laws, founder member and stalwart of the Association. His place in the chair is now taken up by Fred Joyce who combines the duties of Hon. Treasurer.

New Vice-Chairman is Sid Morton and the job of First team match secretary falls to Mary Wright. Trevor Channing takes over the running of the inter-league competitions.

Croydon have a new League Secretary in David Arterton who succeeds Ken Joyes, the latter after 25 years of devoted service which was duly recognised at the Dinner and Dance last May.

Now some dates for your diary. The "Closed" will again be played at Guildford over the weekend of Jan. 13/14, 1973. Closed championship dates of member leagues are:—Byfleet—Jan. 7 or 14; Guildford—Mar. 30/31; Leatherhead—Jan. 2, 4 and 9; Wandsworth—Mar. 17/26; Thames Valley—last weekend in Feb. or first in March.

Team news to hand is that Roger Chandler, the Sussex left-hander, has applied to join the County and subject to clearance will be challenging strongly for a first team spot. Chris Strathearn has finished his studies at Exeter and will be available full-time this season.

Congratulations to Joan and "Connie" Warren on the birth of their daughter in June. In closing may I wish a successful season to one and all.

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

WELCOME FOR BOURNEMOUTH

At the recent AGM, League President, Mr. John Ford, of Bristol, paid tribute to all who had made the 1971-72 season such a successful one. Such a state of affairs occasioned him pride in holding the office he did.

Reg Salway, Chairman of the Bristol League was re-elected to the same office on the Western League executive and your scribe, for the 23rd year, was re-elected Hon. Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

Ray Philpott, genial secretary of the Western League, was elected a vice-president, for services rendered over many years, as was Ted Brooks, president of the Newport League.

Newcomers to the league, Bournemouth, were given a warm welcome whilst it was pleasing to note the return of Salisbury and also the women's team from Weston after a lapse of many years.

Regretted, however, was the withdrawal of Swindon and Weymouth's ladies. Teams competing in this season's men's section are; Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Newbury, Newport, Plymouth, Salisbury, Weston and Weymouth.

The following teams run in the women's section: Bournemouth, Bristol, Devizes, Exeter, Newbury, Newport, Plymouth and Weston.

Trophies were awarded to Plymouth who won the men's section last season, and to Newbury, who won the women's section, for the third time. Matches for the coming season will again be played on the basis of home and away in alternate seasons. Fixtures commence on September 30th.

After the closure of the annual meeting an excellent buffet was put on by Mrs. Pat Rowe which was enjoyed by one and all. Thank you Pat—for everything.

Both Bristol and Newbury have new secretaries this season. Mrs. June Watts, the very popular Bristol secretary has retired and so too has Garry Franks of Newbury. Taking over the respective reigns are George Mortimer and Mark Morris.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Watts for the wonderful work she has put in, over a number of years, for Bristol, and to Garry also.

ESSEX NOTES

by Alan Shepherd

HARD STRUGGLE

Season 1971/72 having ended in the "Triple Crown" for Essex, who carried off the County Championship titles at Junior, Senior and Veteran levels, the County now sets its sights on the season ahead. With Chester Barnes under suspension, Ian Horsham in Japan, and Trevor Taylor's County allegiance obscure, Essex look likely to have a long hard struggle.

However the big hope for the future is the formation of the Essex Players and Supporters Association, the brainchild of Bernard and Pat Chatterley of the Dagenham League. The Association is pledged to support players at all levels in the County, and in

particular the County teams, to publish a regular magazine, and to assist the County Association financially by fund raising activities.

Already a very successful Dance has been held to celebrate the championship triumphs of the various teams and the opportunity was there taken to present Bobby Stevens with a splendid set of travelling cases to commemorate his having represented the County at first team level for 21 years. Applications for membership should be sent to Pat Chatterley at 89, Somerville Road, Chadwell Heath.

To start off the new season the Essex senior players were invited to rank themselves, which they did as follows.

Men: 1, David Brown, 2, Ian Horsham; 3, Bobby Stevens; 4, Ian Robertson; 5, Peter Radford; 6, Stuart Gibbs; 7, David Bowles; 8, Stevie Smith; 9, Ken Beamish; 10, Graham Blomfield.

Women: 1, Lesley Radford; 2, Shelagh Hession; 3, Janet Hellaby; 4, Elaine Tarten; 5, Gillian Taylor; 6, Susan Beckwith; 7, Anne Hewitt; 8, Gillian Locke; 9, Tina Pickard; 10, Cathy Stonell.

On the Junior front we were happy to see that eleven of our players were invited to the Assessment Camps. We hope that the England selectors continue their interest in our players throughout the season.

The new look Essex tournament committee, led by Ron Locke, got off to a flying start with the most successful Junior Open in years. Harlow proved a very popular venue and with over 300 entries there was little room to move. Over £80 in prize money was handed out and the Boys' Singles winner took home £12. This was a tour de force by Mark Mitchell of Middlesex, who was unseeded and played his way through from the groups, beating Peter Hunt, Philip Ward, Michael Owen, John Kitchener and (in the final) Paul Day. Now look out for the Essex Senior Open—we intend to make it the biggest and best tournament of the Season.

KENT NOTES

by Brian Jordan

The late finish to last season because of the power cuts meant that the final Kent League winners were not included in the May issue of the magazine. Woolwich finally topped the First Division of the Men's Section three points clear of Bromley "A", Folkestone "A" and Tonbridge "A". Folkestone "A" and Tonbridge "A" were relegated, to the Second Division, their places being taken by Second Division champions Beckenham "B" and runners-up N.W. Kent "B".

Unfortunately this means that for the coming season the First Division of the League will be dominated by the Metropolitan Associations, the Division comprising, Bromley "A" and "B", Beckenham "A" and "B", North West Kent "A" and "B", Woolwich "A", Canterbury "A" and Sittingbourne "A". Whether it is a good thing for the county's premier table tennis division to be so unrepresentative of the county is debatable and it maybe that some associations will wish to see a new rule restricting each Association to one team in the First Division. The other two divisions of the Men's Section were won

by Canterbury "B" who move up to the second Division and Maidstone "A" who will now be playing in the Third Division.

The First Division of the Ladies Section was won easily by Medway who remained unbeaten and former champions N.W. Kent were second. The Second Division was won by Ashford with Tonbridge second. This season Canterbury and Woolwich will be running teams in this section and each division will have eight teams as compared with seven last year.

The three divisions of the Junior Section were won by Folkestone "A", Ashford "A" and Tunbridge Wells "A" respectively. Unluckiest team were Canterbury "A" who for the second season running finished runners-up in the First Division each year one point behind the leaders. For the coming season entries are down from 26 to 24 for the Junior League but this is compensated by the entry of five teams in the new Girls' Section of the League.

Table Tennis now seems to have no real close season. Canterbury ran their summer League, the Beckett Shield, for the third year and Ashford side Brook finished winners, as they were in 1970.

Some compensation for a club who had the ill luck to lose their club room and table in a disastrous fire in April. Whitstable Natives Table Tennis Club staged their third match with Atlantic of Antwerp in May at the University of Kent at Canterbury. Once again each side used 24 players and for the first time Whitstable emerged winners by 69-51. Whitstable will return to Antwerp in the summer of 1973 to defend the trophy which is now presented to the winners in this unique series of matches.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by John Pike

Before taking a look at what the new season has in store for Staffordshire, I would like to turn the clock back to last May when the county celebrated their 21st anniversary with a dinner dance in Wolverhampton, that must surely rate as one of the best sporting functions I have had the privilege to attend.

A lot of credit for this must go to the guest speaker, Tom Blunn, on the night he was superb. A word of praise too for assistant secretary, Marion Colclough, who had the job of making the night the great success it was.

The next morning the county chairman, Malcolm Scott, and his wife Kay, held a cocktail party at their Claverley home, to round off what must surely be the most enjoyable weekend in Staffordshire's 21 years history.

Staying with last season a shade longer, the Darlaston and Wednesbury League were honoured to have Roy Evans attend their annual prize presentation.

Moving quickly now to the new season and it looks like it might be an uphill struggle for all four of the Staffs. teams in the County Championship. If there is an exception, it should come in the veterans.

Writing before the county trials at Wolverhampton, I am not in a position to discuss teams for the opening matches, but I have it on

good authority that several senior players may have missed the trials. Add to this the fact that Dorothy Deeley has retired from the county scene, she is still playing in the West Bromwich League, and that Rita Beebee is not available for selection, and it is easy to see that a lot of responsibility will rest on the shoulders of Kath Perry.

The two top juniors, Gail Round, she finished 5th in the Cheltenham trials, and Janet Carr, were both invited to the senior trials.

The junior trials were held at the Northwood Sports Centre at Stoke the following week, and here there were a lot of new faces on show, as players like Rowe and Dunning are now over age.

The veterans, as I say, have the best chance of winning any honours this season. With several fixtures being changed, the "A" team now open their account at Worcester on October 14, and then the next day they take on Leicestershire at the Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton.

The Woodfield tournament by the way will be on November 25/26 and all details for this event can be obtained from Ken Hodgkiss.

County coach, Jim Hayward, reports a full house for his new course at Highfields which was given a good send off by Bryan Merrett. Wolverhampton start the new season with six more teams and two new clubs, while over at West Bromwich, they have a new chairman in Alan Deeley.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Ian R. Crickmer

The chief feature of the Summer activity in the county has been the intensive coaching scheme for juniors organised by Eddie Mitchell with the aid of several local helpers and the expertise of Barry Hayward and guest visitor Laurie Landry. These coaching sessions would not make headlines in other counties, but in Worcestershire's case this is a long overdue venture—events have proved that there is a wealth of talent in the Worcestershire and Herefordshire area, and only this initiative was needed to harness this potential.

The allocation of Worcestershire's first senior team to Division Two Midlands was inevitable when the Annual General Meeting of the County Championships decided to adopt the Derbyshire proposal to form five second divisions. Since 1969, Worcestershire have thus alternated between Second West and Second Midlands in consecutive seasons—with the composition of the team not determined, it would be most unwise to speculate on the possible performances of the side in this new company.

One point of concern to the County Committee will be the response to the entry forms recently distributed for the two knock-out team competitions. Entries close on 21st October, but in the case of the non-handicap event, which ought to be the blue riband to decide the top club of the two counties, only a considerably larger entry than for previous seasons will ensure the continuity of this particular event.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

Following last season's successes in the County Championships, Cambridgeshire, this season are in a position to enter two senior and two junior teams which will culminate in a record number of 23 fixtures.

The first senior team, who are competing in the newly formed Second Division East, should improve upon last season's results. Michael Harper, the former Hertfordshire Junior International, and Super League player, is now qualified to play for Cambridgeshire following his year in the County wilderness. His presence will considerably strengthen the team and, along with Paul Day, Tony Littlechild and Peter Hirst, they should form a formidable squad.

At the time of writing I learn that Emma Swan has decided to call it a day at the age of 14! This obviously constitutes a big problem on the distaff side.

It is hoped that the Second Senior Team will be a stepping stone for junior players, where they can gain considerable match-play experience. This team will be competing in the Eastern Regional Division, against the first teams of Suffolk, Hunts and Northants. The Juniors will be playing in the Premier Division against the country's major counties and they obviously face a very difficult task.

Their main-stay, of course, will be Paul Day who, with John Willis, should prove tough opposition for any county. The second Junior Team, who are competing in the Junior Eastern Division, will give the selectors an opportunity to 'blood' the under-thirties so as to ensure a continuous flow of players to county standard.

In their first two friendly fixtures, against Leicestershire and Middlesex, Cambs. Juniors performed creditably. The first fixture, played at Leicester Y.M.C.A., saw them go down 4-6, which was a good result, bearing in mind they included two players who were making their debut.

