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## World Championships '77

The mind boggles when estimates building up into the region of £200,000 are mentioned in connection with the staging of the 34th world championships in this country.

But such a sum, terrifying as it is, could indeed be the reality by the time April, 1977, comes round. And thoughts of finding this amount is the daunting challenge facing the steering committee charged with drawing up the all-important blue print for successful execution either of the championships or themselves!

All power then to the elbow of Louis Hoffman whose fund raising activities, already off the planning board, currently assume paramount importance.

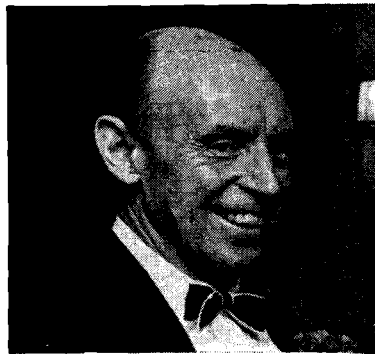
His efforts are worthy of your early and continued support so please, league secretaries, place such fund raising on your monthly meeting agenda as a separate and distinct item and not one to be brought up in any other business at a time when the caretaker is maybe holding open the door and jangling his bunch of keys.

Come next Spring and an interim meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation in Dublin, the point of no return will have been reached and it is on the measure of your support now, allied to sponsorship, that we as an Association will pledge ourselves to fulfil the contract or pull out and inevitably lose face.

No-one denies that we have the personnel but can we be assured of the cash—that oh so vital lubricant.

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## In Memoriam

### Adrian Arthur Haydon 1911-1973

by Hon. Ivor Montagu

I HAVE a very vivid memory of Adrian Haydon, whose loss to us on Sept. 12 was reported in the last issue of Table Tennis News.

It was just as he was about to play his first match abroad for England, at the Stockholm World Championships of 1928.

There stood Adrian, a smallish schoolboy of 16, just awakened from sleep, waiting before an immense crowd in the Stockholm circus to tackle Zoltan Mechlovits, famed captain of the world-beating Hungarian Swaythling Cup team, champions of the previous year, himself the individual runner-up and destined to become the title-holder in singles later in the week. The match score was at a crucial point and it stood 1-1. Everything hinged on their third encounter.

Mechlovits, a massive figure and a master of gamesmanship, tried everything he knew — well, I will not say to unsettle the nerves of his diminutive opponent but, at any rate, to steady his own. First he had the net measured — all along its length. Then — this I have never seen before — he had the height of the playing surface measured, from the floor.

Throughout all this, Adrian just stood there. When at last the umpire called 'Play', Adrian at once set about playing a blinder. I do not even remember who won this terrific battle in the end, but it paved the way to a 7-2 victory. Years later, when we were on the selection committee together and somebody brought up the hoary old crack about not choosing so-and-so because, being so young, he could not be 'ready yet', I asked Adrian whether he, too, remembered that occasion and whether he had felt nervous. "Nervous?" he said. "I didn't know there was anything in the world to be nervous about. I didn't know there was anyone in the world who could beat me."

### BACKGROUND

I came to understand this better when I learned more about Adrian and his background. The story of how he swam into our ken is very interesting. England had lost the previous year, in the first world championships, but in any case so many old stalwarts fell out, that a new team had to be sent and we wrote at once to S. F. B. Lawes, a lean and vigorous senior, sallow and handsome, with a cockatoo quiff of grey hair, who had been runner-up in the trials the previous year and consequent first reserve.

Lawes replied that he was too tied up by business to come but "there is a schoolboy up here who beats me

hollow". So Adrian, button-top cap and all came to the trials in London. He battered his way through, leaving a flattened array in his wake. A few weeks passed and he came to London again; it was a gathering of three international teams; England, Wales and India, the latter being in those days London-based. We were all to journey to Sweden together and, on the eve of departure, the trialists took part with all other top players available in the London Championships at the old Indian Students' Hostel in Gower Street. This was Adrian's first tournament ever and he was the winner.

This was before the days of regular air travel. To save money we were going on hard wooden seats. (The ETIA was poor then and players paid their own way). A terrible mix-up meant that the teams had no sleep on the last part of the journey, had to sit up all night on the hard seats, sang to keep its spirits up, and had to play directly on arrival. Adrian was sent straight to bed to sleep till evening when our Hungarian match was due and then we faced them, a team of five eventual world champions in singles and doubles, with, on our side, two 18-year-olds, (Fred Perry and Charlie Bull), the just awakened schoolboy and I, their non-playing captain, the 23-year-old ITTF President.

*This was England's greatest ever match victory — though our own total Swaythling Cup triumph did not come until 26 years later under Adrian's own non-playing captaincy. Naturally, a shared experience like that, in boyhood, makes the partners for life and it is now as though a part of myself has gone away.*

### FIRST AND LAST

In the singles that year, at 16 Adrian reached the world's last eight. The next, the semi-final, beating the great Barna — the first and last time Victor ever lost in an earlier round than the final until he broke his arm. Nearly thirty years later — Adrian was still good enough to reach the world's semi-finals in doubles—twice. Few other players, at any sport, can boast such a span.

How good a player was he really? He was certainly never a world No. 1. Probably not quite in the first three even. But he hung around half way up the world's first ten — now up a place, now down a place for all the active years of his career. This was remarkable evidence of how high you can get *without a stroke on both sides*, for Adrian's game to all intents and purposes was solely forehanded. I often wonder, when I hear orthodox coaches making youngsters, who love lambasting the ball on the forehand, that they might have a backhand too, and forcing them to play, play, play

with a stereotyped side that they just naturally can't and don't enjoy, whether these coaches are really right.

They are, of course, or are they? True, without an all-sided game they will never be the champion, but if not allowed to enjoy their game, as like or not they will wander off somewhere better — maybe to the movies and then they won't be players at all. After all being so good virtually only one side, as Adrian proved, is enough to make you work for ever. (Yet, against my doubts, I must quote Adrian himself when the time came for him to coach daughter Ann, and she, naturally endowed, like himself, as a left-handed forehand basher, was moulded into an all-rounder, Adrian said, "I was determined she should never have to go through the agonies I did").

Whether these were physical agonies as he raced to cover that non-existent backhand with his peculiar forehand grip, or mental agonies, as a skilful antagonist after terrific struggle would manage to catch him breathless on the wrong side, he did not specify, for this was not his way. Boy and man I have never known anyone more reserved. He was a rare character — shy, taciturn and determined — the revealing word had been wrung from him.)

But I must describe to the present generation his actual style of play, for they have certainly never seen anything like it. I remember when, a few years ago, an English player came out with a high looped-forehand. This was supposed to be a novelty. On the contrary, it was Adrian's speciality, all of thirty years before, the basis of his whole game.

### PROJECTORY

As resurrected, it was not an offensive shot, simply a shot of powerful spin and strange projectory, a point-winner by inducing the opponent into mistake. With the left-handed Adrian it was *always* a powerful aggressive shot, either lifted so sharply and strangely that it bounded forward, or — with a slight difference of racket angle much faster but only slightly flatter. It was always hit, every stroke with tremendous force.

To the top-spin was added the side-spin, either side, in varying degree. And no amount of chop in defence could keep him quiet, because the speciality of the stroke was that it *always* struck the opponent's ball *exactly* at the top of its bounce, so that however much underspin held it low this was yet just high enough for him to get his blow in the centre of his own racket and add his lift to the spin revolving in the same direction.

The basic uniformity and regularity of this stroke was what gave it accuracy: perfect length and control enabled him to drive the opponent corner to corner. Totally to defend against him was useless. He could keep his piston-like attack up till all was blue. But he was also a strategic player. He had the best deep shot — a block under the ball, chest to chest, with heavy underspin to shorten the distance between first and second bounce the other side of the net — of any English players and, it must be remembered, a continuous attacker plus a deep shot doubles his strength.

Unlike most English players of his day, who merely put the ball in play, he had a strong and varied service designed to give what the Chinese call a third ball attack. And

though his regularity and force was achieved by massing all the fingers on top of one another behind the blade in such a way that an ordinary backhand was simply impossible, he could and did play, about once or twice in tight corners in every tournament, an extraordinary backhand plain hit that won by its very surprise.

The fascination of his game lay not only in the excitement of this continuous attack, animated by such shrewd variations, but by the classic leisure conveyed by contest — and defeat by — other brilliant masters. An all round player with sudden unexpected hit — like Fred Perry — could always beat him, for he had to be too set in his own style and too close to the table to be ready for it — but it took a world's No. 1 on form to withstand the hurricane long enough to execute the counter. He could be beaten by a tall rangy all rounder like the Austrian Liebster, punching the ball back from a distance not with chop but with counter top spin and pinning Adrian to his backhand until the winner found an opening in the hole on his strong side.

#### TOUR-DE-FORCE

I once saw him beaten by a brilliant tour-de-force on the part of his old rival Mechlovits, who stood right up and half-volleyed him until Adrian — far the younger player — became breathless through having to make his arm and leg movements so fast on top of one another. And in the greatest final of any English Open Championship — at Buxton in the 30's — by simply lasting five games of long rallies Victor Barna forced Adrian into cramp (Adrian's muscular movements were stereotyped by his style while Victor's varied).

*Though leading in the fifth Adrian, whom pain almost inhibited from motion, disdained to retire or crave a rest. He preferred to take his medicine and let the rest of the match fly past. He was like that.*

Adrian was small and quiet as a boy. He was the same as a man, and gave the impression of strong inner depths. He loved sport, as a 'bonny fighter'. But his concern was always wider than himself: his team, his club, his country, his family, the friends, the neighbourhood.

From the Table Tennis viewpoint the family record is a remarkable one. His father was a Midland champion and also (I believe) a Welsh champion — way back in the early 1900's in the first period of the sport. (Adrian himself won the Midlands Open ten times in twelve years).

Maurice Goldstein — our present President and (not to be forgotten) my one-time doubles partner — tells how Adrian "learnt to play the game in that hallowed shrine of TT, the attic of his home, 96 Drayton Road, Kings Heath, with his father A. E., sister Marjorie (who also played TT for England abroad, I.M.) and younger brother Tommy.

#### ONE BY ONE

With no run-back in the attic — one end sitting (almost) on a fire brazier — the other in an alcove window — the 'Haydon' style of play and grip had to develop. A number of Birmingham devotees," Maurice goes on "followed likewise. And we sat on the stairs all evening, moving up one by one, just to play one game with the young genius (it was winner stay on)."

Everybody knows about daughter

Ann, who beat his age record as a youthful TT international by one year and played in five TT world championship finals, singles and doubles, every one going to five games, but without bringing one off, and quantities of Wimbledon L.T. semi-finals and finals before the stubborn Haydon competitiveness brought final reward in victory.

But not everyone knows that Anne's mother, too, was a TT international as Doris Jordan before she married Adrian, so that there was a close mentor on the distaff side as well. Some people see in this sort of thing some kind of hereditary aptitude. Not I. It is far more likely that the love of sport engendered by a family fondness and encouragement creates the ambience in which the spark of talent can flourish. Well — we shall have to see what Ann and Pip do with their youngsters . . . .

Following school (Camp Hill Grammar School, Birmingham), the young Adrian worked pre-war for F. S. B. Lawes (whom we have already mentioned). Then for many years as Sales Manager for a paint firm, Dry Enamels of Hall Green, TT was not his profession. So long as the age-gap with the players was not too great he was perhaps the best non-playing captain England ever had, but he did little globe-trotting for himself.

*His greatest happiness was at home, in play, and in unselfish encouragement of others to play. He never forgot his own days as a boy player (accepted in the 'select' Birmingham City Club) at 17, and had an inexhaustible kindness to "rabbits" — whom he never refused to play.*

He was chairman of the Birmingham TTA for 15 years, President for four and chairman of the Warwickshire county TT body from foundation for its first 15 years. Overlapping all this administration he played 41 years in the Birmingham league losing only two matches!

#### UNIQUE STYLE

In all this tale of this compact character whose unique style entered indelibly into the world scale history of a world-wide sport, you might think him a TT specialist. But not at all. As a boy he was a promising cricketer, and Lawn Tennis player too. TT did not replace this, it just ran side by side.

