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Attractive Proposition

An affirmative decision at the Annual General Meeting in July of the English Table Tennis Association on an innocuously worded proposal could completely change the lot of players over the next few years.

The acceptance of the proposal that the National Council for the sport be allowed discretion on the prize limit for any invitation or closed event—the present limit being £100—could open the door to leading players competing for substantial prizes and for the successful ones to achieve a reasonable income and consequently to be able to improve their standards.

There is no doubt that the lack of opportunity to earn sufficient money in competitive table tennis has been the biggest obstacle to English players reaching world class. Many, to provide the means to live, have to rely on coaching and while this may be beneficial to younger players receiving the tuition, it places the coach in the impossible position of having perhaps a week or so to sharpen his or her game before representing England against world ranked players who practise five or six hours daily.

The publicity attached to big money tournaments would make an attractive proposition for sponsors and a controlled injection of money into the sport at player level would do much to raise the National team towards the position achieved during the reign of Leach, Bergmann and Barna.

While the large prized invitation tournaments would be restricted to leading players, it should be possible with the co-operation of local organisers for prize money in existing tournaments in the domestic calendar to be more accessible to players who have yet to reach the highest positions. This would be particularly beneficial to the younger players who have opted for the sport in preference to a more orthodox and lucrative career.

Although the decision for making it possible for players to earn larger sums than ever before lies with the E.T.T.A., ultimately the onus would be on these players to prove that they could provide good value for any money made available.

Ninth European Championships

ORLOWSKI THE GATECRASHER

by GEORGE R. YATES



ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's Team
SWEDEN

Women's Team
SOVIET UNION

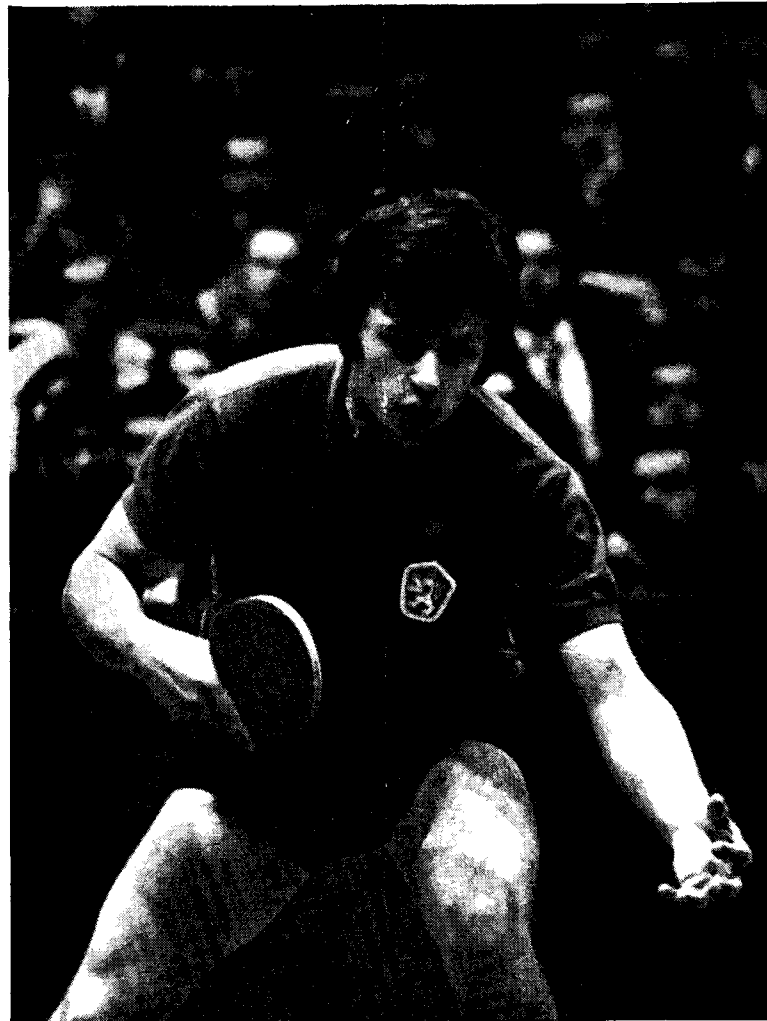
Men's Singles:
MILAN ORLOWSKI
(Czechoslovakia)

Women's Singles:
JUDIT MAGOS
(Hungary)

Men's Doubles:
ISTVAN JONYER and
TIBOR KLAMPAR
(Hungary)

Women's Doubles:
HENRIETTE LOTALLER
and JUDIT MAGOS
(Hungary)

Mixed Doubles:
ZOYA RUDNOVA and STANISLAV GOMOZKOV
(Soviet Union)



Milan Orlovski, of Czechoslovakia, who took over the Men's Singles title from Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson.

Concluding session of the 9th European Championships, played in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, on Saturday, April 13, proved to be almost a rhapsody for the Hungarians who won three of the four titles at stake, the one to elude them being the blue riband men's singles event won, over five pulsating games, by Milan Orlovski—the first Czech to win the coveted Sweden Cup—from yet another Hungarian, Gabor Gergely.

Judit Magos, apart from letting the third game slip away, powered her penholder way to a 3-1 victory over Ann Christin Hellman, of Sweden, in the women's singles final and, in partnership with Henriette Lotaller, retained the women's doubles title with final victory over the Czech-Rumanian combine of Alica Grofova and Maria Alexandru.

Vying with the men's singles final, in its earlier stages, Istvan Jonyer and Tibor Klampar triumphed in the men's doubles when they had cause to have raised the red, white and green flag of Hungary for the third time when successful over Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson, of Sweden, who, for once, figured not at all on the top step of the rostrum that afternoon.

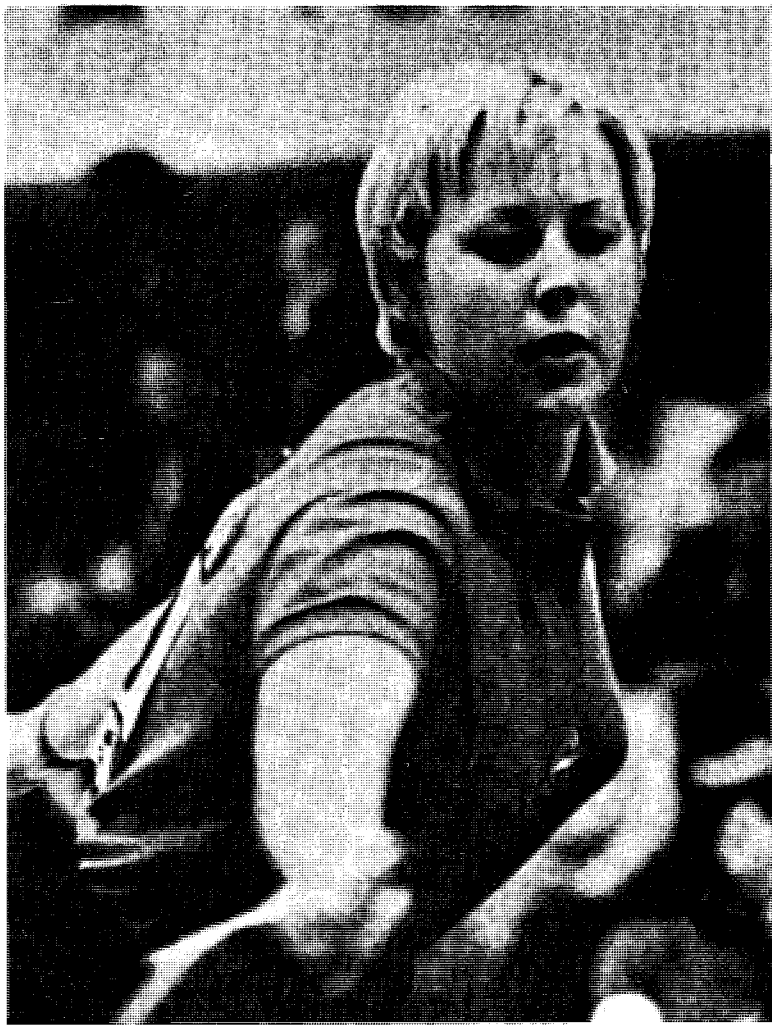
Breaking away from tradition, the mixed doubles final was played earlier in the week, on the Thursday in fact, and resulted in Stanislav Gomozkov and Zoya Rudnova taking the title for the fourth successive time, beating Anton Stipanovic and Maria Alexandru in a 5-game final which, to say the least, would have protracted proceedings beyond endurance had it been added to the finals session.

STANDARD BEARER

Victories over Claude Bergeret (France), Czezlawa Norworzyta (Poland) and Birgitta Olsson (Sweden) carried Jill Hammersley, England's main standard bearer, to the quarter-finals of the women's singles at which stage, despite a courageous fight, the Bucks international took her leave.

It was Judit Magos, the eventual winner who, in pulling out a third ace after having a 2-0 lead equated, triumphed in the fifth and deciding game. Linda Howard was also involved in a similar encounter, in the first round, when she found herself trailing 0-2 to Leah Van Haybeeck, of Belgium, and she too fought herself back to equality only to lose the decider. England No. 3, Karenza Mathews was not allowed the luxury of such protraction, going down 3-straight to Elmira Antonian, of the Soviet Union.

In the counterpart men's event both Denis Neale and Desmond Douglas reached the third round (last 32). In the preliminary round Neale had a comfortable straight-



Hungary's Judit Magos, winner of the Women's Singles title.

games win over Bojidar Ghentchev, of Bulgaria, but Nicky Jarvis, the only other Englishman engaged in the early skirmishes, went out to Rumania's ageing Dorin Giurgiuca, a former loop expert, now little more than a "pusher" with an occasional hit if the ball is returned temptingly high enough.

Alan Hydes, after spluttering his way to a 10, 11, -14, -17, 17 win over Andre Hartmann, of Luxembourg, in the first round, was subsequently blasted off the table by Anatoliy Strokotov, of Russia.

Neale's first round victim was Jean Claud Decret (France), who was the replacement for Peter Molodzoff, the Frenchman being followed into "retirement" by Andrzej Baranowski, of Poland. But curtains came for the Yorkshireman at the hands of Tibor Klampar, who is not a devout follower of ceremony. Young Douglas had 3-1 wins over Heinz Schlüter, of Austria, and Manfred Baum, of Federal Germany before bowing the knee to the unpredictable Anton Stipanovic, of Yugoslavia, who subsequently lost to Jacques Secretin, of France.

MAIN SHOCK

Main shock of this event was the defeat of title-holder Stellan Bengtsson, in the quarters, by Gergely, whose hair style reminded one of d'Artagnan in Alexandre Dumas' "The Three Musketeers." And how this boy could handle a musket! Earlier, No. 3 seed, Istvan Jonyer, of Hungary, had gone down to Ingemar Vikström, the blonde

Scandinavian, whose maturity in these championships did much to compensate the Swedes for their lack of success in the individual events.

In the jungle heat created by Tungsten Halogen lighting, 21-years-old Orlowski earned the freedom of Prague by beating Sweden's Kjell Johansson in straight games in the first of the semi-finals. Famed for his comeback, this was one occasion when "The Hammer" failed to pick himself up from the floor as the Czech firmly nailed his opponent to the ground.

Refusing to be intimidated by a vociferous home crowd, Gergely eventually silenced the partisan Yugoslavs by beating their hero, Dragutin Surbek, whose famed forehand thump was never allowed to function in the other semi. In the quarters, other than Gergely's ousting of Bengtsson, Surbek had beaten young Vikström, who had left in his path David Fraser, of Scotland, Alessandro Peterlini (Italy), Jonyer, and the barrel-chested Czech, Jaroslav Kunz.

EBB AND FLOW

Johansson had disposed of Klampar in majestic style and Orlowski had put an end to French ace Secretin, whose earlier conquests, other than Stipanovic, had been over Miroslav Schenk, the young Czech, and Felix Pilosyan, of Russia.

The ebb and flow of the final encounter between Orlowski and Gergely generated heat enough in itself, but when added to the

existing lighting, supplemented by television arc lamps, it was Dante's inferno and it wasn't towels that were needed but blotting paper, ream after ream of it! Still, with certain memories of a match played in Hong Kong, and India to come, acclimatisation is the thing!

Scotland, Fraser apart, had three other players in the men's event and all found passage into the second round. Eric Sutherland had a 3-2 success over Alpaslan Tengirsen, of Turkey, but then went out in straight games to the host country's Bela Mesaros. Likewise, young Michael Thomson began his senior international career with a 3-2 win over Beat Lexow, of Switzerland, before "dropping the kilt" to Pilosyan. Richard Yule, in receipt of a first round bye, lost his opening engagement to Federal Germany's No. 1, Wilfried Lieck, who was subsequently hammered off by Bagrat Burnazian, of the Soviet Union, who fell, in like fashion, to Bengtsson in the next round.

Wales, too, had a male quartet in the fray but only two, Michael Owen and Graham Davies, contested first round sets, Brian Everson and Alan Griffiths failing in their qualifying matches, the former to Jose Feliu, of Spain, and the latter to the veteran former Hungarian, Lazlo Foldy, still the leading light in Switzerland.

Owen succumbed to Peterlini and Davies to the Czech, Paval Oycarik, Yorkshire's student immigrant, Jean Krier, of Luxembourg, lost to Schenk in the first round and Paul Guttormsen, a former England junior, now back in his native Norway, fell to Federal Germany's Peter Stellweg, after beating Johnny Hansen, of Denmark, in his opening engagement.

OUSTED

Alica Grofova, the No. 2 seed in the women's singles, was ousted in the very first round when beaten by Miss Hellman. The other main seed to fall in this event was Rumania's Maria Alexandru, the English Open winner, beaten by the 16-years-old Czech girl, Hana Riedlova, which occasioned the provoked loser to spit out at her tormenter, Vlado Miko, the Czech non-playing captain, but her aim

was just as much off as had been her play.

Going for her third successive win in this event, Zoya Rudnova cruised her way into the semis only to lose a marathon 5-game set to her fellow penholder, Miss Magos. And it was another Russian, Svetlana Federova, who lost the other penultimate encounter to Miss Hellman. Elaine Smith was the only Scot to progress to Round 1 and she was beaten 3-0 by Anna Molnar, of Hungary, who, in the next round, had an impressive win over Weibke Hendriksen, of Federal Germany.

Birgitta Radberg, of Sweden, seeded No. 7, also fell in the first round when losing over five games to Tatjana Ferdman, of Russia.

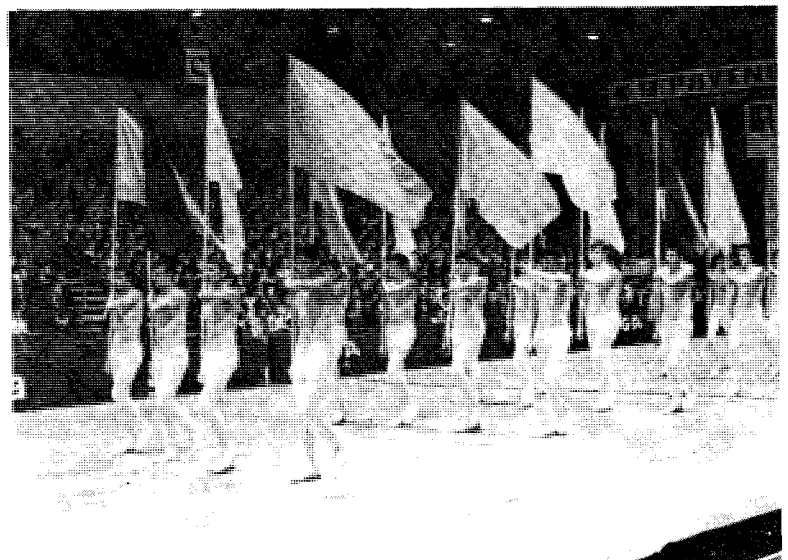
DEBACLE

Biggest debacle for England came in the first round of the men's doubles when Douglas and Hydes, mistakenly paired, lost to two "unknown" Turks, Vasil Aleksandridis and Ozbayrik -15, 14, -17, -15! Turkey's delegate couldn't believe it!

Jarvis and Neale, no better paired, had a straight games win over Switzerland's Markus Frutschi and Gabriele Pampauri followed by a second round walk-over when Yugoslavia's Damir Jurcic and Mesaros failed to put in an appearance. But they had little to offer against the Magyar combine of Gergely and Ferenc Timar in Round 3. All four top-seeded pairs in this event reached their target and such went the run of form in Round 3 that not one of the eight contests went beyond the minimum three games.

As the sixth-ranked woman in Europe, it was a brave show that Jill Hammersley put up against Miss Magos in the women's singles but, in partnership with Hungary's Beatrix Kishazi, to lose in straight games to Svetlana Federova and Anna Molnar—neither being European ranked—was a bitter disappointment for the Anglo-Hungarian combine in the doubles. The No. 2 seeds just did not click on this occasion as scores of 10, 14, 14 to the Soviet-Hungarian pair would indicate.

Douglas and Linda Howard, the European Youth champions, put up



Another shot of the opening ceremony in Novi Sad.



Tibor Klampar (Hungary) who ousted England's Denis Neale 16, 14, 16 in the third round of the Men's Singles event.

a tremendous show in the mixed before losing to the eventual winners, Gomozkov and Rudnova, after beating such formidable partnerships as Gergely/Lotaller, of Hungary, and Lieck/Hendriksen, of Federal Germany—no mean feats.

Of the seven players to represent England in the championships, only three, Jill Hammersley, Neale and Douglas, and to a lesser degree Linda Howard, can be said to have made any real impact, the brightest prospect being the young Warwickshire left-hander, Des Douglas, around who Les Gresswell, the England Trainer/Coach, was quoted as saying he will build his future team.

OPPORTUNITY

Jarvis, although afforded every opportunity to realise his potential, failed to do so, his loss to Giurgiuca in the preliminary round of the men's singles being the bitterest pill to swallow. Alan Hydes, as it turned out, made the journey only for the ride, his results in the men's singles and doubles being such that Gresswell's decision to play him in one match only in the team events being fully justified.

Linda Howard, apart from her partnership with Douglas in the mixed event, performed only fitfully and she had occasion to hide her face when beaten by Leah Van Heybeeck in the singles event. Karenza Mathews, as always, gave her all, but in the elite company of Europe's best it proved insufficient.

There were happier tidings both for Miss Howard and Jarvis in the consolation singles. Linda progressed to the semi-final stage with wins over Sonja Milic (Italy), Elaine Smith and Berthy Krier, of Luxembourg, before losing to the eventual winner, Erzebet Palatinus, of Yugoslavia.

Jarvis avenged his defeat by

Giurgiuca in beating the Rumanian 14, 17 and went on to account for Schenk -13, 15, 6 before falling to Witold Woznica, of Poland. Anders Johansson won the men's event with final victory over Zoran Kosanovic, Yugoslavia's seventh-ranked player.

Results:—

Men's Singles: Round 3:
 K. Johansson (Swe) bt B. Mesaros (Yu) 15, 11, 14, 19;
 S. Sarkhayan (USSR) bt J. Leiss (F.G.) 15, 14, -17, 17;
 M. Karakasevic (Yu) bt H. Suda (Aus) 17, 11, 21;
 T. Klampar (Hu) bt D. Neale (Eng) 16, 14, 16;
 A. Stipancic (Yu) bt D. Douglas (Eng) 9, 15, 20;
 J. Secretin (Fr) bt F. Pilosyan (USSR) 17, 16, 12;
 J. Börzei (Hu) bt P. Stellwag (F.G.) 8, 12, 19;
 M. Orlovski (Cz) bt L. Foldy (Svi) 18, 12, 12;
 I. Vikström (Swe) bt I. Jonyer (Hu) 18, 18, -18, 11;
 J. Kunz (Cz) bt G. Damianov (Bul) 17, -18, 17, 14;
 A. Strokotov (USSR) bt R. Weinmann (Au) 17, 15, 16;
 D. Surbek (Yu) bt K. Priftis (Gr) 15, 14, 17;
 G. Gergely (Hu) bt U. Thorsell (Swe) -17, 15, -10, 20, 6;
 S. Gomozkov (USSR) bt C. Pedersen (De) -10, 14, 17, 14;
 B. Burnazian (USSR) bt W. Lieck (F.G.) 13, 11, 16;
 S. Bengtsson (Swe) bt Z. Cordas (Yu) 22, 10, 16.

Round 4:
 Johansson bt Sarkhayan 10, 11, 15;
 Klampar bt Karakasevic 30, -17, 10, 20;
 Secretin bt Stipancic 16, -8, 21, 21;
 Orlovski bt Börzei 12, 14, 7;
 Vikström bt Kunz -19, 18, 21, 20;
 Surbek bt Strokotov 13, -16, 19, 14;
 Gergely bt Gomozkov -11, 15, 18, 12;
 Bengtsson bt Burnazian 15, 15, 12.

Quarter-finals:
 Johansson bt Klampar 5, 17, 15;
 Orlovski bt Secretin 8, 17, -19, -10, 14;
 Surbek bt Vikström 16, -15, 12, 15;
 Gergely bt Bengtsson 20, 20, -13, 13.

Semi-finals:
 ORLOWSKI bt Johansson 18, 20, 11;
 GERGELY bt Surbek 9, 14, -19, 14.

Final:
 ORLOWSKI bt Gergely -17, 19, -9, 11, 15.

Women's Singles: Round 3:
 A. C. Hellman (Swe) bt A. Przygoda (Po) 12, 12, 9;
 E. Antonian (USSR) bt A. Molnar (Hu) 10, 16, 11;

U. Hirschmüller (F.G.) bt B. Kishazi (Hu) -10, -10, 15, 17, 15;
 S. Federova (USSR) bt H. Riedlova (Cz) 17, 16, -16, 18;
 J. Magos (Hu) bt E. Wetzell (F.G.) 6, 9, 16;
 J. Hammersley (Eng) bt Olsson (Swe) -19, 10, 9, 14;
 B. Silhanova (Cz) bt T. Ferdman (USSR) 12, 8, 14;
 Z. Rudnova (USSR) bt E. Jeler (Yu) 13, 13, 14.

Quarter-finals:
 Hellman bt Antonian 10, 10, 19;
 Federova bt Hirschmüller 11, 11, 15;
 Magos bt Hammersley 7, 13, -14, -13, 10;
 Rudnova bt Silhanova 13, 12, 20.

Semi-finals:
 HELLMAN bt Federova 15, 16, 10;
 MAGOS bt Rudnova 18, -21, -17, 16, 18.

Final:
 MAGOS bt Hellman 18, 12, -18, 13.

Men's Doubles: Round 3:
 Bengtsson/Johansson bt S. Dobosi/T. Gherorge (Ru) 14, 11, 12;
 Gergely/F. Timar (Hu) bt N. Jarvis (Eng)/Neale 18, 16, 14;
 Kunz/Orlovski bt K. Schmittinger (GF)/Stellwag 18, 11, 16;
 Gomozkov/Sarkhayan bt S. Fraczyk/W. Woznica (Po) 12, 11, 12;

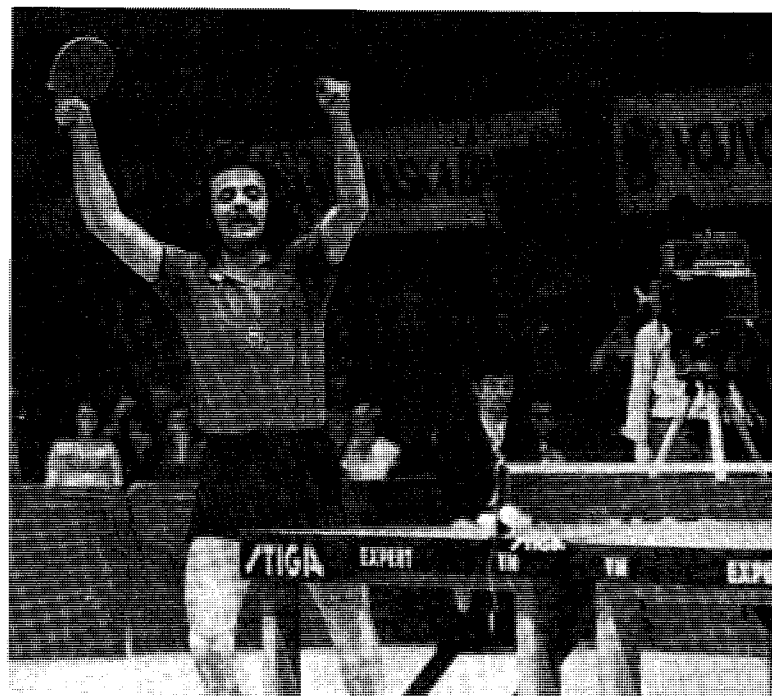
Stipancic/Surbek bt H. Schluter (Au)/Weinmann 16, 14, 19;
 Leiss/Lieck bt A. Baranowski/Z. Fraczyk (Po) 15, 18, 20;
 P. Birocheau (Fr)/Secretin bt S. Bosi/R. Giontella (It) 7, 11, 19;
 Jonyer/Klampar bt P. Ovcarik/M. Schenk (Cz) 18, 14, 14.

Quarter-finals:
 Bengtsson/Johansson bt Gergely/Timar 10, 4, 16;
 Gomozkov/Sarkhayan bt Kunz/Orlovski 12, -20, 22, 16;
 Stipancic/Surbek bt Leiss/Lieck -9, 16, 14, 24;
 Jonyer/Klampar bt Birocheau/Secretin -15, 8, 17, 12.

Semi-finals:
 BENGTTSSON/JOHANSSON bt Gomozkov/Sarkhayan -13, 20, 19, -19, 15;
 JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Stipancic/Surbek -18, 22, 14, 10.

Final:
 JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Bengtsson/Johansson -14, 14, 22, -16, 18.

Women's Doubles: Round 2:
 Federova/Molnar bt Hammersley/Kishazi 10, 14, 14;
 Leszay/E. Vialcov (Ru) bt A. Larsen/S. Poulsen (De) 10, 11, 8;



Reaction to a winning point as the beaten Men's Singles finalist, Gabor Gergely, of Hungary, throws up his arms.



Intent on winning their fourth successive Mixed Doubles title Russia's Zoya Rudnova goes into action with Stanislav Gomozkov waiting to come in;

Hendriksen/Wetzel bt Antonian/Ferdman 16, 23, -14, 11;
 M. Alexandru (Ru)/A. Grofova (Cz) bt C. Bergeret/Salka (Fr) 17, 14, 14;
 A. Gedraitite (USSR)/Rudnova bt Dubinova (Cz)/Silhanova 16, -22, 16, 18;
 Batinic/E. Korpa (Yu) bt M. Sanahuja/D. Uribe (Sp) 8, 13, -17, 10;
 Riedlova/L. Smidova (Cz) bt I. Cordas/D. Fabri (Yu) 13, -19, 18, 10;
 H. Lotaller (Hu)/Magos bt M. Sandpeck (Au)/M. Van der Vliet (Ho) 14, 18, 17.

Quarter-finals:
 Leszay/Vlaicov bt Federova/Molnar -11, 16, -11, 19, 14;
 Alexandru/Grofova bt Hendriksen/Wetzel 15, 14, 14;
 Gedraitite/Rudnova bt Batinic/Korpa 14, 5, 14;
 Lotaller/Magos bt Riedlova/Smidova 20, 12, -6, -14, 14.

Semi-finals:
ALEXANDRU/GROFOVA bt Leszay/Vlaicov 13, -19, 15, 18;
LOTALLER/MAGOS bt Gedraitite/Rudnova 18, 14, 19.

Final:
LOTALLER/MAGOS bt Alexandru/Grofova 19, 19, -19, 15.

Mixed Doubles: Round 3:
 Strokotov/Gedraitite bt Woznica/C. Noworyta (Po) 20, -17, 10, -12, 15;
 Orlovski/Grofova bt Burnazian/Ferdman 9, 18, 13;
 Secretin/Bergeret bt Schmittinger/Hirschmüller 10, 11, 18;
 Jonyer/Magos bt Schenk/Riedlova 13, 19, 9;
 Stipanovic/Alexandru bt Vikstrom/Hellman 24, -19, 12, 19;
 Sarkhayan/Antonian bt Kunz/Silhanova 21, -19, 14, 14;
 Douglas/L. Howard (Eng) bt Lieck/Hendriksen 19, 11, -12, 17;
 Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Thorsell/Olsson 16, 11, 10.

Quarter-finals:
 Orlovski/Grofova bt Strokotov/Gedraitite 17, 17, 14;
 Secretin/Bergeret bt Jonyer/Magos 11, -12, 8, -12, 19;
 Stipanovic/Alexandru bt Sarkhayan/Antonian -19, 13, -16, 10, 17;
 Gomozkov/Rudnova bt Douglas/Howard 18, 13, 17.

Semi-finals:
ORLOWSKI/GROFOVA bt Secretin/Bergeret 15, 11, 17;
GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Stipanovic/Alexandru -8, 20, -22, 21, 18.

Final:
GOMOZKOV/RUDNOVA bt Orlovski/Grofova 16, -15, 16, -19, 13.

CONSOLATION EVENTS

Men's Singles: Round 4:
 S. Dobosi (Ru) bt H. Schüller (Au) 17, 18;
 M. Savnik (Yu) bt J. Dvoracek (Cz) -19, 17, 19;
 T. Gheorge (Ru) bt P. Ovcarik (Cz) -17, 17, 9;
 A. Johansson (Swe) bt V. Lucic (Yu) 16, 17;
 Z. Kosanovic (Yu) bt V. Alexandridis (Gr) 18, 23;
 A. Baranowski (Po) bt J. Bauregger (Au) 20, 16;
 F. Timar (Hu) bt D. Jurcic (Yu) 13, 15;
 W. Woznica (Po) bt N. Jarvis (Eng) 19, 22.

Quarter-finals:
 Dobosi bt Savnik 17, 12;

Johansson bt Gheorge 12, 14;
 Kosanovic bt Baranowski 16, 18;
 Woznica bt Timar 20, -17, 19.

Semi-finals:
 Johansson bt Dobosi -19, 12, 12;
 Kosanovic bt Woznica 10, -21, 17.

Final:
JOHANSSON bt Kosanovic 10, 19.

Women's Singles: Round 3:
 A. Rangelova (Bu) bt C. Boppe (Swi) 17, 21;
 M. Kneip (F.G) bt D. Fabri (Yu) -9, 22, 19;
 Dubinova (Cz) bt J. Dom (Lu) 15, 20;
 E. Korpa (Yu) bt N. Bakker (Ho) 7, 12;
 L. Howard (Eng) bt E. Smith (Sc) 9, 7;
 B. Krier (Lu) bt C. Bergeret (Fr) 20, -16, 14;
 L. Smidova (Cz) bt Batinic (Yu) 18, -15, 25;

E. Palatinus (Yu) bt A. Larsen (De) 10, 11.
Quarter-finals:
 Rangelova bt Kneip -24, 16, 11;
 Korpa bt Dubinova 15, 20;
 Howard bt Krier 18, 15;
 Palatinus bt Smidova 21, 19.

Semi-finals:
 Korpa bt Rangelova -19, 12, 20;
 Palatinus bt Howard -15, 14, 16.

Final:
PALATINUS bt Korpa 19, 20.

ENGLISH RESULTS

M.S: Qualifying Round:
 D. Neale bt B. Ghentchev (Bu) 11, 12, 20;
 N. Jarvis lost to D. Giurgiuca (Ru) -15, 16, -21, -18.

Rd 1:
 Neale bt J. C. Decret (Fr) 12, 15, 19;
 D. Douglas bt H. Schüller (Au) 17, 13, -14, 20;
 A. Hydes bt A. Hartmann (Lu) 10, 11, -14, -17, 17.

Rd. 2:
 Neale bt A. Baranowski (Po) 16, 13, 12;
 Douglas bt M. Baum (F.G.) -13, 13, 10, 16;
 Hydes lost to A. Strokotov (USSR) -5, -11, -11.

Rd. 3:
 Neale lost to T. Klampar (Hu) -16, -14, -16;
 Douglas lost to A. Stipanovic (Yu) -9, -15, -20.

W.S: Rd. 1:
 K. Mathews lost to E. Antonian (USSR) -10, -15, -7;
 L. Howard lost to L. Van Heybeek (Be) -20, -18, 6, 12, -19;
 J. Hammersley bt C. Bergeret (Fr) 9, 6, 18.

Rd. 2:
 Hammersley bt C. Noworyta (Po) 17, 10, 15.

Rd. 3:
 Hammersley bt B. Olsson (Swe) -19, 10, 9, 14.