Outstanding in the Cambs team was Paul Day, who won both his singles, against G. Hall and C. Rogers, and guided debutante Carol Ellis to a great mixed doubles win over Chris and Karen Rogers. Keith Richardson gained the County's other success when he beat Chris Rogers, but rather surprisingly lost to the Leicester No. 3, S. Penny, when the score stood at 4-4.

In the match against Middlesex at Soham, the game resulted in a 5-5 draw and, once again, Day was the main-stay of the Cambridgeshire team. He won both his singles over David Tan and Mark Mitchell, and then partnered Karen Garner to an easy mixed victory over Michael O'Mahoney and Angela Mitchell. Young Richardson had an exciting win over O'Mahoney and John Willis also beat the same player.

In the Essex Junior Open at Harlow, Day won titles in the U-14 and U-17 doubles, when partnered by Andrew Barden of Middlesex, but lost in the final of the U-15 singles and reached the semi-final of the U-17 singles. In the U-17 singles he defeated David Alderson (Yorkshire) and Desmond Douglas (Warwickshire), both Eng-

land Internationals, before losing to Mark Mitchell of Middlesex.

Cambridge representative teams will be even more occupied this season. In addition to the five teams in the South-East Midlands League, and four in the Coca-Cola National Competitions, they have now entered a team in the East Anglian League. The other members of the East Anglian League are Beccles, Dereham, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Kings Lynn Lowestoft, Norwich, Stowmarket, Wisbech and Wymondham. Sally Hirst and Deborah Clarke are the only ladies up to representative standard and no doubt some of the Junior girls will have to be "thrown in at the deep end".

The Cambridge and District League which began on September 18, consists of 98 teams, 9 less than last season, but again comprising nine divisions. New clubs are General Accident, Addis Sports, Techni Social and Saffron Walden. University Press will again be defending their title, but can expect strong competition from Cambridge University, New Chesterton Institute and Soham.

In the Junior County Trials, held at Cambridge Corn Exchange on Aug. 6, there was a turnout of 15 boys and 9 girls, although Paul Day and Emma Swan were both absent; the former competing in the European Youth Championships.

In the boys' section the ranking resulted: 1, J. Willis; 2, K. Richardson; 3, C. Fuller; 4, P. Crickmar; 5, B. Richardson; 6, A. Randall; 7, D. Page; 8, S. Garner; 9, D. Wilby; 10, A. Holmes.

Big surprise in the list is Paul Crickmar, from Wimblington, who is being coached by John Slack, the former organiser of the Cambridgeshire Schools' Tournament. The girls ranking resulted: 1, C. Ellis; 2, R. Newman; 3, S. Ellis; 4, J. Bradlev; 5, S. Mayo; 6, J. Wiesinger; 7, B. Everitt; 8, G. Lilley; 9, B. Trim.

The Ellis twins and Ruth Newman were prominent and look strong challengers for a County place.

Saturday afternoon coaching sessions for beginners and more advanced players, re-commenced on September 16, at St. Luke's Church Hall under the supervision of David Jarvis. They will continue throughout the season, when it is hoped that a large nucleus of youngsters will attend.

SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Ely, who championed the men's division for the first time last season, will be all out to retain their title and with Paul Day in their midst stand a very good chance.

Chief contenders are likely to be Cambridge City (former champions) and Northampton, although both Bedford and North Herts, will be in the running.

The League gets under way again this month with Hon. Sec. Henry Fox likely to be in for another busy season.

SUSSEX NOTES

by ROBIN PIERCE

Shock news for Sussex Premier Division fans is Roger Chandler's decision to turn out for near rivals, Surrey, in this season's campaign.

No doubt about it, the premier team will have to struggle like mad without Chandler's services. The county team will hardly look the same without Roger who, together with Peter Williams, has given yeoman service for almost ten years.

Another player who has offered services to another county, Hants in this case, is 14-year-old Linda Wales. Linda, daughter of the new county treasurer, Peter Wales, was unable to hold a regular place in the juniors last season.

Miss Wales was the centre of yet another controversy when her Worthing team, Nelson, withdrew from the local association in protest at having been placed in the 1st Division.

Nelson, whose other team members are Linda's parents, Peter and Pat, dominated the 2nd Division last campaign, Peter remaining unbeaten by the way, so their reluctance to claim their promotion rights appears to be most staggering.

One happy and one sad event at the Sussex A.G.M. All members were delighted to learn of chairman Keith Watts's E.I.T.A. Lite Membership. There must be very few officials who can equal Keith's service to the game.

But it was goodbye so far as Lilian Rymill, the treasurer was concerned. Lilian, now the newest county vice-president, has worked herself into the ground since starting off as general secretary in 1964. Before taking on county work Lilian had served as Worthing secretary for nine years.

All her former colleagues would wish to join me in thanking Lilian for her great work. When fully restored to health she may rest assured that her application to have her old posts back will be most favourably considered!

Right at this very moment I have been given tragic news about 20-year-old Arthur Downer, the holder of the Brighton and Eastbourne men's singles titles.

Returning in his van, on the A516 to his new home in Derby, Arthur had every hope of representing Derbyshire this season, but was involved in a collision and broke both thighs. A man, his wife and 5-year-old son, were occupants of the other vehicle and they have suffered injuries as well.

Arthur has just been taken off the critical list at Derby Royal Infirmary but it is thought that he may have to face a two month stay in hospital.

Arthur, with his wife Carol and baby daughter, Julie, were getting ready to return to Brighton to celebrate their first wedding anniversary and Arthur's 21st birthday. All their friends will think of them.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

Norfolk will this season play in Division 2 East of the County Championships, with a second team in the Eastern Division, from which they gained promotion last season. They will also have their usual team in Junior East.

Dave Simpson, Secretary of Wymondham League, who for several years has been responsible for County Junior Affairs and done an enormous amount for our Juniors, ended his connection at the last County AGM. A word of thanks is well deserved. So far, his successor has not been appointed.

We hear that Philip Clark is the new Dereham Secretary.

Another league with a new Secretary is Thetford, where Mrs. Dot Raymond replaces Mrs. Jenny Steward, their founder Secretary.

The East Anglian League of Leagues will this season be joined by Cambridge and Wisbech. There is a new Secretary here, too—Michael Parker of Lowestoft.

For three years running, the promising Norwich Junior, Duggie Bennett, has been "Boy of the Week" at Butlin's, Skegness. He is still only eleven-years-old. Another Norfolk Junior, Peter Maybury, went to the Regional Assessment Camp at Crystal Palace.

The Bennett family have been practising hard during the close season. Father Vic, Editor of Norwich League's magazine, Monthly Mardle, has sent me details of the Norfolk Coaching Sessions for 1972 at the University of East Anglia. He adds, "A date for the Norfolk Junior Closed Championships is Sunday, April 15th, 1973, at the U.E.A."

At Club level, there has been great activity at the Norwich C.E.Y.M.S., where Malcolm Wilson has succeeded Philip Graver as Secretary. Norwich League will this season consist of ten divisions plus a Premier Division.

I met the Norfolk Junior, John Fuller, watching Norfolk playing Cricket. He did not play Table Tennis for Norfolk last season owing to "O" levels, but will be back again this session.

HUNTINGDON & PETERBRO' NOTES

by David Obee

Once again the new season promises to be a very busy one for the County and its three member leagues, St. Neots, Peterborough and Hunts. Central. At domestic level there is an increase in the number of teams in each league and the South-East Midlands League programme is full as usual.

At County level a veterans' team has been entered in the Southern Section of the County Championships in addition to the senior and junior teams.

Even greater priority is being given to junior coaching this season, with Longsands School at St. Neots once again a hub of activities. Regular monthly training sessions for top juniors are to take place, co-ordinating efforts from throughout the County.

Two juniors with a bright future who are currently putting the County on the map are Belinda Chamberlain (St. Neots) and Gregory Baker (Peterborough).

Both put up first class performances in the Essex Open, the first junior tournament of the season, at Harlow. Belinda lost by the narrowest of margins in the U-13 final and reached the semis of the U-15 event, whilst Greg took the first game against Sam Harmer in the U-11 final before going down in the decider.

After considerable discussion at a recent executive committee meeting it was agreed that there should be an exhaustive pre-season trial covering some 12 players from all corners of the County. This was to be held at Peterborough in late September.

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E.T.T.A. 100 Club

by Albert W. Shipley

Another milestone in the Club's history was passed with the Dinner held in the House of Commons on Saturday, 1st July, 1972 with a total of 206 diners, 42 of whom were members.

Our guest speaker, John Pulman of snooker fame gave a delightfully witty speech, with the timing usually accredited to a top comedian. He was followed by Tom Blunn, from whom we keep on expecting something special, and this time he surpassed all others by delivering a sermon in biblical terms, with all the characters drawn from our world of table tennis.

On a night that was so different, even the recent trend of absent winners was reversed, for the top two awards went to members present; £100 to Phil Norman of Derbys, and £50 to Keith Ponting from Exeter. John Burnett of Folkestone won the £10 and Gordon Steggall the £5.

Three more names have recently been added to our waiting list for membership and we are creating an Associate Membership for people on this list at a fee of £2. This will mean that they can be kept informed of all the Club's activities and have the opportunity to attend our functions.

NEW POST FOR CHELMSFORD PRESIDENT

Mr. Tom Mayer of Barfield Saling, President of the Chelmsford and District T.T. League and Vice-President of the Braintree and District T.T. League, is all set to make the sparks fly as from Oct. 1/72.

On that date Mr. Mayer, B.Sc. (Eng.), C.Eng., F.I.E.E., Managing Director of Marconi Communication Systems Ltd., takes office as Chairman of the Science, Education and Management Division of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

Everything is now set fair for another season. Having had two girls—Karen Rogers and Anita Stevenson playing for England was the highlight of last season—can they improve on their results this term? If dedication counts for anything, both girls can look forward to a great season.

There were few changes in officials on the local front—and none at all

at the County AGM. There was a larger attendance than usual and much useful discussion emerged. The Leicester and Loughborough Leagues will both have new chairmen in the coming season. John Ellis has done a great job for Leicester but felt he could not devote sufficient time to his first love—coaching—and do a satisfactory job as chairman as well so he reluctantly decided not to stand. Fortunately John Bowness was available and has already shown he is very well-suited for the job. Loughborough's Les Cairns has found his business commitments prevent him from continuing as chairman and at the time of writing no successor had been appointed.

Physical training has been started for Leicestershire's leading players

every Sunday morning under Steven White, a former colleague of Les Gresswell's at Cheltenham College. The response has been very encouraging and can only help to attain better results. Ernest McLeish will again captain the team and the selection committee will be the same as last season with one addition — Steven White.

The Juniors have already played one friendly match in which they beat Cambridgeshire 6—4. None of the team made any impression on Paul Day but star of the Leics. side was Steven Penny, who won two in fine style.

Bryan Hall has agreed to captain the Veterans' side. This popular player already has two very talented

sons—Graham and Kevin—and indications are that Simon and Yvonne will follow in their footsteps. Not to be outdone Mrs. Jean Hall, their mother will also be participating in league table tennis again and will additionally be a divisional secretary. There are busy times ahead for the Hall family!

There have been a few switches during the close season. Colin Truman will be wearing Knighton Park's colours this term, whilst Charlie Jacques has transferred his affections to Leicester Y.M.C.A.—a move which should make them strong favourites for the first division. Chris Brewer will be appearing for Barwell Constitutional, Ernest McLeish having decided to retire from competitive play.