He was himself county standard at the latter — long in the Warwickshire team and winning the county Men's Doubles title (with Ralph Oliver, County No. 1) for six consecutive years. And at the former really could have been, turning down the temptation from Charlie Bull (his early TT comrade in the England team) to qualify for Worcestershire — and playing as dour opening bat, swift cover-point and finally captain of Kings Heath, good enough to turn out several times for Warwickshire Second.

But the story is endless. When eventually he moved from Brum it was only to go as far as Stratford-on-Avon, where he and Doris spent the last eight or nine years. Here he fell in love with — and became a county team regular at that — well, they say bowls is an old man's game; but what about ball-room dancing — we addicts of the square box see plenty of dressed up youth and elegance there but Doris and he had a go at that, too, and soon began to pile up yet more bronze, silver and gold.

There is something too, to me, particularly English in this life. As, too, in the way it ended. A trivial operation early this year disclosed to the doctors a secret illness that they kept a secret. Adrian seemed to recover and, active at 61 as ever, was playing on the lawn tennis court (against his doctor) up to three weeks before his death. He never had the nuisance of growing old. The affection and respect the living Adrian won extends to the family he left, and it will long outlive him.

## HERALDING HEREFORDSHIRE

by IAN R. CRICKMER

ONE of the first objectives of the new County Association was achieved on October 2 when the members of the Leominster League decided at their Annual Meeting to affiliate to the English and Herefordshire Associations. Not only does this give the county added membership but also brings organised table tennis to the Northern part of Herefordshire, with teams not only in Leominster itself but also in Pembridge and at Little Hereford, near the Shropshire and Worcestershire boundaries at Tenbury Wells.

What appeared to be an early blow to the new County body occurred when it was announced that the South Wye Community Centre in Hereford was to be closed and the building demolished, as the site was now earmarked for a learners' swimming pool.

The Centre had supported several League sides, and had been the venue for Worcestershire home fixtures staged by the Hereford authorities. With great initiative, Richard Owens purchased the threatened building, and, amidst the harvest at Allensmore, he has been supervising the re-erection of the clubroom by volunteers who have journeyed from Hereford most Autumn week-ends to produce, Phoenix-like, a new County venue at Village Farm. Though not ready for the opening County match versus Staffordshire II, it is hoped to provide rural hospitality to the other Midland Division visitors, Shropshire and Glamorgan II.

Hereford's particularly young juniors' team began its Midland League programme with a 4-6 home defeat by Nuneaton. The deciding factor proved to be the strength of the visitors' No. 1 who captured three singles and the doubles; however, the narrow margin has given encouragement to players and officials alike, and all reports speak favourably of the progress shown by the Hereford boys.

Although schools' table tennis appears as yet to exist only in a few isolated centres, such as Ross Grammar School, there are hopes also of progress in this direction. One advantage of local government re-organisation will be a re-appraisal of facilities and realignment of Schools' sports bodies, providing an excellent opportunity to establish a viable organisation pledged to integrate as many schools as possible into affiliated table tennis.

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# The Dunlop Junior Assessment Camps

by PETER HIRST  
ETTA STAFF COACH

IN the heart of the Shropshire countryside stands Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre. Once a hunting lodge belonging to the Duke of Sutherland, the Hall stands majestically in approx. 30 square miles of gardens and open farm land.

As one arrives and travels the 2-mile drive from the golden gates on the A47 near Newport, one cannot help but imagine the horse-drawn carriages making their way up the perfect avenue which forms the drive.

Having arrived at the Centre, which tends to exude an atmosphere of isolation, one is greeted by the Director, Mr. J. Lane, and shown to one's room. The ETTA occupied Ford Hall using the accommodation above the playing hall which tended to breed a good team spirit being completely separated from the other sporting bodies in residence. Both the staff and players were housed in dormitories which proved most adequate.

Sixty-four juniors attended the four camps, 16 players per week, with an alternating staff consisting of the three Staff Coaches, Bryan Merrett (West), Peter Simpson (North) and myself (East) together with Colin Henderson, husband of the former Susan Howard in charge of physical training.

Assessment started at Regional level with the Staff Coaches running Primary assessment days within their own regions and nominating players for the weekly camps at Lilleshall. Quite a hectic programme had been devised for testing players not only in respect of their table skills but for physical fitness as well.

Points for assessment included strokes, footwork, ball control, spins, rhythm, power, anticipation, reflexes, co-ordination, point winning and general. The physical tests, 100 metres, 800 metres for speed, shuttle runs and cross country for stamina and a strength and mobility circuit.

All the foregoing are extremely important in the assessment of young players, but the main aspect of selection was from match results played throughout the weeks on a round robin basis. A normal day's programme comprised:—

7.00 Call; 7-15 Running (15 minutes); 8.15 Breakfast; 9.30 Table Tennis; 11.00 Break; 11.15 Table Tennis; 12.15 Physical (30 minutes); 13.00 Lunch; 14.00 Rest; 15.45 Tea; 16.30 Table Tennis; 18.00 Physical (30 minutes); 19.00 Dinner; 20.30 Matches (2 sets best of 5); 22.30 Bed.

Everyone who attended the Camps left somewhat tired but grateful to both Dunlop Sports Company and the ETTA.

Players attending the Final Assessment Camp at Crystal Palace, from Sept 23-28 were:—

BOYS: D. Alderson, D. Bangarter, A. Barden, P. Day, M. Douglas, P. Edon, N. Hallows, D. Iszatt, J. Kitchener, S. Lyons, M. Mitchell, D. Newman, C. Rogers, C. Sewell, M. Shuttle and R. Wiley.

GIRLS: A. Knight, M. Ludi, M. Mellor, A. Mitchell, C. Reeves, K. Rogers, A. Stevenson, L. Wales, J. Walker and B. Williams.

# Assessment

## Assessed



by MANDY MELLOR  
ENGLAND JUNIOR TRIALIST

IN retrospect the National Selection Committee can say that the plans for the Assessment Camps during the summer months were a great success. In previous years the camps had been held over a weekend period — a time too short to evaluate fully the player's true potential.

The welcome change came during the past year when it was decided to run the system on an integrated basis. Day and weekend courses brought together players from counties in close proximity and these were followed by the regional camps which included larger areas.

From these courses the number of aspirants was reduced to 64 players to attend four weekly courses, 16 players per week, at Lilleshall National Recreation Centre. These were held from July 28-Aug 31. Here great emphasis was placed on physical fitness which was tested by circuit training and clocked races. A wide range of exercises, including reaction work and sprinting, was introduced thereby endeavouring to bring enjoyment into the physical work. An aim which, to the relief of all participants, was achieved — or so I believe as I can only comment on the week I was present—other players may have their own views!

Results obtained at Lilleshall enabled a final group of players to be selected for attendance at the Final Assessment Camp held at Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre from Sept 23-28. All twenty-six, 16 boys and 10 girls, chosen were present at the camp.

### INTRODUCTORY

On arrival on the Sunday afternoon several players were undecided at what to do whilst waiting for the introductory talk. A problem which was soon solved when Bryan Merrett advised us to have knock as we would begin immediately after dinner.

Everyone having arrived we finally congregated in the Lower Common Room to be "introduced" to the

coaches and to the Director of Crystal Palace. Emlyn Jones, who welcomed us to the Centre and informed us of some of the rules! Les Gresswell succeeded Mr. Jones by informing us how the match play was to be organised and of the dual purpose of the camp, which was primarily the procuring of a National Ranking List and secondly the formation of a National Junior Squad to be run on the same basis as that of the Senior.

An hour later, after having dinner, the first matches were being played in the Cricket School. The conditions were very good, each Dunlop table being individually enclosed. Although the floor tended to be a little slippery it did not seem to have any effect during the matches and the special lighting for the cricket classes gave uniform brightness over the total playing area.

The camp was arranged so everyone would usually play three or four matches daily, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Bryan Merrett prepared a schedule to complete the matches in the most economic way possible. An arrangement which was strictly adhered to as failure to report on time resulted in a walk-over for the other player!

Forty-five minutes was allocated for each 5-game set and often this was the only time you were required to play for three hours by which method it was hoped that the player would not be tired. It also gave plenty of time for any necessary practice and enabled them to prepare themselves mentally for the game.

### DIFFERENT IDEAS

The sessions comprised totally of matches until Wednesday when the first lecture was introduced. Several of these were held throughout the week each time different ideas being emphasised. For explanation slides were implemented and many films including several of the 1973 World Championships in Sarajevo were shown. The main purpose of these was to compare the standard of play between British players and foreign opposition.

A relatively new inclusion on the camp was that of discussion groups, each coach having a small number of players who could analyse their own and each other's game. These proved quite interesting, several points being inaccurate, but many helping the players realise their weaknesses. On one occasion it was decided that the players only should participate in the discussion and therefore two groups were formed, boys and girls, one person per group being chosen to 'lead' the discussion.

The subject in question was that of how the training camps should be organised and produced several interesting comments. It was agreed that the camps should definitely be more frequent occurring every six weeks for a period of five to six days. They should be run on the same basis as the intermediate camps, comprising

of physical training, set practice and match play.

However, a point was put forward that the majority of physical training should be done in the summer months, as it was thought that if too much strenuous exercise was performed in winter the muscles would become inflexible. This detail was left undecided as to whether it was true or false. Other inclusions which were thought necessary were those of weight training, lectures and practice against seniors.

### VIDEO TAPE

Possibly the highlight of the week was on the Thursday morning when the video tape was set up and films of the players re-run. These were recorded the day before during a match session and the purpose was the comparison of play between the finalists and that of foreign opposition as seen on the films of the World Championships.

The most noticeable difference was the stance and footwork, a point which was stressed throughout the week. An indication of the player's temperament was also given but no real outbursts of anger were present on the film. It is not to be concluded from this that there were no such occurrences but to be just, they were very limited, a credit to the players as many of the matches were extremely closely fought, an example being in the girls' group when one match went the full distance each game having to be decided at deuce!

More films were shown after the video tape to enable us to compare our play with that of players of a higher standard. I think this session was probably too long as after a short while full concentration was lost and as a result it was merely the game which was being watched and not the particular points of play. Perhaps this could be avoided in the future by having the sessions shorter but more frequent.

In addition to the free time available during the playing sessions several hours were provided throughout the week for any school work which may have been set. This would be a welcome addition to any training camp, not only in the minds of teachers but also pupils as it would lessen the burden of work on returning to school.

The camp was great success dampened only by the illness of a few players at the end of the week due to some unknown reason. In concluding, I am sure all the finalists would like to thank Les Gresswell, Bryan Merrett, Peter Simpson and Peter Hirst for the work they put in at Crystal Palace and at Lilleshall, Colin Henderson for all the physical fitness work he did at the Intermediate Camps, Dunlop Sports Company, and all other people who helped to make the week such a great success.

## Soviet Encore

Following England's European League match against Russia, at Stoke Mandeville on Dec 5, the two countries will engage in a second international encounter at Cheltenham Town Hall on Thursday, Dec 6 starting at 7.15 p.m.

Tickets, priced at 50p, 75p, £1 and £1.25 are available from Cheltenham Town Hall (Phone: 242-23690).

## JUNIORS AT LILLESHELL



Attending Camp No. 3 (from l. to r.)

Back Row—Kevin Hall (Leics.), Ian Smith (Lancs.), David Renton (Yorks.), Nigel Hallows (Lancs.), Dean Dino-Smith (Kent), John Kitchener (Suffolk).

Middle Row—Colin Henderson, Susan Henderson (nee Howard), Chris Sewell (Gloucs.), Grahame Hall (Leics.), Mark Mitchell (Middx.), Bryan Merrett and Peter Hirst (Staff Coaches).

Front Row—Angela Mitchell (Middx.), Linda Wales (Sussex), Anne Wallis (Northants.), Karen Wilson (Yorks.) and Susan Holmes (Derbys.).

Photo by Roger Price, Newport, Salop.

## Obituary

### IN MEMORY OF BOB

Robert Broadmore who was dramatically struck by lightning on Sept 15 last and passed away just 14 days later was a contemporary of Nicky Jarvis Jimmy Walker, Ian Horsham etc., and played for England Juniors on three occasions during season 1970/71 before "retiring" at the early age of 16 (end of the '71 season) to take up a full time career as Assistant Professional Golfer attached to the Harborne Club in Birmingham.