Quarter-finals:
 Hammersley lost to J. Magos (Hu) -7, -13, 14, 13, -10.

MD: Rd. 1:
 Jarvis/Neale bt M. Frutsch/G. Pampuri (Swi) 15, 15, 12;
 Douglas/Hydes lost to V. Alexandridis/Ozbayrac (Tu) -15, 14, -17, -15.

Rd. 2:
 Jarvis/Neale w.o D. Jurcic/B. Mesaros (Yu) scr;



Also getting down to it is local hero, Dragutin Surbek, beaten in the semis by Gergely, who triumphed 9, 14, -19, 14.

Rd. 3:
 Jarvis/Neale lost to G. Gergely/F. Timar -18, -16, -14.

WD: Rd. 1:
 Hammersley/B. Kishazi (Hu) bt E. Neikova/A. Rangelova (Bu) 15, 12, 14;
 Howard/Mathews lost to H. Riedlova/L. Smidova (Cz) -18, -18, -20.

Rd. 2:
 Hammersley/Kishazi lost to S. Federova (USSR)/A. Molnar (Hu) -10, -14, -14.

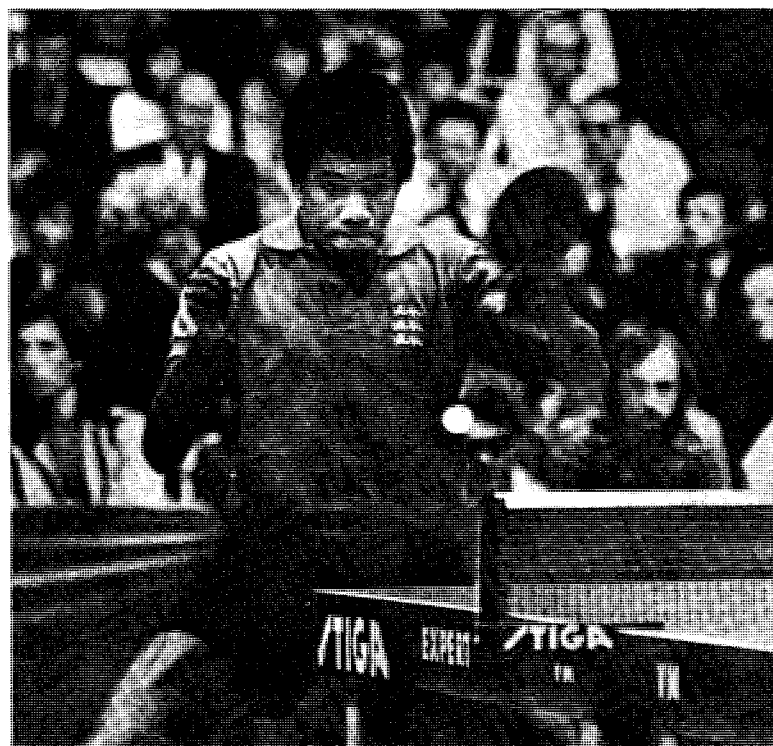
XD: Rd. 1:
 Jarvis/Hammersley bt R. Yule (Sc)/Smith 14, 13, 18;

Neale/Mathews lost to Stipanovic/M. Alexandru (Ru) -15, 16, -13, 19, -14;
 Douglas/Howard bt R. Weinmann/M. Sandpeck (Au) -17, 13, 10, 15.

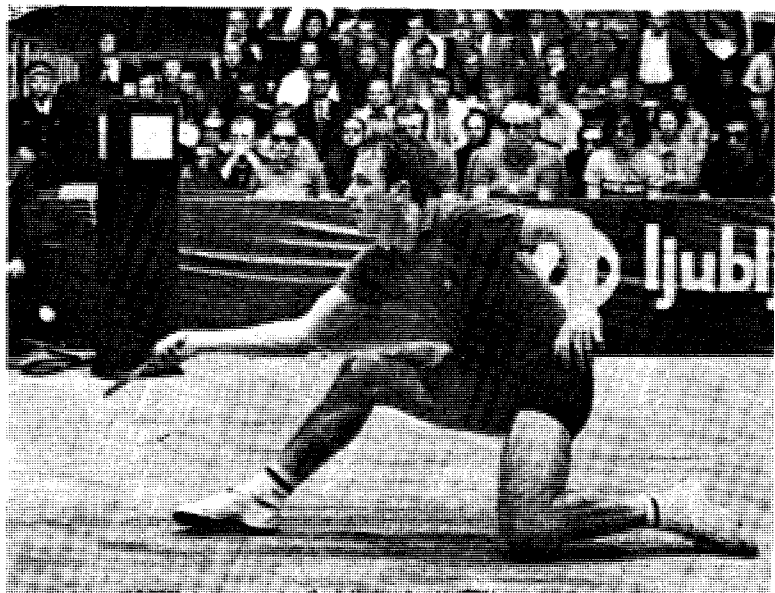
Rd. 2:
 Jarvis/Hammersley lost to B. Burnazian/T. Ferdman (USSR) -14, -13, -18;
 Douglas/Howard bt G. Gergely/H. Lotaller (Hu) 22, 9, -16, 16.

Rd. 3:
 Douglas/Howard bt W. Lieck/W. Hendriksen 19, 11, -12, 17.

Quarter-final
 Douglas/Howard lost to S. Gomozkov/Z. Rudnova -18, -13, -17.



Desmond Douglas, of England, who reached the last 32 in the Men's Singles, in action against his conqueror, Anton Stipanovic.



Istvan Jonyer, yet another Hungarian, who was surprisingly beaten by Ingemar Vikström, of Sweden (18, 18, -18, 11) in Round 3.



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9th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Events

England climb the ladder — Sixth successive title for Sweden's Men

by THE EDITOR



Men's team event champions, Sweden, with their n.p.c., Christer Johansson, holding aloft the Hungary Cup. Participating players (l to r) Bo Persson, Ingemar Vikström, Kjell Johansson and Stellan Bengtsson.

Weathering the storm created by Istvan Jonyer and Gabor Gergely bringing off successive victories over Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson to put Hungary into a 3-2 lead, Sweden found a ready stabilizer in Ingemar Vikström to steady their beat, for in beating Tibor Klampar to equate the match score in the men's team final he knocked the heart out of the Hungarians who were subsequently beaten 5-3.

Firstly Johansson inflicted the evening's first defeat on Jonyer leaving the way for Bengtsson to finish off the match with a 2-straight win over a luckless Klampar and so retain the Hungary Cup. Sweden first laid their hands on this trophy back in 1964, in their native Malmö, and have since successfully defended it at Wembley, Lyons, Moscow, Rotterdam and now Novi Sad.

Bengtsson began for Sweden with a hard-won victory over Gergely with Jonyer making immediate reply in beating Vikström, thereafter Klampar suffered the first of his three defeats in losing to Johansson. Back came the Magyars to take their 3-2 lead which failed to land them nought but the runners-up awards. It was just turned midnight when Bengtsson scraped home 22-20, 24-22 against Klampar to set the Swedes rejoicing once more.

Earlier in the evening the subsequently dethroned European singles champion, Zoya Rudnova, carried Russia through to a 3-1 success over Hungary in the

women's team final after her compatriot, Elmira Antonian, had lost in the opening set to Judit Magos. The Soviet penholder quickly put Russia on equal terms in sweeping the puny challenge of Beatrix Kishazi aside and again proved the dominant force in the doubles against Magos and Henriette Lotaller.

Hungary lost their hold on the Rumania Cup in the fourth set when Rudnova, somewhat tremulously, got home 21-12, 21-19 against Magos. It was a sad, sad night for the Hungarians.

EXPECTATIONS

England failed to realise their highest expectations in both team events when the women were beaten 3-0 by Czechoslovakia to finish fourth and the men, for the second time in the championships, were defeated 5-1 by Russia for a final sixth placing. Nonetheless the overall placings lifted the women two positions and the men one from being 6th and 7th respectively in Rotterdam two years previously.

Following 3-1 victories over Yugoslavia and Bulgaria in the women's competition on the opening day when, against Federal Germany—the defeated final'sts in Holland—they came from behind to win 3-2 in a marathon encounter which lasted 3 hours and 5 minutes.

It was a vintage display of hitting by Karenza Mathews that got England home after Jill Hammersley had laid the foundation by beating Wiebke Hendriksen, over three expedite games, and then

avenging her defeat in the Federal German Open by accounting for Edit Wetzel in straight games.

The expedite rule was also invoked in the opening set between Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Wetzel at a stage when the German player led 8-4. It proved of no avail to the Middlesex international but, under similar circumstances, Mrs. Hammersley turned matters to her advantage after losing the opening game to Miss Hendriksen.

Between times Mrs. Mathews, in partnership with Linda Howard, had gone down narrowly in the doubles set so that with the match score standing at 2-2 it all depended on the diminutive Karenza opposed to the defensive German champion, Miss Hendriksen. All credit was due her in the manner victory was achieved as she continued to hit her way to personal and match victory with sustained fury.

RELENTLESS

All good things must come to an end and so it proved in the second and final match of the day, against the Soviet Union who, with 3-0 wins over Bulgaria, Federal Germany and France, kept up their relentless pressure with a like victory over England. Only one of the three sets needed to give the Russians their victory required a deciding game and, surprisingly, it was the second between Miss Howard and Miss Antonian with Linda taking the first. In the opening encounter of the match Jill was hammered off the table by Miss Rudnova, who also dominated the doubles.

England's men met with mixed fortunes in their opening engagements losing to Russia 1-5—Denis Neale winning the one against Stanislav Gomozkov, having earlier taken a hiding from Anatoly

Strokatov—and beating Holland 5-0 when Neale, Des Douglas and Nicky Jarvis had matters very much their own way.

A team change was affected for the first match of the second day, against Yugoslavia, with Alan Hydes taking over from Jarvis. The Yorkshire left-hander failed to make any impact on the host country's No. 1, Dragutin Surbek, who swept to a 7, 13 success amidst thunderous applause which was not so much in evidence when Neale equated the match score with victory over Zlatko Cordas.

But that was the sum total of English success in this match as Anton Stipanovic took care of Douglas and Hydes; Surbek got the better of Neale and, in the sixth and final set needed Cordas nosed home 22-20 against Douglas in the third and deciding game.

Slipping only when a restored Jarvis—coming back in place of Hydes—lost to Claus Pedersen in the second set, England accounted for Denmark 5-1 in their final match of the day to record their second win in the championships. Neale (2), Douglas (2) and Jarvis, with a final win over Freddy Hansen, steered the boat home.

NOTABLE

Two notable victories over France on the Monday carried England into exalted positions whereby the women, despite subsequently losing to Hungary, qualified for third or fourth position, and the men could finish no lower than sixth.

It was in the morning session that the first Anglo/French encounter took place when the Mesdames of France, despite winning the first set, when Claude Bergeret got the better of Linda Howard, were beaten 3-1. Jill Hammersley showed scant respect for



England's bronze medal winners in the women's team event. Behind a solemn-looking Bryan Merritt (n.p.c.) is Karenza Mathews, Linda Howard and Jill Hammersley.

Dominique Salka or Miss Bergeret in winning both her singles, the other win being sandwiched between when Linda and Karenza Mathews took the doubles. It was a victory that gave England second place to Russia in the initial Group B, Hungary and Czechoslovakia finishing in like positions in the counterpart Group A.

Pitted against Hungary in the day's first semi-final, the defending champions were only halted in the second set when Jill took the first game off Magos. Thereafter it was the Magyars who called the tune with Magos running out an easy winner just as Kishazi was, in the opening encounter against Linda. A doubles victory for Magos and Lotaller sealed the match.

A solo success for Neale over the powerfully-built Josef Dvoracek was all that the men could extract from Czechoslovakia in their final initial group encounter, the wins over Holland and Denmark giving them an interim placing of fourth in the group won by Yugoslavia with Czechoslovakia second. In the other group Sweden finished first with Hungary second.

Concerned then with positions 5 to 8, England took on France, whose final position in the counterpart group was third. It proved to be a nail-biting encounter with France going into a 4-2 lead despite Jarvis opening up with an initial win over Patrick Birocheau. Christian Martin equated the match score by beating Neale to be followed by Jacques Secretin proving much too experienced for Douglas. Neale was then hard-pressed to dispose of Birocheau 17, 25, to put England back on level terms.

DOLDRUMS

England then struck the doldrums with Jarvis predictably losing to Secretin, and Douglas, most desperately, to Martin 19-21 in the decider, with the French champion, Secretin, still having one set to play!

This was against Neale, but the Yorkshireman, still smarting from his defeat by Martin, was not going down a second time without a fight. This he produced and should really have won in 2-straight, for he let slip a 20-16 lead in the second after winning the first. But there was no such lapse in the decider.

Thus given fresh heart, Douglas equated the match score at 4-4 with a convincing win over Birocheau to set up match victory for Jarvis, who proved more than equal to the task, completely baffling Martin with his steady but slow topspin game.

The day's other dramatic encounter was the meeting of Sweden, the defending champions, and Czechoslovakia, in which match Stellan Bengtsson was twice beaten, by Milan Orlovski and Jaroslav Kunz. One thing it proved was that Bengtsson is a mere mortal and that Sweden have strength in depth, for in spite of Orlovski winning all his three sets and Kunz beating the former world champion, the Scandinavians still won. In the final set Ingemar Vikström earned the freedom of Stockholm by beating Kunz over three tense games.

On the final day of the team events, Linda Howard was first to

the table in the women's semi-final match against Czechoslovakia and took the first game from the opposition's top-ranking Alica Grofova, at 21-12, which proved to be the only success obtained in this particular encounter. Miss Grofova bounced back to win the next two to be followed by 16-year-old Hana Riedlova accounting for the England No. 1, Jill Hammersley, in straight games to virtually write finis to the match score. And so it proved as the two Czech girls got comfortably home in the doubles against Linda and Karenza. But to finish in fourth position, in front of such countries as Rumania, Federal Germany, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria and France was quite an achievement.

INJURED

In the final men's match Bagrat Burnazian, an Armenian, was brought into the Soviet team for the injured Gomozkov and it was he who contested the first set against Douglas who got England off to the best possible of starts with a win in straight games. But, just as in their previous meeting on the opening day, Strokatov powered his way over a bemused Neale 7, 16, to equate the match score. Sarkis Sarkhayan carried on the good work for the Russians by disposing of Jarvis.

Following a victory for Burnazian, over Neale, the boot was then very much on the other foot with Sarkhayan overcoming a first game loss to Douglas, and Strokatov administering the coup-de-grace with a 21-8, 21-12 win over a leaden-footed Jarvis. Still, with an elevation over Federal Germany, whose Swedish coach, Hans Alser, must have been a disenchanted man, Les Gresswell had cause to be somewhat prouder moreso than his counterparts in Rumania, Austria, Denmark and the Netherlands.

DISASTER

The championships proved a disaster for the Federal Germans whose men, twice beaten by France, sunk to No. 8 in the final placings, having finished fifth in Rotterdam. Their women, too, runners-up to Hungary in Rotterdam, could manage no better than sixth. Christer Johansson, who is reported to be taking over from Alser, certainly has a job in front of him but, having witnessed the improvement in the young French pair, Martin and Birocheau, I feel sure that someone as capable as Christer can do wonders for such as Manfred Baum and Peter Stellwag.

Scotland, in finishing second to Italy in their initial group of three, could do no better than beat Norway in their second stage matches, losing to Belgium, Switzerland and Finland in the men's event. A solo win over Turkey in the first stage matches placed the Scottish women in a second stage grouping for positions 17 to 20, and it was in this last position that they finished beaten in turn, by Belgium, Spain and Denmark.

Wales had only a male representation which in the first stage matches lost to Poland and Norway but, in finishing in position No. 24, had second stage wins over Jersey, Guernsey and Turkey. Wales' only one defeat at the

Finishing positions (previous placings in brackets) were:—

MEN

1. Sweden (1)
2. Hungary (4)
3. Yugoslavia (2)
4. Czechoslovakia (3)
5. U.S.S.R. (6)
6. England (7)
7. France (9)
8. Federal Germany (5)
9. Rumania (12)
10. Austria (8)
11. Denmark (10)
12. Holland (11)
13. Poland (13)
14. Bulgaria (15)
15. Italy (21)
16. Luxembourg (16)
17. Greece (18)
18. Belgium (20)
19. Switzerland (19)
20. Finland (17)
21. Scotland (14)
22. Norway (24)
23. Spain (27)
24. Wales (23)

25. Turkey (—)
26. Guernsey (—)
27. Jersey (26)

WOMEN

1. U.S.S.R. (3)
2. Hungary (1)
3. Czechoslovakia (4)
4. England (6)
5. Rumania (5)
6. Federal Germany (2)
7. Yugoslavia (8)
8. Sweden (9)
9. Poland (10)
10. Bulgaria (11)
11. France (12)
12. Greece (13)
13. Luxembourg (16)
14. Holland (14)
15. Switzerland (17)
16. Austria (15)
17. Belgium (19)
18. Denmark (18)
19. Spain (23)
20. Scotland (—)
21. Turkey (—)
22. Italy (—)
23. Guernsey (—)



A word of advice from England's Trainer/Coach, Les Gresswell, for Denis Neale.



Table Tennis News Editor, George Yates (l) and Dicky Rutnagar, T.T. Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," sample Yugoslavian hospitality at a Press Reception given by "Forum," a newspaper publishing firm. Also in the picture is Miss Zdenka Talijic, an interpreter from Dubrovnik.

RESULTS

HUNGARY CUP (MEN)

GROUP A

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 SWEDEN	—	5-0	5-1	5-2	5-0	5-0
2 HUNGARY	0-5	—	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0
3 GERMANY F.R.	1-5	0-5	—	5-0	0-5	5-1
4 AUSTRIA	2-5	1-5	0-5	—	2-5	2-5
5 FRANCE	0-5	0-5	5-0	5-2	—	5-3
6 RUMANIA	0-5	0-5	1-5	5-2	3-5	—

GROUP B

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 YUGOSLAVIA	—	5-4	5-2	5-1	5-0	5-0
2 CZECHOSLOVAKIA	4-5	—	5-2	5-1	5-1	5-0
3 USSR	2-5	2-5	—	5-1	5-0	5-0
4 ENGLAND	1-5	1-5	1-5	—	5-1	5-0
5 DENMARK	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-5	—	4-5
6 NETHERLAND	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	5-4	—

English Results:

v U.S.S.R. (lost 1-5)
 D. Neale lost to A. Strokotov -6, -12; bt S. Gomozkov 9, 14.
 N. Jarvis lost to S. Sarkhayan -19, -18; lost to Strokotov -12, -9.
 D. Douglas lost to Gomozkov -18, 19, -15; lost to Sarkhayan -8, -15.

v Holland (won 5-0)
 Neale bt C. Deken 7, 12; bt Van Slobbe 11, 11.
 Jarvis bt Van Slobbe 19, 13; bt v.d. Helm -11, 19, 16.
 Douglas bt v.d. Helm 24, -14, 19.

v Yugoslavia (lost 1-5)
 Neale bt Z. Cordas 16, -13, 17; lost to D. Surbek -18, 20, -14.
 Douglas lost to A. Stipanovic -8, -11; lost to Cordas 17, -17, -20.
 A. Hydes lost to Surbek -7, -13; lost to Stipanovic -14, -23.

v Denmark (won 5-1)
 Neale bt F. Hansen 11, 17; bt B. Grimstrup 14, 14.
 Jarvis lost to C. Pedersen -18, -11; bt Hansen 18, 9.
 Douglas bt Grimstrup 16, 18; bt Pedersen 20, 10.

v Czechoslovakia (lost 1-5)
 Neale bt J. Dvoracek 17, 20; lost to J. Kunz -12, -16.
 Jarvis lost to M. Orlowski -12, -5; lost to Dvoracek -14, -18.
 Douglas lost to Kunz -12, 18, -13; lost to Orlowski -16, -16.

A1 Sweden bt B2 Czechoslovakia 5-4.
 A2 Hungary bt B1 Yugoslavia 5-2.

A3 France lost to B4 England 4-5.
 Neale lost to C. Martin 16, -18, -18; bt P. Birocheau 17, 25;
 bt J. Secretin 19, -20, 16.
 Jarvis bt Birocheau -20, 17, 18; lost to Secretin -10, -8; bt Martin 18, 10.
 Douglas lost to Secretin -19, -7; lost to Martin -16, 14, -19; bt Birocheau 17, 16.

A4 Federal Germany lost to B3 USSR 0-5.
 A5 Rumania bt B6 Denmark 5-3.
 A6 Austria bt B5 Holland 5-3.

For positions 1 and 2
 Sweden bt Hungary 5-3.
 S. Bengtsson bt G. Gergely -19, 13, 16; lost to I. Jonyer -21, 14, -17; bt T. Klampar 20, 22.
 K. Johansson bt Klampar 14, 12; lost to Gergely -18, 13, -16; bt Jonyer 14, 16.
 I. Vikstrom lost to Jonyer -19, -20; bt Klampar 11, 18.

For positions 3 and 4
 Yugoslavia bt Czechoslovakia 5-2.

For positions 5 and 6
 USSR bt England 5-1.
 Neale lost to Strokotov -7, -16; lost to B. Burnazian 16, -19, -23.
 Jarvis lost to Sarkhayan -8, -14; lost to Strokotov -8, -12.
 Douglas bt Burnazian 19, 12; lost to Sarkhayan 22, -14, -10.

For positions 7 and 8
 France bt Federal Germany 5-2.

For positions 9 and 10
 Rumania bt Austria 5-3.

For positions 11 and 12
 Denmark bt Holland 5-3.

GROUP C

	1	2	3
1 POLAND	—	5-1	5-1
2 WALES	1-5	—	1-5
3 NORWAY	1-5	5-1	—

GROUP D

	1	2	3
1 SCOTLAND	—	2-5	5-0
2 ITALY	5-2	—	5-0
3 JERSEY	0-5	0-5	—

GROUP E

	1	2	3
1 BULGARIA	—	5-2	5-1
2 BELGIUM	2-5	—	5-2
3 SPAIN	1-5	2-5	—

GROUP F

	1	2	3
1 LUXEMBOURG	—	5-2	5-0
2 SWITZERLAND	2-5	—	5-0
3 GUERNSEY	0-5	0-5	—

GROUP G

	1	2	3
1 FINLAND	—	0-5	5-2
2 GREECE	5-0	—	5-1
3 TURKEY	2-5	1-5	—

Welsh Results (Group C)

v Norway (lost 1-5)
 A. Griffiths lost to P. Guttormsen -17, -13; lost to K. Havag -13, -15.
 G. Davies bt Havag -11, 19, 15; lost to H. Meland -18, -11.
 M. Owen lost to Meland -11, -17; lost to Guttormsen -9, -10.

v Poland (lost 0-5)

Griffiths lost to A. Baranowski -12, -13; lost to W. Woznica -16, -12.
 Davies bt S. Franczyk 19, -11, 18; lost to Baranowski -15, 18, -15.
 Owen lost to Woznica -8, -10; lost to Franczyk -16, -11.

Scottish Results (Group D)

v Italy (lost 2-5)
 R. Yule bt G. Bisi 16, 14; bt R. Giontella 13, 14; lost to S. Bosi -12, 18, -14.
 E. Sutherland lost to Giontella -13, -7; lost to Bosi -14, -14.
 D. Fraser lost to Bosi -16, 19, -16; lost to Bisi -14, -16.

v Jersey (won 5-0)

Yule bt H. Carver 8, 9; bt C. Hansford 11, 11.
 Sutherland bt Hansford 11, 13.
 Fraser bt D. Hamon 12, 14; bt Carver 11, 18.

For positions 13 to 17

	1	2	3	4	5	Won	Place
1 POLAND	—	5-3	5-1	5-2	5-3	4	1
2 ITALY	3-5	—	1-5	5-2	5-1	2	3
3 BULGARIA	1-5	5-1	—	5-1	5-3	3	2
4 LUXEMBOURG	2-5	2-5	1-5	—	5-3	1	4
5 GREECE	3-5	1-5	3-5	3-5	—	0	5

For positions 18 to 22

	1	2	3	4	5	Won	Place
1 NORWAY	—	4-5	4-5	3-5	1-5	0	5
2 SCOTLAND	5-4	—	4-5	4-5	2-5	1	4
3 BELGIUM	5-4	5-4	—	5-1	5-3	4	1
4 SWITZERLAND	5-3	5-4	1-5	—	5-2	3	2
5 FINLAND	5-1	5-2	3-5	2-5	—	2	3

For positions 23 to 27

	1	2	3	4	5	Won	Place
1 WALES	—	5-2	0-5	5-0	5-4	3	2
2 JERSEY	2-5	—	0-5	2-5	0-5	0	5
3 SPAIN	5-0	5-0	—	5-0	5-3	4	1
4 GUERNSEY	0-5	5-2	0-5	—	1-5	1	4
5 TURKEY	4-5	5-0	3-5	5-1	—	2	3

Scottish Results

v Finland (lost 2-5)
 Yule bt H. Serlo 8, 15; bt M. Autio 13, -21, 12.
 Sutherland lost to Autio -11, 12, -12; lost to Pukkila -16, 13, -13.
 Fraser lost to Pukkila -15, -18; lost to Serlo 15, -17, -14;
 lost to Autio 20, -13, -14.

v Norway (won 5-4)

Yule bt Havag 5, 17; bt Meland 7, 8; bt Guttormsen 11, 17.
 Sutherland lost to Guttormsen -17, -15; lost to Havag 21, -21, -13;
 bt Meland 19, 12.
 Fraser bt Meland 17, 16; lost to Guttormsen -17, -11; lost to Havag -11, -15.

v Belgium (lost 4-5)

Yule bt D. Nassaux -20, 12, 14; bt W. Dugardin -22, 13, 16;
 bt N. Van de Walle 17, 18.
 Fraser lost to Dugardin -8, -18; lost to Van de Walle -9, -14; bt Nassaux 14, 19.
 M. Thomson lost to Van de Walle -10, -11; lost to Nassaux 19, -6, -15;
 lost to Dugardin 19, -9, -10.

v *Switzerland (lost 4-5)

Yule bt M. Frutchi 5, 12; bt E. Heri 16, 19; lost to L. Foldy -15, -20.
 Sutherland bt Foldy 17, 19; lost to Frutchi -9, -13; lost to Heri -17, -10.
 Fraser bt Heri 17, 13; lost to Foldy -10, -16; lost to Frutchi -14, -14.
 *In this match Scotland led 4-0.

Welsh Results

v Jersey (won 5-2)
 Griffiths lost to Carver -13, -20; bt B. Gallichan -17, 14, 8; bt Hansford 8, -19, 17.
 Davies bt Gallichan 18, 19; bt Hansford 8, -19, 17.
 Owen bt Hansford 12, 15; lost to Carver -13, 22, -21.

v Spain (lost 0-5)

Griffiths lost to O. Sana 13, -17, -15; lost to J. Feliu 16, -18, -14;
 Davies lost to J. Lupon -12, 11, -19; lost to Sana -19, 19.
 Owen lost to Feliu -16, -16.

v Guernsey (won 5-0)

Griffiths bt M. James 15, -14, 12; bt G. Willcocks 7, 13.
 Davies bt K. Marsh 7, 10; bt James 10, 12.
 Owen bt Willcocks 20, -17, 17.

v Turkey (won 5-4)

Griffiths bt A. Cengiz 7, 10; lost to V. Aleksandridis -11, -15; bt A. Tengirsenk 15, 13.
 Davies bt Tengirsenk 19, 11; bt Cengiz -26, 9, 12; lost to Aleksandridis -12, -16.
 B. Everson lost to Aleksandridis -21, -13; bt Tengirsenk 14, 12; lost to Cengiz -14, 24, -18.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS — MEN

ENGLAND

Neale	Jarvis	Douglas	Hydes	F	A	Opponents
1-1	0-2	0-2	—	1	5	U.S.S.R.
2-0	2-0	1-0	—	5	0	Holland
1-1	—	0-2	0-2	1	5	Yugoslavia
2-0	1-1	2-0	—	5	1	Denmark
1-1	0-2	0-2	—	1	5	Czechoslovakia
2-1	2-1	1-2	—	5	4	France
0-2	0-2	1-1	—	1	5	U.S.S.R.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9-6	5-8	5-9	0-2	19	25	—

SCOTLAND

Yule	Sutherland	Fraser	Thomson	F	A	Opponents
2-1	0-2	0-2	—	2	5	Italy
2-0	1-0	2-0	—	5	0	Jersey
2-0	0-2	0-3	—	2	5	Finland
3-0	1-2	1-2	—	5	4	Norway
3-0	—	1-2	0-3	4	5	Belgium
2-1	1-2	1-2	—	4	5	Switzerland
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14-2	3-8	5-11	0-3	22	24	—

WALES

Griffiths	Davies	Owen	Everson	F	A	Opponents
0-2	1-1	0-2	—	1	5	Norway
0-2	1-1	0-2	—	1	5	Poland
1-1	3-0	1-1	—	5	2	Jersey
0-2	0-2	0-1	—	0	5	Spain
2-0	2-0	1-0	—	5	0	Guernsey
2-1	2-1	—	1-2	5	4	Turkey
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-8	9-5	2-6	1-2	17	21	—

SYSTEM OF PLAY IN THE TEAM EVENTS AT ESTON '74

STAGE 1

The top twelve ranked teams will play in two groups of six—A and B.

STAGE 2

The winner in Group A will play the second in Group B (+).
The winner in Group B will play the second in Group A (+).
The third in Group A will play the fourth in Group B.
The third in Group B will play the fourth in Group A.
The fifth in Group A will play the sixth in Group B.
The fifth in Group B will play the sixth in Group A.

STAGE 3

The winners of the first two matches (marked +) will play the FINAL, irrespective of whether they have played each other before in the Groups.

The losers of the first two matches will play off for positions 3 and 4.

Similarly, matches will be played to determine positions 5 to 12. These will take place before the Final.

All teams other than the top twelve will play off under the old method, with six groups of three in the First Stage, and three groups of six in the Second Stage.

RUMANIA CUP (WOMEN)

GROUP A

1	HUNGARY	—	3-2	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-0
2	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2-3	—	3-1	3-2	3-1	3-0
3	RUMANIA	0-3	1-3	—	3-1	3-0	3-0
4	SWEDEN	2-3	2-3	1-3	—	3-0	3-0
5	POLAND	0-3	1-3	0-3	0-3	—	3-0
6	GREECE	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	—

GROUP B

1	GERMANY F.R.	—	0-3	2-3	0-3	3-0	3-0
2	USSR	3-0	—	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-0
3	ENGLAND	3-2	0-3	—	3-1	3-1	3-1
4	YUGOSLAVIA	3-0	2-3	1-3	—	0-3	3-2
5	BULGARIA	0-3	0-3	1-3	3-0	—	3-2
6	FRANCE	0-3	0-3	1-3	2-3	2-3	—

English Results

v Yugoslavia (won 3-1)
J. Hammersley bt E. Palatinus 17, 15
bt E. Jeler 16, 13.
L. Howard bt Jeler -15, 18, 13.
Howard/K. Mathews lost to Jeler/Palatinus 10, -12, -15.

v Bulgaria (won 3-1)
Hammersley bt A. Rangelova 17, -18, 15;
bt E. Neikova 11, 16.
Howard lost to Neikova 15, -17, -18.
Howard/Mathews bt Neikova/Rangelova 5, 15.

v Federal Germany (won 3-2)
Hammersley bt W. Hendriksen -15, 12, 18;
bt E. Wetzel 15, 19.
Mathews lost to Wetzel -16, -13;
bt Hendriksen 14, 18.
Howard/Mathews lost to Hendriksen/Wetzel -17, -20.

v U.S.S.R. (lost 0-3)
Hammersley lost to Z. Rudnova -11, -16.
Howard lost to E. Antonian 18, -15, -11.
Howard/Mathews lost to Antonian/Rudnova -12, -16.

v France (won 3-1)
Hammersley bt D. Salka 17, 13;
bt C. Bergeret 19, 11.
Howard lost to Bergeret -10, -16.
Howard/Mathews bt Bergeret/Salka 17, -11, 14.

GROUP C

1	NETHERLAND	—	3-0	3-1
2	TURKEY	0-3	—	0-3
3	SCOTLAND	1-3	3-0	—

GROUP D

1	AUSTRIA	—	3-2	3-0
2	SPAIN	2-3	—	3-0
3	GUERNSEY	0-3	0-3	—

GROUP E

1	LUXEMBOURG	—	3-2	3-1
2	BELGIUM	2-3	—	3-0
3	ITALY	1-3	0-3	—

GROUP F

1	SWITZERLAND	—	3-1	3
2	DENMARK	1-3	—	—

Scottish Results (Group C)

v Turkey (won 3-0)
E. Smith bt D. Sokol 11, 16;
K. Angus bt P. Gulleoglu 18, 18;
Angus/Smith bt Gulleoglu/Sokol 14, 16.