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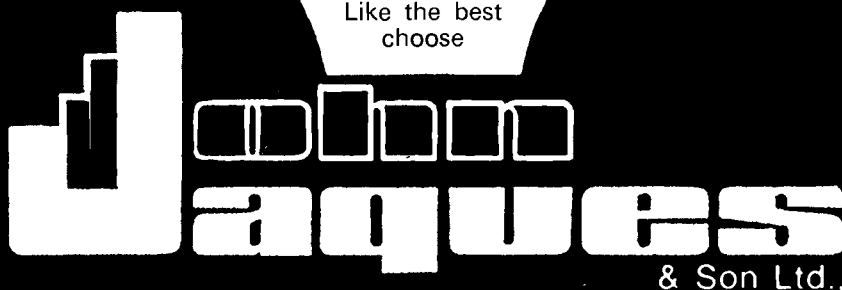
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Guernsey TTA 50th Anniversary Tournament

Invitation to plunder

by GEORGE R. YATES

Had England's Denis Neale substituted a steel hook for his right hand, and waded ashore with a squawking parrot on his shoulder, he could not have more effectively led a piratical expedition than was the case with his flying visit to the isle of Guernsey, in late May, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Guernsey Table Tennis Association.

Aided and abetted by Karenza Mathews and, to a lesser degree by Nicky Jarvis and David Alderson, a veritable treasure chest was 'dug up' and air-lifted back to the mainland.

The 'swag' comprised a solid silver 50th Anniversary Trophy, in the form of a table tennis table, designed and manufactured entirely in the workshops of the Jewellers and Silver-smiths Co. Ltd., High Street, Guernsey, plus the winners' medals. And, as a result of their exploits in the four individual events, a total of £225—£125 to "Long John" Neale—in prize money generously donated by the Makers of Peter Stuyvesant Cigarettes.

Dropping only two sets en route, England won the team event with final victory over Federal Germany, winning 4—1, when opposed by Klaus Schmittinger, Gunter Kocher and Wiebke Hendricksen.

Eight competing associations were initially split into two groups with the winners and runners-up competing in a final group play-off in which the Germans beat the Netherlands 4—1 and England put down the challenge of Scotland by a like score. The Scots, not averse to banditry themselves in forays across their own borders, finished third to claim the 'bronze' awards as a result of beating the Dutch, again by a 4—1 margin.

England's earlier victories had been secured at the expense of Wales (5—0), Netherlands (5—0) and Guernsey (5—0). Federal Germany had been hard-pressed to dispose of Scotland (3—2) but subsequently made short work of Ireland (5—0) and Jersey (5—0).

Both England's dropped sets were marginal in the extreme when Jarvis, from winning third game positions, let slip his advantage when finally and desperately pressed by Malcolm Sugden and Schmittinger, both winning 8 out of their 10 sets. Jarvis had partial revenge when beating Sugden (-13, 19, 21) in the men's singles.

Neale had a 10-out-of-10 return and Karenza Mathews 5-out-of-5. Young Alderson also kept a clean



Guernsey T.T.A. President Horace Mallett addresses players and spectators before the official opening by the Deputy Bailiff, Mr. J. H. Loveridge.

sheet in his one match, against Guernsey.

Bryan Merrett, a smiling England captain, accepted the Anniversary Trophy from the hands of Vice Admiral Sir Charles P. Mills, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., H.E., the Lieut. Governor of Guernsey.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Quoting from Graham Ingrouille and Dave Edmonds who covered the tournament in the Guernsey Evening Press and Star "Denis Neale walked away from the tournament the winner of three titles—and richer by £125. And with virtuoso performances, he was worth every penny of it".

Indeed all first-place prize money was mopped up by England's players and both Neale and Karenza Mathews emerged unbeaten from sixteen hours of play.

In this gallop for 'pieces of eight', comedy was not overlooked being introduced in the men's doubles by Ireland's Cliff Thompson and Pat O'Brien, in opposition to Neale and Jarvis.

The Irish pair were in the process of being summarily despatched in two-straight when, at 5—10 down in the second, Thompson leapt onto the table to return from Jarvis. Both Neale and Jarvis joined in the fun with shots played through their legs, an act which brought the house down.

Final Anglo-German contests seemed likely in all four events until their joint domination was broken by Scotland's Sugden and Elaine Smith who ousted Schmittinger and Miss Hendricksen in the semi-final of the mixed.

Neale cruised to easy victory over Schmittinger in the final of the men's singles and, in the final of the men's doubles, the bespectacled German, partnered by Kocher, failed in like fashion to stem the English tide.

Such too was the case in the mixed in which Neale and Mrs. Mathews reigned supreme although taken to a third game decider in the final against Sugden and Miss Smith.

Tension was only apparent in the final of the women's singles in which Karenza and Wiebke Hendricksen, adversaries of old, fought out a tenacious battle before Karenza killed her

way to victory against the grinding chop defence of the Federal German. It was a well-merited success which brought to an end the proceedings in the Badminton Hall.

Tribute to the Guernsey T.T.A. was paid by the Deputy Bailiff, Mr. J. H. Loveridge when officials and players were the guests of the States of Guernsey at lunch at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. Loveridge complimented Mr. Horace Mallett, president of the G.T.T.A., and the organising committee for their running of the tournament and proposed a toast to the I.T.T.F., to which Mrs. Nancy Evans, secretary of E.T.T.U., responded.

The presentation to him of a silver salver from the Home Countries took G.T.T.A. president, Horace Mallett by surprise during the closing ceremony at the Badminton Hall.

He received the gift from Roy Evans, president of the I.T.T.F., who had spent half the weekend travelling to Guernsey from Geneva.

At the New Hermitage Hotel dinner attended by 230 people on the Saturday evening there were further tributes to Mr. Mallett from both the visitors and, expressed by deputy president Derek Stuckey, from the organising committee.

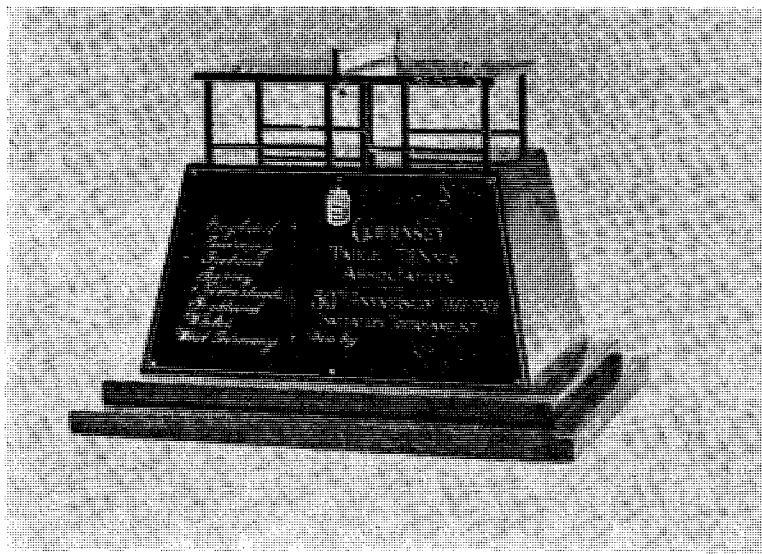
A toast to the Guernsey Association was proposed by E.T.T.A. chairman, Charles Wyles who congratulated the G.T.T.A. on a "wonderful effort".

Replying and proposing a toast to the guests, Mr. Mallett said the banquet brought to an end a three-day tournament which had given them a feast of table tennis previously unknown in Guernsey. What was more, it had brought many new friendships among people from many countries who had travelled long distances to join the celebrations.

Roy Evans, replying on behalf of the guests, acknowledged the visitors had been privileged and honoured to be part of the occasion.

The closing speech was an hilarious one from E.T.T.A. Treasurer, Tom Blunn, who spoke of the beginnings of the competition between the Home Countries and extended an invitation to Guernsey to participate in the English Association's 50th anniversary celebrations in five years time.

Finally departing on the morning of Sunday, May 28, all competitors and officials, were given a carrier bag containing produce of the island which, unfortunately, did not last as long as will the happy memories of the great occasion. Thank you Horace Mallett and the Guernsey Table Tennis Association.



THE TROPHY — the spoils of victory.



England's captain, Bryan Merrett receives the trophy from the hands of Guernsey's Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Charles Mills.

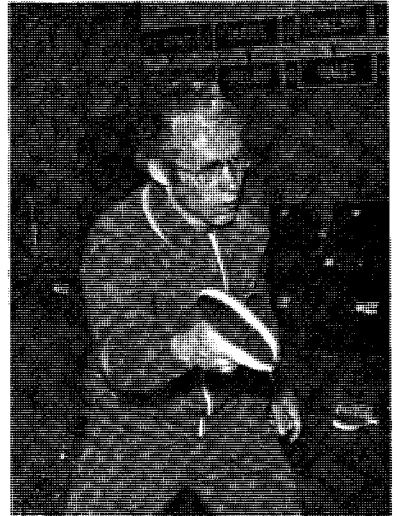
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Results:—
Individual Events
Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:
 D. Neale (Eng.) bt R. Yule (Scot.) 17, 22;
 G. Kocher (Fed. G.) bt H. Lingen (Neths.) 15, 15;
 N. Jarvis (Eng.) bt C. Thompson (Ire.) 17, -17, 13;
 K. Schmittinger (Fed. G.) bt D. Alderson (Eng.) 17, 20.
Semi-finals:
 NEALE bt Kocher 11, 17;
 SCHMITTINGER bt Jarvis -12, 19, 20.
Final:
 NEALE bt Schmittinger 14, 16.

Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:
 W Hendriksen (Fed. G.) bt C. Powell (Guern.) 14, 9;
 M. Arntz (Neths.) bt G. Thomas (Wales) 10, 14;
 E. Smith (Scot.) bt P. Edwards (Jersey) 20, 20;
 K. Mathews (Eng.) bt K. Senior (Ire.) 15, 18.
Semi-finals:
 HENDRIKSEN bt Arntz 19, 13;
 MATHEWS bt Smith 16, 12.
Final:
 MATHEWS bt Hendriksen 18, 17.
Men's Doubles: Quarter-finals:
 Jarvis/Neale bt M. Sugden (Scot.)/Yule 7, 13;

P. O'Brien (Ire.)/Thompson bt J Clancy/G. Willcocks (Guern.) 17, 20;
 Alderson/Lingen bt H. Carver/C. Hansford (Jersey) -19, 19, 12;
 Kocher/Schmittinger bt A. Griffiths/M. Owen (Wales) 15, 18.
Semi-finals:
 JARVIS/NEALE bt O'Brien/Thompson 9, 15;
 KOCHER/SCHMITTINGER bt Alderson/Lingen -16, 12, 11.
Final:
 JARVIS/NEALE bt Kocher/Schmittinger 14, 16.
Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:
 Neale/Mathews bt Thompson/Senior 11, 15;
 Lingen/Arntz bt Griffiths/Thomas 10, 17;
 Sugden/Smith bt Carver/Edwards 10, 14;
 Schmittinger/Hendriksen bt O'Brien/R. Opie (Guern.) 18, 11.
Semi-finals:
 NEALE/MATHEWS bt Lingen/Arntz 12, 10;
 SUGDEN/SMITH bt Schmittinger/Hendriksen -16, 15, 10.
Final:
 NEALE/MATHEWS bt Sugden/Smith -11, 11 11.
Team Events
Stage 1
 Group A—Jersey 1 Ireland 4; Federal Germany 3 Scotland 2; Jersey 0 Scotland 5; Federal Germany 5 Ireland 0; Scotland 3 Ireland 2; Federal Germany 5 Jersey 0.
 Group B — England 5 Wales 0; Guernsey 0 Netherlands 5; England 5 Netherlands 0; Wales 4 Guernsey 1; England 5 Guernsey 0; Netherlands 5 Wales 0.