A memorial service was held, after the customary inquest, on Monday, Oct 8 at St. Peter's Church, Maney, Sutton Coldfield attended by close on 120 people representing his Family, School, Golf Club and Table Tennis.

Although retiring from top competitive play at the end of '71, Bob still continued to play in the 1st Division of the Birmingham League during the winter months, and was due to play again during this season.

As a playing colleague of mine, we played in the same team for the last six seasons, Bob was extremely popular throughout Birmingham and his death was an extreme shock to all of the table tennis fraternity.

Richard Habgood

## JUNIOR TOUR OF SWEDEN

Under the charge of ETTA Staff Coach, Peter Hirst, an English Junior trio comprising David Alderson, Paul Day and Anita Stevenson visited Sweden for the period Oct 1-7/73.

Opening match of the short tour was against Gothenburg who triumphed 4-3 with the following scores:-

A. Gronlund lost to D. Alderson -9, -17;

O Glans bt P. Day -19, 20, 12;

L. Eklund lost to A. Stevenson -19, -12;

Glans/Gronlund bt Alderson/Day -18, 11, 16;

Gronlund/Eklund lost to Alderson/Stevenson -7, 23, -13;

Glans bt Alderson 17, -12, 15;

Gronlund bt Day -16, 15, 16.

Match No. 2 was against Sweden in a full scale junior international at Boras which England won 5-2.

Scores—

J. Johansson lost to Alderson -9, 20, -16;

P. Sandström bt Day -12, 16, 12;

A. Hernvall lost to Stevenson -16, -15;

Johansson/Sandström lost to Alderson/Day -18, -14;

Sandström/Hernvall lost to Alderson/Stevenson -9, 19, -17;

Sandström bt Alderson 10, -21, 15;

Johansson lost to Day -21, -15;

At Vanersberg in the third and final match, again against Sweden, the home team after leading 2-0 had

their spectators biting their fingers nails before getting home 4-3.

Scores:—

Sandström bt Day -18, 15, 11;

Glans bt Alderson 10, -20, 17;

Hernvall lost to Stevenson -21, -16;

Glans/Sandström bt Alderson/Day -18, 16, 22;

Glans/Hernvall lost to Alderson/Stevenson -15, -12;

Sandström bt Alderson 6, 19;

Glans bt Day -19, 15, 18.

The trip was rounded off with a tournament in Trollhatten with England making a clean sweep, taking the boys' singles with Alderson beating T. Danielsson 2-0, the only Swedish ranked junior in attendance. Alderson and Day won the boys' doubles easily.

Anita Stevenson romped away with the girls' singles beating Molndal, with no opponent achieving double figures against her and, similarly, in the doubles partnered with K. Sigge. The tournament was extremely well organised with an entry of about 1,200 players starting at 8 a.m. and finishing some 10 hours later. The programme comprised U-11, U-13, U-15 and U-17 but no mixed events.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Council of the ITTF has approved the acceptance into membership of the Federation the following national associations:— Iceland, Madagascar and Togo.

## Cover Picture

Chuang Tse-tung, China's former world men's singles champion from 1961 to 1965, was awarded a replica of the St. Bride Vase at a ceremony held by the International Table Tennis Federation in Peking on Sept. 2.

The ceremony was attended by H. Roy Evans, OBE, ITTF President, (shown making the presentation) and Mrs. Evans; Hisado Kido, ITTF Deputy President, and Mrs. Kido; A. K. "Bill" Vint, OBE, ITTF Hon. Gen. Sec., and Mrs. Vint; Jean Mercier, ITTF Hon. Treasurer, and Mrs. Mercier; and Amin Abou Heif, ITTF Vice-President.

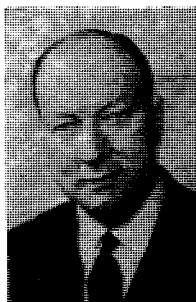
Chinese veteran players present were Hsu Yin-sheng, Li Fu-jung, Chang Hsieh-lin, Chiu Chung-hui, Cheng Min-chin and Ho Tsu-pin in an assembled company totalling more than 800 people.

Roy Evans, on behalf of the ITTF, in presenting the replica, said Chuang Tse-tung won in succession the men's singles title in 1961, 1963 and 1965, and is a brilliant exponent of modern table tennis.

Chuang Tse-tung in his speech expressed his determination to work for the development of world table tennis and the strengthening of friendship among the people and sportsmen of various countries. Chen Hsien, President of the Table Tennis Association of the People's Republic of China, also spoke at the ceremony.

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# I.T.T.F. DIRECTIVE



by H. ROY EVANS, O.B.E.

It will be remembered that in Bulletin No. 135 I drew attention to the difficulties which have arisen between the World Lawn Tennis Federation and the Contract Professionals, and speculated on the possibility of such a situation arising in table tennis.

In this context, it is important to note a significant development in our game, which needs careful watching.

An Organisation calling itself "World Professional Table Tennis Association", located in California, announces that it has established a tour of about 16 weeks, with a highly organised schedule commencing in March 1974 in the Orient and the U.S.A. The Organisation proposes to be in Europe in the early autumn of 1974.

It states that letters have been mailed around the World to various players, and it has already approached the Deutscher Tisch Tennis Bund to assist in locating two suitable venues. In addition, it has apparently also approached the many regional organisations of the DTTB.

It appears that this is the same organisation which was so actively looking for support during the World Championships in Sarajevo.

May I remind you that the Constitutional situation is quite clear. The World Professional Table Tennis Association is **not** affiliated and the restrictions imposed by Rule 5.3.1.1/2 Page 30 of the Handbook apply.

#### 5.3.1.1. In Affiliated Territories

Players of any Association in membership with the Federation shall not take part in competition or exhibition or coaching in the territory of any other member of the Federation unless the body under whose auspices the activity takes place be duly affiliated and in good standing with the Association of the visited territory, save with the previous express permission of that Association. The proper observation of this rule shall be the responsibility of the Association of the territory to which the visiting players belong.

#### 5.3.1.2. In Unaffiliated Territories

Players of any Association in membership with the Federation shall not take part in competition or exhibition or coach in any territory not possessing an Association or whose Association is not a member of the Federation, save with the sanction of the Executive Committee."

This expressly forbids players of any affiliated association from taking part

in competitions under the auspices of the World Professional Table Tennis Association, and National Associations should draw the attention of their players to this Regulation. Indeed the DTTB has already so advised its players.

Nevertheless, it is in our interests to know of any action taken by this Professional Organisation and I would, therefore, be glad if National Associations would kindly advise Mr. Vint of any communications, proposals, etc. received from it.

## COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS '75

Both Canada and Fiji have indicated they will enter the 3rd Commonwealth Championships, to be played in Australia in 1975 so that, along with New Zealand and Australia there are now four definite starters. Government assistance is likely and part of this may well be used to assist visiting countries.

## L'affaire Customs Forces . . .

by TOP SPINNER

It is amazing how giants trip up in the grass. Till only the other day T. D. Ranga Ramanujan laid down the law in Indian table tennis. L'affaire customs has now forced him to lay down his high office as the president of the Table Tennis Federation of India.

While scooping the story of a top official being nabbed by the Calcutta customs when the Indian team was on its way to Peking for the Asian, African and Latin American Championships in the last issue of "Sports-week" (published every Sunday by Inquilab Publications (Pvt) Ltd. Bombay) it was said that the matter was unlikely to rest there. Its echo was heard at the Executive Committee meeting of the TTFI in Bombay over the weekend of October 13/14. Ranga had to pay a heavy price for his slight indiscretion in taking out of the country more than the entitled currency.

"Actually I was carrying the least", lamented a pale and distraught Ramanujan after the fateful meeting. "And of the amount 100 dollars belonged to a player". The Executive, however, was in no mood to listen to his pleas. It demanded his head and got it. After two days of deliberations it passed a no-confidence motion against the president. It was withdrawn when Ramanujan finally offered to resign. The resignation was tendered the day after the meeting.

Thus there has been a most unexpected and dramatic end to Ranga's record as a table tennis official spanning some three decades. Though it has been an ignominious end, even his bitterest critic would concede that he has made a significant contribution towards the game. The pity was he became so totalitarian in his methods.

While Ranga had slogged for Indian table tennis during its infancy,

he had become solely obsessed with power and high office in later years. As a result, men devoted to the cause either left on their own in sheer disgust or were thrown out. The game suffered. Ranga's exit thus, will have served no real purpose unless it ushers in a new era where the good of the game will be the sole criterion of every official decision. That may well be asking for the moon.

## POLICY RELATING TO JUNIORS

by Ron Crayden  
(Chairman of the Nat. Sel. Com.)

The conflicting reports I hear about the Selection Committee's policy relating to Juniors is causing me much concern. I am therefore, detailing below the official policy that is being adopted for the forthcoming season (1973-74).

1. The National Selection Committee recognizes the important contribution Junior Tournaments make in the development of Table Tennis in the Country. Accordingly, Juniors are expected to play in a number of these Tournaments to gain National Recognition. Competition is a vital stimulant.
2. To improve standards of play, squad training, Round Robin Tournaments and Assessment Camps will be held during the course of the season. A privileged few will also be invited to attend specialised Training Camps.
3. The demands on the Top Junior Players are obviously considerable but for those wishing to reach a high international standard we recommend that benefits can be gained by participation in senior events.

## Obituary

ALFRED O. HILL

The Birmingham & Warwickshire Associations suffered another sad blow, when Mr. A. O. Hill collapsed and died whilst playing in the opening League match of the season — at the age of 63.

After a long spell as Deputy Chairman, Alf was Chairman for the last 3 years, and Hon. Treasurer of the County since its formation in 1946, and of course he was a member of so many Committees, all of which will miss his experience and advice.

A defensive player of no mean ability, he represented Warwickshire and Birmingham over a period of many years, and was one of the first qualified coaches in the country.

He was the guiding hand that kept his club, Bournville, at the top, and in fact his career stretched over a period of more than 40 years.

A first class cricketer — opening bat for Bournville and Harborne, he retained his love of sports to the end.

It was typical of Alf, that although warned to ease up, and play in a lower standard — he persisted, and insisted on retaining his place in Bournville's first team — and after two very lengthy sets — a coronary was the result.

Our sincere condolences are sent to Mrs. Hill, and Peter his son.

We will miss Alf for a long time to come.

M.G.

## CANADIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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- (c) Conducting coaching clinics
- (d) Promoting the sport in educational institutions

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Vanier City, Ottawa,  
Ontario K1L 8B9  
Canada.



## STIGA NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Derek R. Tremayne (General Secretary of the E.T.T.A.), Charles M. Wyles, O.B.E. (E.T.T.A. Chairman) and Mr. Brian Hearn (Export Marketing Manager) of Stiga AB at the Press Conference held to announce Stiga AB's £6,000 three year sponsorship of the E.T.T.A.'s National Club Championship as reported in last month's issue.

Photo by Sidney Harris, London.

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by TONY ROSS

### BRIAN KEEPS IT IN THE FAMILY

With a rare display of cultured shots and spirited aggression, **Brian Alderson** stepped out of the shadow of his younger brother David to win the Yorkshire Closed men's singles crown, his first ever senior title, at Bradford on 14th October. With Nicky Jarvis a non-starter and Denis Neale, Alan Hydes and Tony Clayton non-entries, Jimmy Walker must have fancied his chances after David Alderson, the holder of two seasons' standing and Jimmy's conqueror on the previous two occasions, had been dismissed in the quarters by Robert Wiley. But the Alderson family again barred the way and an inspired Brian made sure the trophy stayed on the Alderson mantle-piece.

In the semi-finals, Jimmy easily put down the challenge of Robert Wiley, whilst Brian passed with distinction the examination set by coach Alan Ransome. **David Alderson** retained his boys' singles title to become only the second post-war player to win this event 3 times in succession; Alan Hydes was the first, winning it 4 times between 1963 - 1967. Robert Wiley figured in another upset, but this time was himself the victim being given the chop in the semis by Steven Souter after being pushed to deuce in the third by Bradford's Philip Halmshaw in the quarters.