For positions 13 to 16

1	NETHERLAND	—	3-0	0-3	3-2	2	2
2	AUSTRIA	0-3	—	0-3	2-3	0	4
3	LUXEMBOURG	3-0	3-0	—	3-1	3	1
4	SWITZERLAND	2-3	3-2	1-3	—	1	3

For positions 17 to 20

1	SCOTLAND	—	1-3	0-3	2-3	0	4
2	SPAIN	3-1	—	0-3	0-3	1	3
3	BELGIUM	3-0	3-0	—	3-2	3	1
4	DENMARK	3-2	3-0	2-3	—	2	2

For positions 21 to 23

1	TURKEY	—	3-0	3-2	—	2	1
2	GUERNSEY	0-3	—	1-3	—	0	3
3	ITALY	2-3	3-1	—	—	1	2

Scottish Results

v Denmark (lost 2-3)
Smith bt L. Larsen -22, 14, 9; bt S. Poulsen 10, -16, 16.

Angus lost to Poulsen -11, -17; lost to Larsen -19, -18.

P. Fleming/G. MacKay lost to Larsen/Poulsen -12, -10.

v Holland (lost 1-3)
Smith bt N. Bakker 18, -15, 16; lost to v.d. Vliet 16, -18, -14.
Angus lost to v.d. Vliet -16, 16, -16.
Angus/Smith lost to M. Wagemakers/v.d. Vliet -4, -21.

v Spain (lost 1-3)
Smith bt P. Lupon 12, 10; lost to M. Sanahuja -18, -19.
Angus lost to Sanahuja -20, -15.
Angus/Smith lost to Lupon/Sanahuja 15, -15, -18.

v Belgium (lost 0-3)
Smith lost to M. F. Germaat -12, -8.
MacKay lost to L. Van Heybeek -7, -16.
Angus/Fleming lost to Germaat/M. F. Petre -14, -13.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS — WOMEN

ENGLAND

Hammersley		Howard		Mathews		Howard/Mathews		Opponents	
	F		A		F		A		
2-0	1-0			0-1	3	1			Yugoslavia
2-0	0-1			1-0	3	1			Bulgaria
2-0		1-1		0-1	3	2			Fed. Germany
0-1	0-1			0-1	0	3			U.S.S.R.
2-0	0-1			1-0	3	1			France
0-1	0-1			0-1	0	3			Hungary
0-1	0-1			0-1	0	3			Czechoslovakia
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8-3	1-5	1-1	2-5	12	14				

SCOTLAND

Smith		Angus		MacKay		Fleming		A/F		A/S		F/Me		F		A		Opponents	
	F		A		F		A		F		A		F		A		A		
1-0	1-0			1-0	3	0													Turkey
1-1	0-1			0-1	1	3													Holland
2-0	0-2			0-1	0-1	2	3												Denmark
1-1	0-1			0-1	1	3													Spain
0-1		0-1		0-1	0	3													Belgium
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	7	12											

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A smiling Charles Wyles is flanked by the Exeter, League Chairman, Mike Lyons and his wife, Pamela, on his right and the League Secretary, Keith Ponting and his wife, Rosemary, at the Dinner-Dance to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Exeter and District Table Tennis League.

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Exeter League celebrate 60 years

by KEITH PONTING

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These are just some of the items quoted from the original notebook from a meeting to form the Exeter "Ping Pong" League on 28th August, 1913. These first items were written by Mr. R. C. Hurford, at that meeting 60 years ago and, although now in his 81st year, Mr. Hurford, our Life President, still takes a great interest in our affairs and attends as many functions as his health permits.

The quotes from the book were made by Mr. Charles M. Wyles, O.B.E., Chairman of the E.T.T.A., during the speech he made proposing the Exeter and District Table Tennis League at a dinner-dance to mark this historic occasion. The Exeter League is third in the "League Table", only Plymouth (1906) and Sunderland (1910) being formed before them. The headquarters were the Exeter Y.M.C.A. and there was one division of eleven teams. Affiliation to the E.T.T.A. first came on 5th March, 1923, and the fee was 10/6d.

During these years five players have been selected for England, the first being Ron Litten. Others were Dora Bergi, Elizabeth Blackburn, Joan Crosby and Louis Devereux. Many of the leagues' players have won open Championships throughout the South-West and names that come to mind are Len Suter, Fred Grigg, Harold Nuttall and Lionel Kerslake. The league has also had the honour to stage many International matches and was also host for the very popular West of England Open Championships at which

many of the world's leading players participated.

Many memories came flooding back amongst old friends, some of whom travelled long distances to be at the dinner and the youngsters were kept amused at some of the "stories" being told.

The Guest of Honour at the Dinner was Charles Wyles, O.B.E., and during his speech he paid tribute to the work Exeter officials had contributed to the E.T.T.A. over the years. In reply, Mr. Mike Lyons, the League's Chairman thanked Mr. Wyles for attending and said he valued the close ties between the league and the E.T.T.A. which he hoped would continue.

Other guests included Alderman William Harrison, the Deputy Mayor and Mrs. Harrison, and Mr. Jeffery Michelmores, President of Devon T.T.A. and Mrs. Michelmores.

After the dinner Mr. Wyles was presented with an inscribed Salver to mark the occasion and then led the company to dancing to the Band of H.M. Royal Marines.

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by WALTER REEVES

CHANCE GRASPED

With a great 8-2 win over Warwickshire II's, Derbyshire's Juniors have won the Junior Midland Division of the County Championships. The team grasped the chance to go into the play-offs, a chance they just missed last season when beaten 6-4 by Leicestershire.

Most of the present team are aged out next season, but this will not stop them doing their best to take Derbyshire into the Junior Premier Division. Certainly we shall miss the services of David Yallop, Phil Vickers, Mandy Mellor and Susan Holmes, who have all served us well these last three seasons.

However, our Training Scheme would be worthless if it failed to produce the follow-up youngsters that junior competition demands. Two young players are already waiting to move into the vacated places; they are Mark Jenkins (Derby) and Robert Allen (Chesterfield). Robert was brought into the last County match against Warwick, and although he lost one set he was by no means outclassed at this level of competition.

County Championships Results

M.S.: Semi-finals
E. Hall (Ches) bt M. Billington (Ches) 12, -13, 20.
D. Yallop (Dby) bt A. Hunt (Ches) -13, 19, 13.
Final: Hall bt Yallop 20, -16, 15.
W.S.:
M. Mellor (Ches) bt S. Holmes (Dby) 16, -18, 12.
M.D.:
Hunt/A. Wallhead (Ches) bt M. Askam (Ches)/Billington -15, 14, 20.
W.D.:
Mellor/S. Walters (Ches) bt M. Deakin (Dby)/Holmes 10, 18.
X.D.:
A. Downer/C. Downer (Dby) bt Yallop/Holmes 22, 8.
B.S.:
Yallop bt M. Jenkins (Dby) 11, 15.
G.S.:
Holmes bt Mellor 18, -9, 19.
V.S.:
D. Marples (Ches) bt J. Conroy (Dby) 10, 20.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by LAURIE LANDRY

From the County point of view the performance of our youngest ever team in the Premier Division in avoiding relegation was the most gratifying one of the season. Thinking ahead Middlesex will be putting a second Junior team into the County Championships for the first time. This should provide the necessary incentive for the really young players and could well do for the Premier Junior side what the senior second team has achieved for our top senior side.

Domestically, apart from a classic double by David Tan in winning both the North Middlesex and the Willesden Closed Championships, the main feature was the first ever victory of the Barnets League in the Middlesex Inter-League competition. The Second Division was won by South West Middlesex and the Third Division by Staines.

With North Middlesex being successful in the Junior Division, the honours were really spread around. North Middlesex defeated Willesden in the Wilmott Cup quarter-final with David Tan winning all three for the losers in a 3-5 defeat. North Middlesex, with a squad comprising Andrew Barden, Mark Mitchell, Robert Aldrich and Graham Blomfield, now play in the semi for the first time since just after the war.

Unfortunately the Junior side from North Middlesex, who were the holders of the Carter Cup, failed by the odd set in nine to prevent the Silvertown League from going through. As usual, Central League are again in the semis of the J.M. Rose Bowl which they must soon be thinking of as their own property. Middlesex wish all counties a good rest and a happy summer.

Halex International Junior Championships

by THE EDITOR

THREE TITLES FOR ENGLAND

Winning the girls' team event, the girls' singles and the mixed doubles brought England their share of glory at Worthing Sports Centre over the weekend of May 18-19 in the Halex International Junior Championships, formerly known as the English Junior Open.

Both Carol Knight and Anita Stevenson took two titles—the pair constituting our girls' team—Carol going on to take the girls' singles crown with a final hard-fought victory over Marian Wagemakers, of Holland, and Anita further shared the mixed title, with Andy Barden, beating Federal Germany's Torben Hartung and Roswith Schmitz in another 3-game final.

Sweden won the other four titles at stake with English players the runners-up on each occasion. Beaten finalist in the boys' singles was John Kitchener, who played well throughout the tournament and disposed of England's top seed, David Alderson, who partnered the Suffolk teenager to the final of the boys' team final in the role of England II after the first string pairing of Paul Day and Barden had lost to Sweden I in the semis.

Results:—

Boys' Team Final

Sweden I bt England II 3-1.
Alderson lost to P. Sandstrom 19, -9, -15.

Kitchener lost to R. Lagerfeldt -16, -18; lost to Sandstrom -15, 18, -15.
Alderson/Kitchener bt Sandstrom/Lagerfeldt 22, 19.

Girls' Team Final

England I bt Sweden 3-0.
A. Stevenson bt G. Lindstrom 19, 14.

C. Knight bt E. Stromvall 17, 20.
Stevenson/Knight bt Stromvall/Lindstrom 14, 17.

Boys' Singles—Quarter-finals

A. Vlieg (Ho) bt M. Mitchell (Eng) 9, -19, 22.

J. Kitchener (Eng) bt D. Alderson (Eng) 13, 19.

H. Nolton (F. Ger) bt P. Day (Eng) 9, -18, 12.

P. Sandstrom (Sw) bt A. Barden (Eng) 22, -18, 11.

Semi-finals

Kitchener bt Vlieg -13, 17, 12.
Sandstrom bt Nolton 16, -19, 19.

Final

Sandstrom bt Kitchener -18 17, 12.

Girls' Singles—Quarter-finals

R. Schmitz (F. Ger) bt E. Stromvall (Swe) 17, 20.

C. Knight (Eng) bt S. Tame (Sy) 20, -20, 9.

H. Wagemakers (Ho) bt A. M. Svensson (Sw) 9, 17.

A. Stevenson (Eng) bt S. Dove (Mx) 17, 13.

Semi-finals

Knight bt Schmitz -17, 18, 19.
Wagemakers bt Stevenson 18, 20.

Final

Knight bt Wagemakers -12, 19, 18.

Boys' Doubles—Final

R. Lagerfeldt/Sandstrom bt Barden/Day 19, 9.

Girls' Doubles—Final

Lindstrom/Stromvall bt Knight/Stevenson -15, 11, 9.

Mixed Doubles—Final

Barden/Stevenson bt T. Hartung (F. Ger)/Schmitz -16, 14, 15.



Mr. B. Schorah, Sales Manager for Joshua Wilson and Bros. Ltd. (V.G. Foodstores) happily presents Mrs. Maureen Minto with her award as runner-up in the women's doubles. Also in a very merry group are (l to r) Miss Cynthia Waite and Miss Brenda Murtagh (winners) and on the extreme right Mrs. Betty Charlton, who partnered Mrs. Minto. Mr. Schorah also presented a cheque for £100 to Mr. H. Jeal, President, for use towards the Durham County T.T. Coaching Scheme, making a total sponsorship of £500-plus over three years.

DURHAM NOTES

by FRED J. INCH

GRANDSTAND FINISH

One of the best seasons that our junior players have had for many years ended with a 9-1 win over Westmorland at Longlands School, Kendal, and with no less than five junior players participating in the senior finals of the County Closed Championships at Outon Manor Youth Club, Hartlepool.

At Kendal, Peter Edon and Steve Hosing, both from the Stockton League, and Shirley Jenkins (Murton) all had maximums, while Peter Masters (Philadelphia) won both his singles and Julie Inch (Murton) partnered Shirley to win the girls' doubles. The only defeat was sustained by Masters and Julie Inch in the mixed after they had won the first end at 10.

On behalf of the officials of the County I wish to thank Peter Edon and Steve Hosing for their services of distinction while they have been juniors and to express the hope that they will continue the good work now that henceforward they will join the senior ranks.

NEWBURY 2 STAR OPEN

by The Editor

A WIN FOR TREVOR

Trevor Taylor, the Commonwealth men's singles champion and England No. 4, came back out of the shadows to win the men's singles title, previously held by Brian Burn, at the 13th Newbury Open played at the Base Gymnasium, R.A.F. Greenham, on Mar. 24.

Taylor is reported to be hopeful of emigrating to Australia, feeling

the game holds no future for him in England and has applied for a job as a playing coach in Sydney. His future at Newbury seemed quite destined to be capped with success as he proceeded to cut down to size such high ranking juniors as Paul Day (semi) and Andy Barden in the final. His reward financially was £25 and twelve months holding of the Tutty Cup.

M.S.: Semi-finals

A. Barden (Middx) bt G. Chapman (Surrey) 18, 10.

T. Taylor (Essex) bt P. Day (Cambs) 17, 11.

Final: TAYLOR bt Barden 9, 12.

W.S.: Semi-finals

J. Williams (Sussex) bt A. Mitchell (Middx) 6, 17.

S. Hession (Essex) bt B. Plucas (Canada) 13, 13.

Final: WILLIAMS bt Hession 12, -18, 18.

M.D.:

BARDEN/DAY bt L. Landry (Middx)/I Robertson (Essex) 20, 14.

W.D.:

HESSION/WILLIAMS bt J. Hellaby/E. Tarten (Essex) 15, 16.

X.D.:

S. OGUNDIPE (Sussex)/WILLIAMS bt Day/Tarten -17, 13, 14.

ESSEX NOTES

by ALAN SHEPHERD

MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT

The County teams ended the season in a blaze of glory, pride of place undoubtedly going to the Seniors, who "stuffed" Yorkshire at Harrogate by 6-3 and caused great concern up there as to whether they might incredibly lose the Premier Division title they were odds-on favourites to win. If Warwick had beaten Yorks a day later, Essex would have been champions! In the event they did not but the runners-up position for

our team of Ian Horsham, David Brown, Ian Robertson and Lesley Radford was a magnificent achievement.

The Second team were the moral champions of Second Division East since they played their final match without regulars David Bowles and Graham Blomfield and needing a 6-4 win for the title could only draw 5-5 with Herts. David Randall, Elaine Tarten and Linda Barrow were the other stalwarts in this team.

Our Veterans are once again National Champions! The team of Ken Beamish, Percy Curtis, Vic Ireland and Marie Know retained their unbeaten record this season by beating Cheshire 6-3 in the Challenge Match. Well done, Vets, and Phyllis Lauder, their captain!

The Junior first team ended a punishing three-day stint at Easter by taking third place in the Junior Premier Division, and losing only to Yorkshire.

The Junior Second team completed the Roll of Honour by retaining their title in Junior Division East. Regulars here were Alex Abbott, David Moss, David Reynolds, Devinder Sehmbi, Penny Abbott, Janet Boulter and Carol Taylor.

National Competition news is that the Silvertown League junior team of Eadie, Potton and Steven

Webb has reached the semi-final of the Carter Cup, following an unbelievable win over the holders, North Middlesex (Mark Mitchell, Andrew Barden and David Iszatt). Mainly responsible for their 5-4 win was Potton, who reached heights of brilliance even he had not previously shown and was so inspired that he beat David, Andrew and Mark one after the other. Eadie weighted in with two wins which were equally vital as the stunned North Middlesex team went out of the competition. As Essex and North Middlesex N.P.C. my feelings can be imagined.

In the Bromfield Trophy the Dagenham girls' team of Elaine Tarten, Sandra Sutton and Penny Abbott has also reached the semi-final. Both Silvertown and Dagenham should win through to the Finals on June 2nd.

BEDFORD

1 STAR OPEN

Ian Horsham was the winner of the M.S. event in Bedford on Apr. 7, his final victim being David Randall. Horsham also took the M.D. (with "Benny" Robertson) and the Mixed (with Shelagh Hession). Judy Williams (Sussex) halted the Essex romp in beating Miss Hession for the W.S. title, the pair combining to win the W.D.

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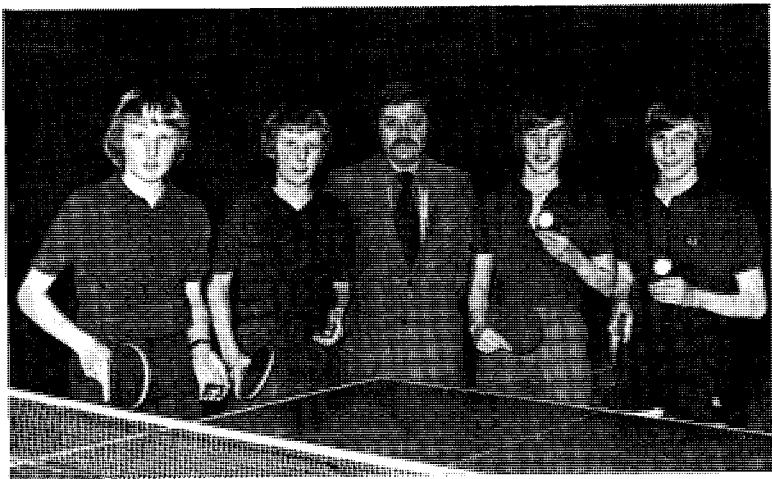
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A unique occasion? Two sets of twins from the same league (Leeds) contested the final of an open tournament doubles event, in this case the U-15 BD at the Yorkshire Junior Open in Hull on April 6, 1974. On the left Brian and Andrew Metcalfe. On the right Stephen and Robert Hazelwood. Peter Simpson (centre) presented the trophies. The Hazelwoods came out top twins.

Photo by Tony Ross.

YORKSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN

by REA BALMFORD

U-17 Events
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
S. Souter (Yks) bt D. Robson (Yks) 14, 8;
A. Kilburn (Yks) bt P. Polczynski (Cumb) 18, 9.
Final:
SOUTER bt Kilburn 12, 29.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
A. Tierney (Yks) bt J. McLean (Yks) 12, 15;
M. Ludi (Yks) bt J. Skipp (Yks) 17, 14.
Final:
TIERNEY bt Ludi 20, -16, 15.
Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Kilburn/Souter bt R. Hazelwood/S. Hazelwood (Yks) 14, 16;
M. Harrison/M. Thirkettle (Yks) bt B. Baxter (Yks)/J. Cooper (Derbys) -15, 9, 7.
Final:
KILBURN/SOUTER bt Harrison/Thirkettle 19, -20, 12.
Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Ludi/McLean bt N. Carne (Yks)/Tierney 14, 14;
Skipp/J. Williams (Yks) bt E. Gallegher/J. Lister (Yks) 3, 8.
Final:
LUDI/McLEAN bt Skipp/Williams -13, 17, 7.
Mixed Doubles:
C. Reed (Cumb/Ludi bt Harrison/J. Kinnersley (Yks) 18, 16;
Kilburn/Carne bt Thirkettle/McLean -18, 12, 13.
Final:
REED/LUDI bt Kilburn/Carne 21, -14, 17.
U-15 Events
Boys' Singles:
Baxter bt A. Clark (Nthld) -16, 19, 14;
M. Barry (Cumb) bt Harrison -18, 18, 16.
Final:
BAXTER bt Barry 16, 15.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
Tierney bt C. Haworth (Yks) 9, 6;
Ludi bt Carne 9, 13.
Final:
LUDI bt Tierney 15, 15.
Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Hazelwood/Hazelwood bt Clarke/G. McCordle (Nthld) 19, 18;
A. Metcalfe/B. Metcalfe (Yks) bt Barry/Reed 15, 18.
Final:
HAZELWOOD/HAZELWOOD bt Metcalfe/Metcalfe 17, 15.
Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:
Ludi/McLean bt Skipp/Williams 13, 24;
Carne/Tierney bt H. Robinson/J. Trattles (Yks) 9, 10.
Final:
LUDI/McLEAN bt Carne/Tierney 15, 18.
U-13 Events
Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:
K. Beadsley (Yks) bt T. Watts (Yks) 11, 16;
J. Naser (Yks) bt M. Peterson (Yks) 9, 7.
Final:
BEADSLEY bt Naser 19, 17.
Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:
Tierney bt Robinson 9, 10;
Haworth bt D. Abbott (Yks) 7, 10.
Final:
TIERNEY bt Haworth 19, 9.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by COLIN HAMMOND

DISAPPOINTING FINISH

After a fine season and needing a victory in their remaining match to clinch the Midland League title for the first time in Nottingham's history, the Men's 'A' team travelled to Bristol. However, against an exceptionally strong Bristol side, Alan Croome, Brian Mayfield and Alf Saunders could only manage one set each, and the result was a disappointing 3-7. At the time of writing, the title is still in the balance, being decided by the result of the Leicester-Birmingham match.

Late March was very busy for Notts. Schools table tennis, with the Under-19 representatives, Fairham, in the National Finals, and the individual championships also being held.

In the National Finals Fairham met the Birmingham school, Brandwood, first. David Bilton and Louis Wright won their sets comfortably, and a 5-3 victory was clinched by Nicky Kirkland's victory in the final set. Northgate School, Suffolk—with John Kitchener in a class of his own—beat Birmingham 8-0, and then proved just too strong for Notts, defeating them 5-3. For Fairham, Clive Greenberry did well to win one, and Kirkland was desperately unlucky not to force a draw. This gave Fairham second place, a superb achievement attained by consistent, all-round play.

Fairham also dominated the Individual Championships in all age groups, a clean sweep being prevented by Martin Kinsella's victory in the Under-19 event. Undoubtedly the best final was the U-13, which Terry Bramford just managed to win, beating Stephen Inkley. Glen Stredder was the victor in the U-15 event. Ann Morgan proved too good in the girls' events, winning two titles.

Notts Juniors, persisting with a young side, continued their recent run of success with a resounding 8-2 victory over Leics. 2nd, the Notts boys being undefeated.

National Team Competitions

by Keith Ponting

Two surprising results in the quarter-final stages of the Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy competitions brought about the defeat of North Middlesex and Guildford in the junior sphere.

Silvertown stopped N. Middlesex in their tracks with Bob Potton unbeaten and Les Eadie getting the other two for the Essex side, his second being the vital last set. The score sheet was signed by Alan Shepherd—without comment! I cannot believe he was speechless.

The second surprise came when Bournemouth overcame Guildford in yet another thriller. Janet New as the "star" for the seashores with a fine maximum, Jane Harvey contributing the other two. Only Nicolette Leslie of the respective No. 1's gained a win in this encounter which saw Guildford's other wins obtained by Jayne Mitchell (2) and Suzanne Roebuck (1).

In the Wilmott Cup, Birmingham reached yet another semi-final with a 6-3 win over Cheshunt administered by Des Douglas, Mike Johns and Paul Judd, the latter playing the "star" role. The young North Middlesex team did their league credit in beating Willesden, whose Laurie Landry and David Jammatt drew a blank unlike David Tan, who obtained a maximum. The winners' sets were equally shared by Andy Barden, Graham Blomfield and Mark Mitchell.

There would appear to be no stopping Central London in the Rose Bowl, the latest team to come under the hammer being Dagenham, who were put to rout by Judy Williams, Shelagh Hession and Di Court.

Guildford has cause to thank Linda Howard for their win over Worthing, the England No. 2 being unbeaten although taken to three by Linda Wales. Margaret Dignum scored a fine win over Sue Henderson as did Miss Wales against Ruth Miles.

RESULTS

Wilmott Cup
Stockport 1, North Yorkshire 5
Birmingham 6, Cheshunt 0
Willesden 3, North Middlesex 6
Brighton 4, Bristol 5
Semi-finals:
North Middlesex 6, Bristol 3
Rose Bowl
North Yorkshire 3, Stockport 5
Reading 0, Leicester 5
Dagenham 0, Central London 6
Guildford 5, Worthing 2
Semi-finals:
Central London 5, Guildford 3
Carter Cup
North Yorkshire 5, Manchester 0
Ely 8, North Herts 1
Silvertown 5, N. Middlesex 4
Newbury 6, Reading 3
Semi-finals:
Silvertown 5, Newbury 1
Bromfield Trophy
North Yorkshire 5, Liverpool 4
Cambridge 3, Leicester 6
Dagenham 5, Thames Valley 2
Guildford 4, Bournemouth 5

The finals of all events will take place at Loughborough on June 2. The venue is the Edward Herbert Building of the Loughborough University of Technology—the same as for the concluding stages of the Stiga National Club Championships on the previous day.

NEW SENIOR RANKINGS

An unexpected early exit from the Norwich Union International Championships and no-appearance in other tournaments since becoming English champion means that Chester Barnes has been deposed as the top ranked player and in a new ranking list issued on May 7, 1974, he appears at No. 6. Denis Neale, who reached the semi-final stage at Brighton and spearheaded our men's team in Novi Sad, regains his place as England's No. 1.

At the other end of the list, at No. 13, appears Ian Horsham whose steady progression since returning from China and Japan as a Winston Churchill Fellowship Award winner has resulted in his first appearance on a senior ranking list. It is also encouraging to see that Paul Day, a junior player, has moved up two places to No. 12 and that he has been joined by another of our promising juniors, Andy Barden.

No new names appear on the women's list and only positional changes are involved. Jill Hammersley, England's most successful player, retains the No. 1 spot. Grouped together at 9, 10 and 11 are the country's three leading juniors. The full lists (previous positions in brackets) read:—

Men

1. D. Neale (Yks) (2)
2. T. Taylor (Ex) (4)
3. D. Douglas (Wks) (5)
4. N. Jarvis (Yks) (3)
5. A. Hydes (Yks) (6)
6. C. Barnes (Ex) (1)
7. J. Walker (Yks) (8)
8. D. Parker (La) (8)
9. M. Johns (Ch) (11)
10. A. Clayton (Yks) (7)
11. P. Taylor (Bds) (13)
12. P. Day (Ca) (14)
13. I. Horsham (Ex) (—)
14. A. Barden (Mx) (—)

Women

1. J. Hammersley (Bu) (1)
2. L. Howard (Sy) (2)
3. K. Mathews (Mx) (4)
4. L. Radford (Ex) (3)
5. J. Williams (Sx) (5)
6. S. Lisle (Ch) (7)
7. S. Hession (Ex) (6)
8. S. Henderson (Sy) (—)
9. A. Stevenson (Lei) (9)
10. C. Knight (Yks) (12)
11. K. Rogers (Lei) (10)
12. D. Court (Mx) (11)

DAGENHAM 2-STAR OPEN

Trevor Taylor, with final victory over David Tan, took the MS title at the 5th Dagenham 2-Star Open played over the weekend of May 11-12. Shelagh Hession took the counterpart women's event with Elaine Tarten the runner-up. Paul Day repeated his Wayfarers English Junior Championships success by beating Andy Barden for the BS title. Susan Tame won the GS beating Susan Dove.

European League

by David Cosway

IRISH SUCCESS IN JERSEY

The play-off for the European League (Western Divisional Group) took place in Jersey on Apl. 26-27. Sponsored by Le Masurier's, the Jersey wine merchants, with tables and equipment provided by John Jaques & Son, the event can only be considered a complete success if one discounts the weather aspect.

Only Ireland of the main contenders were at full strength. Wales were without their top players due to an unfortunate clash with Glamorgan's participation in the Premier Division Senior Promotion Challenge of the County Championships, and Scotland were without Eric Sutherland.

The results up to the final series were mostly predictable with Scotland and Ireland winning three matches with the loss of only two sets each. Most interesting clash in the opening series was between the host country, Jersey, and their traditional rivals from nearby Guernsey.

In the recent European Championships, in Yugoslavia, Guernsey had beaten their island rivals for the first time in many years and Jersey were out for revenge. It was not to be, however, and Guernsey won a very nervy battle 4-3 with Joe Clancy beating Frank Bougeard 19, -19, 9 in the final set. Clancy won both his singles, Gary Willcocks one and these two won the doubles. Bougeard won one singles and combined with Pauline Soper to take the mixed. Pauline also won her singles.

In the final session the two unbeaten teams, Scotland and Ireland, were in opposition. At 2-2 it was anyone's match when the two mixed doubles pairs took the table. With Jim Langan and Karen Senior trailing 12-17 in the third to Richard Yule and Elaine Smith, who would have given them a chance. But they fought back to win game and set 21-19 to virtually clinch the issue. Tommy Caffrey beat David Fraser in straight games and Langan rubbed salt into the wounds by winning the final set, 19 in the third, against Yule to give Ireland a 5-2 victory.

Individually, Langan and Karen Senior were outstanding, with unbeaten records. Yule lost only one set and, similarly, Pauline Soper won three sets, losing only to Miss Senior. Mrs. Soper, incidentally, was formerly the English Junior international Pauline Holes.

The League matches were followed by the Jersey invitation tournament, with all the League players participating along with other Channel Islanders. Early rounds went as expected with Elaine Smith beating Glenys Thomas and Karen Senior accounting for Pauline Soper in the semis of the women's singles. Miss Senior has really improved since I last saw her and could be a force to be

reckoned with if the improvement continues. In the final her crisp attack was always in control and although she lost the third game, against Elaine Smith, she won comfortably enough 15, 11, -18, 15.

In the men's singles semis, Langan beat Fraser and Yule got the measure of Caffrey. But the best set of the day was still to come. You can plan everything in a tournament except the quality of play. And if you could plan the final of the men's singles this would be how you would do it!

In the most sporting and enjoyable set I have seen in a long time, the quality of the play between Langan and Yule was matched only by their talking! The games went

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2-2 with nothing to choose between the players. Langan led 10-18 in the decider and looked a winner. But with £25 prize money at stake one must never underestimate a Scot, and Yule came through to win 17, -15, 8, -18, 22. Quite a set!

One can only praise the quality of the organisation and the hospitality of the Jersey Association. I only wish that other Associations were as fortunate in having a firm like Le Masurier's as sponsors.

Results

	Ir	Sc	Wa	Gu	Je
Ireland ..	-	5-2	6-1	7-0	6-1
Scotland ..	2-5	-	6-1	7-0	6-1
Wales	1-6	1-6	-	7-0	4-3
Guernsey ..	0-7	0-7	0-7	-	4-3
Jersey	1-6	1-6	3-4	3-4	-

TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	4	4	0	24	4	8
Scotland	4	3	1	21	7	6
Wales	4	2	2	13	15	4
Guernsey	4	1	3	4	24	2
Jersey	4	0	4	8	20	0

LEADING AVERAGES

Men	P	W	L	Avg.
J. Langan (Ir)	8	8	0	100.0
R. Yule (Sc)	8	7	1	87.5
T. Caffrey (Ir)	8	6	2	75.0
D. Fraser (Sc)	8	5	3	62.5
J. Mansfield (Wa)	8	5	3	62.5
B. Everson (Wa)	8	4	4	50.0
Women	P	W	L	Avg.
Miss K. Senior (Ir) ..	4	4	0	100.0
Mrs. P. Soper (Je) ..	4	3	1	75.0
Miss E. Smith (Sc) ..	4	2	2	50.0

Table Tennis on Stamps

by IAN R. CRICKMER

Part II : 1962—1965

1962—Indonesia. 10 rupiah. Value of a set of twenty-four stamps for the Fourth Asian Games in Jakarta. (S.G. 453).

1962—Egypt : United Arab Republic. 3 stamps, 5 mils, 10 mils and 35 mils values for the First African Tournament played in Alexandria. Triangular stamps each issued set-tenant (joined) with similar values for the Thirty-eighth World Shooting Championships in Cairo. (S.G. 742, 744 and 746).

1962—Macao. 20 avos value of a set of six stamps showing various sports. In all, eight Portuguese colonies issued sets of six stamps showing forty-eight different sports altogether. (S.G. 519).

1963—China (People's Republic). 10 fen value of set of twelve stamps showing children's activities. Young pen-hold player. (S.G. 1901).

1963—China (People's Republic). Two values each 8 fen, for the Twenty-seventh World Championships played in Prague. (S.G. 1919 and 1920).