Play-offs
 England 4 Scotland 1; Federal Germany 4 Netherlands 1; Ireland 4 Wales 1; Jersey 4 Guernsey 1.
Positions 1-2:
 England 4 Federal Germany 1.
Positions 3-4:
 Scotland 4 Netherlands 2.
Final placings:—
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 5. Ireland
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	WA	NE	GU	SC	FG	Total
England						
D. Neale	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	10-0
N. Jarvis	2-0	2-0		1-2	1-2	6-8
Mrs. K. Mathews	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-0
D. Alderson			2-0			2-0
Federal Germany	SC	IR	JE	NE	EN	Total
K. Schmittinger	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	8-2
G. Kocher	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	0-2	6-4
Miss W. Hendriksen	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	4-1
Scotland	FG	JE	IR	EN	NE	Total
M. Sugden	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	8-2
R. Yule	0-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	1-1	4-6
Miss E. Smith	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-2
Netherlands	GU	EN	WA	FG	SC	Total
H. Lingen	2-0	0-2	2-0	0-2	1-1	5-5
R. Hyne	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	5-5
Miss M. Arntz	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-3
Ireland	JE	FG	SC	WA		Total
C. Thompson	2-0	0-2	2-0	2-0		6-2
P. O'Brien	2-0	0-2	0-2	1-1		3-5
Miss K. Senior	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0		1-3
Wales	EN	GU	NE	IR		Total
A. Griffiths	0-2	2-0	0-2	1-1		3-5
M. Owen	0-2	2-0	0-2	0-2		2-6
Miss G. Thomas	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1		0-4
Jersey	IR	SC	FG	GU		Total
H. Carver	0-2	0-2	0-2	1-1		1-7
C. Hansford	0-2	0-2	0-2	2-0		2-6
Mrs. P. Edwards	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0		2-2
Guernsey	NE	WA	EN	JE		Total
J. Clancy		0-2	0-2			0-4
G. Willcocks		0-2		0-2		0-4
M. James	0-2			1-1		1-3
T. Trustum	0-2		0-2			0-4
Mrs. C. Powell	0-1			0-1		0-2
Miss S. Feu		1-0	0-1			1-1

Under-13 Championships Finals

by IAN R. CRICKMER



The top two boys (l to r) Paul Day (Isle of Ely) 2nd, Andrew Barden (North Middlesex) 1st. Barden and Day were rewarded by selection for the European Youth Championships in Vejle during August.

The fourth Under-13 Singles championships, which had attracted 146 boys and 98 girls to the ten regional centres in April, reached their climax on June 3 when the sixteen finalists assembled at Northfield Y.M.C.A., Birmingham.

For the first time, a reigning champion remained in the age group to defend his title, but it was not to be a repeat performance for left-hander Paul Day—the championships went to two counties not previously successful in the U-13 events, Middlesex and Sussex, represented by Andrew Barden (North Middlesex) and by Linda Wales (Worthing).

Having drawn to play in the same preliminary group, the Barden-Day clash looked likely to hold the key to the boys' championship, and so

it proved with the former triumphing 21-15, 16-21, 21-16. They were joined in the final four by David Newman (Chelmsford) and Christopher Sewell (Bristol) and this became the eventual finishing order.

Linda Wales was rarely extended in taking her title, winning all five singles in straight games, and conceding no more than 17 points in any one game. However, a tremendous tussle developed for places two to four, and the eventual positions had to be determined by games records.

Melody Ludi (Bradford) had a record of 3-4 in beating Sandra Sutton (Newham Schools) but losing to Jill Campion (North Acton) and to Linda Wales; Sandra Sutton recorded 2-4 by defeating Jill Campion and going under to Melody Ludi and Linda Wales, and Jill Campion finished 2-5 in accounting for Melody Ludi and losing to Sandra Sutton and Linda Wales.

In presenting the trophies, Charles Wyles expressed the hope that there would be future England players among the youngsters in action that day—certainly the overall standard of play augurs well for the future.

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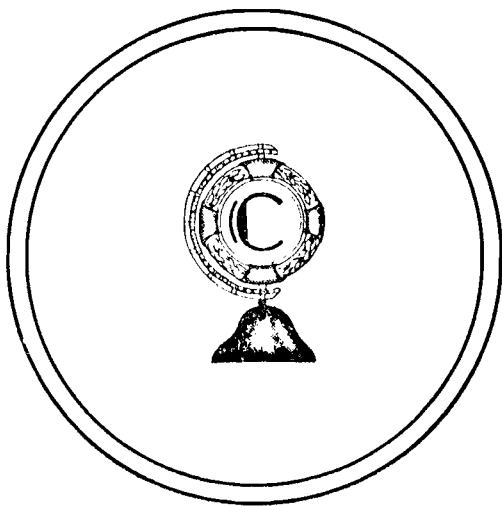


Charles Wyles, E.T.T.A. Chairman, bestows the beribboned medal on Linda Wales having presented her with the T. Austin Harrison Cup. To hand with the certificate is Organising Secretary, Ian R. Crickmer, the National Councillor for Worcestershire.

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Open Tournament Survey

contributed by J. Jermyn,
Ron Locke, Alan Shepherd

A field of 120 for the U-17 boys' event, in the **Essex Junior Open** at Harlow, included 10 out of the 14 boys invited to the England "Final Assessment Camp". But all fell by the wayside and the winner was the unseeded Mark Mitchell of Middlesex.

He could so easily have not gone beyond his group, which included Peter Hunt, member of the Champion County Team, Essex, and Philip Ward, of Yorkshire (one of the 10). Having disposed of these, however, he rapidly knocked out David Bangerter (Surrey) and Robert Wiley (Yorks) who had himself just beaten Andy Mitchell (Kent).

This brought him against Welsh No. 1 Michael Owen, the No. 2 seed, who proved no obstacle, and Mark steamed on to a semi-final against John Kitchener (Suffolk). Until then John had not conceded a game but Mark beat him 17, 13.

Meanwhile, in the top-half of the draw, Paul Day was despatching the pride of England one after the other. His progress was fairly placid until the quarter-final, where No. 1 seed David Alderson was his opponent. Paul's win by 18, 10 was more than convincing. This apparently left Desmond Douglas as a racing certainty for the title, but Paul saw him off in a fine set -17, 18, 18.

The final was a bit of an anticlimax but Mark was not to be denied by anybody on this day and ran out the winner (and £12 better off) by 16, 17. On the previous day Paul had actually beaten Mark in the U-15 singles semi-final only to run into an inspired Andrew Barden in the final—so he drew a blank in the Singles, but made up for this by winning both Doubles events, partnered of course by Andrew.

The U-17 girls' event was dominated by Gillian Taylor (Essex) who did not drop a game in defeating Karen Garner (Cams.), Diane St. Ledger (Warwks.), Mandy Mellor (Derbys.) and Elaine Tarten (Essex) Unseeded, Gillian Locke put out No. 1 seed Karen Rogers only to lose to County colleague Elaine Tarten in the semi-final.

A huge overall entry included 60 U-13 boys and 27 U-11 boys! This was the most successful tournament in Essex for many years and most of the players and officials went away happy with the possible exception of Alan Ransome, whose 15-strong Ormesby squad departed empty-handed, despite the advantage David and Brian Alderson had of being billeted with the Hon. Referee!

On the following weekend, again at Harlow, in the **North Herts. Junior Open**, the most successful boy of the tournament was undoubtedly Mark Mitchell — once more. Whilst only being ranked in the England B Group, Mark reached the final of the U-17 boys' singles beating on the way Paul Day (17, -16, 20), and D. Dino-Smith, an A Group player (11, -18, 8).

Whilst losing in the final to his namesake, Andy, of Kent, he took his opponent to three legs before losing 17 -10, -10. Andy himself beat fellow Group A player Andrew Barden and Bangerter, who must not be forgotten because he beat top seed Desmond Douglas (16, 21) before losing to Andy Mitchell in the semis.

Mark Mitchell had another successful day on the Sunday when he only dropped one game (this to Richard Jermyn) in winning the U-15 boys' singles.

In the girls' events, the surprise result of the first day was Karen Mashford's success in the U-17 singles beating Karen Rogers in the final after disposing of Gillian Taylor and Diane St. Ledger on the way.

There were few surprises in most of the other events but it is worth noting that the Yorkshire contingent, mostly from Hull, gave a very good account of themselves and whilst having little success in the finals, they created a little havoc with a few "seeded" players (including England-ranked ones), going under.

In the U-11 events, there would appear to be little opposition to stop both Mandy Smith of Berkshire and Sam Harmer of Beds. collecting further titles in this age group this season.

Results:—

ESSEX JUNIOR

U-17 Events

B.S.: Semi-finals:

P. Day (Cams.) bt D. Douglas (Warwks.)

-17, 18, 18;

M. Mitchell (Middx.) bt I. Kitchener (Suffolk)

17, 13.

Final: MITCHELL bt Day 16, 17.

G.S.: Semi-finals:

E. Tarten (Essex) bt G. Locke (Essex) 19,

-15, 18;

G. Taylor (Essex) bt M. Mellor (Derbys.)

14, 15.

Final: TAYLOR bt Tarten 14, 14.

B.D.: Semi-finals:

B. Alderson/D. Alderson (Yorks.) bt W

Hussey/M. Owen (Wales) 16, -13, 14;

A. Barden (Middx.)/Day bt Douglas/A.

Mitchell (Kent) 11, 19.

Final:

BARDEN/DAY bt Alderson/Alderson 15, 12.

G.D.: Semi-finals:

J. Campion/A. Mitchell (Middx.) bt K. Garner

(Cams.)/M. Sangster (Middx.) -20, 7, 11;

K. Rogers (Leics.)/C. Stonell (Essex) bt

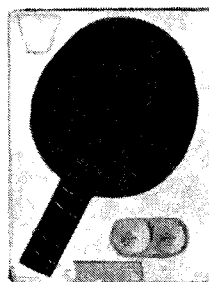
Mellor/D. St. Ledger (Warwks.) 10, -13, 16.

Final:

ROGERS/STONELL bt Campion/Mitchell

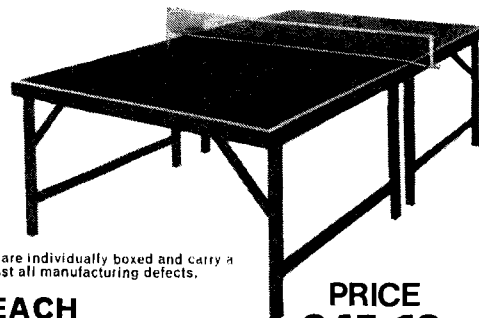
21, -18, 14.