With holder Lynda Sutton away in France, the women's singles went for the first time to Sheffield's **Judith Walker** with a final win over Bradford's Melody Ludi. In the semis, Melody put out Julie McLean (Hull), who had removed second seed Sylvia Broadbent (Bradford) in a first round match, whilst Judith overcame new Ormesby discovery **Carol Knight**. This latter result was, however, reversed in the final of the girls' singles.

**Alan Ransome** acquired 2 doubles titles, the men's with David Alderson, and the mixed with Carol Knight. There was a shock in the women's doubles when the stunned holders, Judith Walker and Sylvia Broadbent, fell in the final to unseeded Barnsley pair **Joan Rose** and **Pat Waldron**.

Results:-

### M.S.: Quarter-finals:

B. Alderson (M'bro) bt K. Guy (Halifax) 11, 13;  
A. Ransome (M'bro) bt J. Krier (Hull) 13, 18;  
R. Wiley (M'bro) bt D. Alderson (M'bro) -14, 13, 14;  
J. Walker (M'bro) bt J. Kedge (Hudd'sf'd) -16, 15, 15.

### Semi-finals:

B. Alderson bt Ransome 17, 22;  
Walker bt Wiley 5, 14.

### Final:

B. Alderson bt Walker -12, 17, 19.

### W.S.: Semi-finals:

J. Walker (Sheffield) bt C. Knight (M'bro) 10, 20;  
M. Ludi (Bradford) bt J. McLean (Hull) 18, 12.

### Final:

Walker bt Ludi 17, 17.

### B.S.: Semi-finals:

D. Alderson bt A. Kilburn (M'bro);  
S. Souter (M'bro) bt Wiley 11, -17, 13.

### Final:

D. Alderson bt Souter 16, 17.

### G.S.: Semi-finals:

Walker bt McLean 13, 6;  
Knight bt Ludi 16, -23, 7.

### Final:

Knight bt Walker 17, -17, 15.

### M.D.: Semi-finals:

Walker/M. Stephenson (Bradford) bt Krier/P. Bowsley (Hull) 13, 16;  
D. Alderson/Ransome bt Kilburn/Souter 20, -20, 20.

### Final:

D. Alderson/Ransome bt Walker/Stephenson 16, -19, 19.

### W.D.: Semi-finals:

Walker/S. Broadbent (Bradford) bt P. Dawson (Bradford)/L. Forkes (Leeds) 16, 18;

J. Rose (Barnsley)/P. Waldron (Barnsley) bt C. Grayson (Hull)/J. Kinnersley (Hull) 13, 19.

### Final:

Rose/Waldron bt Walker/Broadbent -15, 19, 13.

### X.D.: Semi-finals:

Ransome/Knight bt J. Yeats (Bradford)/Dawson 17, -19, 12;  
Krier/Walker bt R. Priestley (Bradford)/Ludi 13, -13, 17.

### Final:

Ransome/Knight bt Krier/Walker 21, -18, 19.

### V.S.: Final:

G. Brooks (Hudd'sf'd) bt L. Browning (Leeds) -14, 12, 9.

Boys', girls' and women's trials were held in Bradford on 7th October and the following ranking lists were announced:-

### Men:

- 1—Denis Neale (M'bro);
- 2—Nicky Jarvis (M'bro);
- 3—Alan Hydes (Barnsley);
- 4—Tony Clayton (Hull);
- 5—Jimmy Walker (M'bro);
- 6—David Alderson (M'bro);
- 7—Alan Ransome (M'bro);
- 8—Jean (John) Krier (Hull);
- 9—John Kedge (Huddersfield);
- 10—Tony Martin (M'bro);
- 11—Robert Wiley (M'bro);
- 12—Brian Alderson (M'bro);
- 13—Philip Ward (M'bro).

### Women:

- 1—Judith Walker (Sheffield);
- 2—Carol Knight (M'bro);
- 3—Sylvia Broadbent (Bradford);
- 4—Linda Forkes (Leeds);
- 5—Melody Ludi (Bradford);
- 6—Julie McLean (Hull);
- 7—Carole Grayson (Hull);
- 8—Angela Tierney (M'bro).

### Boys:

- 1—David Alderson;
- 2—Robert Wiley;
- 3—Andrew Kilburn (M'bro);
- 4—Steven Souter (M'bro);
- 5—David Renton (Bradford);
- 6—Philip Halmshaw (Bradford);
- 7—Michael Thirkettle (Hull);
- 8—Brian Baxter (Sheffield);
- 9—David Robson (Hull);
- 10—Kevin Beadsley (Halifax);
- 11—Steven Gray (Hull).

### Girls:

- 1—Walker;
- 2—Knight;
- 3—Ludi;
- 4—McLean;
- 5—Grayson;
- 6—Tierney;
- 7—Norma Carne (M'bro);
- 8—Jeannette Richardson (York).

Congratulations to David Alderson on his England No. 1 boys' ranking and belated congratulations to County Umpires Secretary Rea Balmford and Janet Griffin, who were married in Hull on 18th August. Janet is the newly elected General Secretary of the English Schools T.T.A. Also amongst a number of E.S.T.T.A. officials resident in Yorkshire is the Chairman, Tom Mathews, a Leeds headmaster.

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# FOUR T'S ONE STAR OPEN



Ray Yates, the Hampshire Chairman, presents the Boys' Singles trophy to Steve Wilson the current Hants. No. 1 boy.

by DAVID COSWAY

Although the total entry for this established tournament, was down from 170 to 150 it could still be considered a success. It was unfortunate that the clash, allowed by the ETTA, with the North Middlesex event meant that the cream of the entry in terms of quality was removed. Although entries were received from a wide area the main contestants in the later stages were local.

The men's singles top seed Bob Brown (Worcs), who won this event in 1971 beat Steve Wilson (Hants) and Eil Moulding (Wilts) and reached the semis to oppose Chris Shetler (Hants). In a fine set Shetler went through to the final 14, -11, 14. In the other half Ray Tilling (Kent) reached the semis with wins over Steve Kitcher (Gosport) and Keith Summerfield (Hants) to oppose Chris Pickard the ex-Hampshire champion who has changed his allegiance to Hertfordshire. Again a good set resulted with Pickard the winner 16, -12, 17. The final was a little disappointing with current Hampshire No. 1 Shetler losing 17, 15 to the ex No. 1 Pickard.

Very few "known" names from outside the Hampshire area were entered in the women's singles. Sheila Foster, many times the Hants, Champion, had an excellent day. She reached the semi-final with a -17, 13, 10 win over the current Hampshire No. 1 champion Christine Davies. In the other half the holder of the title and Dorset No. 1 Jenny Vass beat Linda Wales (Hants.). The final gave Sheila her first open title for several years with a 14, 18 win.

The junior events split in two for the first time in view of the heavy entries last year did not, however, attract as many competitors. In the boys' section Graham Hill played above himself to reach the final with excellent wins over Kevin McQuade and J. Proffitt. Proffitt had earlier accounted for the No. 1 seed Chris Sewell but it was Steve Wilson, the Hampshire No. 1 who came through



Sheila Foster, winner of the Women's Singles event at Southampton.

with wins over Stephen Kinge (Basingstoke) and Jeff Brixton (Southampton). In the final Wilson won -16, 16, 16.

In the girls' section Linda Wales was never really troubled. In the semis she beat Sue Harding (Hants.) 10, 11 although she had lost to her the previous week in the County trials. Christine Randall (Sussex) went through the other half to beat Karen Saywell (Hants.) -15, 7, 24 in a nail-biting semi. The final was never in doubt with Linda beating Christine 12, 10.

How often one has seen a men's doubles final with the same four competitors as this both at Southampton and Hampshire level. This time it was the turn of Shetler and Summerfield to beat Terry Bruce and Moulding with a final score of 15, 20.

How often too one has seen the Holes twins contesting finals. This time Christine Davies and Pauline Soper (now of Jersey) beat Sue Harding and Lesley King (Hants.) 13, 13 in the women's doubles final.

The surprise of the mixed was the success of the last minute scratch pair-

ing of Colin Sargeant and Pat Wales in reaching the final. In the final, however, they went down in a long set to Trevor Smith (Hants.) and Jenny Vass -18, 19, 18.

The Four T's Club were once again fortunate in having the excellent prizes for the two main singles events sponsored. The men's singles trophies were donated by Snows Office Supplies Limited and those for the women's singles by Elkins Engineering Limited.

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977 FUND RAISING

### ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH

by LOUIS HOFFMAN

(With apologies to the Milk Marketing Board), Naturally I mean raffle tickets. Four weeks have elapsed since the first book of tickets was sent out and I have since sent 15,000 books to a total of 82 leagues. These statistics tell me that some leagues are not getting enough, in fact, none at all. To go without at this stage doesn't make sense. I will not name names yet, but will certainly consider doing so in the near future.

82 leagues represents one quarter of the total affiliated. The World Championships 1977 is the responsibility of every member of every league. Not one league anywhere in the ETTA can opt out with any excuse. If a league feels strongly about not running raffles let them contact me and I will suggest something else. The ETTA is committed to run the Worlds in 1977. They were given your blessing, make no mistake about that, England is still a magic name in Table Tennis and I expect that every affiliated country in the world will be coming here. It will be the biggest "Worlds" ever.

As the host country we must completely meet the cost. What started out in 1972 at an estimated cost of £150,000 has now risen to a figure far beyond. Most of the money will, we hope, be coming from sponsorship, but prospective sponsors all ask the same question — What are the members (ETTA) doing themselves?

I hope, through the efforts of my committee, and with the help of every league, to raise something in the region of £100,000. This can only be done if each and every one of you back me to the hilt. Get on to your league fund raiser, get 5 to 10 books, sell them in your factory, office, home, hospital, school, your best friend and worst enemy.

It is a fantastic challenge and as sportsmen this sort of challenge should be right up your alley. Your league, having sold its allocated number of books and received 25% of the sale, can then ask for more books and get 50% on these. With this in mind the North Middlesex League has taken 2,000 books and the Guildford League has taken 1,000. Their allocation in both cases is round about 200 books. This means money. How about it league treasurers? I look to you to use your influence and get the ball rolling.

The money side is your province. Are you getting enough?

In my last article I said I would tell you about another scheme whereby we are trying to raise money. Through the good offices of Dunlop Sports Co. Ltd. collecting boxes are being distributed to every sports shop in England. Naturally we can only hope that the sports trader will, as a sportsman, display these boxes in a prominent position so that every customer will see our box and be generous enough to put in the few odd coppers every time.

There are 2,500 sports shops in England and if in the course of one year every trader collects £5 in his box over four years this will bring in £50,000! Naturally this is being a super optimist, but there again, why not? If every member of the ETTA, on going into a sports shop as a customer, asks about the collecting box, it will soon be brought home to the trader that he needs to have it on display. You are a customer. He needs customers. If so challenged and the box produced, put in 1p. If every customer put in 1p our target will be reached without any worry whatsoever.

If your sports shop hasn't got a box and has never had one, please try to let me know. I will see he gets one. By the time this article appears, nearly every trader should have had a box. Please act as a public relations officer for the ETTA and make sure your favourite sports shop is displaying a box. It is for his benefit in the long run. The more popular the game becomes, the more sports equipment he will sell. In fact, the scheme should be of mutual benefit.

If, among the many readers of this magazine, there are individuals who would like to be associated with the "Worlds" by donation, these would be greatly appreciated. Such donations will be recorded in this magazine every month, with the name of the donor, or as an anonymous gift, if you so wish. This appeal is open to teams, clubs, leagues or committees. No amount too small or too large. Every little helps. We are not getting enough.

See you all at the "Worlds".

### TRAVELLERS

Writing from Rozelle, New South Wales, on October 22, Keith Bowler, Hon. International Sec. of the Australian TTA provides the information that Gary Munday has made application to play in England during the present season. Permission has duly been afforded the Australian international who took part in the Sarajevo world championships and doubtless, in due course, he will be participating in a few English tournaments.