1963—Czechoslovakia. 30 haleru value for the Twenty-seventh World Championships played in Prague. One of a set of six stamps for Czech sports events of 1963. (S.G. 1332).

1963—Nicaragua. 1 cordoba value of a set of thirteen Airmail stamps showing various sports. (S.G. 1495).

1964—Jordan. 4 fils value of the second issue for the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo; eight stamps showing various sports. (As previously, table tennis is not an Olympic sport). This set is not catalogued by Gibbons, who are not satisfied as to its status as an official Jordanian Post Office issue.

1964—Nicaragua. Previous 1 cordoba Airmail stamp of 1963; six of the thirteen stamps were overprinted 'Olimpiadas Tokyo—1964' for the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (S.G. 1519).

1964—Yemen Arab Republic. $\frac{1}{2}$ bogache value of a set of eight values depicting local Yemeni sports. (S.G. 248).

1965—China (People's Republic). Four stamps, each of 8 fen value, for the Twenty-eighth World Championships played in Ljubljana. Four different action designs issued as a block of four. (S.G. 2031 to 2034).

1965—Yugoslavia. Two stamps, 50 dinars and 150 dinars, for the Twenty-eighth World Championships played in Ljubljana. (S.G. 1145 and 1146).

Part III : 1966-1974

1966—China (People's Republic). 52 fen value of set of eight stamps showing children's games. The stamp shows a young girl playing with five other children spectating. (S.G. 2103).

1966—Korea : North Korea. One value, 10 chan, of a set of three stamps for the Ganefo Games, Phnom-Penh. The stamps were issued in vertical triptychs throughout the sheet, showing 5 chon (wrestling), 10 chon (basketball) and 10 chon (pen-hold table tennis player). (S.G. NK 732).

1967—Korea : North Korea. Three stamps, 5 chon, 10 chon, 40 chon, for the Twenty-ninth International Championships played in Pyongyang. (S.G. NK 771 to NK 773).

1967—Sweden. Two values, 35 öre and 90 öre, for the Twenty-ninth World Championships played in Stockholm. The 35 öre value, as with all Swedish low value stamps, is found imperforate at the top, at the bottom, or on both sides. The 90 öre value is imperforate on both sides. (S.G. 528, 528a and 529).

1968—U.S.S.R. One value, 4 kopecks, of a set of five stamps for sports events of 1968. For the Eleventh European Youth Championships, played in Leningrad. (S.G. 3576).

1968—Egypt : United Arab Republic. 20 mils value for the First Mediterranean Tournament, played in Cairo. (S.G. 946).

1971—China (People's Republic). Set of four stamps, three each of 8 fen and one of 43 fen, to mark the Afro-Asian Friendship Championships, played in Peking. (S.G. 2258 to 2261).

1971—Iraq. One of a set of five stamps, 35 fils value, for the Fourth Pan-Arab Games for Schoolboys, held in Baghdad. The five stamps also appear together in a miniature sheet. (S.G. 674 and S.G. MS677).

1972—China (People's Republic). Set of four stamps, three each of 8 fen and one of 22 fen, to commemorate the first tournament of the newly-founded Asian Table Tennis Union, played in Peking. (S.G. 2286 to 2289).

1972—Guinea Republic. Nine stamps for the visit of President Nixon of the U.S.A. to Chinese People's Republic. To recognise the "ping-pong diplomacy," the block of four 90 francs air mail stamps printed on silver foil shows Mao Tse-Tung, Richard Nixon and two portraits of table tennis players. A block of four 290 francs air mail stamps printed on gold foil is similarly arranged, and the one 1,200 francs air mail stamp shows both leaders and incorporates crossed bats in the background design. (S.G. numbers not allocated).

1973—Nigeria. One value, 18 kogos, of a set of four stamps to commemorate the Second All-Africa Games held in Lagos. (S.G. 282).

1973—Yugoslavia. 200 dinars stamp for the Thirty-second World Championships, played in Sarajevo. (S.G. 1536).

1973—Korea : South Korea. 10 won stamp to commemorate the South Korean ladies' success in winning the Corbillon Cup at the Thirty-second World Championships played in Sarajevo. (S.G. 873).

1973—Korea : South Korea. 10 won plus 5 won stamp with charity

surcharge to raise funds for a Korean National table tennis gymnasium, in further commemoration of the South Korean ladies' success in the Thirty-second World Championships. (S.G. 885).

1973—China (People's Republic). Set of four stamps, three each of 8 fen and one of 22 fen, to commemorate the Asian, African and Latin-American Invitation Championships held in Peking. (S.G. 2512 to 2515).

1974—Malagasy Republic. Two stamps, 50 francs and 100 francs, to commemorate the Asian, African and Latin-American Invitation Championships played in Peking in 1973. (S.G. numbers not yet allocated).

Catalogue Review

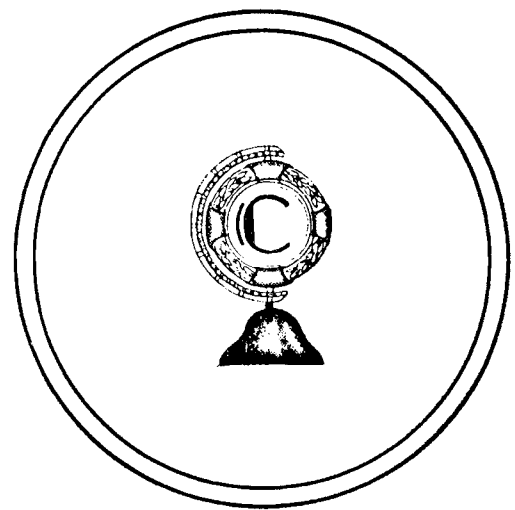
by Ian R. Crickmer

The long-awaited publication of Rex Haggett's authoritative work on postal cancellations used for comprehensive listing, which should find not only a place on every enthusiast's book-shelf but a regular spot on the working desk in the quest for these interesting

and often elusive issues. The author can be excused his choice of title, 'Ping Pong Postmarks,' in seeking an alliterative name—his catalogue lists over 160 postmarks, including the results of extensive research into the wealth of Japanese town cancels of the 1956. Described and illustrated are postmarks from 1937 to 1973, and the catalogue has been produced, duplicated and photo-copied on a loose-leaf system to allow for the addition of subsequent supplements. It is available from the author, Rex Haggett, at 27 Meadow Close, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 9PJ. The charge is £1, inclusive of postage costs. For overseas subscribers this would mean mailing at the printed paper rate—additional charges for quicker delivery must be prepaid.

One cancellation used less than a year ago is already proving hard to locate. This was the triangular cancel used during the August, 1973, European Youth Championships at Piraeus, Greece. The cancel is known used both on an official Greek T.T.A. cover and on a pictorial cover issued by Greek stamp dealers. On the latter design, a few copies are available at £1 each from Trory's Stamp Shop, 31 Spring Street, Western Road, Brighton.

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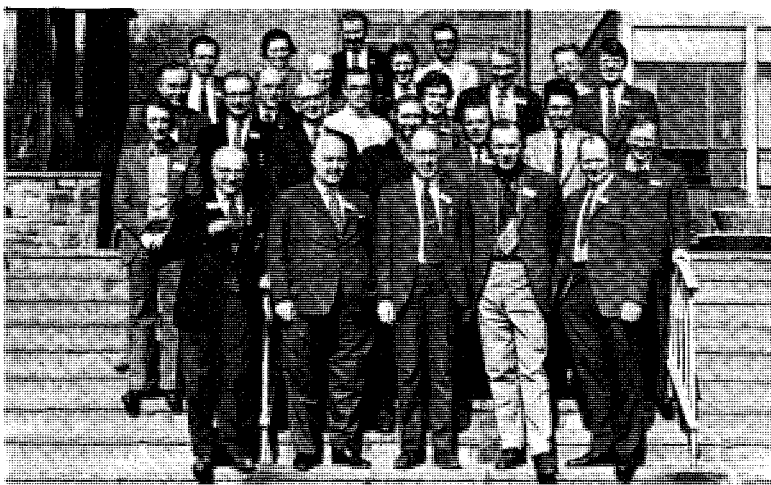


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REFEREES' CONFERENCE

by COLIN CLEMETT
Hon. Secretary, N.U.R.C.

It was in 1971 that the N.U.R.C. took its first tentative step into the field of conference organisation, with the staging at Leicester of the Umpires' Conference. Encouraged by the success of this project (and a grant from the National Council!) the Committee recently ventured even further north and held a Referees' Conference at Sheffield University over the weekend of March 30-31.

Opening the proceedings, N.U.R.C. Chairman Geoff James explained that the idea of the Conference was not just for the Committee to make formal presentations to a passive audience. It was meant as an opportunity for Referees from different parts of the country to exchange ideas and for the members of the N.U.R.C. to meet the people who were directly responsible for applying E.T.T.A. policy and procedures to the organisation of tournaments. The success of the event depended on full audience participation; there were no "experts" and everyone had something to learn.

After an introductory session, giving the history of the E.T.T.A. Referee qualifying scheme and the basis of the qualifying procedure, the main business was dealt with in two main sessions. In the first, Geoff Owen covered matters of tournament preparation, such as venue and equipment, conduct of the draw, scheduling, checking and notifications to entrants. The next session, led by George White, considered the practical problems of tournament control, including implementing the plans discussed in the previous session, and dealing with the various problems which could arise during play.

Both chairmen were supported by other speakers on particular subjects and particular mention must be made of John Wright, whose contributions included an impressive practical demonstration of the draw for an international event and a novel method of schedule control. Profiting from

the experience of the last Conference, the Committee had decided to encourage questions and discussion of each topic as it arose, rather than wait until the end of a session. This proved very effective in maintaining continuity, and it was often only the insistence of the refreshments bell that brought the proceedings to a halt. The final session took the form of an open forum for discussion of topics which had not been adequately dealt with earlier in the Conference.

At the end of the Conference, the general view seemed to be that the weekend had been both enjoyable and instructive for all concerned, and certainly from the N.U.R.C. point of view it more than fulfilled its purpose. It was noticeable that discussions ranged over almost all aspects of tournament organisation, a welcome sign that Referees were now becoming recognised as Tournament Managers rather than merely as arbiters on obscure questions of rule.

Finally, congratulations to Gordon Lightfoot, of Essex, and Bob Edon, of Durham, both of whom qualified as National Referees at an examination held during the morning preceding the Conference.

In the Coaching Field

with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

Over the last few months I have been sounding off about the new look Hallex Proficiency Award Scheme, but little ever seems to come to light. Well at last I can give some definite information about it.

The new badges are now available and good looking badges they are, too, especially the Silver Award badge. The colour combination on this badge is excellent, I could even take the Award myself just to get one.

As the name implies, sponsorship of the Scheme has been taken on by Hallex, a very apt Company considering their long connections with table tennis. Students now

qualifying for the various awards will automatically receive the new badges at a cost of 60p, which includes both badge and certificate.

It is an increase over the cost of the previous badges but, as with everything else, cost of manufacture is escalating and it is also a more ambitious design. By the time this magazine is in print the new forms for the Proficiency Award Scheme should be available, and a letter to Jack Carrington at 82 Hermitage Court, London, E18 2EP, should bring a supply.

At one time, to be eligible to participate in the scheme it was necessary to be under 21. This has now been altered, showing that it is no longer thought that your table tennis career is over if you are 17-plus. In fact in many cases it may not have even started. I was interested to learn that Jack Carrington himself did not start playing until he was 23, which must be over 10 years ago now!

I was once told how old Johnny Leach was at the start of his career. I have forgotten the exact age, but I do know he was a late starter compared with today's youngsters, and he did not do too badly either.

This brings me to the welcome news that some of the Panels are starting squads for the under-21 age group. In the past they have been concentrating on juniors, and once you were over 17 it was difficult to be included in a panel squad. It can be hoped that in future coaching for the over-17's may be undertaken with the idea of making them into top players, rather than just operating a service for the social player.

Many of the top juniors attending the panel squads and, eventually, the assessment camps, aim to qualify for the final trials. For they know that from these trials the national ranking or seeding list will be formed. The information gained from these trials, plus performances at tournaments and in county matches, can decide the fate of the top boys and girls in the country.

I must add that the national ranking lists are not compiled by the National Coaching and Schools' Committee, but by the National Selection Committee.

I say this because the only people that the juniors attending these training and assessment camps come into contact with are the County, Panel and National Coaches. They therefore think that ranking is carried out by the E.T.T.A. national coaches, or by the Coaching Committee.

From County level to Panel level can amount to about 100 juniors involved in squad training. Throughout the 10 panels there are around 1,000 juniors, of which about 10 will make the final national list—10 of each sex that is.

Disappointment at failure or accusations of downright robbery are usually levelled at the National Coaches or at the Coaching Committee as a whole. So again I say, all ranking and national team selection is carried out by the Selection Committee.

One of the recurring problems the Coaching Committee are called

upon to contend with is the increasing demand for tables to equip the centres around the country. Requests are frequently received from regional centres endeavouring to expand, or new centres trying to get off the ground and the same problem is always apparent, insufficient tables.

The Coaching Committee do receive a few tables for such allocation, but they only come in ones and twos and the requests are registered by the sixes. As everyone is aware, tables are an expensive item. It is therefore not the reluctance of the Committee to grant such aid but sheer inability to do so.

If your regional centre has made a request which, as yet, has not been granted, be sure it will be dealt with in strict order of priority. The panels have experienced many problems but are finally making progress. It was originally thought that it would take three years before the system started to produce results, so we are running well within that estimation.

As mentioned earlier, more attention is to be paid to the older teenagers, i.e., under-21. This could mean that the emphasis could shift from the present 12-17 year old age group to say 15-21. And this gives food for thought in many aspects.

I think it is fair to say that the majority of coaching is carried out in schools or in centres catering for schoolchildren. This means that unless these children are members of local league clubs, and many are not, that the bulk of the coaches are spending most of their time on students who are not members of the E.T.T.A.

I know that the E.S.T.T.A. are accepted under "Organisations in Good Standing" but this does not mean they are affiliated members. This is not stated in the form of a complaint but more in the nature of an observation that the older junior is more likely to belong to an affiliated club and this may give greater impetus to the formation of the older age group squads.

I saw an invitation in Table Tennis News, from Reading, for U-14 boys' and girls' teams to accept a challenge match. Did anyone accept? And if so what were the results. Reading appeared to be very confident of their girls remaining unbeaten. As I have previously been stressing how disappointed I was about the standard of girls nationally, I would be most interested to learn of such results.

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by IAN R. CRICKMER

BEST-EVER PLACING

The County season closed with the news that the Glamorgan II—Staffordshire II result put Worcestershire II into the runners-up spot in the Midland Division, the best-ever placing for a second team of the Association. However, the champions' berth must have been nearly Worcestershire's several times on March 31—although the match score was recorded as 8-2 in favour of Staffordshire, this was amended to 6-4 by the visitors' inclusion of an ineligible first team lady. Of their six sets, Staffordshire won the men's doubles -16, 25, 17 and in the tenth set Steve Dunning beat Robert Thomas -22, 23, 22! A draw would have left both counties on 7 points and Worcestershire with 8.

This tally had been achieved by an 8-2 win over Herefordshire at Malvern—four of the visitors had previously played in Worcestershire's colours, but once the friendliness of reunion was established, the match itself was a hard-fought affair. With Diana Moss absent ill, Maureen Allchurch, of Halesowen, made her debut for her new county, acquitting herself well and finding her ladies' partner, Sheila Foley, in superb form. Simon Claxton, retained after his success versus Monmouthshire, continued in irreplaceable vein, adding weight to the arguments of those who wish an even younger County second side to be selected.

As expected, Worcester took the County League Division Three title by a wide margin, 8-2 being their closest score. The other placings when the four entrants came together at Lea and Perrins, Worcester, to complete the series, were 2nd, Hereford (4 wins) 3rd, Kidderminster (2 wins) and 4th Evesham (no win). Amid a welter of results, I noted that although Judy Bythway lost to Melanie Dilley, Mandy Mytton and Linda Owen, she beat County champion Jill Watte. Evesham's Nigel Gould had a good win over Michael Owens.

Dudley completed their Division 1 championship success with a 7-3 victory over Hereford and a 6-4 home win over Malvern, each of the visiting men capturing one singles. In the Mixed Division the Halesowen-Worcester return match again saw the home side successful by 7-3: Michael Sykes repeated his win over Mervyn Wood, 21-17 in the third, but lost out 19-21 in the decider with Bryan Belcher. County junior No. 3, Andrew Oakley, introduced for Worcester, could make little impression on these two Worcestershire men.

Despite the restrictions imposed by the emergency, the County Team Knockout competitions have

progressed to their final stages. The Non-Handicap final, Village Farm Dodgers versus Saint Bede's (Redditch) is to be played at Allensmore on the weekend April 20-21, and the competitions' secretary, Peter Bird, is planning the Handicap Final for his home table at The Grange, Halesowen, in early May. The finalists are East Worcestershire Water Co. 'A' (rec. 250) who accounted for Bewdley Tennis Club 'B' in the first semi-final, and Redditch Development Corporation (rec. 150) who ended the run of defending champions, Village Farm 'B', coming through by a margin of 12 points at Redditch Youth Club. The visitors' 15 start was eliminated after the fifth game, and though they stood only one point down after twelve games, they had to concede defeat to a team which showed better form than in the earlier Non-Handicap semi-final, lost 1-8 to Village Farm's seniors. The main factor in the Redditch win was the better form shown by Dave Roberts, who finished 15 points up on the night's play.

For the first time in the County Association's 22 years, the appeal machinery was invoked when Columbians' T.T.C. asked for a decision of the Worcester League Committee to be rescinded. The appeal concerned match awards thought likely to affect Columbians' chances of taking the League's Division 4 title, and, as a domestic matter, ends with the County Committee's ruling. Unfortunately, however, I hear that it could lead to wider repercussions, as there is a school of thought now in Worcester to disaffiliate from the County and E.T.T.A. to prevent "interference" from outside bodies in the one instance, and to avoid the payment of proposed increased affiliation fees and the World Championships levy in the other. One suspects that similar thoughts are being entertained elsewhere in the county and the country, and the case for organised table tennis must be put forcefully before the E.T.T.A. Annual General Meeting convenes on 13th July.

HUNTS. AND PETERBRO. NOTES

by DAVID OBEY

HECTIC SESSION

The month since the last report has seen a hectic session of events, with no fewer than two county junior matches, one senior fixture, and the county Closed Tournament itself.

The Closed Tournament, held this year at Whittlesey, went off satisfactorily with finals starting on schedule. As usual there were several upsets but no major surprises although the top seeded players in the men's singles and women's singles failed to lift their titles. It was Len Saywell (St. Neots) better known nowadays for his coaching exploits, who after surviving a tense semi with surprise semi-finalist Colin Dale (Peterboro) overcame Alan Albon (St. Neots) in an exciting final. Alan had reached the final via Syd Burgess (Hunts Central). These two old rivals provided an excellent climax to the evening when Len, looping consistently and killing anything over net height, ran

out the winner 23-21 in the decider, after squandering a 20-17 lead!

Belinda Chamberlain (St. Neots) seeded No. 2 was a comfortable third game winner in the women's final against Shelley Holland (Peterboro). Shelley had earlier put out top seed Barbara Pace (St. Neots) whilst Belinda had reached the final at the expense of Pip Baker (Peterboro). The men's doubles was taken very easily by Gordon Cockram/St. Neots (St. Neots) against Tim Speller/Kevin Moor (Hunts Central) while Len Saywell teamed up with Belinda Chamberlain to beat Alan Albon/Barbara Pace in the mixed.

The women's doubles went to Barbara Pace/Diane Bushby against Evelyn and Jean Allinson (Peterboro) in a good final, whilst in the veterans' singles Gordon Cockram justified his No. 1 seeding by scraping home in the third against Colin Dale. These two players put on an exciting final, showing why they have fared so well in the veterans' division of the County Championships this season. The overall impression from the tournament was that although on the distaff side the juniors have now made the big break-through, it is still very much the old stagers in the men's events. Let us hope that next season sees a lower aggregate number of years in the semi-finals than this season's near 150!

The County junior team won its last two matches in fine style to almost certainly clinch third spot in the 8-team Junior East Division. Against Bucks the score was a comfortable 8-2 but against Beds the result was always in doubt until 11-years-old Greg Baker (Peterboro) took the last singles for a 6-4 win. Tim Speller (Hunts Central) once again underlined his undoubted potential in these matches, going through unbeaten, whilst the girls, Belinda Chamberlain and Jean Allinson, capped a tremendous season by also scoring 100% success.

Away to Northants II at Towcester, the senior side scored its second win of the season to finish half-way up the 6-team table in the Eastern Division. The hero of the evening for the County was Jim Sizer (Hunts Central) who won both singles including the vital final rubber of the night against the much-improved John Palmer. Tim Speller won one singles, and the three doubles events all went Hunts way to enable the County to run out 6-4 winners.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by DAVID COSWAY

ENCOURAGING RESULT

The County First Team reserved their best performance until their final match when everything came out right against Berkshire. Their 7-3 win, however, does not take them above their opponents and they must now be relegated. Keith Summerfield won both his singles, while both Trevor Smith and Martin Gilbert gained a singles win. Christine Davies annihilated Caroline Reeves 11 and 8 and combined with Joyce Coop to win the doubles. All in all a very encourag-

ing result, but why leave it so late when this form in earlier matches would have avoided relegation.

Three doubles wins helped the second team to a 7-3 win over Berkshire seconds, with Steve Wilson and Linda Wales making their senior debut. The Juniors, after their win over Oxford, go forward to the play-offs and could do well.

In the inter-town league Southampton went into their final match against Bournemouth in the mixed Div. 1 needing a draw to win the title. A close match was expected but 7-5 to Southampton with the final set won at 26-24 in the third, left quite a few frayed nerves. Southampton won the first two sets then trailed 2-3 and 4-5 only to win the last three. Quite a match—and proving that inter-town table tennis is not as dead as some would make it out to be. Terry Bruce and Summerfield starred for Southampton with two singles wins each and the Men's Doubles. Terry trailed Smith 11-19 in the first game in the crucial set at five-all only to win the next ten points. I think that finally sapped any hope Bournemouth had of victory. Phil Brown beat Wilson, the Hampshire Closed runner-up 12 and 15 and Leslie King gained the only Women's event victory when combining with Summerfield in the mixed to beat Wilson and Julie Hudson. It was strange that after beating Bournemouth 5-1 in the Rose Bowl, Southampton could only gain this one female success. But all credit to Bournemouth in this respect, Julie Hudson combined well with Joyce Coop to win the Women's Doubles, and Smith with Mrs. Coop, beat the Closed champions, Bruce and Christine Davies, in the mixed. Both women's singles went Bournemouth's way, Joyce Coop versus Christine Davies is always a see-saw affair and this was Mrs. Coop's turn to win. The real stunner though was 15-year-old Janet New's 12 and 14 win over Leslie King. She really played well, picking her winners on both wings and showing no nerves at a vital stage in the match.

I felt a little sorry for the Bournemouth Association who are celebrating their golden jubilee this season, and needed this major title to complete a clean sweep of the Hampshire League titles. They had already won the Junior First and Second Division championships and are first and second in the Veterans' Division. Their future, however, is brighter than their Southampton rivals and in Junior circles I cannot see another town in Hampshire matching their talent in the next five years.

A final comment on Inter-town matches is that Southampton have in mind proposing that these matches be played at a central venue on one or two days rather than spread over the season on a home and away basis. It is felt that this method would mean easier administration, less expense and would perhaps ensure that full strength teams are fielded throughout the competition, which at present does not happen. It would be interesting to hear other towns' thoughts on this matter.

I have had some reports passed through to me on recent Closed Tournament Results in the County.

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In Portsmouth the surprise winner of the Men's Singles Title was Steve Kitcher, who I thought might have been given a County Second Team game this season. Steve beat Ray Lush in the semi and Derek Jones in the final. The Women's winner was more predictably Linda Wales, who beat mother Pat in the final. These two teamed up to win the Women's Doubles and Linda joined Steve Kitcher to win the mixed. Cliff Jacobs and Pete Scott won the Men's Doubles. At the other end of the County the Bournemouth Divisional championships also had their upsets. Smith beat Wilson who in turn was beaten by "Bunny" Ellis. "Bunny" after a couple of years retirement following his long run of success for the County, went on to beat Dave Woodcock in the final. Predictably Joyce Coop won the Ladies' with a final win over Janet New.

Dave Nicholson completed a successful season, which saw him make his County Second Team debut, by taking the Basingstoke Men's title. He beat John Ahlan at 19 in the third in the final. Avril Waters, who combines her job as Tournament Organiser with a still successful playing career, regained the women's title with a 23-21 in the third final win over the holder, Carol Houghton. Clive Payne and Linda Wright won the under-17 junior titles. After a number of years of trying, Winchester No. 1, John Lewis, won the Men's Singles title with an easy final victory over Rowe Bennett 10 and 15. It is strange that Winchester does not hold a Women's Singles event. Even if only a few women play in the league, I feel there should be a league champion.

In the National competitions Bournemouth still forge on in the Bromfield Trophy and reached the semi-final with the excellent all-round team of Janet New, Julie Reading and Jane Harvey. Their 5-4 win over the much-fancied Guildford team relied on three wins from Janet New and two from Jane Harvey, but Julie Reading has earned her keep in the earlier rounds. Southampton's hopes in the Rose Bowl ended with a 3-5 defeat by Worthing. Linda Wales repeated her Hampshire Closed victory over Christine Davies and won her three sets. Christine, however did well to beat Suzanna Kavallierou.

I will now get in my "commercial" for next season! The Four T's Open will be held a week later than usual on Sunday, 22nd September, at Southampton University. Entry forms may be obtained from Chris Sims at Woodbury, Bakers Drive, Rownhams, Southampton.

I end my notes with a tribute to a number of officials of the Hampshire Association, who are retiring this season, after a number of years' service on the Committee. Joyce Stannard has carried out the onerous job of Secretary for a number of years in a most efficient manner, as has the Treasurer, Bob Duthie. Pat Stannard has also served on the Committee for a number of years as Vice-Chairman. I feel these Committee Members will be hard to replace and would like to thank

them for their years of service, on behalf of all members of the Association.

HERALDING HEREFORDSHIRE

by IAN R. CRICKMER

CLOSED CHAMPS.

Though both living dangerously at times, the two players who had led Herefordshire's County Championship challenge, Russell Preece and Mike Prosser, survived to contest the final of the County Closed tournament played on April 7th, at Wiggins Canteen.

Preece had his usual struggle with Ledbury's Neville Meredith, whom he ousted in the quarter-finals 21-16, 20-22, 27-25 only by saving several match points held by a determined opponent. Prosser, on the other hand, had a dour struggle at this stage with the expedite rule applied at 7-6 in the third game versus Graham Payne. Prosser then took full control to win 12-21, 21-9, 21-9.

The other "quarters" saw Nim Hodges beat unseeded Andrew Davies 21-14, 21-12 and John Oldman oust Richard Owens 14-21, 22-20, 21-19. Preece then eliminated Oldman 21-17, 13-21, 21-7 in the first semi-final, but Prosser found himself 17-19 down in the third against Hodges before courageously hitting four winners to go through 19-21, 21-12, 21-19. He then continued in the same vein to take the title with surprising ease—Preece contributed a number of unforced errors, for Prosser to romp home 21-13, 21-10.

The same leading players contested the later stages of the doubles—Preece and Prosser beat Dave Corbett and Peter Gilbert, of Bromyard, 21-12, 21-16 in the first semi-final, whilst Hodges and Payne defeated Owens and Oldman 14-21, 21-15, 21-18. Preece and Prosser confirmed their superiority over all other pairs by winning the final 21-16, 21-14.

Margaret Newcombe was not over-extended in taking the ladies' title—her semi-final victory was over Linda Owen 21-16, 21-16, and her final success 21-14, 21-18 against Noreen Price. The latter's semi-final had given her a narrow win by 15-21, 21-18, 21-19 against Jill Owens.

In opposition in the mixed "semis", Mrs. Newcombe, partnered by Hodges, had similarly beaten Miss Price, who was paired with Preece, 21-10, 21-13.

The husband and wife team of Richard and Jill Owens won through 21-15, 21-17 versus Graham Payne and Audrey Lawrence (the latter not a singles entrant). The final saw Hodges and Newcombe capture the title by the scores 19-21, 21-16, 21-12.

The boys' singles produced the anticipated final between Mark Owen and Michael Owens. Mark beat Jeremy Bower (Village Farm 'B') 21-14, 21-10 and Michael defeated Chris Ingram (Saunders Valve) 21-11, 21-18. Despite an exciting fight-back by the younger Michael, it was Mark who took the championship 22-20, 21-19.

In partnership, Mark and

Michael had few problems in annexing the Under-21 doubles championships. Their semi-final was versus Ingram and Bob Marshall 21-15, 21-15, with Steve Errington and David Ankers coming through to provide the opposition by beating David Franklin and Richard Preece 21-19, 26-28, 21-18. In a one-sided final Owen and Owens won 21-8, 21-7.

Mark's elder sister, Linda, took the girls' singles by beating all four other entrants in a group tournament. All five players represent Village Farm, Allensmore, and second place went to Juliette Bower with three wins. She did particularly well to hold Linda to a 21-18, 21-16 decision.

At the other end of the age scale, another Village Farmer (1), Ken Matthews, took the Veterans' title, beating Ron Jenkins 21-7, 16-21, 21-15. Matthews beat Dick Potter 21-15, 21-15 in the semis, with Jenkins ousting former Hereford singles champion, Doug Paton, 21-17, 21-17.

The Grade B Singles, for players of Division 2 or below, and Division 1 players over 45, saw a fierce competition, won by Pete Trueman (Hereford Police) 21-18, 21-19 in his final with George Hill (Civil Service). Hill had survived only 21-16, 14-21, 21-19 against Roy Phillips (Smart and Brown), and Trueman had beaten Dave McIntosh (R.A.F.) 21-18, 21-17.

Unfortunately, Leominster was not as well represented as had been hoped, probably because that League's own Closed Championships had been held on the previous Sunday. These had seen Mike Richards (Little Hereford 'B') take the title at the expense of David Hughes (Pembroke 'A'), with the doubles captured by Harry Conod and Doug Murgett, both of Eye 'A', against the Pembroke 'A' pair of Hughes and Philip Thomas. In the League Division 1, Little Hereford 'B' finished as champions with their 'C' team in runners-up position; these two sides have also to contest the Dandy Cup Final for Division 1 sides. Division 2 was won by Eye 'B', with Pembroke Youth Club second. The Burton Cup for Division 2 teams has Little Hereford 'D' in the final, where they will meet the winners of Pembroke 'B' and Pembroke Y.C.

The Divisional titles of the Hereford League were distributed amongst seven clubs as follows:—

1—Ledbury, 2—R.A.F. Wingbats, 3—Rank Xerox, 4—Mother's Pride 'A', 5—Saunders Valve 'A', 6—Wiggins 'C', 7—Civil Service 'D'.

These trophies and those for the Herefordshire Closed Championships will be presented at the County Dinner Dance to celebrate the formation of the County Association and the Silver Jubilee of the Hereford League. This function has now been announced for Thursday, May 23rd, at The Park Hall Hotel, Wormelow.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by PAULINE JACKSON

LOW NOTE FINISH

Northumberland's first team ended their season on a low note

when they lost their last County match 8-2 to Yorkshire II. The margin of this defeat was a disappointment for Northumberland, as Yorkshire fielded a weaker team than expected, and it was felt that we might have done better in the circumstances, even though we were without the services of Ron Kettlewell and Phil Clark. Ron's replacement, Andrew Clark, and Alan Jones, each won a singles, both defeating Brian Alderson. This was a good win for Andrew, who once again confirmed his immense promise, and is now pushing the senior players hard for a regular team place.

In spite of this defeat, it has now been confirmed that Northumberland have definitely qualified for the Senior Promotion Challenge at Hertfordshire during the weekend April 27-28, by finishing in third place to Yorkshire II and Cheshire II (neither of whom, of course, are eligible) in 2nd North. The opposition is likely, as usual, to be strong, but our best wishes go with the team in their quest for Premier Division status.

The Northumberland League season should have ended during the week commencing March 25, but because of the huge backlog of fixtures caused by the fuel crisis and the three-day week, it was decided by the Executive Committee to officially extend the season to the last week in April. Several teams are having to play two or three times a week in order to fulfil their fixtures before the new deadline, and as an example, I can quote my own club, D.H.S.S., who had only two of their five teams affected by the crisis—yet, at the end of March, still had 17 league matches outstanding, which gives some idea of what the complete total is likely to be.