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X.D.: Semi-finals:
C. Rogers (Leics.)/Stonell bt Owen/Locke -17, 18, 10;
M. Bawden (Essex)/Taylor bt Kitchener/Rogers -18, 16, 12.
Final:
BAWDEN/TAYLOR bt Rogers/Stonell 15, 22.
U-15 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
Day bt M. Mitchell 18, -19, 13; Barden bt G. Pugh (Sussex) 5, 19.
Final:
BARDEN bt Day 18, 18.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
Sangster bt N. Carne (Yorks.) 18, 16; J. Kelly (Essex) bt B. Chamberlain (Hunts.) 19, 22.
Final:
SANGSTER bt Kelly 16, 11.
B.D.: Semi-finals:
Barden/Day bt P. Hunt/D. Newman (Essex) 12, 19;
K. Hall (Leics.)/Rogers bt A. Bawden/S. Newman (Essex) 16, 7.
Final:
BARDEN/DAY bt Hall/Rogers 7, -14, 8.
G.D.: Semi-finals:
Kelly/C. Reeves (Berks.) bt S. Smith/S. Sutton (Essex) 9, -14, 16;
Campion/Mitchell bt S. Clarke/K. Greenough (Surrey) 15, 14.
Final:
KELLY/REEVES bt Campion/Mitchell 17, 16.
U-13 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
D. Newman bt R. Jermyn (Herts.) 16, 17;
M. Shuttle (Surrey) bt Rogers 14, 17.
Final:
SHUTTLE bt Newman -17, 16, 15.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
Chamberlain bt J. Skipp (Yorks.) 15, 12;
Mitchell bt J. New (Hants.) 15, 19.
Final:
MITCHELL bt Chamberlain 19, -19, 18.
U-11 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
S. Harmer (Beds.) bt R. Turner (Essex) 10, 13;
G. Baker (Northants.) bt C. Wilson (Hants.) 8, 16.
Final:
HARMER bt Baker -15, 14, 12.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
H. Robinson (Yorks.) bt M. Abbott (Essex) 13, 8;

M. Smith (Berks.) bt G. Heath (Berks.) 8, -19, 11.
Final:
SMITH bt Robinson 9, 12.
NORTH HERTS. JUNIOR
U-17 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
A. Mitchell (Kent) bt D. Bangerter (Surrey) 11, 19;
M. Mitchell (Middx.) bt D. Dino-Smith (Kent) 11, -18, 8.
Final:
A. MITCHELL bt M. Mitchell -17, 10, 10.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
K. Rogers (Leics.) bt C. Reeves (Berks.) 18, 12;
K. Mashford (Berks.) bt S. Holmes (Derbys.) 13, 17.
Final:
MASHFORD bt Rogers 16, 13.
B.D.: Semi-finals:
D. Douglas (Warwks.)/A. Mitchell bt P. Vickers/D. Yallop (Derbys.) 16, 20;
A. Barden (Middx.)/P. Day (Cams.) bt A. Bawden/S. Newman (Essex) 6, -17, 12.
Final:
DOUGLAS/MITCHELL bt Barden/Day 19, -19, 12.
G.D.: Semi-finals:
M. Mellor (Derbys.)/G. Taylor (Essex) bt B. Shepherd/K. Wilson (Yorks.) 17, 16;
Rogers/C. Stonell (Essex) bt Reeves/D. St. Ledger (Warwks.) 17, 14.
Final:
MELLOR/TAYLOR bt Rogers/Stonell 18, 25.
X.D.: Semi-finals:
Day/Rogers bt A. Mitchell/A. Coghlan (Kent) 16, 19;
A. Bawden/Taylor bt Yallop/Holmes 17, -20, 15.
Final:
DAY/ROGERS bt Bawden/Taylor 12, 11.
U-15 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
M. Mitchell bt G. Pugh (Sussex) 10, 9;
L. Eadie (Essex) bt A. Bawden 16, -18, 18.
Final:
MITCHELL bt Eadie 18, 15.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
J. McLean (Yorks.) bt Wilson -20, 17, 16;
L. Wales (Hants.) bt J. Campion (Middx.) 15, 11.
Final:
WALES bt McLean 9, -10, 12.
B.D.: Semi-finals:
M. Crimmins (Surrey)/M. Mitchell bt M.

O'Mahoney (Middx.)/Pugh 18, 25;
K. Hall/C. Rogers (Leics.) bt G. Harding/R. Jermyn (Herts.) -19, 16, 16.
Final:
CRIMMINS/MITCHELL bt Hall/Rogers -17, 18, 15.
G.D.: Semi-finals:
Reeves/Wales bt K. Garner (Cams.)/M. Sangster (Middx.) -18, 7, 20;
Shepherd/Wilson bt S. Smith/S. Sutton (Essex) 13, 9.
Final:
REEVES/WALES bt Shepherd/Wilson 15, 15.
X.D.: Final:
A. MARTELL (Surrey)/SANGSTER bt Rogers/Wales 18, 19.
U-13 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
D. Newman (Essex) bt Rogers 18, 16;
Jermyn bt M. Thirkettle (Yorks.) 17, 19.
Final:
NEWMAN bt Jermyn 19, 20.
G.S. Semi-finals:
A. Mitchell (Middx.) bt V. Feakin (Northants) 17, 8;
B. Chamberlain (Hunts.) bt D. Morton (Worcs.) 16, -14, 10.
Final:
MITCHELL bt Chamberlain 18, 19.
U-11 Events
B.S.: Semi-finals:
S. Harmer (Beds.) bt R. Lee (Dorset) 15, 14;
C. Wilson (Hants.) bt K. Nowak (Middx.) 16, 16.
Final:
HARMER bt Wilson 11, 19.
G.S.: Semi-finals:
M. Smith (Berks.) bt M. Mytton (Worcs.) 19, 7;
H. Robinson (Durham) bt A. Gordon (Berks.) 13, 17.
Final:
SMITH bt Robinson 16, 16.

Men's Division, beating Falkenburg in Sweden 6-3 and, on Teesside 5-1.

EUROPE TOP 12

Advance information is to hand concerning this **Classification Tournament**. It will be played in the Sporthalle, Boblingen, near Stuttgart, commencing at 20.00 hours on Friday, Feb 16/73 and end on Sunday afternoon, the 18th.

Prize money will again total 3,000 dollars, and in addition the first three players in both men's and women's groups will receive gifts. All participants will receive a medal. They will also get 20 D. marks pocket money.

Hospitality will be given by the Deutsche Tisch Tennis Bund to all players and to one official per Association participating. In the case of there being more than 3 players from an Association, hospitality will be extended to a further official. All will be accommodated in the Hotel 'Muning'. Transport from Stuttgart Airport or Railway Station will be arranged by the D.T.T.B. at their expense.

EUROPEAN RANKINGS

A revised ranking list was issued by the E.T.T.U. in June and is to be used for seeding purposes in all European Open International Championships henceforward.

Both Stellan Bengtsson and Zoya Rudnova retain their top positions but out of the men's list goes Sweden's Bo Persson, previously at No. 20, in favour of Matyas Beleznai.

England's Denis Neale moves up three places from No. 16 to No. 13 while Trevor Taylor holds his position at No. 19.

Hungary's Judit Magos continues her rise to fame by moving up from No. 5 to No. 3 in the women's list which has Jill Hammersley lifted one position from No. 12 to No. 11.

The list has been extended from 16 to 20, the newcomers being Wiebke Hendriksen—beaten twice by Karenza Mathews in the Guernsey Anniversary

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On the International Front

by GEORGE R. YATES

FRANCE REINSTATED

France, due to be demoted from the Premier Division of the **European League**, have been saved from the guillotine by Austria, who, for financial reasons, have withdrawn from their earned promotion as champions of the 2nd Division last season.

Again for financial reasons, Netherlands have been forced to withdraw from Division 2, as have Denmark whose fixtures will be taken over by Belgium. Netherlands will, however, participate with a youth team in the West European Regional Group.

Composition of divisions:—

Premier—

Czechoslovakia, England, Federal Germany, France, Hungary, Soviet Union and Sweden.

2nd Division—

Austria, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Scotland and Switzerland.

England's fixtures begin on Oct. 25, away to Hungary, and subsequently their time table reads:—

Nov 21—v. Federal Germany (h).
Dec. 7—v. Sweden (h).
„ 17—v. Soviet Union (a).
Jan 31—v. Czechoslovakia (a).
Mar. 5—v. France (h).

EUROPE CLUB CUP

The winner of last season's Women's Division was Statisztika PSC, Budapest, for the third season in succession. They defeated Start Praha, Czechoslovakia 5-2 in Budapest and 6-3 in Prague.

As reported in the May/June issue, Ormesby TTC of England won the

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New rankings (previous positions in brackets):—

MEN

1. S. Bengtsson (Sweden) (1)
2. I. Jonyer (Hungary) (=3)
3. K. Johansson (Sweden) (2)
4. A. Stipancic (Yugoslavia) (=3)
5. D. Surbek (Yugoslavia) (6)
6. T. Klampar (Hungary) (5)
7. E. Schöler (Fed. Germany) (10)
8. I. Korpa (Yugoslavia) (12)
9. J. Secretin (France) (7)
10. S. Gomozkov (Sov. Union) (9)
11. M. Orlowski (Czech.) (11)
12. M. Karakasevic (Yugo.) (8)
13. D. Neale (England) (16)
14. J. Turai (Czechoslovakia) (15)
15. J. Börzei (Hungary) (14)
16. J. Kunz (Czechoslovakia) (13)
17. W. Lieck (Fed. Germany) (17)
18. S. Kollarovits (Czech.) (18)
19. T. Taylor (England) (19)
20. M. Beleznai (Hungary) (—)

WOMEN

1. Z. Rudnova (Sov. Union) (1)
2. B. Kishazi (Hungary) (2)
3. J. Magos (Hungary) (5)
4. M. Alexandru (Rumania) (3)
5. I. Vostova (Czechoslovakia) (4)
6. B. Radberg (Sweden) (11)
7. D. Schöler (Fed. Germany) (6)
8. S. Federova (Sov. Union) (7)
9. A. Simon (Fed. Germany) (9)
10. A. Grofova (Czechoslovakia) (8)
11. J. Hammersley (England) (12)
12. L. Andersson (Sweden) (13)

13. M. Resler (Yugoslavia) (10)
14. W. Hendriksen (Fed. Ger.) (—)
15. C. Crisan (Rumania) (16)
16. D. Hovestadt (Dem. Ger.) (14)
17. E. Wetzel (Fed. Germany) (—)
18. H. Lotaller (Hungary) (—)
19. A. Gedraitite (Sov. Union) (—)
20. E. Vlaicov (neé Mihalca) (Rumania) (15)

Most startling rise is that of Judit Magos, the fast-rising Hungarian star, who did so well at Rotterdam. No place, however, for Karenza Mathews who, in the Guernsey Anniversary tournament, twice defeated Federal Germany's Wiebke Hendriksen!

S. AFRICAN BOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thanks are hereby expressed to Mr. C. M. Bassa, President of the South African Table Tennis Board, for the splendid Souvenir Brochure produced for the Inter-Provincial and Open Table Tennis Championships, played at Salt River Hall, Capetown from July 3-14/72.

Winner of the men's singles was **H. Naidoo** (Western Province) who retained his title by beating P. Meyer -16, 19, 21, 15. In the women's singles it was another retention of title for **I. Barry** (Western Province) who beat Miss L. Jooste -15, 19, 14, -11, 6.

Western Province, winners of the men's and women's team events, also provided the winner of the junior boys' event in **M. Anders** who beat V. Naran 19, 15.



H. NAIDOO (Western Province)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Canadian Table Tennis Association appointed Mrs. **Jose Tomkins** to the position of Executive Director at a meeting of the officers on July 22/72. Mrs. Tomkins has been working at the Administrative Centre for Sport and Recreation as Acting Executive Director since Mar. 1 when Roy Gannon resigned. Her first task was to co-ordinate and accompany the Chinese table tennis team on their tour of Canada in April.

Jose Tomkins brings to the position a wide background of table tennis experience as a player, Secretary of the Association and founder Editor of Canadian Table Tennis News. She was the winner of the Canadian Amateur Sports Federation Award in 1969.

In a letter addressed to applicants from this side of the Atlantic, CITA President, Arthur Barran, acknowledges the excellent applications received from outside Canada. But at the present stage of the promotion and development of the sport in Canada, the Executive felt it was necessary to appoint an individual close to the local scene.

Mr. Barran is appreciative of the interest and co-operation shown in meeting his Deputy, Mr. Art Werier, in London recently. Such applications are being retained on file in case a similar opening should occur in the future.

SEVENTH SUCCESS

In Dinan before 2,000 spectators, among who were Mr. Pleven, Minister of Justice, Mr. Comiti, Minister of Sports and Colonel Marceau Crespin, Director of Sports, **Jacques Secretin** won the men's singles title in the French Association's Closed Championships for the 7th consecutive time, Jean-Louis Walczak being the defeated finalist.

Claude Bergeret, who is still a junior, won the women's title beating Brigitte Thiriet, aged 15. Secretin also won the men's doubles, with Danny Dhondt, and the mixed with Michele Leroy.

Jean-Denis Constant beat Patrick Birocheau in the boys' final and Miss Bergeret repeated her success over Miss Thiriet in the girls' final.