From Bob Lassen, in Auckland, comes news of the impending departure of Anne Stonestreet and Kathy Fraser, on November 11, for these shores. Recently the pair have been working hard to raise the money for their fares and even gave an exhibition in the bar of the Trust Hotel, along with Alan Tomlinson and Robert Moore, to a crowd of nearly 300. The Auckland Association has very generously donated \$100 to each player but even so they are still short of their target. Doubtless the enthusiasm of these two New Zealand girls will result in mission accomplished.

# ASIAN-AFRICAN-LATIN AMERICAN TABLE TENNIS FRIENDSHIP INVITATION TOURNAMENT

by H. ROY EVANS, O.B.E. (President I.T.T.F.)

The event was every bit as impressive as the title! Eighty-six Associations is the largest number any organiser has yet had to cope with, and as one would expect, the Chinese did it with that outward efficiency which is never allowed to show signs of the feverish activity which must go on "below stairs".

The Executive Committee Members of the ITTF were invited as honoured guests, and although we four, together with our respective wives, followed some different paths, we all got to Peking safely if rather tired.

The event was played at two venues — the Capital Gymnasium, with 22 tables, and the Workers' Stadium, with 10. Its significant to recall that in 1961, the ten tables at the latter venue were sufficient for the staging of the World Championships!

The gospel of the whole Championship was — "Friendship before Competition" and it must be said that on every hand one saw this as an overriding desire. It was my fifth visit to China, and once again I was deeply impressed by the obvious wish to please wherever we went — to factories, schools, communes, art galleries, and in the hospitals, where we were privileged to see actual operations conducted under acupuncture methods.

We were honoured, too, in that, with the exception of Mao Tse-tung himself, all the members of the Chinese Government were present at many of the functions.

## THREE SESSIONS

We attended the three Sessions of the Congress as Observers, an unusual experience for us, — unusual, in that we listened to 68 speeches, very few of which made any real contribution to table tennis, but all of which thanked the Chinese for their fantastic generosity in making possible the participation of so many from all over the Third World. Significant, too, was the almost universal pledge of solidarity against colonialism, imperialism, zionism etc.

An important decision taken was that the next Championships under this "umbrella" are to be in Lagos, Nigeria in 1975. Dr. Efonkoya, President of the Nigerian Association made it clear that his Association would not be able to pay all the fares of the contestants, as the Chinese had done in all but about six cases, and one wonders if, in fact, any country other than the Chinese can host an event of this magnitude.

There were many Associations present who are not affiliated to the ITTF, and we took the opportunity to welcome them at a Reception we gave, following up approaches we made to gather them into the fold. It's interesting to record that it was chiefly because of our follow up of the 1971 Afro-Asian Tournament in Peking that our membership topped the 100 mark.

## REPLICA

One of the pleasantest functions

during our visit was the formal presentation to Chuang Tse-tung of the replica of the St. Bride Vase. As a three-times winner of the World Singles Championship, Chang was entitled to this replica after Ljubljana in 1965, but because of the Chinese disappearance from the international scene until 1971, no opportunity had existed to make the presentation. So the position was rectified in Peking, and, in front of a large audience composed of all Chuang's contemporaries in Chinese sport, I had the honour to present him with a magnificent replica made in China for us. It was a more than happy occasion for Chuang, for only the day before it had been announced that he had been elected a representative of the Party, and is obviously destined for high places.

Any article attempting to deal fairly with a visit to China must of course tend to be a catalogue of interesting experiences and impressive visits, with Chinese desire to please — an ever present background accompaniment. But, regrettably, there is no room for any longer a feature than this, so I shall content myself with giving the results, reminding the readers that sometimes the gospel of "Friendship before competition" was carried too far, so the statistics should not be taken too literally!

## MEN S TEAM:

1st and 4th Places in the Final:

	1	2	3	4	Won	Ptc
1 China	.....	x	5-0	5-0	5-0	3 1
2 Japan	.....	0-5	x	5-1	5-0	2 2
3 Korea DPR	.....	0-5	1-5	x	5-2	1 3
4 Viet Nam DR	.....	0-5	0-5	2-5	x	0 4

## CHINA 5, JAPAN 0

Liang Ko-liang bt Yuujiro Imano 12, 16;  
Wang Wen-jung bt Tokio Tasaka 16, 9;  
Hsi En-ting bt Norio Takashima 12, 17;  
Liang Ko-liang bt Tasaka 16, 20;  
Hsi En-ting bt Imano 19, -15, 15.

Other leading positions:—

5 India
6 Nigeria
7 The Philippines
8 Hong Kong
9 Thailand
10 Egypt
11 South Viet Nam
12 Cambodia
13 Iran
14 Ghana
15 Peru
16 Chile

## WOMEN S TEAM:

1st to 4th Places in the Final

	1	2	3	4	Won	Ptc
1 China	.....	x	3-1	3-0	3-0	3 1
2 Korea DPR	.....	1-3	x	3-2	3-0	2 2
3 Japan	.....	0-3	2-3	x	3-0	1 3
4 India	.....	0-3	0-3	0-3	x	0 4

## CHINA 3, KOREA DPR 1

Cheng Huai-ying lost to Pak Yong Sun 19, -21, -12;  
Chang Li bt Pak Yong Ok 19, 14;  
Cheng Huai-ying/Chang Li bt Cha Kyung Mi/Pak Yong Ok 12, -17, 14;  
Chang Li bt Pak Yong Sun 12, 7.

Other leading positions:—

5 Viet Nam DR
6 Malaysia
7 Burma
8 Trinidad and Tobago
9 Nigeria
10 The Philippines
11 Chile
12 Egypt
13 Peru
14 South Viet Nam
15 Colombia
16 Cyprus

## Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:

Kong Jae Gyu (Korea DPR) bt S. Watanametta (Thai) 14, 22, 13;  
Imano (Ja) bt Wang Chia-lin (China) 10, 11, 22;  
Liang Ko-liang (China) bt Yun Chul (Korea DPR) 14, 7, 14;  
Tasaka (Ja) bt B. Obisanya (Niger) 4, 14, 13.

## Semi-finals:

Imano bt Kong Jae Gyu 13, 11, 19;  
Tasaka bt Liang Ko-liang -9, 15, 18, 15.  
Final:  
IMANO bt Tasaka 18, 12, -21, 13.

## Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:

Hu Yu-lan (China) bt Pak Yong Sun (Korea DPR) -21, 13, 18, -19, 16;  
Pak Yong Ok (Korea DPR) bt M. Hamada (Ja) 13, 14, -17, -9, 18;  
Chang Li (China) bt Kim Chang Ae (Korea DPR) 13, 13, 16;  
S. Yokota (Ja) bt Cha Kyung Mi (Korea DPR) 12, -19, 15, 10.

## Semi-finals:

Pak Yong Ok bt Hu Yu-lan 14, 18, -10, 18;  
Chang Li bt Yokota 12, 7, 12.

## Final:

PAK YONG OK bt Chang Li -12, -8, 12, 18, 22.

## Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Imano/Tasaka bt Khau Bou/Kim Yong (Cambodia) 9, -18, 12, 14;  
Pak Kil Du/Yun Chul (Korea DPR) bt N. Bajaj/M. Dua (India) -19, 18, 8, 9.

## Final:

IMANO/TASAKA bt Pak Kil Du/Yun Chul 20, 15, 20.

## Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:

Cha Kyung Mi/Pak Yong Ok bt Cheng Huai-ying/Chang Li -16, 20, 10, 16;  
Kim Chang Ae/Pak Yong Sun bt Hamada/Yokota 7, 13, 18.

## Final:

KIM CHANG AE/PAK YONG SUN bt Cha Kyung Mi/Pak Yong Ok 19, -20, 10, 16.

## Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:

Hsi En-ting (China)/Chang Li bt N. Takashima (Ja)/Hamada 10, 20, 16;  
Tasaka/T. Edano (Ja) bt Imano/Yokota 14, 19, -8, 19.

## Final:

HSI EN-TING/CHANG LI bt Tasaka/Edano 10, 22, -15, -13, 18.

## Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:

K. Sakamoto (Ja) bt Maung Tin Oo Lin (Burma) -20, -21, 13, 15, 14;  
Kim Chang Am (Korea DPR) bt R. Esquejo (Phil) 13, 13, 20;  
Hong Chul (Korea DPR) bt G. Raonindriaka (Madagascar) 10, 15, 8;  
S. Saichitborisuth (Thai) bt M. Bedoya (Colom) -17, 15, 18, 19.

## Semi-finals:

Kim Chang Am bt Sakamoto 19, 15, 18;  
Saichitborisuth bt Hong Chul -21, -9, 12, 15, 16.

## Final:

KIM CHANG AM bt Saichitborisuth 20, 14, 19.

## Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:

Yip Poh Cheng (Mal) bt K. Maeda (Ja) 16, -17, 20, 22;  
Ma Ky-n Win (Burma) bt Lin Pei-ching (Macao) 15, 10, 19;  
Chang San Sun (Korea DPR) bt D. D'almeida (Togo) 19, 19, 9;  
R. Ortiz Tresod (Cuba) bt Lau Wah (HK) -15, -6, 20, 17, 19.

## Semi-finals:

Ma Ky-n Win bt Yip Poh Cheng 18, 11, 14;  
Chang San Sun bt Ortiz Tresod 16, 14, 5.

## Final:

MA KYIN WIN bt Chang San Sun -21, 12, -14, 15, 9.

# WELSH AFFAIRS

Table Tennis in Wales has taken an important step forward with the appointment of its first National Coach. Negotiations, started with the Czechs a year ago, have resulted in the appointment of Ladislav Moudry, an ex-Czech international player, and coach to the powerful Start Praha Club.

Moudry's first task will be to coach the international squad, but he will also be involved at grass roots level, bringing his ideas to the large panel of Welsh coaches all over Wales. Although we can hardly expect that he can work miracles in a short time, the Welsh Association does look for a

general improvement in the standard of up-and-coming players as a result of this appointment.

Welsh strength this season is affected by the retirement of Robert Bishop and Fraser Anderson, whilst Lynda Jones, studying in Birmingham, may not always be available.

Important dates in the Welsh calendar are — Aberdare Open on Sunday, Oct 21, Swansea Open on Sunday, Nov 18, Cardiff Open on Dec 8, and the Glamorgan Open on Jan 26/74. The Welsh Open, on March 9/10, is sure to have the Czechs and West Germans competing.

# INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

The National Selection Committee announced, on October 1st, that the following players had been invited to join the Senior International Squad for the 1973/74 season. Major selections will be made from Squad members, but the membership will be kept constantly under review and players outside the Squad will be considered for selection.

**Men** — Denis Neale (Yorks.), Nicky Jarvis (Yorks.), Desmond Douglas (Warwks.), Tony Clayton (Yorks.) and Donald Parker (Lancs.).

**Women** — Jill Hammersley (Bucks.), Karenza Mathews (Middx.), Susan Henderson (nee Howard) (Surrey), Linda Howard (Surrey) and Susan Lisle (Cheshire).

The Committee agreed that Trevor Taylor should not be invited to become a member of the Squad at present.

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The "Head" Boy—David Alderson (Yorkshire).

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## Junior Rankings

### TOPS FOR DAVID AND ANITA

Previously ranked at No. 3, behind the now over-age Desmond Douglas and Donald Parker, Yorkshire's David Alderson becomes the country's No. 1 Boy and from a similar position in the girls' list Leicestershire's Anita Stevenson rises to the top to dethrone Judith Walker who has been dropped to No. 4.

The new list released on Oct 8 reads (previous position in brackets):-

#### Boys

1. David Alderson (Yorks) (3)
2. John Kitchener (Suffolk) (8)
3. Mark Mitchell (Middx) (7)
4. Paul Day (Cambs) (5)
5. Andrew Barden (Middx) (6)
6. Robert Wiley (Yorks) (10)
7. Chris Sewell (Gloucs) (—)
8. David Bangarter (Surrey) (—)
9. Steve Lyons (Surrey) (14)
10. David Iszatt (Essex) (—)
11. Chris Rogers (Leics) (16)
12. Nigel Hallows (Lancs) (—)
13. Michael Douglas (Sussex) (—)
14. Peter Edon (Durham) (—)
15. Andrew Kilburn (Yorks) (—)
16. Steven Souter (Yorks) (—)
17. Martin Shuttle (Surrey) (—)
18. David Newman (Essex) (—)
19. Maxwell Crimmins (Surrey) (—)
20. Jonathan Profit (Herts) (—)

#### Girls

1. Anita Stevenson (Leics) (3)
2. Karen Rogers (Leics) (5)
3. Elaine Tarten (Essex) (4)
4. Judith Walker (Yorks) (1)
5. Carole Knight (Yorks) (—)
6. Mandy Mellor (Derbys) (—)
7. Brenda Williams (Lancs) (9)
8. Angela Mitchell (Middx) (10)
9. Melody Ludi (Yorks) (—)
10. Susan Tame (Surrey) (—)
11. Susan Holmes (Derbys) (—)
12. Caroline Reeves (Berks) (—)
13. Linda Wales (Hants) (—)
14. Kara Mashford (Berks) (12)

Now over-age the following arc departed from the previous list:-  
Boys — D. Douglas (Warwks) (1), D.