This means that the N.T.T.A. dinner dance and presentation of League trophies will not now be held until June, when the complete League tables for this season are likely to be compiled and published.

Obituary

It is with deep regret that I end this column by announcing the death of N.T.T.A. Chairman and E.T.T.A. Council Representative, Stan Lawson, on Wednesday, April 10th.

Stan, an executive officer at the Department of Health and Social Security in Newcastle, and also Chairman of their table tennis club, was very active both on the playing and administrative sides of the game, and in fact was playing table tennis regularly up to the start of the second half of the season at the beginning of the year. He was a tireless worker, both for his own club and County Association, and would often take on extra commitments to help out other Committee members.

He also found time to be Editor of the D.H.S.S. Sports Magazine, "The Bulletin," and his death has left a gap which will be hard to fill.

On behalf of the N.T.T.A., his colleagues at D.H.S.S. Newcastle, and his many friends throughout the Northumberland League, I convey my deepest sympathies to his wife, Lorna, daughter Ann, and son Peter, in their sad loss.

SIGNALLING SURREY

by TED SIMPKIN

The season for Surrey went out with a whimper. The senior team came back from Birmingham with a defeat behind them, and, in front, the prospect of a lower status next season. Doubly unfortunate is the fact that the descent of the seniors must mean relegation for the second team.

On the junior front prospects are brighter with hopes of the Premier squad doing well at Loughborough and the second team certain to take the Junior South title. Mick Kercher reports glowingly of the performances of Martin Shuttle, Keith Seager, Steve Boxall, Jayne Mitchell and Suzanne Roebuck in the match against a young Herts side. Martin has quietly accepted his new responsibilities as Number 1; Keith needs only a little more confidence to give his talents full justice, and Steve purveys his limited repertoire of strokes with an awesome concentration which promises so much.

Nicolette Leslie made a great contribution in the two toughest matches and while it is an unhappy thought that serious table tennis may be losing her talents, her Guildford colleagues, Jayne Mitchell and Suzanne Roebuck, are there to take over. Jayne in particular has blossomed this year, though needing a little aggression in her game, and, as Suzanne beat her in both the Surrey and the Guildford Closed, there should be healthy competition for a first team place. With another Guildford girl, Dianne Elliott, close on their heels, the thought has been expressed that there may be something in the Guildford air that produces lady players of such talent and charm but discriminates against the males.

Whatever was in the Guildford air failed to work in the Bromfield Trophy match against young, and equally charming young ladies from Bournemouth, and out went Guildford's chances of their third successive seizure of the Trophy.

The latest Junior rankings are:—
Boys

U-17: Steven Lyons, David Bangerter, Max Crimmins, Martin Shuttle, Keith Seager, Ian Girdler, Stephen Boxall, Andrew Martel, Simon Vine, Paul Smith, Kevin Marrable and Chris Bennett.

U-16: Crimmins, Shuttle, Seager, Girdler, Boxall, Martel, Vine, Smith, Marrable and Gary Stewart.

U-15: Shuttle, Seager, Boxall, Vine, Merrable, Stewart, Steven Critchley, Nigel Friedman, Chris Keepen and Terry Haley.

U-14: Shuttle, Boxall, Critchley, Friedman, Keepen, Haley, Richard Scott, Duncan McDonald, Richard Aplin and Stephen Woodgate.
Girls

U-17: Susan Tame, Kay Greenhough, Nicolette Leslie, Jayne Mitchell, Suzanne Roebuck, Diane Elliott, Elaine Starr, Susan Walker, Jennifer Webster, Jane Redford, Janine Garbet and Beverley Parker.

U-16: Greenhough, Mitchell, Roebuck, Elliott, Starr, Walker, Webster, Redford, Garbet and Kim Vincent.

U-15: Mitchell, Roebuck, Starr, Walker, Webster, Redford, Garbet,

Vincent, Susan Head and Susan Boxall.

U-14: Roebuck, Walker, Webster, Vincent, Head, Lorraine Garbet, Kim Stewart, Ann Mitchell, Sarah Cresswell and Diane Tame.

The fall of the Senior side from the Premier Division can be clearly linked with the earlier retirement of "Connie" Warren, who, after Mary Wright's reign, had been a pillar of Surry's strength. "Connie" played for the County side on more than 50 occasions, a record shared by few; he was always difficult to beat and quite famous for his witty asides at crucial points in a match which would often ease the tension (if not convulse his opponent). It is always sad when a personality leaves the arena, and Surrey salutes "Connie" for his contribution to the County and his other fine achievements, and wishes him well in the future.

An inquest has been taking place on the cause of the decline of the Senior side and criticism has been made by the County Chairman of the apparent preference of one player for participation in a senior tournament rather than taking part in a vital county match. Fred Joyce points to the correct priorities when such clashes arise, although I understand that the particular player in this instance had received tacit permission to play in the tournament. How difficult are the problems of the administrators of our sport, and how lucky we all are that they continue to battle on despite all difficulties and setbacks!

NORTHANTS NOTES

by DENNIS MILLMAN

March is always a busy month for David Byrom, Wellingborough's Challenge Cup and Tournament Secretary, and this year was no exception. The Challenge Cup was in the closing stages, with eight teams in close contention, but despite valiant efforts from Wollaston, Burton Latimer and Rothborough, it will be holders Kettering Town and Compton Nomads who will contest the final of a handicap competition started back in October.

The Wellingborough Tournament was once again capably organised and well supported, but predictably, the final stages were dominated by the usual players. Anne Wallis was the most successful player, and the disappointments she has experienced in other competitions were not in evidence here, as she carried all before her with a quartet of victories. Her main achievement was to regain her Women's Singles title from Christine Dilley, but earlier she had taken the Junior Singles, and partnered by sister Mandy, the Junior Doubles for the first time. Christine Dilley also made her mark, when in combination with Anne, she won the Women's Doubles for the fifth time since 1969-70.

Kevin Alden, John Palmer, Terry Sutton and Dennis Millman, who had earlier dominated the Kettering Championships, were again much in evidence in the final stages at Wellingborough, but with vastly differing results.

Sutton and Millman were eliminated by Mick Edwards and Brian

Dangerfield in quarter-final matches which overshadowed the later events but it was Palmer and Alden who reached the final. Alden started brilliantly, but gradually Palmer's consistent play gained the upper hand, and his win in straight games was well deserved. Alden gained some compensation when, with regular club colleague Graham Feakin, he took the Men's Doubles with a convincing win against Palmer and Sutton. In the Veterans' Singles Millman beat Sutton to reverse the Kettering result, and to retain his Wellingborough title. Results:—

M.S.: John Palmer bt Kevin Alden 13, 19.

W.S.: Anne Wallis bt Christine Dilley 14, 17.

V.S.: Dennis Millman bt Terry Sutton -13, 16, 15.

J.S.: Anne Wallis bt Alan Hawes 16, 15.

M.D.: Alden/Graham Feakin bt Palmer/Sutton 14, 18.

W.D.: Anne Wallis/Dilley bt Glennis Hooper/Mandy Wallis -19, 16, 12.

J.D.: A. and M. Wallis bt Ian Gilbert/Valerie Feakin -13, 8, 7.

The 1974 County Closed produced few surprises, although three titles changed hands. Since Billy Knight won the Men's Singles in 1952, Northampton has monopolised the event, but this domination now appears to be over. Ended last year, when Rod Marchant, of Wellingborough, triumphed for the first time, there was never a chance of a Northampton success this year, and they had few representatives in the latter stages. Steve Lyon was again beaten by Kevin Alden, who in turn, after producing a brilliant opening game which he took 21-5, went down to an ice-cool Rod Marchant 21-18 in the third after an intriguing contest.

In the Women's Singles, Northampton's Connie Bane regained her title displaying her usual steadiness under pressure, and then joined her defeated opponent, Judith Wooding, to retain the Doubles against the Kettering pair, Anne Lenton and Pat Rixon.

Dick Ingle made a speedy exit from the Veterans' Singles at the hands of Brian Bond, but not deterred by this setback, Ingle combined with Lyon to hold on to the Men's Doubles title against a new pairing of Marchant and Gary Alden.

Having despatched Ingle, Bond was no match for Terry Sutton, but Colin Hogg, seven times Men's Singles champion, and Bond's doubles partner for the past twenty years, gained revenge by defeating Sutton in the final, without having to rely on his superb defensive talents.

Connie Bane failed to take all three Women's titles when partnered by Lyon; they went down in a close but entertaining match to Kevin Alden and Anne Wallis, who should make a considerable impact in this event for many years to come.

County Tournament Results:

M.S.: Rod Marchant bt Kevin Alden -5, 9, 18.

W.S.: Connie Bane bt Judith Wooding 19, 16.

V.S.: Colin Hogg bt Terry Sutton 17, 14.

M.D.: Dick Ingle/Steve Lyon bt Gary Alden/Marchant 14, -13, 18.

W.D.: Bane/Wooding bt Anne Lenton/Pat Rixon 18, 17.

X.D.: Kevin Alden/Wallis bt Lyon/Bane -14, 21, 19.

In the Northampton League's Premier Division U.T.C. 'A' for so many years challenging for the title, have fallen away badly of late, and the experienced trio of Dick Ingle, Steve Lyon and David Hogg seem set to win yet another championship for Y.M.C.A. 'A'.

MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by RICHARD HABGOOD

Bristol, by defeating Nottingham 7-3 in Nottingham's last match of the season, paved the way open for the winner of the Leicester-Birmingham match to win the Men's 1st Division.

Spearheaded by Mike Johns, Birmingham did just enough to win 6-4 with Paul Judd and Barry Hayward contributing one win each to retain the title for Birmingham.

Sympathy must go to Nottingham who have lead the Division right from the start of the season. To fail at the final hurdle is rough justice indeed.

Leicester, by losing 4-6, finished third but have some consolation in knowing that their 'B' team have definitely gained promotion from Division Two.

Derby 'A' look certain champions of the second division if they defeat Chesterfield 'B' in their last match. However, if they fail and Chesterfield 'B' then lose to Wolverhampton then it will need a slide rule to determine who joins Leicester 'B' for promotion.

A slide rule may also be needed to determine promotion for Cheltenham or Leicester from Veterans' 2nd Division. West Bromwich should take the title if they defeat Worcester in their match.

Walsall take the honours in Junior Division Two following their 7-3 defeat of Birmingham 'B'. Derby 'B' who also defeated Birmingham earlier in the season, finish second. Birmingham, however, have taken the Junior 1st Division title with a 100% record and this is also the case for Gloucester in Junior 3rd.

Oxford head the Intermediate Division (from Loughborough) but in the Veterans' 1st Division Oxford have finished second to undefeated Coventry.

Relegation is always very unpleasant to discuss and with most of the results to hand relegation affects the following teams:—

Men's 1st Division—West Bromwich and Cheltenham.

Men's 2nd Division—Nottingham 'B' and Nuneaton.

Vets' 1st Division—Walsall 'A' or 'B' and Gloucester.

Junior 1st Division—Leicester or Loughborough or Chesterfield.

Junior 2nd Division—Leamington and Cheltenham.

The "Midland Closed" has been provisionally fixed for Sunday, May 12, 1974, at Aston University, Birmingham. Details will be available from your local League Secretary and it is almost certain that the above venue and date will be definite—See you there!

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by PETER CHARTERS

GERMAN VISITORS

The Berkshire Table Tennis Association entertained the W.T.T.V. Junior teams from Germany, from Apr. 8-13. That the players from W.T.T.V. were of a high standard was known from a tournament in which the Berkshire Juniors played in Germany last year. Therefore, a series of matches with teams from outside Berkshire was arranged to provide the visitors with good opposition.

Three boys, Hans - Joachim Nolten, Englebert Hugging and Torben Hartung, ranked 3, 4 and 8 respectively in Germany, and three girls, Roswitha Schmitz (3), Birgit Lehr (5) and Ursula Treppe, made up the W.T.T.V. teams.

On the Wednesday of the visit, Swaythling Cup style matches were arranged for the boys against a U.S.A. National touring team, Huddinge B.T.K.—a touring club from Sweden, and Middlesex—the latter team consisting of Andrew Barden, Mark Mitchell and David Tan, England's numbers 3 and 4 boys and a young Premier Division Senior. The first two teams our visitors beat 5-0 and 5-1 respectively, and in the evening match against Middlesex six sets were played, all of which went to the Germans. This was much closer than the score suggests, each set going to three games, producing a match that was both good to watch and for all the players enjoyable to play.

On the Friday of their visit, the German boys were not extended in beating Essex I, Essex II and Berkshire I, all 5-0.

For the German girls, however, Berkshire could provide much better opposition.

On the Wednesday, Judy Heaps guested for Berkshire I, and with Caroline Reeves and Kara Mashford, beat the visitors 5-1. The W.T.T.V. girls' team disposed of Middlesex and Berkshire II both 5-0, and when these two losers met, Middlesex won 5-1.

Friday saw some tight matches in the girls' team events. Berkshire I, this time Kara Mashford, Caroline Reeves and Karen Witt, beat Essex (Elaine Tarten, Sandra Sutton and Jane Livesey) by 5-4, with Kara getting a maximum. Berkshire went on to lose 4-5 to W.T.T.V., whilst Essex v. W.T.T.V. match was stopped short at 5-2 for the Germans.

Altogether, it was an interesting and enjoyable week, the German players proving to be not only very good players, but pleasant and polite individuals as well. The German players, and their coaches (Herr D. Steffer and Frau Barth) were good ambassadors for Table Tennis and for their country. The Berkshire Juniors will pay a return visit to Germany as the guests of W.T.T.V. next year.

Teams—Boys

W.T.T.V. (Germany)—H. Nolten, E. Hugging, T. Hartung.
Huddinge B.T.K. (Sweden)—A. Florin, T. Sjoren, B. Strömval, J. Skoglund.
U.S.A.—from R. Semiller, D. Barish, D. Galardi, R. Rumble, R. Sverdlik.

Middlesex—A. Barden, M. Mitchell, D. Tan.

Essex I—L. Eadie, D. Iszatt, K. Caldon.

Essex II—A. Bawden, P. Hunt, D. Newman.

Berkshire I—P. Trott, D. Reeves, G. Roberts.

Berkshire II—S. Douglas, A. Wellman, A. Hicks (guest; R. Rosinski).

Results

W.T.T.V. bt U.S.A. I 6-0; Huddinge bt Berkshire II 5-0; U.S.A. I bt. Berkshire I 5-2; W.T.T.V. bt Huddinge 5-1; Huddinge bt Berkshire I 5-2; U.S.A. I bt Huddinge 5-2; Berkshire I bt U.S.A. II 5-2; W.T.T.V. bt U.S.A. II 5-0; Middlesex bt U.S.A. I 5-1; W.T.T.V. bt Middlesex 6-0.

Essex I bt Berkshire I 5-1; W.T.T.V. bt Essex II 6-0; Essex I bt Berkshire II 6-0; Essex II bt Berkshire II 5-4; W.T.T.V. bt Berkshire I 5-0; W.T.T.V. bt Essex I 6-0.

Teams—Girls

W.T.T.V. (Germany) — Rowitha Schmitz, Birgit Lehr, Ursula Treppe.

Middlesex — Maralyn Sangster, Susan Dove, Jill Campion.

Essex — Elaine Tarten, Sandra Sutton, Jane Livesey.

Berkshire I—Caroline Reeves, Kara Mashford, Karen Witt (guest Judy Heaps).

Berkshire II—from Karen Witt, Janet Thorpe, Mandy Smith, Alison Gordon, Jo Douglas.

Results

Middlesex bt Berkshire II 5-1; Berkshire I bt W.T.T.V. 5-1; W.T.T.V. bt Berkshire II 5-0; W.T.T.V. bt Middlesex 6-0.

Berkshire I bt Essex 5-4; Essex bt Berkshire II 6-0; W.T.T.V. bt Essex 5-2; W.T.T.V. bt Berkshire I 5-4.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by JOHN PIKE

WELL SATISFIED

Staffordshire can feel well satisfied with the season that has just finished. Pride of place must go to the county 'B' team for their fine performance in winning the Midland division of the County Championships. The 'A' team also did much better than last season, and a lot of credit for this must go to Tony Isaac. Gail Round and Janet Carr, two youngsters making their senior debut for the County, also turned in some fine performances.

The juniors showed signs of improvement, while the veterans had an enjoyable season without winning any major honours.

After 20 years on the selection committee Jim Hayward has called it a day because of his heavy commitments now in the coaching field.

On the subject of coaching, there will be a coaching rally with Staffs and Shropshire joining forces at Wellington on June 23.

The great progress made at the Highfield centre over the past few seasons has been rewarded with the school now having a Stiga robot machine.

With Wolverhampton losing to Leicester in the Bromfield Trophy, the only team in the county left in a national tournament is Norton C.C. from the Potteries, who did well to beat Central Y.M.C.A. Bir-

mingham, to reach the inter-zones of the Stiga Club Championships.

On the local scene, the Cambridge club again dominated the Wolverhampton and Walsall Leagues, while over at West Bromwich, the Y.M.C.A. won the first division title without dropping a point. Ken Day took the honours here and well deserved the individual award.

In the fairly new league at Cannock, Featherstone won the first division, but the second division trophy was arrested by the local police.

Except for the end of season prize presentations, that just about wraps it up for another season. Don't forget the county A.G.M. is at Burton Manor, Stafford, on June 30th. See you then.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. PENNY

TRIUMPH FOR DOUGGIE

Norfolk Junior Closed Championships proved a triumph for young Duggie Bennett, who was thirteen on January 21. He won the U-17, U-15 and U-13 Singles, and, with Paul Durrant, the Boys' Doubles. Moreover, he came within two points of taking the Mixed. To make it a family affair, his sister, Rosalind, appeared in the Girls' Doubles final! The Girls' title was regained by Sandra Mansi, of Yarmouth, who defeated the holder, Glynis Houseago, of Dereham. Results:—

Boys' Singles

U-17: D. Bennet bt P. Durrant 14, 11.

U-15: D. Bennett bt M. Archer 19, 8.

U-13: D. Bennett bt M. Archer 14, 9.

Girls' Singles

U-17: S. Mansi bt G. Houseago 18, 19.

U-15: Wendy Hogg bt Paula Ribbans 17, -11, 15.

U-13—Ruth Harrowven bt Julie Clarke 19, 12.

B.D.: Bennett/Durrant bt C. Cobb/R. Rudling 12, 15.

G.D.: Mansi/Ribbans bt W. Hogg/R. Bennett 7, 9.

X.D.: G. Houseago/Durrant bt P. Ribbans/D. Bennett 15, -19, 20.

Also at the University of East Anglia, Norwich League held their Championships the following Sunday. Bob Thornton, the Berkshire No. 1, who plays for Norwich Y.M.C.A., proved that his defeat in the Norfolk Closed was against the form, beating holder Chris Bemsley, in the semis and last season's finalist, Mick Broughton, in the final. Ruth Hogg and Edna Fletcher were the only holders to retain their title. Results:—

M.S.: R. Thornton bt M. Broughton 12, 6.

W.S.: Miss Janet List bt Mrs. Edna Fletcher 17, 17.

V.S.: A. Cropper bt Vic. Bennett 14, 10.

J.S.: Simon Ball bt Doug. Bennett 18, -19, 14.

M.D.: M. Broughton/C. Bensley bt J. Turner/D. Skedge -17, 10, 15.

W.D.: Mrs. E. Fletcher/Mrs. R. Hogg bt Miss G. Houseago/Miss W. Hogg 18, 9.

X.D.: C. Wilkes/Miss J. List bt R. Thornton/Miss W. Hogg 14, 11.

In the King's Lynn Championships, Barry Wilson (Tydd Trojans) took the Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed titles. Mrs. Betty Cassell (Downham Market), holder of the Women's title for the past 23 contests, seeded No. 2, had at last to concede the day to Miss Linda Woodcock (Tydd Trojans) seeded No. 1. Results:—

M.S.: B. Wilson bt S. Barrett (YMCA) 16, -8, 23.

M.D.: Wilson/N. Rains bt Barrett/I. Barber 11, 16.

X.D.: Wilson/Miss L. Woodcock bt K. Burton/Mrs. B. Cassell -19, 15, 12.

W.S.: Miss L. Woodcock bt Mrs. B. Cassell 19, 13.

V.S.: Gordon Wood (Heacham) bt Peter Clarke (Marham) 16, 15.

SOMERSET NOTES

by MIKE HAWKINS

SEASIDE CHAMPIONS

Seasiders Weston-super-Mare 'A' have become champions of Division 1 in the Somerset Inter-Town T.T. League. The final table reads:—

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Weston S.M. 'A'	6	5	1	0	11
Failand 'A'	6	4	2	0	10
N.E. Somerset 'A'	6	4	1	1	9
Bath 'A'	6	3	0	3	6
Taunton 'A'	6	2	0	4	4
Bridgwater 'A'	6	1	0	5	2
Portishead	6	0	0	6	0

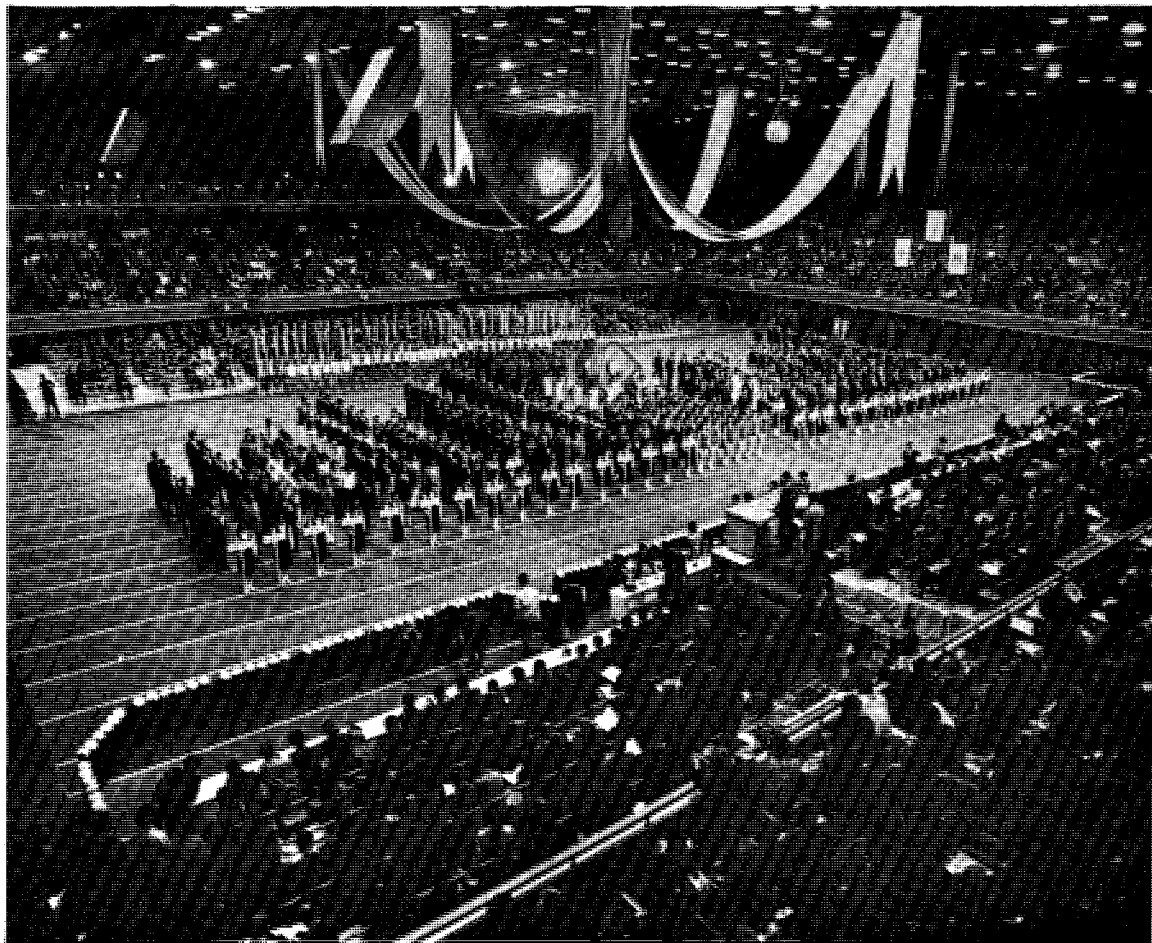
Leading individual averages in the first division were:—

	P	W	Avg.
B. Reeves (Failand)	10	9	90%
P. Drew (Weston SM)	8	7	88%
M. Baker (NE Som.)	12	10	83%
V. Adams (Failand)	8	6	75%
J. Andrews (Taunton)	10	7	70%
J. Hartry (NE Som.)	10	7	70%
R. Philpott (West. SM)	10	7	70%
C. Tinknell (NE Som.)	10	7	70%

An interesting story has been received from the North East Somerset League, that being Henton T.T. Club, who compete in Div. 1 of the league, have perhaps a unique record. They have played the same three players, Terry Milard, Colin Gibbs and his brother, Brian, for the last nine seasons and have not yet missed a match! Can this record be beaten by any other team in an affiliated league? I would be interested to know.

The Bath and District League recently held their Annual Presentation and Dance at the Assembly Rooms. Over 250 members of the Association attended, the evening being a great success and made up for the loss of this season's closed championships week which was cancelled because of the power restrictions. Mr. J. Hill, the Social Secretary, presented many good spot prizes during the evening.

The Bath Association's "Summer League" will be starting its second season in early May. It was a tremendous success last season, and this season is going to be a bumper one with the possibility of staging a representative match with another Summer League—replies for this will be greatly appreciated, and a small league championship and social evening is to be held.



The opening ceremony of the 2nd Asian Championships in the 6,000-seater Yokohama Culture Centre Gymnasium, Japan.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by THE EDITOR

In early April, more than half of the table tennis Associations of the world were engaged in major competitions—27 in the 9th European Championships in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and 30 in the 2nd Asian Championships played in the 6,000-seater Yokohama Cultural Centre Gymnasium, Japan.

This latter event had the backing of the Yokohama City Council who provided a staff of 1,000 to organise the Championships (this included all the staff in the playing hall—cleaners and the such like). They also provided executive personnel to organise the sections other than on the playing side (120 umpires). The Chairman of the Organising Committee was the Mayor of Yokohama (Ichio Asukata), a most dynamic personality.

The Championships themselves provided clear evidence of the improvement being shown by some of the less well developed Asian Associations, although none provided any real threat to the undoubted leadership of China and Japan. It was pleasant to note (writes H. Roy Evans, I.T.T.F. President) that Australia and New Zealand, attached to Asia for just this opportunity for competition, more than justified their journeys.

The I.T.T.F. Executive Committee—H. Roy Evans, Hisao Kido (Deputy President), A. K. "Bill" Vint (Hon. Gen. Secretary) and

Jean Mercier (Hon. Treasurer) met during the period of the Championships in Yokohama. Roy Evans and "Bill" Vint will represent the I.T.T.F. at the General Assembly of International Sports Federations (G.A.I.F.) in Lucerne, Switzerland, from May 30-June 2.

Results of the 2nd Asian Championships in Japan were:—

Men's Team—China bt Japan 5-3
Hsi En-ting lost to N. Hasegawa 17, -12, -18; bt T. Tasaka 18, 16.
Hsu Shao-fa bt Tasaka 16, 17; bt

M. Kohno 9, 19; bt Hasegawa -14, 16, 16.

Li Chen-shin lost to Kohno 21, -17, -18; bt Hasegawa 8, -15, 13; lost to Tasaka -12, 18, -24.

Women's Team—Japan bt China 3-1

Y. Ohzeki bt Huang Hsi-ping -16, 15, 17; bt Chang Li 20, 20.

S. Yokota lost to Chang Li -17, -21.
Ohzeki/Yokota bt Chang Li/Cheng Huai-ping 16, 18.

Leading placings (previous positions in brackets) were:—



Play in progress on 15 tables in Yokohama.

Men

1. China (2)
2. Japan (1)
3. Hong Kong (6)
4. Australia
5. Vietnam D.R. (4)
6. Malaysia (5)
7. India
8. Singapore
9. South Vietnam R.
10. Macao
- 11—Thailand
12. Iran (7)

Women

1. Japan (2)
2. China (1)
3. Malaysia (5)
4. New Zealand
5. India
6. Vietnam D.R. (4)
7. Singapore (6)
8. Thailand
9. Macao
10. Hong Kong
11. South Vietnam R.
12. Philippines (8)

Men's Singles: Semi-finals

N. Hasegawa (Ja) bt Li Chen-shih (Ch) 17, 18, 15.

Hsi En-ting (Ch) bt M. Kohno (Ja) 17, 14, 8.

Final: HASEGAWA bt Hsi En-ting 15, 14, 13.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals

T. Edano (Ja) bt S. Yokota (Ja) -13, 18, 18, 19.

Y. Ohzeki (Ja) bt T. Abe (Ja) 9, -19, 14, -21, 14.

Final: EDANO bt Ohzeki 15, 14, 18.

Men's Doubles

Hasegawa/Kohno bt Li Chen-shih/Tiao Wen-yuan (Ch) 16, -13, 18, -20, 17.

Women's Doubles

Chang Li/Cheng Huai-ying (Ch) bt Ozheki/Yokota 21, -9, 17, 19.

Mixed Doubles

Kohno/Edano bt Li Chen-shih/Chang Li 14, 16, 16.

Boys' Singles

T. Yamaguchi (Ja) bt A. Kumar (India) 11, 18, -20, -11, 19.

Girls' Singles

Yang Yen-chun (Ch) bt K. Kawahigashi (Ja) 17, 14, 22.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret I record the death of Mr. Ake Eldh in Sweden recently. Mr. Eldh, born on March 3rd, 1912, in Goteborg, was the Deputy President of the I.T.T.F. from 1959 to 1971. He had been a member of the Advisory Committee from 1954 and in turn was the Chairman of the Equipment Committee, the Chairman of the Classification Committee and a member of the Standing Orders Committee. Mr. Eldh, with Jean Belot, of France, and others, inaugurated the European Table Tennis Union in Stockholm, in 1957, and remained a member of the Committee until 1962. In the Swedish Association he was Treasurer from 1952 to 1958 and President from 1958 to 1970. In 1971 the I.T.T.F. bestowed the highest honour that they are able to confer by electing him a Personal Honorary Member. Mr. Eldh was a loyal colleague who served the game well and will long be remembered for his integrity and sense of justice.

H. ROY EVANS.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1975

The recent journeyings of I.T.T.F. President, H. Roy Evans,

LOTTERY OR LEVY



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

The decision of the National Council to ask leagues to agree to a compulsory levy on all players (team places) has caused some concern amongst those leagues that have agreed already to assist in fund-raising for the "Worlds 1977" by taking a very active part in the lottery organised by Lou Hoffman.

There has been some concern at what could turn out to be a dual contribution and consequently I am prepared to give full consideration to any comment or suggestion but first I think the members should be aware of the reasoning behind what appears to some to be a change in fund-raising policy.

The task given to Lou Hoffman was to raise funds. A compulsory levy had been mentioned by delegates at a previous A.G.M. and this had to be considered. The Fund Raising Committee considered the position at great length and their decision was announced publicly in the October issue of "Table Tennis News." I personally think this decision was the right one. I had in mind the need for an increase in affiliation fees in the near future due to the ever-increasing costs of all aspects of administration and the effects of inflation generally on all other aspects of our organisation.

I did not raise this matter with Lou Hoffman or mention it in any way to the Management Committee, the National Council or even the other officers. I did not wish to influence them in considering the best way in which to get the members to participate in raising something towards the cost of the "Worlds 1977." I emphasise "towards," because the amount expected is still only 20% of the total cost; the other 80%, or £200,000 will be raised by other means. But we must demonstrate that our members are backing the Association in its attempt to boost table tennis in England and the best way to do this is for a voluntary fund-raising effort which will produce a reasonable contribution towards the total cost.

I knew that I could not delay any longer a request for a further increase in affiliation fees, bearing in mind that the constitution requires a year's notice of any such increase. This means that the

income will not increase until fees for 1975/76 start to be received in October, 1975. I will be preparing a case for the increase and hope that members will be as convinced as I am that the increase asked for is reasonable and necessary.

I welcomed, therefore, the decision to go for a voluntary fund-raising effort rather than a compulsory levy, as the latter could well prejudice the successful application for an increase in affiliation fees which would be put to the same A.G.M. Unfortunately, with the decision to go for the levy, this position has now arrived but it was inevitable bearing in mind the following facts.