In a recent 'high level' friendly match between the French Association and officials of the Chinese Embassy in Paris, **Jean Mercier**, Secretary of the French Association and Hon. Treasurer of the I.T.T.F., was a diplomatic participant.

Friendship was much in evidence with the playing of a mixed Chinese-French doubles followed by traditional French hospitality.

INDIA'S NATIONALS

(by courtesy of I. Swami and D. P. Sampat)

The team events normally indicate the shape of things to come in the individual events. But not so in the 33rd Inter-Association and National T.T. Championships in Hyderabad swamped, teamwise, by Maharashtra.

Several names figured as hot contenders for the men's singles title, but not the winner Saikumar (26) of Mysore who really confounded the pundits.

The Mysorean ran into former international Uday Gurjar in the first round, fought back to beat another defensive player, Bhasker Rao after losing the first two games, eliminated team-mate Krishnaswamy in Round 3 and then reached the quarters by withstanding the forehand barrage of seventh seed, Subas Kulkarni.

Saikumar then met his stiffest challenger in Mir Khasim Ali—who represented India in the 1st Commonwealth Championships in Singapore. From trailing 1—2 Saikumar got home comfortably and went on to beat Vadhera and, finally, young Bajaj, a 19-year-old Bombay collegian who had lowered the colours of the holder, Jagannath. Final scores to Saikumar 17, 22, 9.

Kaity Chargeman, recently married to Farrokh Khodaiji, a former national champion, covered herself with glory by bagging the triple crown for the third year in a row. It is a hat-trick without parallel in the annals of Indian table tennis. Considering that she is only 22, and in view of the vast disparity in standards between her and the rest, one can safely assume that she will continue to dominate the scene for some time to come.

Kaity suffered her first defeat in three Nationals when she lost to Bengal's Rupa Mukherjee over three games in the team events. When the two met again in the singles final, Kaity left no doubt of her superiority.

The winner showed her great fighting qualities and powers of recovery while beating Usha Sunderraj, the five times former champion, in a semi-final. Defeat stared the Bombay girl in the face when she trailed 9—14 in the 5th and deciding game but the crisis brought the best out of her. She drew level at 16 and got home 21—19.

Kerala's R. Balachandran retained his boys' singles title as did Nayerah Mowla, of Maharashtra, in the counterpart girls' event.

Tournament Diaries

These diaries contain dates of Open Tournaments, European League matches and other internationals and are now available from the E.T.T.A. office, price 15p each, plus 3p for postage. For orders of 12 or more the price is £1-50 per dozen and for large orders a contribution towards postage would be appreciated. For anyone who has a cover left from last season, the printed insert only will cost 10p each plus postage, or £1 per dozen.

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In the Coaching Field

with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

It was not so very long ago that I explained the formation of the coaching system, from the ETTA's Coaching and Schools Committee down to the three Area Panels.

This season, these Panels have been sub-divided into smaller regions each being made up by groups of neighbouring counties.

In effect, this now means that the Northern and Eastern Panels have each been sub-divided into three regions and the Midland and South-Western Panel into four.

As can be discerned from this set-up we now have 10 Regions instead of 3 Panels. This, of course, does not mean the engagement of another seven Staff Coaches to deal with these newly-created regions.

Each Staff Coach will still be responsible for his own area, as per the original panels. But it does mean, however, that each county within a region will be called upon to nominate a representative to sit on a regional committee, each being made up of 3 to 5 members, plus a chairman, who will be nominated by the National Coaching Working Party.

Counties will now become much

more involved and this state of affairs will, I hope, make for increased activity within the counties themselves. It also means that coaches, at all levels, will be required to organise rallies and training sessions to be run by the new regions.

It may be an idea, if you are a coach, or interested in coaching, to contact your local County Coaching Officer, and let him know if and when you are available, and how much time your commitments will allow you to devote to coaching.

NEW TITLES

Help and advice will be readily available from the officers of the Panels to the regional committees. Panel chairmen will henceforth have the title of Coaching Advisers and, as such, should be called upon to deal with any problems that may arise in the new regional sub-committees.

It should be possible, with such smaller groups, for information to be fed quickly down the line both to counties and to the schools.

Given a chance, this scheme should enable more youngsters, with promise, to be brought to the notice of the Staff Coaches, and raise the general standard of table tennis throughout.

Having mentioned the need for coaches to help make the new scheme effective I think that those who are able should book for the course arranged at Lilleshall.

This is a Refresher and Improvement Residential course for students

and coaches. It is due to start in the afternoon of January 1/73 dispersing on January 5. Applications should be made to Jack Carrington, 82 Hermitage Court, London, E18 2EP enclosing a deposit of £2.

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I have attended courses of a similar nature, up and down the country, and apart from keeping up to date on coaching methods I never fail to enjoy myself. Especially so in respect of meeting new faces, from parts of the country I never get to, and listening to new ideas during the discussion groups.

I am given to understand that, at Maidstone, they had 120 applicants for one session and I will give you further information as soon as same is to hand. But you can imagine that at a centre such as Maidstone, chaos would reign if the organising coach did not have the assistance of other coaches.

INFORMATION

Since this is the beginning of a new season I ask once again for information concerning any form of coaching that may be taking place in areas which are off the beaten track.

I cannot possibly visit all the places I would like. But if I could be afforded the necessary information about coaching in your area, I will do my best to attend or, alternatively,

spread the gospel through the medium of this magazine. If you do not happen to live in one of the big towns, what matter, we still want to hear from you.

For those people living in Lancashire, Peter Simpson is arranging a number of meetings for league officials and coaches to discuss coaching in general. The object Peter has in mind is to increase the coaching activities within the county. As soon as venues have been confirmed, coaches and league officials will be notified.

May I ask, as a Lancashire coach myself, that if you are invited you will do your utmost to attend. Let us not have another fiasco such as appertained at Blackburn YMCA last season.

REFRESHERS

Again we return back to coaches themselves and to widening the ideas they hold on methods to be employed. One of the best ways of achieving this, is to attend refresher courses.

Discussion with other coaches, from areas well outside your normal confines, will not only give a fresh stimulus to your students, but may help you to handle more tables without the pupils becoming bored through too much repetition.

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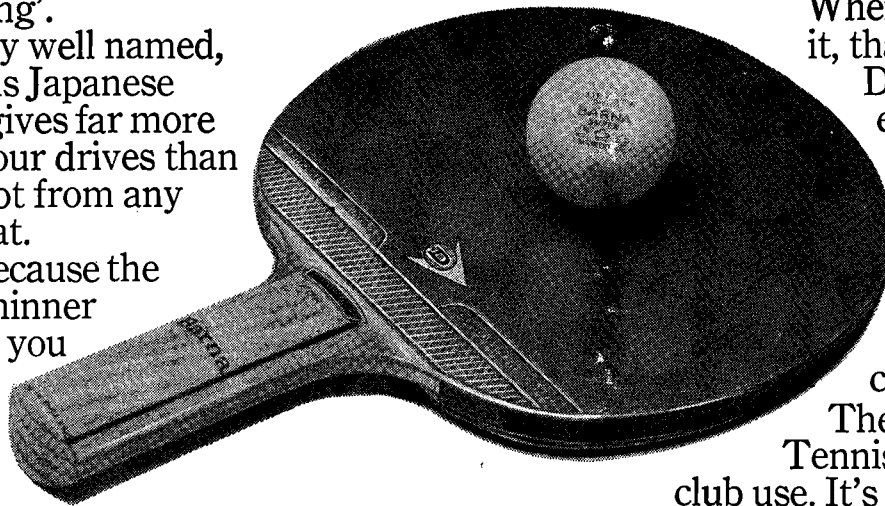
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Date	Title and venue	Additional to normal events	Organising Secretary
Oct. 21/22	Sussex 2-Star, White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.	VS.	Mr. D. N. Tyler, 206 St. Helens Road, Hastings, Sussex. Closing date: 5/10/72.
22	Merton 1-Star, Winton Y.M.C.A., Bournemouth.	JBS, JGS.	Mr. C. G. Fugatt, 33 Whitehaves Road, Burton, Christchurch, Hants. Closing date: 7/10/72.
28/29	Halex Humberside 3-Star, Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull.	VS, JBS, JGS.	Mr. R. B. Hudson, 68 Strathcona Avenue, Hull, Yorks. Closing date: 6/10/72.
Nov. 4	Cumberland 2-Star, The Market Hall, Carlisle.	VS, JBS, JGS.	Mr. R. Rigg, 4 Tower Hill, Loop Road South, Whitehaven, Cumb.
4/5	Woolwich 2-Star, Greenwich Baths.	VS, JBS.	Mr. M. R. Ellis, Pogles Wood, Boxley Road, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent. Closing date: 14/10/72.
11/12	Halex Midland Counties 3-Star, Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre, Warley, Birmingham.	VS, JBS, JGS, JBD, JGD.	Mr. M. Goldstein, 415 Mosley Road, Birmingham 12. Closing date: 21/10/72.
18/19	Southend 2-Star, Cecil Jones School, Eastern Avenue, Southend.	VS, JBS, JGS.	Mr. M. D. Watts, "Gleneagles", 25 Church Green, Sycamore Way, Canewdon, Essex. Closing date: 1/11/72.
19	Hastings Tiger 1-Star, Bexhill Youth Centre.		Mr. J. F. Wyles, 48a Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. Closing date: 4/11/72.
24/25	Merseyside 2-Star, Dunlop Canteen, Speke, Liverpool 24.	VS, JBS, JGS.	Mr. J. C. McKim, 52 Paignton Road, Liverpool, L16 4PW. Closing date: 10/11/72.
25/26	Kent Junior 2-Star, Sports Centre, Folkestone.	U-15 BS, GS, BD, GD, XD. U-13 BS, GS, BD, GD, U-11 BS, GS.	Mr. J. P. Heritage, 26 Cradle Bridge Drive, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.
25/26	Woodfield 1-Star, Woodfield S. & S.C., Penn Road, Wolverhampton.	VS, JBS, JGS, JBD, JGD.	Mr. K. Hodgkiss, 35 Whitehall Road, Penn, Wolverhampton. Closing date: 10/11/72.
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.

SCOTLAND

Oct. 21	North Scotland Open, Aberdeen.		Mr. D. Campbell, 31 Oldtown Terrace, Northfield, Aberdeen.
Nov. 11	Mid Scotland Open, Dundee.		Mr. Ian Dunbar, 5 Montrave Place, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
19	East of Scotland Open, Edinburgh.		Mrs. H. Hamilton, 6 Grove Street, Edinburgh.

WALES

Oct. 22	Aberdare Open		Mr. E. J. Thomas, 63 Ynysllwyd Street, Aberdare, Glam.
Nov. 18	Swansea Open		Mr. D. Nelson, 20 Stanley Terrace, Mt. Pleasant, Swansea.
Dec. 9	Cardiff Open		Mr. J. Brown, 27 Heol Erwin, Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

Oct.
27/28 Munster Open, Limerick.
Nov.
3 Irish Inter-Provinces, Omagh.
23/25 Leinster Open, Dublin.
Dec.
8/9 Connacht Open, Galway.

Note: Closing dates approximately 14 days prior to event.