Parker (Lancs) (2), S. Heaps (Ches) (4), G. Walsh (Surrey) (9), D. Tan (Middx) (11), A. Mitchell (Kent) (12), G. Pugh (Sussex) (13) and P. Ward (Yorks) (15). Girls — L. Howard (Surrey) (2), J. Hartwell (Middx) (7) and D. St. Ledger (Warwks) (8).

Formerly ranked Nos. 6 and 11, Gillian Taylor and Cathy Stonell (Essex), both still juniors, are not listed.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE WIN AT INNSWORTH

On Sunday, Sept 30, the WRAF opened their season with a match

against Gloucestershire Junior Girls at RAF Innsworth which resulted in a 12-6 win for the visitors.

Gloucestershire included 12 years-old Vanessa Cruwys of Cheltenham in their team and she acquitted herself well in beating SACW Jenny Miller and Sgt. (W) "Ricky" Ricks as well as pairing with Miss L. Wilsher of Stroud to account for WO (W) "Mo" Hughes and Sgt Ricks.

Miss D. Rees of Cheltenham was undefeated for the winners, the WRAF successes being obtained by "Mo" Hughes (3) Flt. Off. Sue Tanner (2) and Jenny Miller (1)

Miss J. Mortimore (Cheltenham) spearheaded the visiting quartet.

### EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

#### Given by ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

Denis Neale	Jill Hammersley
Nicky Jarvis	Karenza Mathews
Desmond Douglas	Susan Henderson
Tony Clayton	Linda Howard
Donald Parker	Susan Lisle

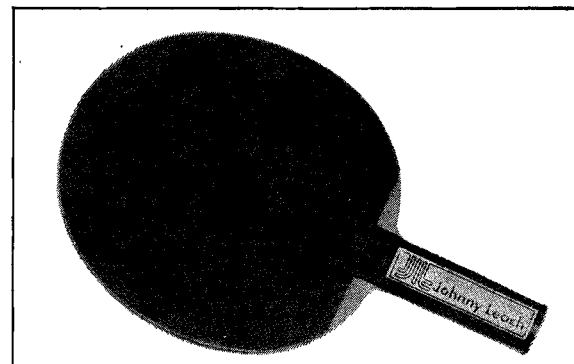
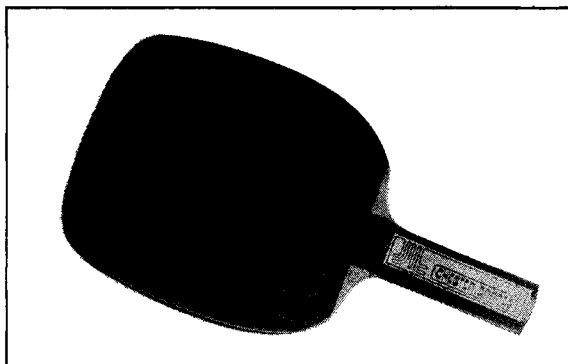
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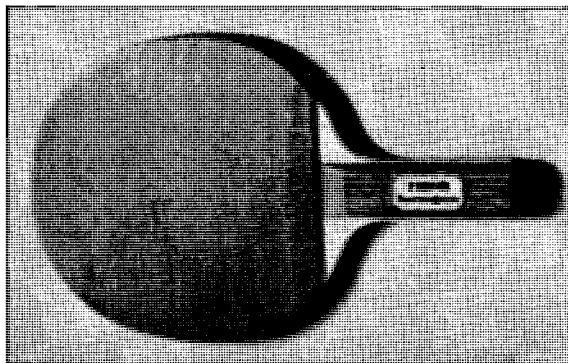
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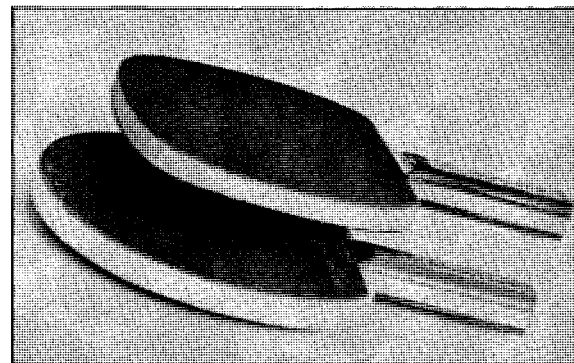
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<b>DECEMBER</b>		
2	1st Durham 1-Star Open, Durham Technical College, Framwellgate Moor, Durham.	D. Charlton, 17 North Road, Hetton le Hole, Co. Durham. 'Phone: 2380. Closing date: 17.11.73.
8	Yorkshire 2-Star, Exhibition Hall, Harrogate, Yorks.	Brian Foggin, 25 Woodrow Avenue, Marton-in-Cleveland, Middlesborough, Teesside. 'Phone: 0642 34855. Closing Date: 25.11.73.
8/9	Reading Junior 1-Star, Bulmershe Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, Reading, Berks.	A. Dines, 37 Avalon Road, Early, Reading, Berks. Entries Sec.: M. Jarvis, Sulham Farm House, Sulham, Pangbourne, Reading.
15/16	Halex Middlesex 3-Star, Picketts Lock Sports Centre, Picketts Lock Lane, Edmonton, London, N.9.	Miss I. Moss, 49 Okehampton Road, Kensal Rise, London, NW10 3EN. 'Phone: 01-459 7367.
<b>1974</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>		
3/5	<b>NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS,</b> Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, Norwood, London, S.E.19.	E.T.T.A., 21 Claremont, Hastings, Sussex. TN34 'Phone: Hastings 33121.
5/6	Yorkshire Junior 2-Star, Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull, Yorks.	Rea Balmford, 205 Park Avenue, Hull, Yorks. 'Phone: 0482 407760
12	Lancashire 2-Star Open, Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton, Lancs.	Kenneth Mitchell, 3 Whinslee Court, Whinslee Drive, Heaton, Bolton, Lancs. 'Phone: Bolton 46727. Closing Date: 28.12.73.
12/13	Middlesex Junior 2-Star, Walford School, Bengarth Road, Northolt, Middlesex.	John M. Wright, 124 Rusthall Avenue, Bedford Park, London, W4 1BS. 'Phone: 01-994 7485.
<b>IRELAND</b>		
Nov 30-		
Dec 1	Gallagher Co. Antrim Open, Town Hall, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.	Miss M. B. O'Boyle, 34 Carnstone Road, Broughshane, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, N.I.
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
7/8	<b>IRISH OPEN</b> (Dublin).	C. A. Moore, 78 Orby Drive, Belfast, BT5 6AG.
<b>SCOTLAND</b>		
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1	1st Glasgow Open	R. F. Cummings, 131 Templeland Road, Glasgow.
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<b>JANUARY</b>		
13	Edinburgh Open	Mrs. J. McKenzie, 19 Roull Road, Edinburgh. 'Phone: 031-334 1373.
<b>WALES</b>		
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
8	Cardiff Open	Mrs. Nancy Evans, 198 Cyncoed Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff, CF2 6BQ. 'Phone: Cardiff 757241.

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## MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by **RICHARD HABGOOD**

IN the Men's 1st Division there was a certain amount of repetition with the score lines amongst the first few matches; 7-3 being the common factor. Hinckley "A" after a terribly disappointing season last year must surely be heartened by their victory at Cheltenham.

Roy Morley scored a fine maximum for the home side and last minute stand-in Norman Preece performed creditably, particularly against Hinckley's Chris Brewer. Birmingham "A" got off to a good start v. Oxford with maximums from Tony Isaac and Bob Brown. Sadly Pat Glynn was far too late in arriving for the match resulting in his three sets being forfeited.

Bristol surprised everybody by their form last year and must have hoped for a better result than their 3-7 defeat at Chesterfield. John Wallhead was Chesterfield's star obtaining a maximum and inflicting the only defeat for Bristol's Colin Feltham. Nice to see the "retired" Roger Morris (M.A.!) in action again.

A maximum from "Fred" Trueman saw Leicester "B" home with a narrow 6-4 victory over Wolverhampton, in the 2nd Division. Good performance by Leicester's Graham Hall in this match. Phil Richardson got Coventry off to a good start against Nuneaton but Kevin Pilgrim became the hero in Coventry's 6-4 win.

Down in Division Three Birmingham "B" made a determined bid for honours recording a 10-0 victory over Hinckley "C" whose "big brothers" Hinckley "B" also found the going tough at Darlaston with the home team running out 8-2 victors. If Walsall continue to include Chris Davies, Dave Taylor and Steve Cartwright who appeared in their 9-1 defeat of Telford, their prospects for promotion must be extremely bright. However, Telford new to the league this year, must have a fine prospect in Gareth Samuel who unluckily suffered two reversals at deuce in the third and could have so easily recorded a maximum.

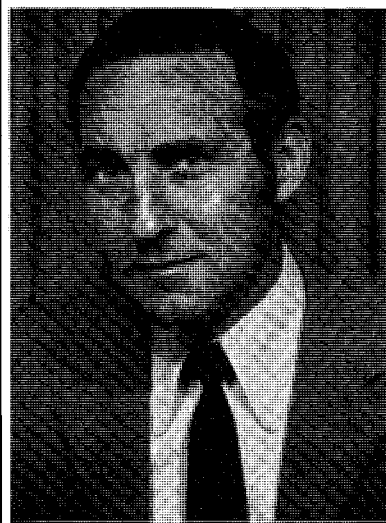
Birmingham "B" fielded a team of Juniors in their Women's League match against Birmingham "A" with Birmingham "A" gaining a 9-1 victory. The girls, average age only 15 years, Karen Groves, Beverley Green and Margaret Allen will be facing a very tough season ahead, but ably guided by Phil Burwell I'm sure they will go from strength to strength. Birmingham "A" recorded their second 9-1 victory at Nottingham with Diane St. Ledger being particularly impressive. It is a long time since Birmingham have won this title and possibly this could be the year but no doubt Leicester and West Bromwich will have something to say about that!

In the Intermediate Division both Oxford and Loughborough have got off to good starts but it is early days to predict a likely outcome. Nottingham "A" as always, are one of the best teams in the Veterans 1st Division and no doubt Gloucesters will bear witness to this fact having been defeated 10-0 by Nottingham in their opening game of the season. Oxford "A" to be sure, will be determined to continue their winning ways following their 7-3 victory over Walsall "B". However the Walsall "B" trio of P. Canning, F. Dixon and P. Coiles managed to turn the tables and record

a 7-3 victory over the Oxford "B" team.

In the 2nd Division (Vets) Cheltenham and West Bromwich both got off to good starts recording 7-3 victories over Derby "B" and Nuneaton respectively. Leicester must also be happy about their 8-2 win over Nottingham "B".

Finally can I reiterate a plea made previously in this column. Could all team captains PLEASE insert CHRISTIAN names on the team sheets. It certainly makes life very difficult when all I have to refer to is the initial!



**'The New Boy'**

We would like to introduce to our readers Michael Lawless who, on October 1st, became the Association's first Development Officer and whose baptism was involvement in the matches against Hungary.

Michael, born in London's east end in 1935 (he tells us that was generally a bad year in Europe) has a French wife, Claudiane, and two children, a son Dominic aged 14 and a daughter Chantal who is 9.