The value of prizes for the lottery amounts to about £8,000 and although there has been some initial donations, it is difficult to see this continuing to the same extent for a period of three years. The prizes are generally purchased at wholesale prices. The administration costs, including postages, advertising, clerical, printing and stationery are likely to reach £2,000 each year and, of course, are rising rapidly. It is only worth while to go along with the lottery if it can produce a net amount of £5,000 each year. This is a very low figure compared with the £50,000 expected from the levy, over three years, but it must be remembered at all times that the levy is a guarantee and what is not required, and this could be all or nothing, will be returned to the leagues after 1977.

The initial commission is 25% on sales and 50% on re-orders. So far the initial response is low and about half the orders have been in re-orders. The total number of books issued to date is 27,000 and experience with the Lincoln Lottery has shown that sales generally turn out to be no more than 60% of books issued. The figures could be as follows:—

	£	£
Sales 60% of say 30,000 books		18,000
Less: 25% commission on 9,000	2,250	
50% commission on 9,000	4,500	
		6,750
		£11,250
Less: Prizes and expenses		9,250
Net Profit		£2,000

This, clearly, is not sufficient and the tendency would be for sales to fall and costs to rise in the second and third years.

Lou Hoffman's articles in the magazine make it clear that the response has been disappointing, so, reluctantly we must look elsewhere for the money.

I accept the validity of the criticism raised by some of those leagues who are already doing their share by selling the lottery tickets but reject completely the carpings of those very few leagues who don't want to support the Worlds in any way. A successful Worlds in England in 1977 will benefit every league in the country by substantial increase in interest in the game by the younger generation and a consequent permanent increase in league subscriptions. Anyone who plays and enjoys the game must, in all conscience, support the best that the game can provide.

My personal view is to make some concession, and this has now been endorsed by the National Council. I feel it is only fair to say that those leagues willing to guarantee to sell their quota of lottery tickets (five per club) should not have to pay the levy. Likewise those leagues paying the levy should not be expected to sell lottery tickets unless, of course, they wanted to make sufficient money from the lottery to pay the levy! But there should not be any possibility of leagues opting out to do nothing. The lottery guarantees 25% rebate to the league and this amounts to twice as much as the proposed increase in affiliation fees.

I have spoken to many players and there is a genuine desire to participate by contributing one way or another. The possibility of paying 25p or selling half a book of lottery tickets each year does not seem to stir them to rebellion or to threaten to disaffiliate for ever. I am convinced that the league officials who make these threats really believe that they are speaking for their players but I doubt if the players have ever been asked their views.

However, the National Council is now prepared to accept a voluntary levy so, if this is the decision of the A.G.M., the main effort for fund-raising will be the lottery.

The levy is short and simple, whereas the lottery requires some effort but could result in a brand new Marina in the drive. The levy could be returned in 1977 and provide leagues with a substantial bonus, equal to three year's E.T.T.A. affiliation fees. The lottery is a gamble and will give reward to several hundred lucky members.

The A.G.M. is make your mind up time, but come and decide after listening to all the views, but please don't turn your back on the game that you play and enjoy.

E.T.T.U. MEMBER

Congratulations go to George R. Yates, Deputy Chairman of the E.T.T.A., on his election to the Management Committee of the European Table Tennis Union and subsequent appointment to the Chairmanship of the Union's Publicity Committee in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, during the period of the European Championships. John Wright, the National Councillor for Middlesex, was invited to continue to serve as a member of the Umpires' and Referees' Committee.

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The dates of the 3rd Commonwealth Championships, to be played in Melbourne, Australia, have been confirmed as being from the 25th to the 31st of January, 1975.

took him to India from Mar. 12-20 to inspect a possible venue in New Delhi. He subsequently travelled to Calcutta, inspected available facilities and met the Principal Minister of the State of West Bengal. At a meeting of the Executive of the T.T. Federation of India, attended by the President, the decision was taken to hold the Championships in Calcutta from Feb. 1-10, 1975. These dates were announced world-wide, but it has subsequently been found necessary to alter them to 6-16 February, 1975.

E.T.T.U.—APPROVED CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

July 28-Aug. 4—European Youth Championships (Boblingen)

Aug. 27-30—Turkish Junior Invitation (Ankara)

Sept. 3-5—Bulgarian Junior Invitation (Primorsko)

Sept. 13-15—Czechoslovak Junior Championships (Bratislava)

Sept. 26-29—Greek Open (Athens)

Oct. 3-6—Balkan Championships (Athens)

Oct. 11-13—Polish Open (Krakow)

Oct. 19-20—Netherlands Invitation Tournament (Den Haag)

Nov. 1-3—Belgian Open (Knokke)

Nov. 16-17—Hungarian Jubilee Invitation (Budapest)

Nov. 22-24—French Open (Paris)

Nov. 29—Dec. 1—Scandinavian Open (Karlshamn)

Dec. 5-8—Soviet Union Invitation (Vilnius)

1975

Jan. 8-11—English Open (Brighton)

Jan. 17-19—East Germany Open

Feb. 6-16—World Championships (Calcutta)

Feb. 18-19—Swiss Open (Zurich)

Feb. 21-22—Irish Open (Dublin)

Mar. 7-9—Welsh Open (Cardiff)

Mar. 22-23—Scottish Open (Edinburgh)

Mar. 28-30—Czech Open (Prague)

Mar. 29-30—Federal German Junior Open

May 5-9—Soviet Union Junior Invitation (Ukraine)

June 12-16—Austrian Junior Invitation (Oberschutzen)

Aug. 4-10—European Youth Championships (Zagreb)

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THE WAYFARERS ENGLISH JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

by PHILIP REID

FIRST UNDER-14 TITLES

The Wayfarers English Junior Championships—staged at Leicester Polytechnic Gymnasium on April 20-21—brought an increased entry and a good response to the two Under-14's events.

With twelve tables available, there was little difficulty in keeping to the schedule but due credit should be given to those responsible for making it 'click.' Perhaps for a change it would be nice to mention some of these people at the start rather than as an after-thought. The unflappable Referee and his Assistant, Doug Young and Tony Chatwin, worked admirably to ensure smooth running. Reg Billson and his team had done all the preparatory work and Geoff Daniels arrived to keep a watchful eye on things. There was a fine collection of umpires, admirably marshalled by the effervescent Doreen Stannard.

Shock results in the way of seeds falling by the wayside are almost inevitable in Junior events and so it proved at this tourney, particularly in the Under-14's events. 58 entries in the Boys' Under-14's and 26 in the counter-part Girls' was ample justification for holding these two events.

Of the eight boys seeded two fell the first time they played—Plummer, the Yorkshire starlet, and Mike Thirkettle, from the same county. Plummer's victor was Anthony Stonell, whilst Chris Reed, a vastly improved player these last twelve months, accounted for Thirkettle. The other six seeds duly progressed to the quarters where they were joined by Stonell and

Reed, who were to play each other. At this juncture the No. 1 seed, Chris Rogers was eliminated. Stephen Boxall, who hails from New Malden, did the damage and there is no doubt his win was deserved.

The Stonell-Reed encounter was full of good table tennis, both players showing clearly how they had reached the last eight. Martin Shuttle was too consistent for the enthusiastic Gary Alden and David Newman was able to get the better of Sam Harmer. The stage was then set for the semi-finals and at this juncture Newman was eliminated. If Shuttle—who is fortunate enough to have a sponsor in "Air Products"—may have lacked a really powerful hit, he was steady enough to keep Newman at bay. Boxall, having been taken to three by Reed, built up an early lead in the third and nothing Reed could do altered the situation.

SAME CLUB

The final between two boys who not only come from the same county but actually play for the same club, did not produce the fireworks one may have expected. Shuttle's grip is interesting. He has all four fingers round the handle—which he tells me goes back to the days when his hand was too small to allow a finger to rest along the blade. Whilst it is an unusual grip, it is not unique. The great French player of pre-war days, Michel Haguenaer, used the same grip. The big advantage appears to be the control and angle Shuttle is able to get with it. The big disadvantage appears to be that it is extremely difficult to get a

good kill shot, particularly fore-hand, but no doubt Shuttle will soon prove me wrong! In the final Boxall—very much the "outsider"—surprised most people by taking the first but he was rarely in it after that. Shuttle, angling the ball well, played coolly and well and whilst he won the next two games fairly comfortably, it was never as easy as the scores suggested. Both players showed sportsmanship of the highest order, temperaments beyond their years and the ability to work for points and wait for the right ball to put away. A match worth watching.

The Under-14 Girls' Singles also had a number of shocks with the unseeded Janet New reaching the final.

Angela Tierney reached the final without being taken to three, but Janet New had a tough first round encounter with Janet Thorpe and another very close semi-final game (with Jane Skipp) but her admirable temperament was instrumental in bringing her victory on each occasion. The final rose to unexpected heights. Powerful though the hitting of Angela was, Janet was able to match her point for point throughout most of the first game. Having fallen behind towards the end Miss New brought off a good recovery before losing 21-19. The second went to the Dorset girl without too much bother and the stage was set for the third. An excellent start by Miss Tierney gave her the confidence she needed and she was able to score an easy victory.

In two or three years Angela Tierney could be a very fine player indeed. With a sound game, a fighting spirit and the courage to go for her shots all the time she could well follow in the shoes of Carole Knight. Janet's game is perhaps less spectacular but she looks to be an excellent player in the making. Table tennis is not merely attacking play and Miss New was able to demonstrate quite clearly there are virtues for both players and spectators to appreciate in an all-round game.

RARITY

Like the previous events, the Mixed Doubles had its share of shocks. Two seeds made their exit in the first round. David Bangerter and Judith Walker went down to David Newman and Susan Dove, who in turn lost to David Yallop and Susan Holmes—a good win this for the Derbyshire pair. Their joy was short-lived for they were defeated in the next round by David Iszatt and Caroline Reeves. Top seeds David Alderson and Carole Knight emerged from a sticky 2nd round position before winning against A. Smith (Warwicks) and Miss Mitchell (Surrey). In the third round they

had that rarity in table tennis—a 21-0 win—a score I can never previously remember in a Mixed Doubles.

In the second quarter the holders, Paul Day and Elaine Tarten—seeded No. 3—reached the last eight without dropping a game but the seeds in the top half of this quarter—Mark Mitchell and Mandy Mellor—fell to John Kitchener and Anita Stevenson. Some people felt that perhaps John and Anita were a little unlucky not to be seeded but it is not a matter I will pursue lest I be accused of local bias! The fourth seeds—"Sooty" Souter and Angela Tierney—went out to Duggie Johnson and Karen Groves.

It was a remarkable performance by the Warwickshire pair, who fought for every point and thoroughly deserved their success. It was, however, a success which lasted only one round—to reach the last eight. Andy Barden and Karen Rogers found Paul Trott and Kara Mashford a very tough nut indeed to crack, but having beaten them they moved to the last eight without further trouble. Chris Sewell and Linda Wales had no trouble in justifying their seeding but there were shocks in the bottom quarter.

Chris Rogers and Marilyn Sangster were easily beaten in the first game in their second round encounter with the No. 2 seeds, Steve Lyons and Kay Greenhough, but they subsequently fought back and won. The Dorset pair of John Robinson and Janet New were their next opponents with the Leics/Middlesex pair managing to edge home in the third. There were no fewer than ten counties represented in the quarters and of the eight pairs only two had partners from their own county! Iszatt and Caroline Reeves carried on their good work when they disposed of the No. 1 seeds, Alderson and Knight and Day and Tarten, after dropping the first to Kitchener and Stevenson, came back strongly to take the next two. Even closer was the Shuttle/Tame—Barden/Rogers encounter.

Showing his usual impeccable temperament Shuttle kept play flowing whilst his partner, Susan Tame, gave another fine display. In the circumstances Barden and Karen Rogers were made to struggle from the start and a fine match narrowly went to the Surrey pair. Karen's brother, Chris, partnered by Marilyn Sangster, had their run brought to a halt when Sewell and Linda Wales hit too well and too often in yet another match which went to three.

SIGNIFICANT

There were fewer early shocks in the events staged on the Sunday. For instance, of the 16 boys seeded, only three failed to reach the last 16. The second round saw the eclipse of Bangerter and Sewell whilst the following round brought an end to Maxwell Crimmins' run. In the first round, perhaps Andrew Kilburn's win over Shuttle was the most interesting. With lightning-quick reflexes, Kilburn rarely indulges in long rallies whilst basically Shuttle's strength is his ability to keep the play flowing and making few mistakes. There were no fewer than five games which finished at 21-19 in the third and the match just mentioned ended at



Paul Day, winner of the boys' singles.

Photo by Jim Cockayne, Kegworth.

21-18 in the third to the powerful Yorkshire boy. Only four of the 32 2nd round matches went the full distance but two were significant in that seeded players were eliminated.

The rapidly-improving Newman dropped the first against Bangerter but the left-handed Essex boy refused to be put out of his stride and hitting well, against another left-hander, built up a good lead in each of the next two games to reach round 3. It is some time since Gloucestershire produced a really top class junior—one can remember the days when such stars as Bryan Merrett, Roy Morley and Ian Harrison were all around at the same time—but in Sewell they have a player of immense potential. A fine hitter with all the fight in the world he, nevertheless, had to take second place to Steve Wilson, of Hampshire.

David Cosway wrote in last month's issue of "Table Tennis News" that Steve "had the potential to go a long way." They are sentiments I heartily endorse. The third round produced little in the way of shocks. In the top quarter the three seeded players—Alderson, Kilburn and Eadie—were joined by Newman in the last 16 and only Eadie, who was made to fight against the lively Gary Alden, was taken to a deciding game. All four seeds in the second quarter—Kitchener, Lyons, Wiley and Barden—proceeded to their allotted places, with Steve Lyons dropping the first to the defensive Kevin Hall.

The third quarter was again a case of 100% seeds progressing but on this occasion Mitchell, Iszatt, Douglas and Souter all succeeded in two games. The top half of the fourth quarter had already lost one of its seeds. The other—Crimmins—went out at this juncture, beaten by the lively Gerald Pugh. Wilson continued to show good form and he too reached the last 16. Rogers and Day, in the bottom half of the last quarter, reached the last sixteen without difficulty.

It was very much a case of no change in Round 4 with the top seven seeds reaching the quarters. Rarely can an event have gone so much to plan! Alderson had little difficulty against Newman, for with experience on his side, and confidence, he was able to dominate exchanges. Another Essex player figured in the second 4th round match and this time it was a case of an Essex success. Eadie was much too fast in the first game for Kilburn and despite dropping the second, came back to win the third in convincing fashion.

Few players have a more attractive game to watch than Kitchener with his flowing strokes and pleasing manner. Lyons, too, is another player always worth watching and as such their game was one of the best of the round. The fact Lyons faded rather in the third did nothing to spoil the earlier enjoyment. Barden's form to this stage was such that it was difficult to see who would stop him and sure enough, Robert Wiley was able to make little impression on the Middlesex star. Essex looked as though they would have a second representative in the last eight when Iszatt easily took the first game off Mitchell. Tightening his game, however, Mitchell gave little



Anita Stevenson, winner of the girls' singles.

Photo by Jim Cockayne, Kegworth.

away in the next two and won more easily than at one stage looked possible.

Yet another match which went the full distance was that between Mike Douglas and Souter. An easy first game win was followed by an equalising game by Douglas but he fell away completely in the third, only being able to muster five points. Pugh and Wilson provided a splendid match which could have gone either way but which in fact was won two-straight by Pugh. Day's form had been quite brilliant but he dropped his first game in the singles when he played Rogers.

Day is such a magnificent player that one sometimes wonders why he resorts to such tactics as lengthy ball-testing and wasting time by frequent towelling, etc., when a game gets close. Part of Law 12 states that "Play shall be continuous throughout"—my feeling is that this law is frequently broken and not, I must add, by Day alone.

It must surely be only a matter of time before Day reaches the number one spot in England. He has the talent, fight and determination to do well at any level and the fact he lost the first to Rogers only made him fight all the harder in the second. Some players appear to lose heart if things don't go their way. Not Day—he just fights harder. As such he emerged from this encounter a well-deserved winner but Rogers too came out with merit. Neither of the semi-finals produced much in the way of fireworks. Eadie found Barden too consistent and Mitchell, after a good first game, was unable to stop the Day forehand in the second.

SAME PATTERN

The Girls' Singles followed a pattern much the same as the Boys'. All eight seeds reached the last 16 but at this stage Susan Tame and Mandy Mellor were defeated. Susan Tame—who I personally had strongly fancied to do very well—was beaten by Melody Ludi. After the way Miss Tame had disposed of Anita Stevenson at Loughborough the week before I have little doubt Miss Stevenson

was delighted at this result. Miss Tame, when playing at her best, looks unbeatable, but unfortunately is not always consistent. Miss Ludi, however, played very well without being spectacular and her win was well merited.

The other seed to depart, Mandy Mellor, was beaten very comfortably by Sheila Sutton. Mandy, an attacking player who doesn't like to wait around too long before getting her kills in, could never cope. The quarter-finals produced only one set which went to three but it was significant in that it brought about the defeat of No. 4 seed Judith Walker. The left-handed Sheffield girl found the much-improved Linda Wales on top form and only one player looked like winning in the third. After Sutton's excellent win over Mellor she was brought down to earth when Karen Rogers' defence proved too much for her. Carole Knight, meanwhile, continued to show devastating form and the next player to fall to her was Elaine Tarten. In the semi-finals Anita Stevenson hit with tremendous power and Linda Wales was able to do little to stem the onslaught. Rogers had a fine first game against Knight, narrowly won by the Middlesborough lass, but there was only one player in it in the second.

UNDERSTANDING

In the Boys' Doubles Day and Barden have developed such a sound understanding that it would have been something of a shock if they had failed to do well and in fact only one pair were even able to extend them to three on their route to the final. This happened at the quarter-final stage where Crimmins and Bangerter put up a great show to take them to 18 in the third. In the second quarter Grahame Hall and Gary Alden gave perhaps their best display together in accounting for the seeded Souter and Kilburn but they were never able to match the consistency of Mitchell and Kitchener.

Alderson and Wiley had no trouble in reaching their allotted spot in the last eight but in the bottom half of their quarter there

were some minor surprises. The seeds, Yallop and Philip Vickers, lost in the second round to Sewell and Simon Claxton, who, went out in the next round to Pugh and Douglas. Lyons and Andrew Bawden—seeded perhaps a little surprisingly No. 2—set out to justify this position and reached the last eight whilst the other seeds in that quarter—Keith Richardson and Shuttle—made a second round exit at the hands of the Essex pair, Iszatt and Eadie, who subsequently went on to reach the last eight.

Indeed they did even better, for after one of the most exciting of matches they beat Lyons and Bawden 22-20 in the third to claim a semi-final set with Alderson and Wiley, who meanwhile had beaten Pugh and Douglas. The quick hitting of Day and Barden was too much for the less aggressive style of Kitchener and Mitchell in the semi-final. The other match brought Eadie and Alderson into conflict again, partnered respectively by Iszatt and Wiley. Once again Eadie came away successful in a very comfortable victory with neither player showing the slightest sign of being worried by the challenge of their higher-ranked opponents.

The Girls' Doubles brought forth a number of exciting games but from the outset it seemed unlikely anybody would be able to seriously extend Anita Stevenson and Carole Knight. Yet the first time this pair were called to the table they dropped the first game—against Heather Johnson and Janet Carr, of Staffs. Having duly recovered from this set-back, they made their way to the final without the loss of a further game. Marilyn Sangster and Susan Dove were involved in some very close matches indeed. In the second round they beat No. 4 seeds, Melody Ludi and Julie McLean 21-19 in the third and followed with an even more hectic match against Elaine Tarten and Cathy Stonell. Just look at the scores!!—21-19, 20-22, 22-20.

Even in the semi-final—against Stevenson and Knight—the Middlesex girls put up a great fight, only the power of the No. 1 seeds keeping them at bay. In the bottom half, the two seeds reached the semi-final but neither did so without a battle. Karen Rogers and Mandy Mellor really had to pull out all the stops against Margaret Allen and Karen Groves in the second round before winning over three close games. Previously Margaret and Karen had only just got past Norma Carne and Angela Tierney at 22-20 in the third. The number two seeds, Kay Greenhough and Susan Tame also went to three in the second round. Their opponents were the young Berkshire pair of Karen Witt and Mandy Smith although in this particular case the challenge was not so sustained in the third. The semi-final brought a comfortable win for Rogers and Mellor.

The finals themselves proved a triumph for Day, who was successful in all three events he was eligible for, with Miss Stevenson the most successful girl with two titles.

DESPERATELY KEEN

The Girls' Singles brought Anita Stevenson and Carole Knight in opposition. I feel certain that most people, if asked to pick a winner,

would have plumped for Miss Knight, despite her No. 2 ranking. Anita, however, was far from overawed with the position. Playing in her home shire, she was desperately keen to become the first local person in the 41 years history of Leicestershire table tennis, to win a National Singles title. If both players were nervous—and they certainly seemed to be—then it didn't stop them going for their shots. It was, however, Anita who pulled away but a very game comeback by Carole almost took her to 20-all. Had Miss Knight been able to collect this vital point when the game stood at 20-19 then anything could have happened. However, a missed hit by Miss Knight put Anita one up. A good start in the second by Carole was countered by a fine spell of hitting by Anita when at 20-17, a long rally culminated in Anita putting over an unstoppable forehand, the crowd went wild with delight . . . but then they had waited a long time for this success.

The Mixed Doubles had the holders, Day and Elaine Tarten, opposed to Shuttle and Susan Tame in the final. In the semis, the holders had accounted for Iszatt and Miss Reeves whilst Shuttle and Miss Tame had got the better of Sewell and Miss Wales. The final was two-straight with the holders retaining their title despite a very good come-back in the first by the young Surrey pair. Day, as one would expect, was the dominating player but the part played by Elaine Tarten should not be underestimated. I had heard Miss Tarten had lost some of her enthusiasm but certainly she hadn't on this showing.

The Girls' Doubles brought Anita her second award when with Carole Knight they comfortably took the title. Their final opponents were Anita's County teammate Karen Rogers and Mandy Mellor. The Stevenson-Knight partnership functions so smoothly when in full flight that one wonders how well they might do if they played regularly on the tournament circuit together.

On their way to the final of the Boys' Doubles, Day and Andy Barden had looked quite invincible, winning every set two-straight. Almost as impressive had been Eadie and Iszatt, whose only three-gamer had been that epic against Lyons and Bowden described previously. There was, though, never much likelihood of the final going to three. Day and Barden, playing unselfishly and consistently, were never in any real danger and with both players hitting well, emerged comfortable winners. The only remaining match then was the Boys' Singles—Paul Day and Andy Barden. Two years ago these same two boys represented England at the European Youth Championships in Denmark in the Under-14 event and both have improved at the same rate since. Paul was slightly ahead and still is. The first game saw Paul and Andy trading hit for hit. These two players have played each other so often that a poor final would not have been surprising but in the event it was a very good match. Paul got home in a very close first game but the determined Barden came right back to take the second. It appeared, however, to have taken

a lot out of Andy and all the effort in the third was to no avail when Paul raced into the lead and built up on it steadily to win his third title.

It was then, a very successful tournament for Paul Day and Anita Stevenson and there was plenty to enthuse about in other respects. The tournament had finished at a reasonable hour, the conditions had been excellent and the enthusiastic Alan Waters had made sure the lighting, Dunlop tables and surrounds were perfectly set up.

Players and spectators all seemed to go away happy. If so—then the tourney was a success.

THE WAYFARERS ENGLISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS — RESULTS:

Boys' Singles: Round 4:
D. Alderson (Yks) bt D. Newman (Essex) 15, 7;
L. Eadie (Essex) bt A. Kilburn (Yks) 14, -20, 14;
A. Kitchener (Suffolk) bt. S. Lyons (Surrey) 16, -11, 13;
A. Barden (Middx) bt R. Wiley (Yks) 11, 15;
M. Mitchell (Middx) bt D. Iszatt (Essex) -11, 14, 16;
S. Souter (Yks) bt M. Douglas (Sussex) 12, -17, 5;
G. Pugh (Sussex) bt S. Wilson (Hants) 18, 20;
P. Day (Cams) bt C. Rogers (Leics) -14, 18, 17.

Quarter-finals:
Eadie bt Alderson 18, 19;
Barden bt Kitchener -18, 14, 13;
Mitchell bt Souter -17, 13, 18;
Day bt Pugh 20, 6.
Semi-finals:
Barden bt Eadie 13, 14;
Day bt Mitchell 18, 10.
Final:
DAY bt Barden 18, -18, 11.

Girls' Singles: Round 3:
A. Stevenson (Leics) bt J. Carr (Staffs) 18, 15;
M. Ludi (Yks) bt S. Tame (Surrey) 17, 16;
L. Wales (Hants) bt B. Chamberlain (Hunts) 14, 11;
J. Walker (Yks) bt J. Reading (Hants) 16, 14;
K. Rogers (Leics) bt J. New (Dorset) 10, 10;
S. Sutton (Essex) bt A. Mellor (Derbys) 11, 7;
E. Tarten (Essex) bt K. Groves (Warwks) 18, 19;
C. Knight (Yks) bt J. Skipp (Yks) 6, 14.

Quarter-finals:
Stevenson bt Ludi 17, 19;
Wales bt Walker 14, -13, 16;
Rogers bt Sutton 14, 16;
Knight bt Tarten 14, 10.
Semi-finals:
Stevenson bt Wales 8, 12;
Knight bt Rogers 21, 10.
Final:
STEVENSON bt Knight 19, 17.

Boys' Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Barden/Day bt D. Bangarter/M. Crimmins (Surrey) 17, -18, 18;
Kitchener/Mitchell bt G. Alden (Nthts)/G. Hall (Leics) 13, 12;
Alderson/Wiley bt Douglas/Pugh 20, 18;
Eadie/Iszatt bt A. Bowden (Essex)/S. Lyons (Surrey) -19, 7, 20.
Semi-finals:
Barden/Day bt Kitchener/Mitchell 15, 7;
Eadie/Iszatt bt Alderson/Wiley 14, 12.
Final:
BARDEN/DAY bt Eadie/Iszatt 11, 15.

Girls' Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Knight/Stevenson bt L. Holmes/S. Holmes (Derbys) 13, 9;
S. Dove/M. Sangster (Middx) bt C. Stonell (Essex)/Tarten 19, -20, 20;
Mellor/Rogers bt New/Reading 11, 18;
K. Greenhough (Surrey)/Tame bt Sutton/Wales 18, 16.
Semi-finals:
Knight/Stevenson bt Dove/Sangster 19, 18;
Mellor/Rogers bt Greenhough/Tame 13, 16.
Final:
KNIGHT/STEVENSON bt Mellor/Rogers 13, 15.

Mixed Doubles: Quarter-finals:
Iszatt/C. Reeves (Berks) bt Alderson/Knight 19, 14;
Day/Tarten bt Kitchener/Stevenson -17, 18, 15;
M. Shuttle (Surrey)/Tame bt Barden/Rogers 14, -17, 19;
C. Sewell (Gloucs)/Wales bt Rogers/Sangster 9, -19, 16.
Semi-finals:
Day/Tarten bt Iszatt/Reeves 19, 16;
Shuttle/Tame bt Sewell/Wales 10, 18.
Final:
DAY/TARTEN bt Shuttle/Tame 19, 15.

Under-14 Events
Boys Singles: Round 3:
Rogers bt D. Reeves (Berks) 18, 13;

S. Boxall (Surrey) bt J. Robinson (Dorset) 15, -19, 12;
A. Stonell (Essex) bt J. Hibbert (Derbys) -14, 11, 17;
C. Reed (Cumb) bt A. Smith (Warwks) -20, 13, 12;
Shuttle bt K. Hall (Leics) 13, 11;
Alden bt S. Yallop (Derbys) 10, 5;
S. Harmer (Beds) bt D. Ward (Warwks) 15, -19, 18;
Newman bt C. Leslie (Bucks) 17, 15.
Quarter-finals:
Boxall bt Rogers -18, 18, 18;
Reed bt Stonell 12, -18, 19;
Shuttle bt Alden 14, 14;
Newman bt Harmer 18, 18.
Semi-finals:
Boxall bt Reed 17, -13, 12;
Shuttle bt Newman 11, 17.
Final:
SHUTTLE bt Boxall -19, 11, 12.
Girls Singles: Round 2:
A. Tierney (Yks) bt V. Feakin (Nthts) 13, 11;
M. Wallis (Nthts) bt L. Helyczko (Yks) -16, 11, 19;
M. Smith (Berks) bt V. Rowell (Cams) -17, 15, 19;
L. Holmes bt J. Trattles (Yks) 10, 7;
I. Williams (Yks) bt Chamberlain -15, 19, 18;
Skipp bt S. Roebuck (Surrey) -15, 18, 15;
E. Lamb (Devon) bt S. Hunt (Lincs) 17, -19, 19;
New bt K. Witt (Berks) 17, 11.
Quarter-finals:
Tierney bt Wallis 10, 5;
Smith bt Holmes 12, 13;
Skipp bt Williams -11, 9, 18;
New bt Lamb 20, 15.
Semi-finals:
Tierney bt Smith 17, 17;
New bt Skipp -14, 18, 18.
Final:
TIERNEY bt New 19, -15, 11.

Stiga National Club Championships

by JOHN PIKE

STIGA ORMESBY CUP

With the Stiga National Club Championships now at the quarter-final stage, the two holders, Ormesby and Gainsford, both look well on the way to retaining the trophies they won last year.

In the Stiga-Ormesby Cup for men, Ormesby went to Halifax and beat Old Crossleyans 5-2, while their next opponents, Manchester Y.M.C.A. went to Bury and crushed Little Lever Cricket Club 9-0.

This tie at Manchester could well be the match of the round with the prize for the winners, a semi-final place at Loughborough on June 1.

Mary Swanwick Y.C., at Chesterfield, is another team that could pencil that date in following their fine 6-3 win over Norton C.C. in the Potteries. Maurice Billington took the honours in this match with convincing wins over Staffordshire county players, Tony Isaac and Steven Rowe. With good support coming from Eric Hall and Mike Askham, they must now start favourites on their own table against the winners of the Soham T.T.C.—I.C.L. tie.

Willesden stage the only game in London with the Tennyson club entertaining Fellows Cranleigh in a match that promises so much with little to choose between the two teams. From the outset I have fancied this Tennyson trio of Landry, Barden and Tan, to reach Loughborough, and hand on heart, I cannot really see Fellows Cranleigh succeeding where the Bromley side, Sedgheill, failed in the third round.

Gossops Forresters, from the Crawley League, are through to the last eight but they will not

know their quarter-final opponents until the all Y.M.C.A. clash between Reading and Weston has been settled.

Rounding off the men's section, the four teams I expect to see at Loughborough on June 1 are Ormesby, Mary Swanwick Y.C., Tennyson T.T.C. and Weston Y.M.C.A.

STIGA-GAINSFORD CUP

In the Stiga-Gainsford Cup for women, everything again points to another cup success for Gainsford, the Central London side of Judy Williams, Shelagh Hession and Diane Court, who should book their place at Loughborough via Bourne-mouth, where they meet Merton in the quarter-final. In the previous round, Joyce Coop was unbeaten for the Bournemouth side in their 5-3 win over 4 T's from Southampton.

Moving up to London for the second tie and here the strong Fellows Cranleigh team of Lesley Radford, Elaine Tarten and Janet Hellaby, are at home to Gidea Park L.T.C. following their 6-1 win over Elliots. It was not so easy for Gidea Park who scraped home 5-4 against Grove St. Chads with Marie Know beating Gillian Locke 21-15, 21-13 in the game that settled the issue.

The third quarter-final will be played in the Midlands, either at Birmingham or Chesterfield, depending on the outcome of the South Yardley - Chesterfield Y.M.C.A. clash. Their opponents from North Herts, Letchworth Settlement, had Daphne Baines in fine form in their 6-3 win over Kidston from the Barnet League.

Two of the best known club sides in the country meet at Stockport where Gatley Y.M.C.A. take on Ormesby, from Middlesborough. A tough one this, but on the evidence of their 6-0 win over Bolton Colleges, I fancy Diana Johnson, Jill Mannion and Wendy Shaw will be good enough to take Gatley to Loughborough for a place in the semi-final on June 1.

FINAL ASSESSMENT CAMP

The E.T.T.A.'s Final Assessment Camp for Juniors has been booked for the period Sept. 1—6, 1974, at Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre.