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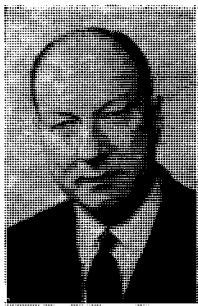
FIXTURES AND VENUES FOR OCTOBER, 1972

PREMIER DIVISION	
Oct. 14	Essex v. Cheshire Kent v. Sussex, Eastry Childrens Home, Eastry, Sandwich (7.00 p.m.). Middlesex v Surrey Yorkshire v. Warwickshire
.. 28	Warwickshire v. Kent
SECOND SOUTH	
Oct. 7	Hampshire v. Surrey II
.. 14	Kent II v. Buckinghamshire Sussex II v. Berkshire
SECOND NORTH	
Oct. 14	Cheshire II v. Yorkshire II at Crewe Lincolnshire v. Durham Northumberland v. Lancashire
SECOND MIDLAND	
Oct. 14	Leicestershire v. Nottinghamshire Warwickshire II v. Gloucestershire Worcestershire v. Staffordshire
.. 15	Staffordshire v. Leicestershire, Woodfield S. & S. Club, Penn, Wolverhampton (3.15 p.m.).
Nov. 4	Nottinghamshire v. Worcestershire
SECOND EAST	
Oct. 14	Essex II v. Cambridgeshire Hertfordshire v. Norfolk, Letchworth Settlement Hall, Nevells Road, Letchworth (7 p.m.) Middlesex II v. Bedfordshire
SECOND WEST	
Oct. 14	Devon v. Somerset Dorset v. Cornwall Glamorgan v. Wiltshire
SOUTHERN	
Oct. 14	Berkshire II v. Hertfordshire II Essex III v. Hampshire II
NORTHERN	
Oct. 14	Cumberland v. Cheshire III Lancashire II v. Northumberland II, Montague Burton's Halliwell Canteen, Bolton (2.30 p.m.)
MIDLAND	
Oct. 15	Shropshire v. Staffordshire II Worcestershire II v. Glamorgan II Nottinghamshire II have withdrawn from this division.
EASTERN	
Oct. 14	Cambridgeshire II v. Huntingdonshire Norfolk II v. Northamptonshire
JUNIOR SOUTH	
Oct. 14	Buckinghamshire v. Kent Oxfordshire v. Sussex Surrey II v. Hampshire
.. 28	Hertfordshire II v. Berkshire, Brookside Boys' Club, Buckton Road, Boreham Wood (2.30 p.m.) Kent v. Surrey II
JUNIOR NORTH	
Oct. 14	Durham v. Westmorland Northumberland v. Cumberland Yorkshire II v. Cheshire II
.. 21	Yorkshire II v. Durham
JUNIOR MIDLAND	
Oct. 14	Leicestershire v. Lincolnshire Warwickshire II v. Derbyshire
.. 28	Nottinghamshire v. Staffordshire
Nov. 4	Northamptonshire v. Warwickshire II
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Oct. 14	Bedfordshire v. Essex II Huntingdonshire v. Suffolk Hertfordshire v. Cambridgeshire II, Letchworth Settlement Hall, Nevell's Road, Letchworth (2.30 p.m.).
JUNIOR WEST	
Oct. 7	Wiltshire v. Devon
.. 8	Monmouthshire v. Gloucestershire
.. 14	Glamorgan v. Worcestershire Monmouthshire v. Somerset
VETERAN SOUTH	
Oct. 14	Hampshire v. Essex Kent v. Hertfordshire Northamptonshire v. Oxfordshire, Doddridge Church Rooms, Doddridge Street, Northampton (6.30 p.m.)
VETERAN MIDLAND	
Oct. 14	Cheshire v. Worcestershire, Willaston Working Mens Club, Wistaston Road, Willaston, Nantwich (3 p.m.) Nottinghamshire v. Leicestershire Staffordshire v. Warwickshire

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DESERVED HONOUR FOR ROY

Included in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, published on June 3, was the name H. R. Evans, Cardiff, for services to table tennis — an O.B.E.

It was, of course, none other than H. Roy Evans, President of the International Table Tennis Federation, whose latest role is that of President and Hon. Organising Secretary of the 2nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships to be held at the National Sports Centre for Wales from March 26 to April 1, 1973.

Straight from the championships in Cardiff, Roy will fly out to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia—where the 32nd World Championships are to be held from Apr. 5/15—there to preside over the World Congress and all that such an undertaking entails. Never was an honour more richly deserved.

What went wrong in Vejle ?

by Philip Reid

England's results, basically look all right but could they have been better? In the majority of cases they could and I think should have been. What then went wrong? In a great number of cases our players seemed to have a complex against the top European teams.

I am not suggesting we could have beaten Russia or even, perhaps, Czechoslovakia but I am certain with the right MENTAL approach (and quite often physical approach) we could have given more impressive displays. Our team rarely impressed as being amongst the most nimble of movers. Sure they SAID they wanted to win—but quite often didn't seem able to make the necessary movement on the table.

It has been suggested to me (not by anyone who was at Vejle) that the team were probably over-trained. I think this is rubbish. I think it's tantamount to saying they were over-fit. One has only to look at the earnest approach of Guttormsen who never lost a point through lack of movement or determination to see what was lacking.

Desmond Douglas was making his first trip and to be fair to him, he was always upset and disappointed when he lost, when it was a game

he knew he should have won or collected more points in. I feel sure he will have learned from the trip. Towards the end he was playing as well as anyone.

The pressures of a tournament at this standard are almost frightening—to see four advisors for the Czech girl in her singles final showed the sort of pressures players are under. They are bound to be impressed and un-nerved at their first European—they will have played in nothing remotely comparable previously.

Any weakness will be ruthlessly exploited by the opposition and anything less than 100% effort must be unthinkable. Shrugs of the shoulders and looking at the bat are not the answer.

On the Thursday every team except England were resting. Les Gresswell needed a rest as much as anyone else but, along with Brian Wright, decided the team needed more preparation for the individual events and the result was that only the England team trained on the morning of the day off. The results in the ensuing matches were only fractionally better but at least it showed Les' and Brian's outlook.

It is hard to criticise individuals and nor is it fair but clearly the girls' team suffered from Linda Howard's poor form. This could in no way be put down to lack of effort but it was very disappointing that, after last year at Ostend, where Linda dropped only one of her five sets, that she should this time win one against Austria, one against Luxembourg (22—20) in the third and then lose all her subsequent games.

The cadets fought hard and their drop in no way reflects on their play. They played hard, for every point and Paul Day's play was the outstanding England feature in the team event.

Some players failed to appreciate the value of the environment, claiming there was 'nothing to do'. The hall was situated in magnificent wooded grounds and there was always a running track! Two players even missed seeing a magnificent boys' singles final simply because they were not on the premises. It was only a small thing—but how many other countries had players missing such a wonderful object lesson in table tennis?

No praise could be too high for Les Gresswell and Brian Wright who worked unceasingly and certainly far beyond the call of duty. At times they may have seemed demanding and they were. They demanded 100% of every member of the team and they didn't always get it.

I personally learned a lot from this tour which I could never have learned had I not been there all the time. I feel (and hope) the team have a healthy respect for Les and Brian now and realise they desperately wanted England to do well.

Greece next year is a long way away. But the opportunities are there for players who will fight to the last point.

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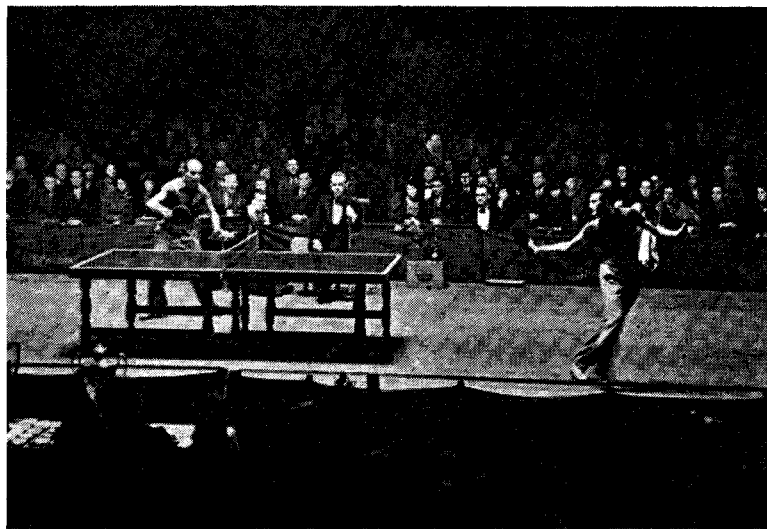
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Annual General Meeting

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

At the A.G.M. of the E.T.T.A., held at the Regent Centre Hotel, Carburton Street, London on July 1, Tom Blunn, as Chairman of the Life Members and Vice-Presidents committee, moved the election of **Keith Watts** and **George R. Yates** as Hon. Life Members.

In seconding the proposal, the President A. K. "Bill" Vint, O.B.E., spoke first of the work of George Yates at League and County level over many years but more specifically as the Editor of Table Tennis News.

The President then spoke of Keith Watts, detailing his services to table tennis over the past forty years, working through League and County to National level where he had performed yeoman service on the Rules committee. Both members were elected to acclaim.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Tom Blunn also moved the election of three Vice-Presidents and gave details of their service to the game. Duly seconded the meeting elected Miss **Iris Moss** (Middlesex), **W. G. "Bill" Goldfinch** (Sussex) and **A. A. Wall** (Staffordshire). "Bill" Goldfinch made a suitable reply on behalf of the three new Vice-Presidents.

NEW TROPHY

The President displayed to the meeting a small trophy which had been donated to the Association by our Life Vice-President, Ivor Montagu to be awarded to a person who had contributed considerably each year on the administrative side of the Association. The Cup had been won in 1929 by the Dowager Lady Swaythling at a table tennis tournament aboard a cruising liner and Ivor Montagu wished it to pass into the possession of the E.T.T.A. In announcing the first holder of this new trophy as Keith Ponting of Exeter, the Deputy Chairman, George Yates, spoke of the excellent work carried out by the National Councillor for Devon in connection with the National Team and Club Championships.

Charles Wyles, the E.T.T.A. Chairman, drew attention to a magnificent silver trophy on display which had been won by our team in the Guernsey Invitation Tournament and which now became the sole property of the E.T.T.A. He assured the meeting that a suitable event would be found for which the trophy could be awarded annually.

A statement of the results of Election of National Councillors for season 1972-73 showed very little change from last season, For Bedfordshire, Peter Harmer had been returned in the place of G. Bebb and, for Oxfordshire, A. E. Davies succeeded Jim Hobday. No nomination had been forthcoming from the county of Westmorland whose councillor last season was R. Stewart.

Midland League

by PHILIP REID

The Midland League continues to grow and there will be three extra teams—85 as against 82 last season—competing this season. Most important change in this respect is the formation of two Junior 2nd Divisions. A proposal for a Girls' Division met with little response, only three leagues showing any interest.

All the officers were re-elected. With the Midland Closed Championships it was a case of from one extreme to the other. Having been played in Oxford, (which my geography tells me is the most Southern of our leagues) last season, it switches this season to the most Northern league—Chesterfield.

The rule which precluded players who had not played in the Midland League during the season has been modified and Leagues will be allowed to nominate who will attend the Championships. As it was myself who made the proposition it hardly needs to be added that I was wholeheartedly in favour!

Bristol, last season's men's 2nd Division Champions, open with a visit to Nottingham and it could serve as a useful pointer to their strength. Personally I feel they will have no trouble to survive in the 1st Division having players of the standard of John Wise, Colin Feltham and B. Reeves to call upon.

My tip for Division 2 (Men's) must be Oxford. They look far too good for 2nd Division play and even at this stage I find it difficult to believe they were relegated last season. Also certain to do well are Derby who, with Doug Foulds showing excellent form with his 'anti-loop' bat could be too strong for most. Cheltenham, too, with David Harvey are sure to be difficult to beat but to be really in the running for promotion I feel he will need to have stronger support.

Birmingham have such a wealth of talent in the Junior Section that it is difficult to see anyone displacing them. Their opening match is with last season's 2nd Division winners, Cheltenham. Whilst I think Cheltenham will be certain to put up a great

fight, it is difficult to see them beating the powerful Birmingham team. Birmingham's great reservoir of strength in the Intermediate Section could result in them taking that section too but I feel the Veterans Division One could be decided in the very first match of the season—when Oxford are entertained by Nottingham. The Ladies' Division could be wide open and I feel that were I to nominate who I think will win I could well be accused of parochial bias!