Michael's occupational background is varied and includes operating a stall in a London street market, working for a scrap-metal merchant and for a quasi-governmental organisation. For many years he has been in Public Relations and feels that his wide experience in this field will be invaluable in his work for the Association. He is strongly opposed to the impressions of glamour, mystery and jingoism which many practitioners purposely create. His simple definition of P.R. is "truthful communication at all levels, by all means".

Michael lived for a number of years in France during which time he travelled extensively throughout western Europe. He has also paid brief working visits to Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Borneo.

He has played most sports, in particular soccer, from which he only retired, he says, when no longer had the speed even to catch hold of the shirts of younger players. Michael describes his present hobbies as lethargic gardening, avid reading and wife-annoying golfing.

He has asked us to say that he hopes to be meeting and talking with many of you in the coming months and that if any of you have ideas—or indeed complaints—he hopes that you will let him share them.

## From the Editor's Postbag

### 'TANK TOPS'

There have been a number of occasions during the past two years, when I have noticed one or two players at tournaments and league matches who have chosen to wear a dark coloured vest rather than the more universally accepted table tennis shirt. For instance at the recently held Cumberland 2-Star Open, two men wore dark coloured vests for play, and one woman played in a sleeveless top.

Whilst appreciating that the clothing regulation (Bac — Umpires Handbook) does not directly rule out dark coloured vests or insist on shirts, it does state that a badge could be ruled out as distracting. The recent revision allowing piping or edging round collars and sleeves infers that even light coloured edges were previously against the rules. I would therefore suggest that a more explicit rule is required both for the guidance of players and to enable referees to give a uniform ruling.

As an example of what could happen under the present ruling, I would ask you to note that we now have tournaments in the height of summer. Aycliffe in June and South Shields in July. It is obviously possible that some enterprising young lady might come to the table clad in a dark coloured bikini.

Whilst this trend would bring the spectators back to the tournament scene, it would almost certainly stop play on all other tables, and perhaps even distract the otherwise unruffled referee. I wonder would he dare face the wrath of all, and ask her to dress more suitably.

After putting my case for a more explicit ruling in this manner I wonder if I dare ask for the readers' views, perhaps they will want the rule to insist on bikinis; the mind boggles.

ROBERT J. EDON

13 Berberis Grove,  
Fairfield,  
Stockton-on-Tees,  
Teesside.

To correct the record Mr. Edon, whose name appeared in the list of Tournament Referees last month, states his county should read Durham and not Yorkshire as printed. ED.

### BEST OF THREE

I would like to suggest through your columns, that the ETTF should persuade the ITTF that no sets should be more than Best of Three. This especially applies to the World titles, when after Swaythling Cup matches, the players are involved in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles matches.

All this merely gives too much importance to mere strength and fitness, rather than skill at table tennis.

Even if not applied in time to alter the Worlds in India, this proposed new system would be applicable in England in 1977, and would also have

the benefit of easing the huge task of arranging all the sets in the tournament.

I am sure most top class players will agree that many rounds of Best-of-Five, is too much.

J. WATTS

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Liverpool 23.

## NISSEN WIN FOR NEALE AND JILL

Denis Neale, winner of the North of England 2-Star Open at Manchester on September 29th, and the £50 that went with it, struck again at Picketts Lock Centre, Edmonton, London on October 19th when, in the fourth Nissen Invitation Tournament, he picked up £100 as the winner of the men's singles event.

Neale won this competition in 1970 but the first time winner, in the counterpart women's event, was Jill Hammersley whose prize was £50 with the defeated finalist, Karenza Mathews, being allotted £25 as some consolation for losing her title.

Trevor Taylor, the top seed in the men's event was beaten by Nicky Jarvis in the semis but the younger Ornesby player held no terrors for Neale in the final but contented himself with the £50 runners-up prize.

Lesley Radford nearly brought off a shock win over Karenza Mathews in the first round of the women's singles the Middlesex international

picking up from 14-20 took the first game but lost the second. Results:

Men's Singles: Round 1:

T. Taylor bt B. Burn 19, 18; N. Jarvis bt A. Hydes -13, 15, 5; D. Douglas bt A. Clayton 6, -18, 8; D. Neale bt M. Johns 7, 5.

Semi-finals:

Jarvis bt Taylor 20, -11, 15; Neale bt Douglas 17, -13, 8.

Final:

NEALE bt Jarvis 19, 15.

Women's Singles: Semi-finals:

J. Hammersley bt J. Williams 17, 18; K. Mathews bt L. Radford 20, -19, 13.

Final:

HAMMERSLEY bt Mathews -20, 9, 12.

### ONE CHANGE

England's team chosen to play against Federal Germany in a European League match at Julich, near Cologne, on November 12th shows one change from that beaten 7-0 by Hungary at Reading on October 10th.

Yorkshire's Tony Clayton, who lost in his third game with the defensive Janos Börzsei in the subsequent friendly played at Crawley, replaces Desmond Douglas.

After the match in Julich, the English team will travel on to Budapest to participate in the Hungarian Open being played from November 14-16. Team:

D. Neale (Yorks.), N. Jarvis (Yorks.), A. Clayton (Yorks.), Mrs. J. Hammersley (Bucks.) and Mrs. K. Mathews (Midx.). NPC: Les Gresswell.

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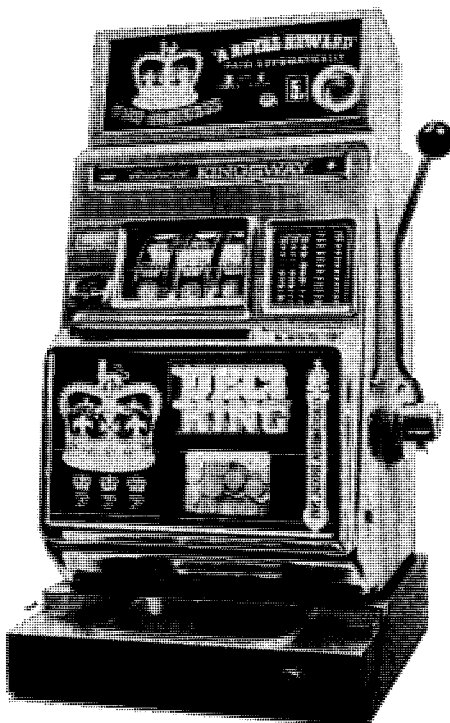
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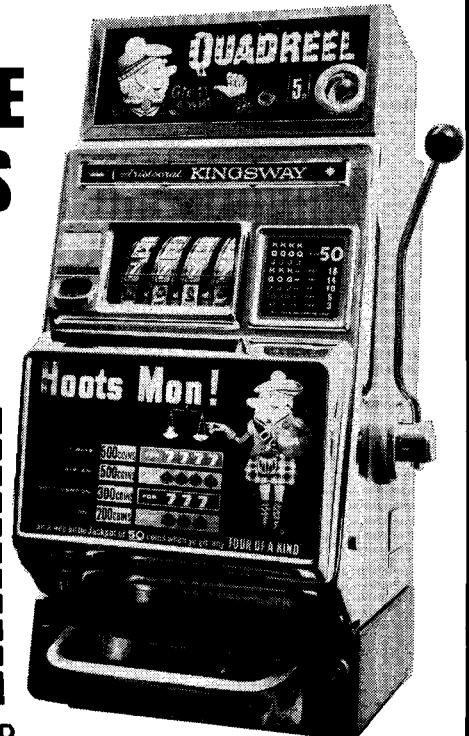
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# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

## MIDDLESEX NOTES

by LAURIE LANDRY

With the retirement from County play of O. B. "Les" Haslam and the impending retirement of Malcolm Sugden, the County Premier side has had to realign itself as regards personnel.

For the first match against Lancashire, Malcolm agreed to play and Andrew Barden and Mark Mitchell made up the male trio together with Karenza Mathews.

A wonderful 8-1 victory was recorded with Barden's win over Donald Parker as the highlight. But there are some hard matches to come, without Sugden, but this could be the making of a new team remembering that Middlesex are the only County to have never left the Premier Division!

There are some more young players coming up to follow in the steps of our three England-ranked Juniors, Mitchell (No. 3), Barden (No. 5) and Mark's sister Angela (No. 8) amongst the girls.

The E.T.T.A. regional centre at Barnet functions well with places for 8 of our juniors each month and in the Regional Squads, Barden (A Squad), Mitchell (A), Michael O'Mahoney (B) and Robert Huson (B) are included amongst the boys and Angela Mitchell (A), Jill Campion (A), Marilyn Sangster (B) and Susan Dove (B) amongst the girls.

## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by GEORGE YATES

BOLTON SSS League player Alan Heap, now in Canada, was not on hand to defend his men's singles title in the Lancashire Closed Championships played at Preston on October 20 and won by the County's No. 1 Donald Parker in front of his home crowd.

Parker did not have matters all his own way for in both his semi, against Mancunian Phil Bowen, and in the final against Tony Boasman, he lost the first game but came through strongly in the next two.

Diane Johnson easily took the women's singles neither Brenda Williams nor Barbara Kirkman posing any problems. Miss Williams came into her own in the junior girls' event with final victory over Kathleen Cropper.

The County's top junior, Nigel Hallows, fell in the semis of the counterpart boys' event to Ian Smith who succumbed to the Red Rose No. 2, Peter Morris, in the final. Results:

### MS Semi-finals:

D. Parker (Preston) bt P. Bowen (Manchester) -20, 16, 11;  
A. Boasman (Manchester) bt P. D'Arcy (Liverpool) 15, 16.

### Final:

Parker bt Boasman -16, 14, 17.

### WS Semi-finals:

B. Kirkman (Liverpool) bt K. Cropper (Blackpool) 16, 12;  
D. Johnson bt B. Williams (Liverpool) 6, 11.

### Final:

Johnson bt Kirkman 10, 10.

### MD:

Boasman/Bowen bt J. Clegg (Preston)/Parker 14, -16, 21.

### WD:

Kirkman/Williams bt L. Jackson (Bolton)/Johnson 16, -20, 19.

### BS Semi-finals:

I. Smith (Preston) bt N. Hallows (Bolton) 23, 19;

P. Morris (Manchester) bt A. Hurst (Wigan) 22, -19, 10.

### Final:

Morris bt Smith 12, 18.

### GS:

Williams bt Cropper 12, 13.

### VS:

G. Smith (Liverpool) bt A. Hartshorn (Burnley) 9, -13, 12.

### U-13:

P. Rainford (Preston) bt P. Dunn (Liverpool) -14, 19, 15.

In Division 1 of the Lancs. & Ches. League, champions Preston were beaten 6-4 by Stockport, the home wins being recorded by Donald Parker (5) and Jim Clegg who beat Brian Kean. For the visitors, Derek Schofield and Nigel Eckersley had two wins each, one from Kean and the doubles.

Liverpool beat Manchester 7-3 with Peter D'Arcy, Wally Allanson and John Marshall sharing six sets and the doubles. Farnworth, away to Blackburn, drew 5-5 after holding a 5-3 lead. Clive Heap had wins over David Cottrell and Alan Grimshaw. Bryn Farnworth beat Alan Whittle and Bob Kelly accounted for Cottrell. Away to Sale, Bolton beat the promoters 8-2 with trebles by Phil Riley and Nigel Hallows.

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by MIKE RICHARDS

FOR the third time in four seasons the Aylesbury and District League are to stage, in conjunction with the E.T.T.A., an International Match at the Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium.

On this occasion the match is the England v. Soviet Union European League match which will take place on Wednesday, Dec 5, commencing at 7.15 p.m. Arrangements are well in hand and with last season's champions on view it should be a night not to be missed.

High Wycombe's Brian Webb will be referee and the County Association are providing the umpires. All seats, which will comprise permanent tiered balcony seating and temporary tiered seats at table level, will have an uninterrupted view of the play.

The co-operation of neighbouring leagues is being sought to publicise the event and so far the response is encouraging. Tickets (Adults - £1, Juniors Under-16 - 50p), can be obtained from Tom Gray, 1 Crabtree Road, Haddenham, Aylesbury, Bucks.