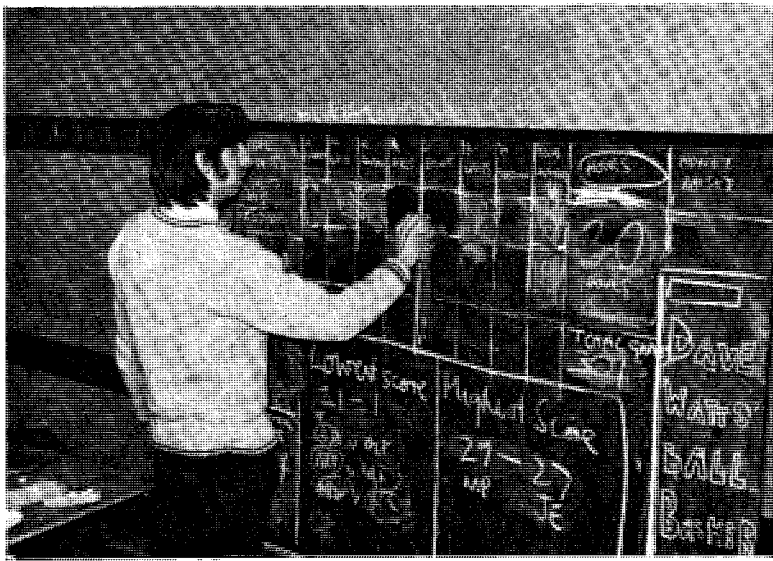
LIFE MEMBER

Frank O'Gorman, that great New Zealand veteran correspondent, was elected an Hon. Life Member of the N.Z.T.T.A. at the A.G.M. in Wellington on Mar. 29-30, 1974.

Dunlop congratulate Alan Hydes on winning the Mens singles in the Teesside 3 Star Table Tennis Tournament at Thornaby on 16-17th February and for being selected for the English and European championship team April 6-13th - Novi Sad.

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MONEY RAISER

by PETER A. WEBB
(Hon. Sec., Bishops High T.T.C.)

During the Easter vacation a team of boys from the Bishops Stortford Boys' High School, members of the Bishops High T.T.C., held a 48-hour table tennis Marathon. The aim was to raise money for a new Barna Championship table and when all the sponsorship money has been collected, it will amount to £30 in excess of the target.

538 games were played during the 48 hours and 18,090 points scored. John Elliott and Robert Andrews recorded the highest score of 41-43 and David Watts 103/105 and Andrew Higgs 92/118 were the most successful players, winning the most games. Mark Crossman, Michael Parrish and Martyn Wild were also team members.

SUSSEX NOTES

by ROBIN PIERCE

Sixteen tables were kept busy throughout the day at the annual Sussex "Closed" Tournament, which was held at the Corn Exchange, Brighton.

This tournament was a triumph for the old brigade, Roger Chandler and Judy Williams, who were in fine fettle throughout the tournament.

Pride of place must go to Judy, who won the singles for the tenth successive year. In the final, despite being behind at the start of both games, she had little real trouble against Littlehampton's Suzanna Kavallierou.

But the strain does seem to be telling a little on Miss Williams, however. In the semi-finals she had to fight for her life against the bomb hitting of Eastbourne queen, Diane Gard. Diane, 24, snatched the second game and led 7-3 in the third. At this stage the peerless Williams defence came to the rescue but it was still a very close thing.

There was some consolation for Diane when she partnered Judy to win over the mother and daughter combination, Pat and Linda Wales, in the women's doubles final. The Worthing family pairing had their chances before going down in the third.

Judy made it a triple by winning the mixed with Sam Ogundipe. This was a close affair and Robin Stace and Linda Wales were somewhat unfortunate to concede the first game. Stace was unable to

get his bat out of the way at 19-18 so this gave the favourites a very lucky boost.

Roger Chandler was head and shoulders above the opposition in the men's singles. Even his final opponent, Sam Ogundipe, was unable to make any significant progress. Chandler looped and killed his way to a 21-13, 21-13 victory, his seventh win in this event.

The best of the youngsters have still a long way to go before taking on Ogundipe and Chandler. Mike Douglas was out-thought and out-paced by Chandler. Ogundipe treated Gerald Pugh as no more than a minor irritant when brushing the Crawley youngster from his path at 21-13, 21-6.

Although Chandler and Stace, the No. 1 seeds, were regarded as certs in the men's doubles they never dominated the proceedings as expected. They had to save two match points before defeating Keith Horton and Steve Marley in a rather drab final.

Results

- M.S.: R. Chandler (B'ton) bt S. Ogundipe (B'ton) 13, 13;
W.S.: Miss J. Williams (Eastbourne) bt Miss S. Kavallierou (Littlehampton) 17, 15.
W.D.: Williams/D. Gard (Eastbourne) bt P. Wales/L. Wales (Worthing) -16, 13, 13.
M.D.: Chandler/R. Stace (B'ton) bt K. Horton (Crawley)/S. Marley (Chichester) -19, 10, 20.
X.D.: Ogundipe/Williams bt Stace/L. Wales 21, -17, 11.
Inter. Singles: G. Pugh bt M. Douglas 13, -20, 13.

JOSEPH LECKIE JUNIOR 1 STAR

U-11 Events

- B.S.: R. Bergemann (Hants) bt C. Wilson (Hants) 13, 20.
G.S.: M. Reeves (Berks) bt L. Emery (Lancs) 13, 6.

U-13 Events

- B.S.: S. Yallop (Dbys) bt G. Inch (Dur) 11, 11.
G.S.: L. Holmes (Dbys) bt G. Heath (Berks) -15, 17, 19.
B.D.: G. Baker (Hunts)/Bergemann bt G. Black (Lancs)/Inch 18, 16.

U-15 Events

- B.S.: C. Sewell (Gloucs) bt R. Mountford (Wks) -17, 13, 18.
G.S.: S. Hunt (Lincs) bt S. Dove (Middx) 15, 16.
B.D.: D. Johnson (Wks)/Mountford bt R. Idowu/E. Waites (Ches) -19, 18, 15.
G.D.: J. Inch (Dur)/J. New (Dorset) bt Dove/L. Mellor (Dys) -16, 14, 12.

U-17 Events

- B.S.: Sewell bt K. Pilgrim (Wks) -10, 14, 13.
G.S.: M. Sangster (Middx) bt S. Jenkins (Dur) 11, 18.
B.D.: Johnson/Mountford bt A. Cotton/D. Shropshire (Wks) 20, -16, 19.
G.D.: Dove/Sangster bt M. Featherstone (Lincs)/Hunt 21, -19, 14.
X.D.: Pilgrim/New bt Sewell/Dove 21, 6.

MERTON JUNIOR OPEN

by C. G. FUGATT
(Hon. Secretary, Merton T.T. Club)

It gives me great pleasure to write these notes on the First Merton Junior Open which was a big success to all concerned. All credit is due to the Tournament Secretary, Horst Bergemann, and his wife, Pat, the work they put into this Tournament is unbelievable. Just for the record, I wonder if there is any other club in England who can say they run two open tournaments in one season.

The Tournament had to be restricted to 143 entries and gave us a total of 410 games to play on 12 tables. Such was the organisation that at 3-30 p.m. play was half an hour ahead of schedule, but as so often happens at these tournaments a hold-up occurred in the later stages where we had the same players still involved in different events, but nevertheless the Tournament was still completed at a reasonable time. Merton Juniors

made a big impression in their own tournament and appeared in six of the finals. Steve Wilson was runner-up in the U-17's as well as being runner-up in the J/B doubles. What a successful day for 11-year-old Richard Bergemann, who won the U-11 singles in a great final with Graham Sandley; Richard was also runner-up in the U-13's, and partnered by Graham Sandley, was runner-up in the B/D U-13's.

Julie Reading (Merton) partnered with Linda Wales, won the Girls' U-15 doubles. Other local players to do well included Bournemouth's Janet New, who reached the final of the Girls' U-15 where she lost to England-ranked Junior, Linda Wales. Caroline and David Reeves made a big impression and between them appeared in six finals, winning five.

Through these notes I would like to thank Dunlop Sports for the use of their equipment, and also all the Club members who donated the Challenge Trophies.

WESTERN LEAGUE BULLETIN

by GROVE MOTLOW

Salisbury continued their winning ways by easily accounting for Plymouth in Devon when they won 8-1, Terry Bruce losing the one to Keith James. Both Bill Moulding and Chris Shetler rattled up maximums against Bob Parkins, Keith and David James.

Tables:—	Men				
	P	W	L	F	Pts
Salisbury	4	4	0	33	3 8
Bournemouth	4	4	0	28	8 8
Weston-S-M	6	4	2	29	25 8
Newbury	5	3	2	24	21 6
Exeter	4	2	2	16	20 4
Plymouth	5	1	4	17	37 2
Newport	5	1	4	13	32 2
Bristol	6	1	5	10	44 2

Women					
	P	W	L	F	Pts
Newbury	4	4	0	24	12 8
Plymouth	4	3	1	26	10 6
Bournemouth	4	2	2	21	15 4
Exeter	3	1	2	9	18 2
Devizes	5	1	4	17	28 2
Newport	2	0	2	2	16 0

Now, in readiness for next season, all present members will be advised as to the date of the A.G.M. in Bristol in early July. Application forms will be sent out to them in ample time for this meeting but any new leagues wishing to seek membership either in the men's or women's sections, or both, are cordially invited to write me on the matter at 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Mon., NPT 8N. Phone: Newport, Mon 71964. Matches are played on a home and away basis in alternate seasons.

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JOHN HOOK

CHESHIRE NOTES

by **BRIAN KEAN**

16-YEAR-OLDS TO THE FORE

Cheshire acknowledge and congratulate **John Hook** and **Pat Allen** on their selection by the Welsh Association for junior international play. **John** (16) is the Welsh No. 2 and, furthermore, will again be eligible for selection next season. He is the current holder of the North Wales senior and junior titles, such performances having earned him selection to represent Wales in the European Youth Championships being held at Boblingen, West Germany (July 28—Aug. 4). **Pat**, also 16, is currently ranked No. 1 on the junior list, being the holder of the Aberdare and Swansea Junior Open titles and, like **John**, will also be a competitor at Boblingen. Good luck both . . .

The County Championships this season will be remembered for the performance of the first team in taking 8 points which marks our best-ever season in the Premier Division. Wins were obtained against Middlesex, Essex, Bucks and Warwicks but complacency must not be allowed to creep in for Warwicks were without Desmond Douglas and Essex fielded what was virtually their second string.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by **TONY ROSS**

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fifty years of table tennis in Yorkshire were celebrated at the Jubilee Dinner Dance at the Cairn Hotel, in Harrogate, on 10th May last, by over 170 players, officials and guests. Yorkshire's feat in retaining all four titles won last season provided the pinnacle from which the after-dinner speakers surveyed the past in unashamed nostalgia. It was a Lancastrian, no less, in the person of E.T.T.A. Deputy Chairman **George Yates**, who proposed the toast to the Association, with accounts of battle honours won and memories of past

Roses clashes. Association President **Maurice Shaffner**, made the response. Secretary **Frank Briggs** proposed a toast to the many guests, who included Association Life Members and Vice-Presidents, the players who represented the county this season, **Tom Blunn**, **George Yates** and **Derek Tremayne** from the E.T.T.A., Rugby League star, **Neil Fox**, and county tennis star, **Sally Holdsworth**. Vice-President **Colin Slater** replied on behalf of the guests. The whole occasion was organised with admirable efficiency by **Alan Cram**.

In the Yorkshire League, **Middlesbrough** took the Division 1 title for the sixth year in succession, retained the Women's Division title, and regained the Junior Division 1 title.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by **ALAN G. BIRKS**

CONSOLATION AND HOPE

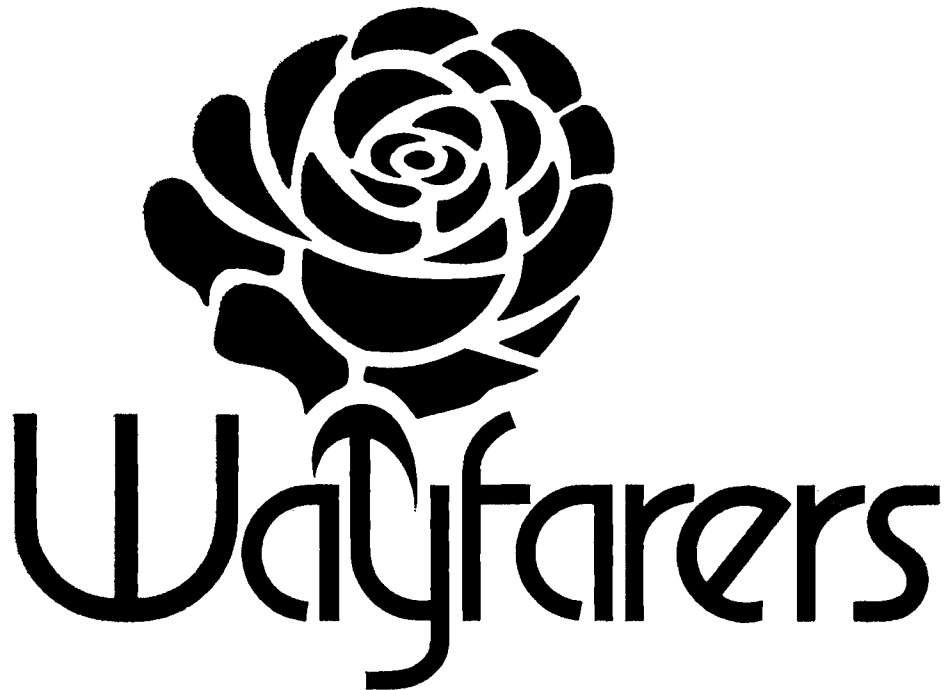
The County Junior team travelled to **Wigan** to oppose the powerful **Lancashire II's** without the No. 1, **C. Boyd** (**Scunthorpe**). Coming into the team for his first representative match was **I. Willson** (**Mablethorpe**) who played well and was unlucky to go down to **Ian Blackmore** -19, -21. **Suzanne Hunt** (**Grantham**) who had won her singles, and helped to win the girls' doubles, in the first five matches, found herself on the losing end twice on this occasion, losing -20, -11 to **Kathleen Cropper** and going down in two in the doubles as well.

So **Lincolnshire** finish the

season with only two points, but there is consolation and hope for the future in the fact that all the players who took part in this match will still be eligible next season. Interesting to note that of the 22 sets won by the team this season, five have come in the girls' singles, five in the girls' doubles, and five in the mixed doubles.

E.S.T.T.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first ever individual championships to be promoted by the English Schools' T.T.A. were due to take place at the **Northwood Sports Centre, Stoke-on-Trent**, on **Sunday, May 26**. A full report, together with results, will appear in the **Sept./Oct.** issue.



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From the Editor's Postbag

EXPLANATION DEFIED

Copies of this letter are being sent to the E.T.T.A., Table Tennis News and the referee of the Wayfarers English Junior Championships.

The subject of this letter is the seedings for the recent above event. I am loathe to criticise people who have worked hard in the organisation of such an event, but my concern is for the players, most of whom also work hard. As always, rankings and seedings are arguable depending on the individual opinion and experience, but some of the seedings at the English Junior Championships defied explanation.

The Under-14 events were the first to be held and the seedings of the girls' events were such that one experienced junior tournament matcher seriously believed that the event had not been seeded. The seedings were not marked in any way, but upon investigation they were apparently:—1, A. Tierney; 2, K. Witt; 3, L. Holmes; 4, H. Robinson. Omitted from any seeded position were J. Boulter, J. Skipp, E. Lamb, S. Hunt, J. New, J. Thorpe, M. Smith, J. Douglas, M. Wallis, and perhaps, worst of all, B. Chamberlain — all successful Open Tournament players. The first six of this latter list of girls, plus K. Witt, were in the bottom half of the draw. When the obvious mistake regarding Miss Chamberlain was pointed out, the referee made things even worse by re-seeding her into a position in the bottom half of the draw. This was the situation, and I need say no more as all informed people on junior matters will see the point.

The Boys' Under-14 seeding at first glance seemed to be more reasonable as it was assumed that there were only four seeds (again, seedings were not marked), so no comments were made. One might have argued the case for David Reeves (see T.T. News No. 61, Feb., page 17 regarding his very successful E.T.T.A. Under-14 Squad trip to France last December) being seeded at four, but the situation did not merit any action. It was not until the final of this event was being played that it was realised there had been eight seeds and that David Reeves was not amongst them. It also did not contain two other boys who had been selected to go to France—C. Reed and K. Hall. I'm sure Sam Harmer, whilst admittedly a good little 'un, felt fortunate indeed to be seeded in a National Under-14 event. David accepted the "luck of the draw" in meeting Chris Rogers early in the Tournament. However, on hearing that in fact there were eight seeds, he must have felt disappointed after his success in France.

I will not pursue the seedings for the Junior Doubles events, suffice it to say that the feared successful pairing of Eadie and Iszatt were not seeded in the first eight and still reached the final,

and that the seeding order at times could not be logically accounted for by players or by adult followers of junior table tennis present.

The junior singles seedings were, of course, taken from the E.T.T.A. Junior Ranking list. I was very surprised to learn that the English Selection Committee were not consulted about the seedings. The argument may be used that the best player wins, and on the whole the number one seeds did well. However, this certainly cannot apply to Quarter-final and Semi-final positions, and when a youngster is trying to do well and be "noticed" by National Selectors, these are the positions where he/she is more likely to be spotted. My opinion of the people who did the seedings for the Junior Championships is that they were uninformed and that they did not make themselves sufficiently informed. Thorough use of this season's Table Tennis News must have produced more logical seedings.

The purpose of this letter is twofold. Firstly, to obtain some assurance for the players involved that the seedings for this National Tournament were not a reflection of the ratings of the National Committee. Secondly, in the hope that the situation will not be repeated, to recommend that seedings for National Championships be done by the National Selection Committee.

PETER A. CHARTERS.

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CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Mr. Charters has been good enough to provide us with a copy of his letter to Table Tennis News regarding the seedings at the Wayfarers English Junior Championships so that we would have the opportunity of submitting a reply. We appreciate that his letter is in the nature of constructive criticism and this is to be welcomed.

The inclusion this year of Under-14 events in these Championships was an entirely new venture. There is no official Ranking List for this age group and when the draw was made the results of all Junior Open Tournaments that had then taken place were looked at and it was on this basis that the seeds for these events were selected.

Having regard to information made available to us by Officials conversant with Junior activities on the morning of the Championships, it became apparent that a genuine mistake had been made with regard to the seedings in the Girls' Under-14 Singles and that without doubt it should be corrected. Accordingly the Nos. 3 and 4 seeds were re-drawn by the Tournament Organiser, Mr. Reg Billson, as also was the revised position in the draw of Miss Helen Robinson, who had originally been seeded, and it so happened that Miss Belinda Chamberlain was drawn into the bottom half of the draw.

We would have been prepared to give further consideration to the seedings in the Boys' Under-14 Singles had the matter been raised before this event got under way.

In conclusion we would say that this matter was also raised at the National Council Meeting held soon

after the Championships when the Chairman of the National Selection Committee was asked to give consideration to the preparation of a Ranking List for the Under-14's. It is clear that some positive action must be taken and we have no doubt that this particular problem will have been satisfactorily resolved before the Championships take place next year.

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"BETTING"

In reply to Mr. John Woodford's "Controversy" column in the April issue of Table Tennis News, I was rather surprised to see a column on the subject of Official Betting, and never thought I would see anything at all concerned on this topic, the reason being that under Rule 40 in the Official Handbook of the E.T.T.A. it states, "Betting in any shape or form on players or matches is strictly prohibited."

In the column it states that those who keep their eyes and ears alert during big events know that it all happens now undercover, so come on Mr. Woodford, let's have more about this so that the powers that be should put an abrupt stop to this sort of thing.

Surely, Mr. Woodford, you have just thought this up on the spur of the moment, a somewhat dream idea, but will, I am sure, be against the goodness of Table Tennis in the E.T.T.A. I am definitely against betting.

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RETIREMENT

Just thought you may like to record in Table Tennis News that Ron is retiring from table tennis at the end of this season after 30 years of competitive playing. He is, at the moment, playing in the Premier Division of the Doncaster League and has turned out for Doncaster town whilst we have lived here.

Ron will keep in touch with the game through reading the Table Tennis News and is also a member of the International Club.

Mrs. TINA ALLCOCK.

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INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The Club played a very successful match against a team from the South East Hants League to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of that League. The match took place at the S.E.B. Club, Lower Drayton Lane, Drayton, Portsmouth, on Sunday, April 28th.

Playing for the S.E. Hants League were Les Cooper, Cliff Jacobs and Ged Holley, whilst the

Club fielded Andrew Barden, Peter Shead and Laurie Landry. A very enjoyable evening was had before an appreciative audience. The Club won 8-1 with Les Cooper scoring a fine win over Laurie Landry.

Former internationals Pauline and Tony Piddock became proud parents on March 4 when Joanne Lesley (wt. 6lbs. 10ozs.) was born. Congratulations.

With the re-arrangements of dates which bring the Norwich Union International Championships to January 8-11, 1975, it has been agreed that the 4th Annual Rubber Bat Open will take place at the Barnet T.T. Centre on January 12, 1975, so anyone interested please remember the date.

My address will change in the off-season and from July 1 will be as follows:—29 Ravenshaw Street, London, N.W.6.

We are delighted to welcome two new Associate members to the Club in Brian Johns, of Northwich, Cheshire, and Miss Elaine Tarten, of Plaistow, Essex.

The S.E. Hants League were grateful to the Southern Electricity Board for supplying the venue and to Brian Forsey, a local Portsmouth League player, for all the work in supplying top class conditions at the venue.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by BERNARD YARNOLD

CREDITABLE PERFORMANCES

The County first team, at full strength for only the fourth time this season, completed their fixtures with two creditable performances. A 6-3 victory was obtained against Surrey in Birmingham, after the match score stood at 3-3. Notable was the consistent performance of Derek Munt, who won both his singles sets 2-1 straight.

The following day champions Yorkshire were entertained in Coventry, and the scoreline was reversed. The absence of Denis Neale and Alan Hydes made little difference as the visitors pulled away to a 5-1 winning lead, despite a Douglas victory over Tony Clayton (11 and 9).

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NO IMMUNITY FROM INFLATION

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

The reaction in some quarters to the proposed increase in affiliation fees seems to suggest that the E.T.T.A. has been granted immunity from the increase in the cost of living brought about by the effect of continued inflation. I wish this was so, but regrettably I have to report that all aspects of administration and other costs are rising rapidly and have been doing so since the last increase in affiliation fees was granted at the A.G.M. in July, 1971.

The recent budget proposals have not helped to stem the rise, rather they have served only to bring further material increases in the future, particularly in the cost of telephones, postages, travel, national insurance, graduated pensions and lighting and heating.

The staff employed by the association are also subject to increases in cost of living and regular increases in salaries and fees have been necessary in order to help them to maintain their standard of living.

The result of the increases so far coupled with the anticipated increases in the next two seasons, is a realisation that a further increase in affiliation fees was inevitable.

The following figures serve to indicate the extent that inflation has eaten into the funds of the E.T.T.A.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COVERING A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS

	Actual 1971/72	Estimated 1973/74	Projected 1975/76
Salaries	9474	10100	11600
Travel, Hospitality	2315	2750	3250
Hire of rooms	178	230	250
Rent and Rates (net)	1305	650	250
Office expenses	191	725	850
Telephones	906	1525	1750
Postages	1148	1570	1800
Printing and Stationery	994	1235	1450
Insurances	198	475	400
Audit and Legal	143	150	175
Office Equipment	57	175	200
Subscriptions	26	30	35
Donations	7	10	15
Depreciation—Office	247	300	400
Sundries	170	195	250
Handbook	508	275	400
	<u>£17867</u>	<u>£20395</u>	<u>£23075</u>
Coaching, less recoveries	9628	10500	12000
	<u>£27495</u>	<u>£30895</u>	<u>£35075</u>
Affiliation fees (net)	8383	13100	17000
Other income from members (net)	610	650	700
Sales	27	50	75
Bank interest	94	350	50
Donations	11	10	10
"Table Tennis News"	820	650	800
Sports Council Grants	10300	13200	15500
	<u>£20245</u>	<u>£28010</u>	<u>£34135</u>
Deficit on Administration ..	<u>£7250</u>	<u>£2885</u>	<u>£ 940</u>

Notes:—

- (1) Inflation is running at approximately 12% p.a.
- (2) Since 1971/72 a training scheme has been introduced, grant aided by the Sports Council, at a net cost of £4,000 p.a. which is met from the sources and not included in the above figures.
- (3) In 1973/74 season a Development Officer was appointed whose salary is grant aided by the Sports Council. The net cost of £750 p.a. is also met from other sources and is not included in the above figures.
- (4) Only half the cost of administration in 1975/76 will be met by members' affiliation fees.

The net cost of the Coaching Scheme has always been included with the cost of Administration as the coaching services are available to all members of the Association—the scheme is heavily subsidised by the Sports Council and the grant is included in the above figures.

It was the intention that the increase in 1971 would last four or even five years but events have caught up with us and the income must be increased now.

It has always been my policy to divorce "special" events from the cost of running the association, as these are supported by only a minority of better class players. The "special" events include the four English Championships, the international matches and the

competitions; the number of players involved is estimated to be in the region of 5,000 out of a total playing strength of 90,000. The cost of these events is met by separate fees in the first place and by sponsorship in practically all cases and, in the case of international matches abroad, by assistance from the Sports Council. It is never correct to say that the E.T.T.A. affiliation fees are being spent on the privileged few players who participate in competitive events outside their own league competitions. In fact, there is some surplus on the sponsorship money which is used to subsidise the cost of administration and this helps to keep the fees down.

The cost of administration for the 1973/74 season is about £31,000 and the net affiliation fees received from the members is £13,100 which amounts to only 42% of the total cost. The grant from the Sports Council also amounts to about 42% so it can be seen very easily that table tennis in this country is very heavily subsidised. The grant from the Sports Council has increased each season and there is every possibility that it will continue to do so, but it is known that the government has indicated that economies must take place. Nevertheless, the annual grant from the Sports Council can be considered to be a permanent form of income for the foreseeable future.

The Sports Council has always made it clear that it is not there to bolster up decadent sports associations but to encourage those associations that are progressive and capable of helping themselves to a great extent.

Three years ago I wrote a series of articles in the magazine setting out the reasons for national affiliation and the benefits to be derived by those who wanted them. These articles have been brought up to date and will be circulated again to all leagues prior to the A.G.M. These articles should help in those cases where the members ask "why affiliate?" and "what do we get for it?"

There is no possibility of any decrease in the rate of inflation in the near future and it will be a further year before the increase takes effect, so quite a considerable inroad into the accumulated fund will have been made in the meantime.

Other sources of income are being sought and some headway has been made in sponsorship for next season as well as increased contributions from the manufacturers. The Sports Council is also looking into the possibility of giving further grant aid for administration but nothing is definite and certainly it is not imminent. But the only safe way to ensure a satisfactory financial position is to obtain a fair proportion of income from the members, and by 1975/76 this will be more than 50%.

Welsh Wedding



Spring sunshine was in evidence outside St. Mary's Church, Bangor, on Easter Monday, April 15, when Warwickshire County player, Ralph Edward Gunnion was married to Yvonne Madelaine Jones. Ralph's best man was Roger Morris. T.T. personalities at the wedding included Johnny Leach (pictured to Ralph's right) and to the bride's left, George R. Yates (Deputy Chairman) and Maurice Goldstein (President) of the E.T.T.A.

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PREMIER

	P	W	%
D. Neale (Y)	10	10	100
D. Douglas (Wa) ..	8	8	100
S. Gibbs (E)	4	4	100
A. Hydes (Y)	8	7	88
N. Jarvis (Y)	12	10	83
J. Walker (Y)	6	5	83
D. Parker (La)	10	8	80
C. Warren (Sy)	8	6	75
D. Schofield (Ch) ..	4	3	75
I. Robertson (E) ..	12	8	67
D. Brown (E)	10	6	60
I. Horsham (E)	10	6	60
D. Munt (Wa)	12	7	57
B. Burn (Wa)	14	7	50
M. Johns (Ch)	14	7	50
A. Watson (Bu)	12	6	50
P. Bowen (La)	10	5	50
C. Strathearn (Sy) ..	8	4	50
J. Hilton (Ch)	6	3	50

Women

K. Matthews (Mi) ..	7	7	100
J. Hammersley (Bu)	4	4	100
L. Howard (Sy)	4	4	100
L. Radford (E)	6	5	83

2 SOUTH

B. Hill (Sy)	10	9	90
C. Morris (K)	10	9	90
D. Welsman (Sy) ..	6	5	83
D. Jemmett (Mi) ..	4	3	75
T. Farlie (K)	10	7	70
H. Buist (K)	6	4	67
D. Tan (Mi)	8	5	63
S. Ogundipe (Sx) ..	10	6	60
R. Thornton (Bk) ..	10	6	60

Women

J. Williams (Sx) ..	5	5	100
J. Ellis (K)	5	4	80
C. Davies (Ha)	3	2	67

2 NORTH

A. Martin (Y)	8	8	100
D. Alderson (Y) ..	4	4	100
J. Kedge (Y)	8	7	88
R. Hampson (Ch) ..	6	5	83
J. Walker (Y)	6	5	83
M. Corking (Du) ..	8	6	75
A. Clark (Nd)	4	3	75
B. Hill (Li)	6	4	67

Women

C. Knight (Y)	3	3	100
D. Schofield (Ch) ..	3	2	67
B. Kearney (Nd) ..	5	3	60
B. Voss (Li)	5	3	60

2nd MIDLAND

P. Randall (Le)	10	10	100
S. Rowe (St)	4	4	100
A. Fletcher (Wa) ..	6	5	83
A. Isaacs (St)	10	8	80
M. Newman (Le) ..	10	8	80
C. Sewell (Gs)	4	3	75
A. Hunt (Dy)	10	7	70
C. Rogers (Le)	10	7	70

Women

A. Stevenson (Le) ..	4	4	100
H. Round (St)	5	4	80

2nd EAST

P. Day (Ca)	8	8	100
D. Randall (E)	10	9	90
D. Bowles (E)	8	7	88
F. Nilam (Bd)	10	8	80
P. Harmer (Bd)	8	6	75
G. Major (Bd)	4	3	75
P. Taylor (Bd)	6	4	67
G. Blomfield (E) ..	8	5	63
M. Harper (Ca)	8	5	63
C. Pickard (He)	8	5	63
J. Bender (He)	10	6	60
J. Fuller (Nk)	10	6	60

Women

E. Tarten (E)	4	4	100
B. Hammond (Bd) ..	5	3	60
L. Woodcock (Ca) ..	5	3	60

2nd WEST

G. Davies (Gn)	12	12	100
A. Griffiths (Gn) ..	10	9	90
B. Reeves (So)	10	9	90
J. Hartry (So)	6	5	83
R. Brown (Wo)	12	9	75
T. Bruce (Wi)	12	9	75
R. Morris (So)	12	9	75
M. Owen (Gn)	12	9	75
K. James (Dv)	8	6	75
B. Belcher (Wo) ..	12	8	67
W. Moulding (Wi) ..	12	8	67

Women

J. Lloyd (Wo)	6	5	83
A. Boyce (Wi)	6	4	67
P. Mortimer (Dv) ..	6	4	67
S. Rapsey (Co)	6	4	67

SOUTHERN

M. Maclaren (Sx) ..	4	4	100
L. Etheridge (K) ..	10	9	90
G. Pugh (Sx)	8	7	88
R. Stace (Sx)	8	7	88
H. Harrison (Bk) ..	6	5	83
R. Tilling (K)	10	8	80
J. Daly (Ha)	6	4	67
D. Whittaker (K) ..	6	4	67
K. Horton (Sx)	8	5	63
R. Rosinski (Sx) ..	8	5	63

Women

D. Gard (Sx)	5	5	100
L. King (Ha)	2	2	100
J. Williams (Bu) ..	2	2	100

NORTHERN

J. McNee (Ch)	6	6	100
S. Haughney (Du) ..	4	4	100
P. D'Arcy (Ch)	6	5	83
T. Moran (Dy)	8	6	75
P. Edon (Du)	4	3	75
I. Johns (Ch)	6	4	67
I. Warner (Dy)	8	5	63

Women

S. Holmes (Dy)	4	4	100
P. Allen (Ch)	2	2	100

MIDLAND

B. Keates (St)	10	10	100
S. Claxton (Wo)	4	4	100
S. Rowe (St)	6	5	83
N. Bottomley (Wo) ..	10	7	70
J. Riley (St)	10	7	70
M. Wood (Wo)	10	7	70
A. Harrison (Mo) ..	6	4	67
W. Hussey (Gn)	8	5	63
A. Thomas (Gn)	8	5	63
J. Bloomer (Mo) ..	10	6	60
J. Bowden (Gn)	10	6	60