WINSTON CHURCHILL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

By DEREK R. TREMAYNE

Once again the Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships include a section for people interested in participation in sport. It is possible for anyone interested as an organiser, coach, or player, to apply for a Fellowship in order to improve their own knowledge of their particular interest in any aspect of Table Tennis.

Many readers will know that Alan Hydes was awarded a Fellowship in 1971 and, as a result, visited Japan for a very full training programme. His Fellowship has been extended to enable him to visit China together with Ian Horsham who obtained his Fellowship this year for two months from the beginning of October.

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HERTFORDSHIRE NOTES

by R. Bridges

For the first report this season we return to last season for a report on the Hertfordshire Closed — held at Shenley Hospital at the end of April.

Mick Harper (North Herts.) was in brilliant form during the championships and captured the Men's singles event with a win in the final over Alan Lamprell (Cheshunt) after disposing of number one seed, Barry White (Cheshunt) in the semi.

White's only consolation in these championships, again, was his superiority in doubles, winning the men's with Tony Hammond (Cheshunt) and the mixed with Pam Boulton (Watford). A scratch partnership the latter, making things rather more surprising.

In Women's events, singles winner was Mrs. Barbara Andrews, keeping the title for a second term, and North Herts. pair Daphne Baines and Gill Calver took the doubles.

JUNIOR RANKINGS 1972-73

Boys

1. Richard Jermyn (North Herts.)
2. Michael Penney (Cheshunt)
3. Peter Roseberry (North Herts.)
4. Colin Williams (Cheshunt)
5. David Sherbourne (North Herts.)
6. Johnathon Proffitt (Cheshunt)

Girls

1. Sandra Harding (North Herts.)
2. Christine Hart (Cheshunt)
3. Diana Roseberry (North Herts.)
4. Sheila Harper (North Herts.)
5. Linda Towler (St. Albans)
6. Lindsey Booth (North Herts.)

E.T.T.A. MOVE TO HASTINGS

IN MID-SEPTEMBER THE ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION MOVED ITS OFFICES FROM LONDON'S PARK CRESCENT TO HASTINGS.

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International Club

by Laurie Landry

SAD LOSS

The sad loss of our founder Geoffrey Harrower, who died during the summer, has been felt by all our members. The continued success of the Club will be an appropriate memorial to Geoff. It is hoped that a Trophy bearing his name will be presented each year.

The main event this season will be our second Hard-Rubber Bat Open which any affiliated member can enter. Play will take place at Barnet T.T. Centre on Sunday, Jan. 7/73, the closing date being Dec. 18/72. This time it is proposed to stage all five events together with consolation singles.

During the summer, the elections for the season 1972-73 were held and the following committee was re-elected:— Les Cohen (Chairman), L. F. Landry (Hon. Sec.) and Brian Wright (Hon. Treasurer). The five committee members are:— Marjorie Cumberbatch, Betty Griffin, Len Adams, Ron Crayden and Ralph Gunnion.

HALEX 3-STAR AWARDS

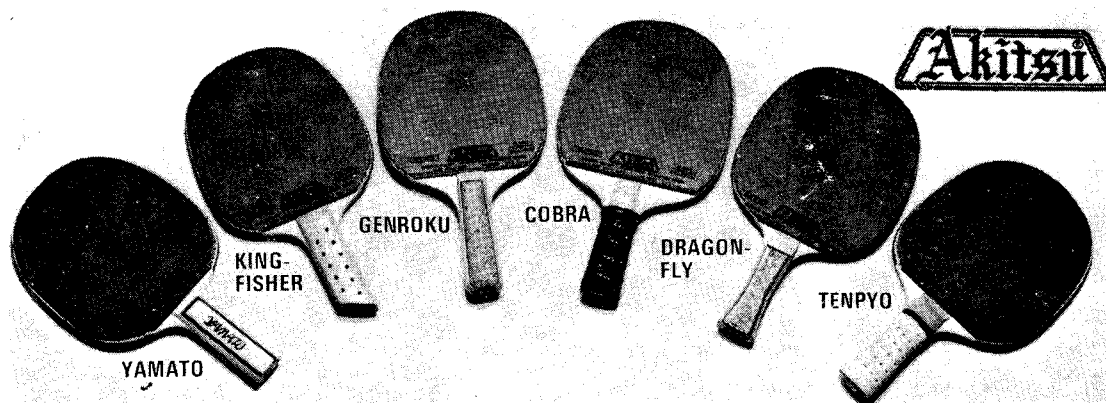
Additionally to sponsoring the five 3-Star Open tournaments, in respect of equipment and prize money, Messrs. Halex Table Tennis Limited are to make further awards to those participants having the best overall successes.

A points scheme is to be put to the E.T.T.A. for due consideration, involving doubles play as well as singles. It is hoped to publish the agreed details in the November issue.

NEW TREASURER

Ian A. Dunbar of Broughty Ferry, Dundee has succeeded Harry C. Baxter as Hon. Treasurer of the Scottish Table Tennis Association. Mr Baxter has been appointed Vice-President.

President of the Association is Mr Peter H. Candlin. Miss Nancy Watts of 7 Byres Road, Glasgow G11 5RD continues as National Secretary, as does Mrs. Helen Hamilton of 6 Grove Street, Edinburgh as International Secretary.



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DEBT OF GRATITUDE

A less inadequate tribute to the late Geoffrey Harrower appears elsewhere in these columns, but it would not be proper to write these notes without mention of the debt of gratitude owed to this enormously energetic man by all who love the game. Geoffrey played the major part in the foundation of the Championships and was the first Honorary Secretary.

The twenty-sixth season opens earlier in the year than usual for many Counties, with matches on Sept. 23 (a clash with the E.T.T.A. final Junior Trials). The unpopularity of this date can be gauged by recording that of 23 matches originally scheduled only 11 remain.

A difference, soon apparent from previous seasons is in the Second Divisions where, following a phone call from Derbyshire's Fred Moody on the morning of the A.G.M., suggesting 5 sections instead of 4, we now have a new 2nd Division East. It was felt that 2nd Midland was becoming overloaded with teams from the East and the A.G.M. thought the new arrangement an improvement.

I was surprised to see Kent II topping 2nd South last season, but they will doubtless be keen to maintain this spot. Recently moved Derek Basden could find himself opposing his old county in the colours of newly promoted Berkshire.

The last couple of seasons have proved bleak for Northumberland, who open their programme with a Lancashire team wanting to return to the Premier at the first attempt. The winner of this match could well be eligible for the "Challenge" but not necessarily as Yorkshire II is likely to again be strong.

Runners-up in 1970-71 in 2nd Midland, Notts played last season in 2nd North but return to their usual opponents this time. They seem slightly the strongest team in a division which could be the most interesting of all. Glamorgan find themselves in 2nd West again after a disappointing Premier year and look likely to go well: 2nd East could well be topped by the second teams of Essex and Middlesex and put forward an unusual challenge.

PREDICTIONS DIFFICULT

Both Norfolk and Berkshire take advantage of the improved status of their top team and enter second teams in Regional Divisions, while Cheshire (prodded no doubt by the enthusiastic Len Green) become the second County to field a 3rd team.

Predictions in these divisions are difficult, but Essex III, Lancashire II, Glamorgan II and Suffolk should all do well. Bucks, incidentally, drop their 2nd team—a move rather forced on them for a variety of reasons. Denbighshire also disappear but hope to re-enter with a Junior team soon.

The addition of Surrey II to Junior South brings this division up to a full

eight teams, and of these Kent and Sussex should remain unbeaten until the last match of the season. Lancashire's promotion from Junior North reduces this competition to 6 teams with Yorkshire II likely to prove difficult to beat: it will be interesting here to see if Westmorland can do as well this term as they did on their first entry.

One set (but two points) separated the top three teams in Junior Midland and with most of the same players available Notts must fancy their chances of retaining their title. They could be pushed by Leicestershire with Chris Rogers maturing to aid this County's strong girls.

Essex II and demoted Herts, look likely pacemakers in Junior East and the other demoted County (Glamorgan) should as usual be near the top of Junior West. Brave Cambridgeshire add a Junior 2nd team and I wish them well.

Two new Veteran teams enter the arena: Hunts, in the South and Warwickshire in the Midland. With Kent's Dennis Whittaker now eligible Essex may find it difficult to retain their crown.

TWO WEEKENDS

The Junior Premier Division moves to two weekends, with Cheshire, Lancashire, Warwickshire and Yorkshire having an all-play-all at Darwen, Lincs. and Cambridgeshire, Essex, Middlesex and Surrey doing likewise at Croydon. All 8 teams come together at Loughborough (linking with the Junior Closed) for the remaining matches.

Despite pressure, the Senior Premier remains on the same basis as before. With Chester Barnes and Trevor Taylor not ranked by Essex the way looks clear for Yorkshire's powerful men to improve their 5-in-a-row runner-up record. The grapevine news is that Roger Chandler will play for Surrey and the loss of this experienced and much improved player could make things tricky for Sussex.

The adoption of the Nittaku ball for C.T.T.C. matches, mentioned in my article last April, was not possible with the E.T.T.A. not being in a position to approve this ball: instead a link with Halex has been agreed with that ball to be used exclusively for 1972-3 and 1973-4.

The Leslie Forrest Award for 1971-72 went to Percy Lawes of Surrey, sometime Chairman, Secretary, and most things for that County. Happier in the background, Percy was well-and-truly in the limelight at the A.G.M.

In conclusion, an apology to Cumberland's Clarice Rose, omitted from Northern averages in the May/June '72 issue of this journal. Her 80% record should have placed her 3rd behind the two Lancashire 100% girls.

Some 61 Senior, 43 Junior and 13 Veteran teams (all records) formulate the divisions for 1972-73 as follows:—

Premier—

Cheshire, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

2 South—

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Kent II, Surrey II and Sussex II.

2 North—

Cheshire II, Durham, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland and Yorkshire II.

2 Midland—

Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire II and Worcestershire.

2 East—

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex II, Hertfordshire, Middlesex II and Norfolk.

2 West—

Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Glamorgan, Somerset and Wiltshire.

Southern—

Berkshire II, Essex III, Hampshire II, Hertfordshire II and Oxfordshire.

Northern—

Cheshire III, Cumberland, Derbyshire II, Durham II, Lancashire II and Northumberland II.

Midland—

Glamorgan II, Monmouthshire, Nottinghamshire II, Shropshire, Staffordshire II and Worcestershire II.

Eastern—

Cambridgeshire II, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk II, Northamptonshire and Suffolk.

Junior Premier—

Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Essex, Lancashire, Middlesex, Surrey, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Junior South—

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire II, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey II and Sussex.

Junior North—

Cheshire II, Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, Westmorland and Yorkshire II.

Junior Midland—

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

Junior East—

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

Junior West—

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

Veteran South—

Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire.

Veteran Midland—

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



Reported as changing his county allegiance from Sussex to Surrey, Roger Chandler is here seen as the recipient of the men's singles award at last season's Chelmsford 1-Star Open. Handing over the cheque is Pat Dukes, E.T.T.A. National Councillor for Essex.

Photo by George Gale, Chelmsford

SUSSEX OPEN 1972

As a result of modified requirements appertaining to 2-Star open tournaments the organisers of the Sussex Open, to be played over the weekend of Oct. 21/22, have been able to return to their previous comfortable venue at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings.

Many of the regular competitors were unhappy with the change to Hastings Pier and now they can be satisfied by their demand to return to the former venue. It should, of course, make for a larger entry and with as many as possible being available for Group Singles on the Saturday morning.

A further attraction is that prizes for ALL EVENTS have been increased. Winner of the men's singles event will receive £30 and the counterpart woman's event will have £15 as the top prize. Closing date for entries is THURSDAY, Oct. 5 and high hopes are held that the Belgian Association will be represented at the Championships.

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