Women

E. Jones (Mo)	3	3	100
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EASTERN

R. Potton (E)	6	6	100
J. Kitchener (Sk) ..	10	9	90
L. Eadie (E)	8	7	88
R. Butler (Nk)	6	5	83
D. Iszatt (E)	6	5	83
F. Mauthoor (E) ..	6	5	83
G. Giles (He)	4	3	75
S. Proffitt (He)	4	3	75
J. Turner (Nk)	4	3	75
G. Alden (Np)	6	4	67

Women

J. Youngs (E)	5	5	100
S. Beckwith (E)	2	2	100
V. Scripps (He)	4	3	75

JUNIOR PREMIER

Boys			
P. Hunt (E)	6	6	100
P. Day (Ca)	14	13	93
A. Barden (Mi)	14	11	79
M. Mitchell (Mi) ..	14	11	79
D. Johnson (Wa) ..	12	9	75
D. Alderson (Y) ..	8	6	75
S. Souter (Y)	12	9	75
J. Kitchener (Sk) ..	14	10	71
M. Shuttle (Sy)	6	4	67
R. Wiley (Y)	6	4	67
A. Kilburn (Y)	14	9	64
R. Huson (Mi)	14	8	57
S. Lyons (Sy)	14	8	57
C. Rogers (Le)	14	8	57
D. Bangerter (Sy) ..	12	6	50
L. Eadie (E)	10	5	50

D. Iszatt (E)	10	5	50
R. Potton (E)	6	3	50

Girls

A. Mitchell (Mi) ..	3	3	100
S. Sutton (E)	2	2	100
C. Knight (Y)	7	6	86
A. Stevenson (Le) ..	5	4	80
S. Tame (Sy)	7	4	57
S. Dove (Mi)	4	2	50
K. Rogers (Le)	2	1	50

JUNIOR SOUTH

Boys			
I. Kenyon (K)	6	6	100
G. Pugh (Sx)	8	7	88
M. Douglas (Sx) ..	12	10	83
I. Mead (Bk)	6	5	83
S. Wilson (Ha)	14	11	79
G. Boxall (Sy)	12	9	75
A. Abbott (E)	4	3	75
D. Dino-Smith (K) ..	4	3	75
R. Halliday (Bk) ..	4	3	75
J. Hardiker (E)	4	3	75
K. Seager (Sy)	14	10	71
M. Shuttle (Sy)	12	8	67
R. Williams (K)	8	5	63
R. Brooks (K)	10	6	60
A. Hicks (Bk)	10	6	60

Girls

L. Wales (Ha)	7	7	100
J. Mitchell (Sy)	4	4	100
C. Randall (Sx)	4	4	100

JUNIOR NORTH

Boys			
I. Smith (La)	4	4	100
T. Burrows (Ch) ..	8	7	88
P. Edon (Du)	12	10	83
K. Williams (La) ..	6	5	83
S. Souter (Y)	10	8	80
A. Clark (Nd)	12	9	75
N. Hallows (La)	12	9	75
S. Hosking (Du)	12	9	75
B. Baxter (Y)	4	3	75
D. Renton (Y)	12	8	67
P. Halmshaw (Y) ..	6	4	67

Girls

S. Manning (La) ..	3	3	100
H. Garrett (Ch)	2	2	100
M. Ludi (Y)	6	5	83
J. Pachul (Cu)	6	5	83

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Boys			
P. Griffiths (Wa) ..	8	8	100
C. Stockdale (Ng) ..	4	4	100
P. Taylor (Dy)	4	4	100
D. Shropshire (Wa)	12	11	92
D. Yallop (Dy)	12	11	92
I. Smith (La)	10	9	90
P. Vickers (Dy)	10	9	90
M. Horne (Wa)	12	10	83
R. Allen (Dy)	4	3	75
D. Bilton (Ng)	4	3	75
G. Stredder (Ng) ..	4	3	75
G. Hoy (La)	12	8	67
R. Legge (St)	12	8	67

Girls

W. Brown (Dy)	2	2	100
B. Green (Wa)	2	2	100
M. Mellor (Dy)	2	2	100
S. Hunt (Li)	6	5	83
K. Cropper (La) ..	6	4	67

JUNIOR EAST

Boys			
D. Sehmbi (E)	6	6	100
A. Abbott (E)	4	4	100
C. Williams (He) ..	4	4	100
M. Penney (He)	8	7	88
J. Proffitt (He)	14	12	86
K. Caldron (E)	6	5	83
D. Reynolds (E) ..	6	5	83
G. Alden (Np)	14	10	71
G. Hamilton (Np) ..	14	10	71
R. Jermyn (He)	14	10	71
T. Speller (Hu)	14	9	64

Girls

J. Boulter (E)	2	2	100
B. Chamberlain (Hu)	7	6	86
L. Towler (He)	6	5	83

JUNIOR WEST

Boys			
C. Sewell (Gs)	12	12	100
P. Trott (Bk)	12	11	92

K. James (Dv)	14	12	86
D. Reeves (Bk)	14	12	86
S. Douglas (Bk)	8	6	75
J. Robinson (Do) ..	12	8	67
T. Fairbanks (Dv) ..	6	4	67
G. Roberts (Bk)	6	4	67
A. Thomas (Gu)	6	4	67
W. Dawe (Gs)	14	9	64
A. Oakley (Wo)	14	9	64

Girls

C. Reeves (Bk)	5	5	100
K. Mashford (Bk) ..	2	2	100
K. Rowe (Dv)	2	2	100
J. New (Do)	8	5	63
J. Dovey (Gs)	4	3	75
E. Lamb (Dv)	5	3	60

VETERAN SOUTH

V. Ireland (E)	8	8	100
R. Lush (Ha)	8	8	100
R. Coussens (E)	6	5	83
K. Beamish (E)	10		

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

By JOHN COOPER

PARTNERS OLD AND NEW

The Gloucester League held its annual competitions at the Beauford Sports Centre on Sunday, 31st March, the winners being:—

Under-13: Keith Johnson.

Under-15: P. Gwilliam.

Under-17: William Dawe.

Bryan Merrett Award: Keith Johnson.

Open: Roy Morley.

Women: Judy Day.
Mixed Morley/Day.
Veterans: Ray Phillips.

An interesting combination was the return of Bryan Merrett to this type of competition, who, partnering 60-years-old William Dawe, only went out in the third of the final of the open doubles to Roy Morley and G. Ridler. Previous to partnering the oldest player in the tournament, Bryan Merrett had partnered the youngest girl, Joanna Baughan in the mixed. She and others will be in the E.T.T.A. Under-13 competition on 27th April.

Gloucester Vets. have won their first match by beating Walsall 6-4

—too late to save them from relegation.

Stroud did well to beat Gloucester girls 7-3, the 3 for Gloucester being from Jane Dovey. In the Midlands League Stroud drew with Hinckley 'C' but just lost to Telford 4-6.

The County Coaching Officer, Peter Cruwys, tells me of the pleasant coaching sessions he was invited to run for Paul Lewis' Bristol boys in an excellent club-room at Bristol University, and at Stroud, where the numbers and quality are much improved. Well done all.

Nailsworth 'D' won the Stroud handicap competition beating Division 1 team Pessimists 'A'.

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5th Session

Hampshire 2, Derbyshire 8

The best set here undoubtedly GS: although both girls seemed a bit tense. Mandy Mellor hit some good winners at vital times to beat Linda Wales 26, 18.

Berkshire 9, Hertfordshire 1

Needing but a draw to ensure 2nd place, Berks made heavy weather of the first 3 BS, then clicked into gear and romped away with the next 4. Back to earth with a surprise XD defeat for Simon Douglas and captain Kara Mashford.

VETERAN CHALLENGE

Cheshire 3, Essex 6

D. Schofield bt K. Beamish 14, 15; lost to P. Curtis -18, -17.

B. Baldwin bt Beamish -20, 16, 19; lost to V. Ireland -18, 19, -16.

T. Donlan lost to Curtis -12, -17; lost to Ireland -17, -17.

Baldwin/Schofield lost to Beamish/Ireland 14, -12, -16.

Miss M. Leigh bt Mrs. M. Know 6, 8.

Doulon/Leigh lost to Curtis/Know -12, 16, -18.

Brian Baldwin got Cheshire off to a great start beating Ken Beamish in a set of terrific hitting and defence, but Percy Curtis restored the damage when he accounted for Derek Schofield. Viv Ireland gave Essex the lead, and when the visitors took both doubles (not always their strong point) after being in trouble, things looked bleak for the hosts. The next two went to Cheshire before Curtis completed a fine display by taking the critical set, and Ireland maintained his 100% County record to end the match.

C.T.T.C. A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the County Table Tennis Championships will be held on Saturday, June 8th, 1974, in the Norfolk Room of Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1 and will commence at 2 p.m.

E.T.T.A. A.G.M.

Note the date, the venue will be circulated—Saturday, July 13, 1974 in London.

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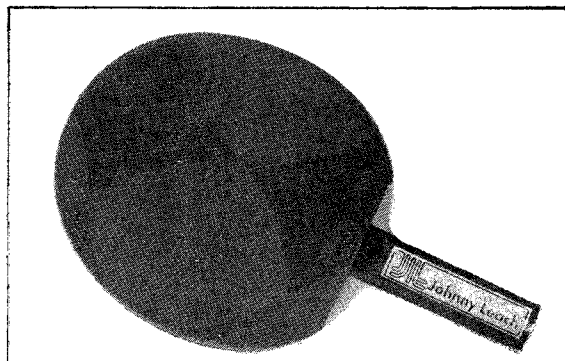
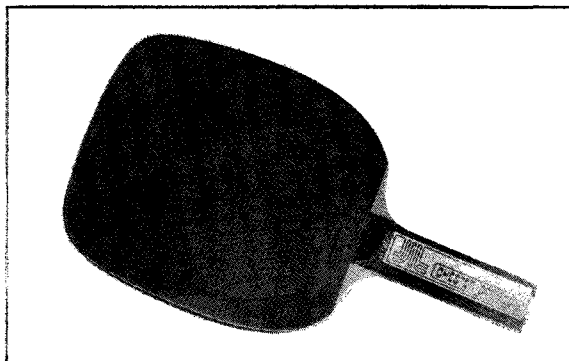
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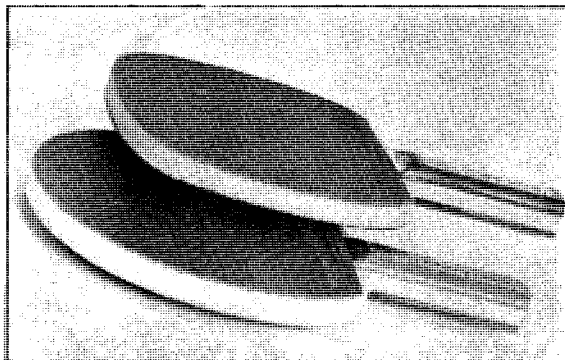
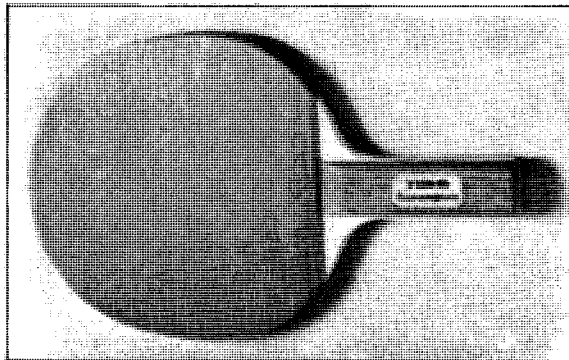
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JUNIOR SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Surrey II	7	7	0	0	50	20	14
Hampshire	7	6	0	1	52	18	12
Sussex	7	5	0	2	44	26	10
Berkshire II	7	3	1	3	39	31	7
Kent	7	2	2	3	36	34	6
Essex III	7	1	1	5	32	38	3
Hereford II	7	1	1	5	20	50	3
Oxford	7	0	1	6	7	63	1

JUNIOR NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire II	6	6	0	0	47	13	12
Lancashire	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Durham	6	4	0	2	35	25	8
Cumberland	6	3	0	3	27	33	6
Cheshire	6	2	0	4	29	31	4
Westmorland	6	1	0	5	15	45	2
Northumb'land	6	0	0	6	14	46	0

JUNIOR EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex II	7	7	0	0	56	14	14
Herts	7	6	0	1	54	16	12
Huntingdon	7	5	0	2	39	31	10
Northants	7	4	0	3	40	30	8
Bedford	7	2	0	5	25	45	4
Norfolk	7	1	2	4	24	46	4
Bucks	7	1	1	5	23	47	3
Camb. II	7	0	1	6	19	51	1

JUNIOR PREMIER DIVISION

With this correspondent unable to be present, secondhand reports must suffice for the second leg matches at Loughborough. A smaller hall than last season, and the absence of the Junior Closed both helped to create more atmosphere and all seems to have gone very smoothly. Well done Reg Billson and helpers—another good weekend's staging completed.

As anticipated, Yorkshire retained their title. Middlesex chased them home only one set (but two points) behind. Paul Day was the most successful player in the Division, suffering a BS defeat at the hands of Steven Lyons, and one doubles defeat. The home County's Chris Rogers also had a good series with several fine wins over this weekend.

Results

Leicester 5, Essex 5
Surrey 8, Cambridge 2
Warwicks 3, Middlesex 7
Yorkshire 7, Suffolk 3
Essex 7, Cambridge 3
Leicester 6, Suffolk 4
Middlesex 3, Yorkshire 7
Warwicks 4, Surrey 6
Cambridge 3, Middlesex 7
Suffolk 2, Warwicks 8
Surrey 7, Leicester 3
Yorks 7, Essex 3
Essex 6, Warwicks 4
Middlesex 8, Leicester 2
Suffolk 5, Cambridge 5
Surrey 2, Yorkshire 8

SENIOR CHALLENGE MATCHES

The large hall at Shenley Hospital provided the setting for the Senior Challenge which produced a number of surprises. General expectation was that Leics would cap a splendid season with their appearance in the Premier, but they disappointed and could finish only 4th. Glamorgan's strong men, ably assisted by Betty Gray, who first played for Wales nearly 30 years ago, took the Welsh County through unbeaten while Bedford-

shire (with Firoz Nilam their star) took the second place. Whilst provision of a practice table is no essential requirement, it was much appreciated and the catering arrangements were first class throughout.

Final table is:—

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Glamorgan	4	4	0	24	12	8
Bedfordshire	4	3	1	21	15	6
Kent	4	2	2	20	16	4
Leicestershire	4	1	3	20	16	2
Northumberland	4	0	4	5	31	0

1st Session

Bedfordshire 4, Glamorgan 5
P. Taylor bt G. Davies 9, 14; lost to A. Griffiths 19, -19, -19.
F. Nilam bt Davies 18, 17; bt M. Owen 13, 19.
P. Harmer lost to Griffiths -9, -16; bt Owen 17, 17.
C. Major/Nilam lost to Davies/Griffiths -15, 15, -23.
Mrs. B. Hammond lost to Mrs. B. Gray -19, 16, -19.
Taylor/Hammond lost to Owen/Gray 16, -14, -17.

Four tight sets in the 3rd, all taken by Glamorgan. One of those should never have got to a deciding game as Peter Taylor had a large 2nd game lead over Alan Griffiths but frittered it away.

Leicestershire 3, Kent 6

P. Randall bt C. Morris 19, 18; bt H. Buist 16, 9.
C. Rogers lost to Norris -17, -14; lost to B. Meisel -17, -13.
M. Newman lost to Buist 18, -11, -12; lost to Meisel -24, -20.
Newman/Rogers lost to K. Baker/Morris 13, -21, -20.
Miss A. Stevenson lost to Mrs. J. Ellis 17, -8, -5.
Randell/Stevenson bt R. Etheridge/Ellis 15, 17.

What a lesson handed out to English Junior Champion, Anita Stevenson by Joyce Ellis!

2nd Session

Northumberland 0, Leicestershire 9
P. Hoyles lost to Randell -12, 20, -16; lost to Rogers 15, -12, -17.
R. Kettlewell lost to Randell 19, -7, -10; lost to Newman -19, 12, -17.
A. Jones lost to Rogers -14, -18; lost to Newman -21, -16.
Hoyles/Kettlewell lost to Randell/Rogers -17, -20.
Miss B. Kearney lost to Miss K. Rogers -11, 14, -18.
A. Clark/Kearney lost to Newman/Rogers 6, -18, -12.
Northumberland fought hard, but Leics were determined to ease the memory of the Kent defeat.

Kent 4, Bedfordshire 5

Morris lost to Taylor -17, -11; bt Nilam 18, -11, 19.
T. Fairlie lost to Taylor -17, -16; lost to Major -15, 18, -19.
Meisel lost to Nilam -19, 16, -19; bt Major -24, 19, 10.
Barker/Morris lost to Nilam/Taylor -19, -18.
Mrs. Ellis bt Mrs. J. Reeves 7, 10.
Etheridge/Ellis bt Harmer/Reeves -19, 16, 18.

A nice maximum by Taylor helped Beds recover from 2-4.

Leicestershire 4, Bedfordshire 5

Randell lost to Taylor -20, -18; lost to Nilam -17, -18.
Rogers lost to Taylor -12, -15; lost to Major -16, 13, -14.
Newman lost to Nilam 18, -9, -18; bt Major 16, 14.
Newman/Rogers bt Nilam/Taylor 5, -15, 16.

Stevenson bt Hammond 22, 8.
Randell/Stevenson bt Harmer/Reeves 16, 12.

A shock defeat for Paul Randell by Firoz Nilam was levelled out by an almost incredible MD success for Leics—did the Beds pair underestimate the opposition? Then Nilam got the better of Maurice Newman to level at 4-all and leave Chris Rogers to play for the match. Young Chris never really mastered the loop produced by Charlie Major despite leading at change of ends.

Northumberland 2, Glamorgan 7

Hoyles bt Davies 7, 15; lost to Griffiths -15, -12.
Kettlewell lost to Davies -10, -16; lost to Owen 16, -16, -13.
Jones lost to Griffiths -18, -13; lost to Owen -21, 22, -23.
Hoyles/Kettlewell lost to Davies/Griffiths 19, -14, -16.
Kearney lost to Gray -17, 11, -21.
Clark/Kearney bt Owen/Gray 17, 16.

Barbara Kearney so unlucky to go down to Betty Gray, but troubled by the awkward backhand. Peter Hoyles allowed Graham Davies little chance.

Glamorgan 7, Kent 2

Davies bt Morris -14, 20, 17; bt Buist 22, -18, 18.
Griffiths bt Morris 10, 22; bt Meisel -15, 16, 17.
Owen bt Buist 19, 18; lost to Meisel -10, -19.
Davies/Griffiths bt Farlie/Morris 11, -15, 12.
Gray bt Ellis -21, 14, 20.
Owen/Gray lost to Etheridge/Ellis -15, -11.

Kent forecast a match score of 4-all, but Betty Gray upset this when she scored a narrow victory over Joyce Ellis and Kent did not take another set.

Bedfordshire 7, Northumberland 2

Taylor bt Hoyles -12, 13, 17; lost to Jones -12, -20.
Nilam bt Hoyles 18, 19; bt Clark 18, 18.
Major bt Jones -18, 15, 17; bt Clark 19, -21, 16.
Nilam/Taylor bt Hoyles/Kettlewell 14, 12.
Hammond lost to Kearney -6, 19, -14.
Harmer/Reeves bt Clark/Kearney 10, 20.

Mention must here be made of a fine performance by Alan Jones—his victory over Taylor came when Beds needed to boost their sets average.

Kent 8, Northumberland 1

Farlie bt Hoyles 18, 7; bt Jones 20, 11.
Meisel bt Hoyles 14, 20; bt Clark 10, 14.
Baker bt Jones -17, 17, 9; bt Clark 13, 13.
Buist/Farlie bt Hoyles/Kettlewell 8, 15.
Ellis lost to Kearney -20, 7, -14.
Buist/Ellis bt Kettlewell/Kearney 11, -19, 11.

Barbara Kearney had to work very hard to beat Joyce Ellis—but then, anyone has to! With the issues settled, a relaxed match.

Glamorgan 5, Leicestershire 4

Davies lost to Randell -15, -19; bt Rogers 16, 14.
Griffiths lost to Randell -12, 17, -12; bt J. G. Hughes 11, 7.
Owen lost to Rogers -13, -11; bt Hughes -17, 7, 16.
Davies/Griffiths bt Rogers/Newman 15, 13.

Gray lost to Rogers -9, -8.
Owen/Gray bt Newman/Rogers 20, 16.

A welcome return to form by Randell, who gave Griffiths his only defeat of the weekend; nice win by Chris Rogers over Michael Owen; only defeat in WS of the weekend for Betty Gray—very convincingly by Karen Rogers.

JUNIOR CHALLENGE MATCHES

The venue for this season's Junior Challenge, at Bulmershe College, was quite the best I have seen in 10 seasons of association with County Championships Challenges. All five teams played with great spirit throughout, and while few could deny that Lancashire and Berkshire were the two strongest teams, the others were not so far behind. Even Hertfordshire, who finished bottom with only 8 sets won of 40, took no fewer than 19 of those 40 sets to a deciding game although they could win only 4 of them!

Nigel Hallows (beaten only by Paul Trott) and Ian Smith (the only unbeaten singles player) spearheaded the Lancashire effort and look a highly promising pair.

Final table:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancashire	4	4	0	0	29	11	8
Berkshire	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Derbyshire	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Hampshire	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Hertfordshire	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

1st Session

Lancashire 6, Berkshire 4
Lancs lead 3-0 and 4-1 but Berks pulled back to 4-4 (great recovery by Paul Trott to take 2nd game from Nigel Hallows after trailing 2-10).

Hertfordshire 3, Hampshire 7

Herts never really recovered from the loss of the first 4 sets.

2nd Session**Derbyshire 7, Hertfordshire 3**

Derbys hopes in danger when they trailed 1-2 but the next 5 sets made it safe. Good display by Linda Towler v. Mandy Mellor.

Hampshire 3, Lancashire 7

The three doubles for Hants, and what a fascinating BD win for Kevin McQuade and Stephen Wilson over the Lancs stars.

3rd Session**Hertfordshire 1, Lancashire 9**

Lancs took the first 9 before Jonathon Proffitt showed Keith Williams the way home.

Derbyshire 4, Berkshire 6

The first three and the last three for Berkshire, with David Reeves having everyone on tenterhooks in the 3rd of the last set where he led Philip Vickers 20-17 and then had to fight to stay in the set.

4th Session**Berkshire 9, Hampshire 1**

Hants did not deserve a defeat of this magnitude; they trailed 0-6, having lost 4 sets in the full distance. Wilson the only winner, v. Trott.

Lancashire 7, Derbyshire 3

Lancs weekend rounded off in fine style although some danger signs show in the repeated loss of GD and XD (one of each was captured).

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County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

CTTC TIES UP WITH ASCOT SPORTS

The ball to be used in CTTC play for the next two seasons will be the white TSP Astoll—used in Novi Sad for the recent Europeans. This follows the approval of this ball by the ETTA for the first time.

The Leslie Forrest Memorial Award for this season has been won by LEO THOMPSON (Bucks). The presentation, at a Staines League Dance, was made by Harry Edwards, a friend of Leo's for over 30 years, and himself a former holder of the award. As customary, the news was kept from the recipient until the presentation, which was received with great applause from the assembled Staines League players and officials.

PREMIER

Middlesex 4, Cheshire 5

A. Barden lost to M. Johns -12, -19; lost to N. Eckersley 16, -17, -13.

M. Mitchell lost to Johns 11, -16, -7; bt D. Schofield 18, 20.

D. Tan bt Eckersley 13, 17; lost to Schofield -16, -16.

Aldrich/Tan bt Eckersley/Schofield 15, 15.

Mrs. K. Mathews bt Miss S. Lisle 21, 17.

Barden/Mathews lost to Johns/Lisle -19, -20.

A dreadful start for Middlesex, who trailed 0-4 including a XD failure by Karenza Mathews and Andy Barden, who had won their first five sets. MD and WS went to the hosts (Karenza remaining unbeaten for the season) before Mike Johns delivered the goods for Cheshire. Fine win for Mark Mitchell over Derek Schofield in the latter's last (?) county match.

Warwickshire 6, Surrey 3

D. Douglas bt R. Yule -18, 13, 12; bt R. Chandler 13, -17, 14.

B. Burn lost to Yule -14, -13; bt D. Welsman 18, 16.

D. Munt bt Chandler 12, 7; bt Welsman 20, 9.

Burn/Douglas bt Chandler/Welsman 16, 15.

Miss D. St. Ledger lost to Miss L. Howard -19, -11.

P. Judd/St. Ledger lost to Yule/Howard -16, -13.

After 5 seasons in the Premier, Surrey return to 2nd South despite two wins from their first three matches.

Yorkshire 3, Essex 6

A. Hydes lost to I Horsham -12, -19; bt D. Brown 9, 9.

J. Walker bt Horsham -14, 17, 14; lost to I. Robertson -15, -12.

A. Ransome lost to Brown -14, -11; lost to Robertson -14, 23, -22.

Hydes/Walker bt Brown/Robertson 13, 15.

Miss C. Knight lost to Mrs. L. Radford -9, -17.

Ransome/Knight lost to Horsham/Radford 11, -16, 12.

The non-appearance of local idol Denis Neale, a big disappointment for the large Harrogate crowd and with Jarvis, Clayton, Alderson and Kedje also not available, Yorkshire had to bring Jimmy Walker from a sick bed and Alan Ransome from a second team game at North Shields! Despite this they led 3-0 before Essex realised the match could be won and took the next 6 sets.

Warwickshire 3, Yorkshire 6

D. Douglas bt N. Jarvis -21, 18, 17; bt A. Clayton 11, 9.

B. Burn lost to Jarvis -18, -11; lost to J. Walker -8, 20, -13.

D. Munt bt Clayton 19. 12; lost to Walker -17, 19, -19.

Burn/Douglas lost to Jarvis/Walker -18, -17.

Miss D. St. Ledger lost to Miss C. Knight -12, -7.

P. Judd/St. Ledger lost to Clayton/Knight -19, 19, -15.

Des Douglas maintained his unbeaten singles record and was the player of the match. Yorkshire, even without some stars, were simply too good.

2nd NORTH

Northumberland 2, Yorkshire II 8

Neither side at full strength and the visitors did well to win so convincingly. Sylvia Broadbent again impressed in WD and XD and Alan Ransome, Tony Martin and Linda Simpson (Forkes) all performed well. Peter Hoyles promised much against Tony Martin but went under 15, -20, -16 and never looked as good again.

2nd WEST

Cornwall 6, Dorset 4

Somerset 2, Glamorgan 8

Somerset below strength and no match for the strong Glamorgan men.

Wiltshire 5, Worcestershire 5

Terry Bruce and Bill Moulding produced the 5 for the hosts, and Joyce Lloyd, in her 100th match for Worcs, rounded off another splendid season although Alison Boyce reduce her lead considerably in each game.

Devon 8, Dorset 2

Hard hit by flu, Devon included a player no longer ranked and forfeited WD and XD.

MIDLAND

Glamorgan II 4, Staffordshire II 6

On the table Staffs won 8-2 but Janet Carr had played thrice for their first team and WD and WS were forfeited. This made more important than seemed at the time Stephen Dunning's 100th set

victory -22, 23, 22 over Andrew Thomas, and Staffs MD success at -16, 25, 17! Brian Keates the "man of the match."

EASTERN

Cambridgeshire II 3, Essex III 7

With no 3rd man, Essex forfeited 2 x MS and MD but won the other sets in straight games.

Northants II 4, Huntingd'shire 6

Hertfordshire II 2, Suffolk 8

Both Valerie Scripps and Jeanne Youngs played probably their last matches for their present Counties, and their WS clash was the highlight. Jeanne won 17, -21, 17 after trailing 15-17 in 3rd. Geoff Giles picked up 2 x MS for Herts.

JUNIOR SOUTH

Essex III 4, Berkshire II 6

Jo Douglas (12) and Alison Gordon (11), on debut, unbeaten and the three Essex boys, ranked 16, 17, 18, won the four for the home side. A well-fought match by two extremely young sides.

Kent 4, Sussex 6

For the second time in 3 matches the Kent team not all ranked. Two sets forfeited from a match "won" 6-4 on the table. Nice win for Ian Kenyon, -18, 17, 19 over Gerald Pugh.

Oxfordshire 0, Hampshire 10

Surrey II 9, Hertfordshire II 1

So ends Surrey's second season with a Junior 2nd team. Again the division title captured, this time with a 100% record and by an even younger side. Martin Shuttle, Keith Seager, Steve Boxall and the Guildford quartet of charmers, Nikky Leslie, Jayne Mitchell, Suzanne Roebuck and Diane Elliott, have formed a team which is a credit to their County and to captain Mick Kercher.

JUNIOR NORTH

Cheshire 4, Yorkshire II 6

Westmorland 1, Durham 9

Lancashire 6, Cumberland 4

JUNIOR MIDLAND

Derbyshire 8, Warwickshire II 2

With a win by at least 7-3 needed to ensure the division, Derbys went into a quick 4-0 lead to which all their players contributed. David Yallop, Philip Vickers, Robert Allen (the only member left for next season), Mandy Mellor and Susan Holmes were all "on song" and although BD went to Warwks the next three did not and gave Derbys their immediate goal. The Challenge then looked interesting!

Lancashire II 7, Lincolnshire 3

8-2 on the table, but Julie Black had played 4 (!) times for Lancs Junior 1st team and her GD success was forfeit.

Nott'hamshire 8, Leicestershire II 2

JUNIOR EAST

Bedfordshire 4, Huntingdonshire 6

Beds started well, but their players gave way to petty irritation and lost concentration and with it the match. All praise to young Greg Baker, who maintained his own game and clinched the match

by beating Chris Harlow 15, -12, 18 in the last set.

Essex II 8, Buckinghamshire 2

Chris Leslie had a good match, beating David Reynolds and taking Devinder Sehmbi to 20, -14, 20. But Penny Abbott and Janet Boulter knew a bit too much for the Bucks girls.

Norfolk 5, Cambridgeshire II 5

Hertfordshire 6, North'tonshire 4

Jonathon Proffitt had a good day, but the other Herts players were not at their best (under the pressure of a vital match?) and they were possibly fortunate that Lady Luck was smiling on them and not on their visitors. For Northants, Gary Hamilton won 2 x BS—a valuable acquisition for his new County.

Cambridgeshire II 1, Hertf'dshire 9

Ruth Newman and Vivienne Rowell notched another nice GD success, but Herts never seriously troubled in the other nine sets.

Norfolk 6, Bedfordshire 4

JUNIOR WEST

Berkshire 9, Worcestershire 1

I doubt that Berks could have anticipated such an outstanding season, their first in this Division. Paul Trott, David Reeves, Garry Roberts, Kara Mashford and Caroline Reeves, with support, have carried nearly everything before them—well done!

Devon 6, Wiltshire 4

As with their Senior match the hosts ran out of ranked players and Wiltshire's 4 sets included GD and XD lost on the table.

Glamorgan 5, Somerset 5

Gloucestershire 3, Dorset 7

VETERAN SOUTH

Essex 9, Wiltshire 0

The singles were all fairly comfortable, but Essex made life difficult in both doubles.

Hampshire 9, Hertfordshire 0

The first five sets all went the distance.

Huntingdonshire 3, Kent 6

Final Tables:—

EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex III	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Suffolk	6	4	1	1	37	33	9
Herts II	6	3	1	2	33	27	7
Norfolk II	6	2	0	4	29	31	4
Northants II	6	2	0	4	23	37	4
Hunts	6	2	0	4	18	42	4
Camb's II	6	2	0	4	22	38	2

VETERAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex	6	6	0	0	41	13	12
Hants	6	5	0	1	40	14	10
Kent	6	4	0	2	31	23	8
Herts	6	3	0	3	23	31	6
Hunts	6	2	0	4	20	34	4
Oxon	6	1	0	5	23	31	2
Wilts	6	0	0	6	11	43	0

JUNIOR PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	7	7	0	0	51	19	14
Middlesex	7	6	0	1	50	20	12
Essex	7	4	1	2	40	30	9
Surrey	7	4	0	3	34	36	8
Leicester	7	2	2	3	34	36	6
Cambridge	7	1	2	4	26	44	4
Warwick	7	1	0	6	26	44	2
Suffolk	7	0	1	6	19	51	1

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