County Trials held at the Slough Community Centre on Sept 9 and 16 had no surprises with the result that the following ranking list has been issued to kick off the season:—

### Men—

1. P. Shirley (Slough)
2. I. Wooding (Bletchley)
3. A. Watson (Slough)

4. J. Leith (H. Wycombe)
5. P. Sears (H. Wycombe)
6. A. Clarke (Bletchley)
7. J. Davey (Chiltern)
8. P. Leckie (Slough)
9. M. Dean (H. Wycombe)
10. J. Cooper (H. Wycombe)
11. B. Savage (Slough)
12. E. Durdy (Bletchley).

### Women—

1. Mrs. J. Hammersley (Slough)
2. Miss J. Williams (Slough)
3. Miss M. Considine (Slough)
4. Mrs. A. Gibson (H. Wycombe)
5. Miss L. O'Donoghue (Bletchley)
6. Miss K. Fry (Slough)

A strenuous coaching session for the potential Junior Team plus several invited players took place in Aylesbury on Sept 23. From the standard of play Bucks look to have a very useful Junior Team this year. The Junior ranking list reads:—

### Boys—

1. C. Leslie (Aylesbury)
2. K. Bartlett (H. Wycombe)
3. I. Edwards (H. Wycombe)
4. D. Good (Bletchley)
5. A. Edwards (H. Wycombe)
6. C. Duffin (Aylesbury)

### Girls—

1. A. Petty (Slough)
2. C. Bahryj (Slough)

Very much cold facts this month I am afraid. However, my European travels should reduce to enable me to report from the grass roots of County affairs next month.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by JOHN PIKE

Hoping for better things than last season, Staffs drew a blank in their first two county matches, with the veterans going down 5-4 to Cheshire and the juniors 9-0 to Derbyshire. The two senior teams both open their account on Nov. 3 with the 'A' team at home to Derby and the 'B' team going to meet newcomers Hereford.

Other games in November see the veterans at home to Worcester while the juniors have a local derby match with Warwickshire.

The county chairman, Malcolm Scott, has been in poor health so far this season and I am sure his many friends inside and outside the county wish him well for the future.

The S.O.S. for a new Press secretary was soon answered and the new man holding the pen is J. Chalkley, Chumleigh, Cross Street, Stafford. He will now be responsible for all the local newspapers in the county and I hope all concerned will give him as much help as possible in his first season.

Tony Isaacs is again ranked No. 1 in the county and he is followed by J. Pugh, K. Fellows, S. Rowe, J. Riley, S. Ward, B. Keates, S. Dunning, C. Davies and Ray Dixon. Gail Round heads the following women's rankings, B. Eardley, J. Carr, R. Hodgkiss, H. Johnson, S. Hunt, M. Bowyer.

With Kath Perry and Rita Beebe no longer playing for the county, this could be a testing season for some of these youngsters, but one I am sure, will do them a lot of good.

Another player missing from the county and West Bromwich scene this season is Peter Eaton. As a complete change from the Midlands, Peter is now working on a farm in

Kent. His loop shot could be an advantage when milking the cows.

Staying with West Bromwich and a mixed start for them in the Midland League. Their girls had no trouble in beating Wolverhampton 10-0, but in their first season back in the first division, the men lost 6-4 to Chesterfield.

As the president of the Darlaston League, I fail to understand the thinking behind some of the players there at times. After a very successful Summer League which took in five divisions, Margaret Hood, the local secretary, was left struggling to get two divisions together for the winter season.

I am glad to report entries are coming in well for the Woodfield tournament later this month, and for those of you who will be in Wolverhampton that weekend, the referee will be D. A. Young, a national umpire from Worcestershire.

## BERKSHIRE NOTES

by ROY COLE

AS predicted last month the first Berkshire ranking list of the season makes very interesting reading, particularly the men's list. Two factors combine to make a very different picture from last season, firstly the loss of three regular faces and secondly the maturing of our junior boys so that four of them appear in the table of twelve men. One of the absentees, Dave Jacobs, who played all last season in the Southern Division, has decided to expend his energy and keep his weight down by other means and has recently set out for India by bicycle! The full lists are as follows.

### MEN:

1. R. Thornton (N); 2. D. Basden (R); 3. N. Heaps (R); 4. P. Trott (R); 5. D. Reeves (N); 6. D. Campbell (N); 7. R. Chester (M); 8. S. Montgomery (M); 9. R. Harrison (R); 10. R. Rosinski (R); 11. S. Douglas (R); 12. G. Roberts (D).

### LADIES:

1. J. Taylor (R); 2. C. Reeves (N); 3. K. Mashford (R); 4. C. Basden (R); 5. J. Godwin (N); 6. C. Houghton (N); 7. C. Ingham (R).

### BOYS:

1. P. Trott (R); 2. D. Reeves (N); 3. S. Douglas (R); 4. A. Hicks (N); 5. G. Roberts (D); 6. A. Wellman (R); 7. C. Taylor (N); 8. R. Halliday (M); 9. S. Rogers (N); 10. B. Szczerba (R); 11. I. Mead (R); 12. T. Heaps (R).

### GIRLS:

1. C. Reeves (N); 2. K. Mashford (R); 3. C. Ingham (R); 4. K. Witt (R); 5. M. Johnson (R); 6. C. Rogers (N); 7. M. Smith (N); 8. J. Thorp (R); 9. J. Douglas (R).

KEY: — R—Reading, N—Newbury, M—Maidenhead, D—Didcot.

If our men are a little weaker this year, we are fortunate to have Joyce Taylor back at the head of the women's list, effectively adding depth which the second team will appreciate too. Joyce did not play in the County Championships last year but the round of tournaments and the several titles she won ensured her continued fitness for important matches. Congratulations to Caroline Reeves in reaching the England junior rankings to join, and indeed overtake, Kara Mashford. We wish them both continued success.

## NORTHANTS NOTES

by DENNIS MILLMAN

### SELECTORS HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS

OUR new County Selectors, Dick Ingle of Northampton and Ken Marchant of Wellingborough, together with Senior Team Match Secretary Terry Walklate and Junior Team Match Secretary Tom Tye, had their fair share of problems before compiling the first ranking list of the new season, and selecting their first teams.

The Junior list presented few difficulties, for with the apparent disinterest of Northampton-based juniors, the only talking point was the No. 3 position in the boys' list, and here Nicholas Swingler edged out Kettering and Rothborough club colleague Stephen West, despite West's better record and his good form in the County's friendly match with Leicestershire, when he won twice in a drawn match.

However the selectors' problems started early at Senior level, when David Hogg, last year's No. 2 elected not to take part in the County trials. In retrospect, discretion proved the wiser course, for so variable was the form, that even Rod Marchant, unbeaten in the county last season, fell twice, first to Steve Lyon, who produced some exceptional early season form, and then to Geoff Atkinson, who has moved into the county from Hunts, where he was a regular county player last season. Ironically John Goodall, the third member of last year's promotion side, played well below form, and seems certain to lose his first team place though Hogg is likely to retain his on past performance.

The women remain much as before, except for young Anne Wallis, who, following a dedicated summer's coaching, has moved into the No. 2 spot behind Connie Banc, with County Champion Anne Lenton at No. 3.

### RANKING LISTS:

#### Men—

1. R. Marchant
2. D. Hogg
3. S. Lyon
4. J. Maloney
5. K. Alden
6. G. Atkinson
7. J. Goodall
8. J. Palmer
9. G. Tsow

#### Women—

1. Mrs. C. Banc
2. Miss A. Wallis
3. Mrs. A. Lenton
4. Mrs. J. Wooding
5. Miss P. Rixon
6. Miss C. Dille
7. Miss G. Hooper

#### Boys—

1. Gary Hamilton
2. Gary Alden
3. Nicholas Swingler
4. Stephen West
5. Kevin McPartland
6. Michael Hawes
7. Alan Hawes

#### Girls—

1. Anne Wallis
2. Mandy Wallis
3. Valerie Feakin

All the local leagues have now got under way, but news has been slow to filter through. At Kettering the quarter-final stage of the Borough Trophy has now been reached and the survivors in this handicap competition are Avon Cosmetics 'A', Avon

Cosmetics 'B', Kettering Town 'A', Kettering Town 'D', Queensberry 'B', Rothborough 'A', Burton Latimer 'A' and Northfield 'A'

In the Kettering Premier Division the clash between Queensberry 'A' and Kettering Town 'A', last season's winners and runners-up respectively, ended in a narrow 6-4 win for Queensberry, with Geoff Atkinson winning all his games and guiding Peter Bliss to victory in the final doubles. John Maloney, the County No. 4 made his debut in the Kettering League, when representing Wellingborough Town, he was beaten twice by Atkinson and Bliss, as Queensberry 'A' strolled to a 9-1 win.

## HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by DAVID COSWAY

As in the past, trials for the County teams were held prior to the start of the season and as usual they did nothing to help the selectors pick their teams. I am setting out the ranking list which has been published by the Hants Selection Committee. It reads as follows:—

### SENIORS

Men 1 C. Shetler 2 K. Summerfield (Soton), 3 T. Smith (Bournemouth) 4 R. Lush (Portsmouth) 5 J. Daly (Isle of Wight) 6 M. Gilbert (Portsmouth) 7 S. Wilson (Bournemouth) 8 K. McQuade (Gosport) 9 G. Philpott 10 D. Nicholson (Basingstoke) 11 C. Jacobs (Portsmouth) 12 S. Kitcher (Gosport) 13 L. Palacky (Basingstoke) and 14 S. Tannahill (Soton).

Women 1 Mrs. C. Davies (Soton) 2 Mrs. J. Coop (Bournemouth) 3 Mrs. D. Gray (Portsmouth) 4 Miss L. King (Soton) 5 Miss L. Wales 6 Mrs. P. Wales (Portsmouth) 7 Miss S. Harding (Soton) 8 Miss J. Reading 9 Miss J. Hudson (Bournemouth) 10 Mrs. A. Gilbert (S. E. Hants.) 11 Miss P. Williams and 12 Miss K. Saywell (Gosport).

Boys 1 S. Wilson 2 K. McQuade 3 C. Payne 4 S. Kinge (Basingstoke) 5 J. Brixton (Soton)

Girls 1 S. Harding 2 L. Wales 3 J. Reading 4 K. Saywell 5 L. Clemett (Portsmouth).

Veterans 1 R. Lush 2 C. Bush 3 L. Cooper and Mrs. D. Gray.

Unfortunately the trials were not used by the younger players to break through into the senior rankings as had been hoped and the teams selected for the first County matches included no recent 'ex-Juniors'. The selection of the first team men caused no problems as Chris Pickard, former No. 1, is now playing for his resident County. It left no-one to dispute the claims of Chris Shetler, Keith Summerfield and Trevor Smith who did so well in the latter matches of last season.

On the distaff side it is pleasing to note the return of Joyce Coop to the Hampshire scene after representing Dorset in recent seasons and with Christine Davies she forms a considerable duo for the County first team. The second team, which was originally intended to be a youth team, (this policy has temporarily been put aside due to lack of suitable candidates) for the first match is Martin Gilbert, Jim Daly and David Nicholson together with Lesley King and Pat Wales.

The County Junior team must be in with some chance to go forward to the play-offs with possibly their

strongest team in recent seasons. Steve Wilson and Kevin McQuade are a very strong pair with a great deal of potential. Clive Payne makes his County debut in the first match. Being a little Southampton biased I was a bit disappointed that Jeff Brixton did not play up to his potential in the trials and has been ranked well below his true position.

Similar to the exclusion of Steve Malby, the Southampton No. 2, from these rankings would appear mistaken. The girls are also in a strong position with four very strong contenders for the County placings. Sue Harding is initially ranked No. 1 as she beat Linda Wales in the trials although she has subsequently lost to her. It seems a little strange, however, that after making Sue No. 1 she has only been picked for the mixed doubles in the first County match. Linda Wales has the singles place and is joined by Julie Reading for the girls doubles. Karen Saywell can be very little behind this trio on last season's form.

The Veterans team for the first match includes the players who won last year's championship and look good to retain their title. Ray Lush, Cyril Bush, Les Cooper and Daphne Gray will once again prove they are a difficult team to beat.

## CHESHIRE NOTES

by BRIAN KEAN

Premier team win opening County match, Nigel Eckersley wins first open title and Stockport men beat Lancs and Cheshire League champions!

Before a good crowd at the I.C.I. Sports Hall, Hyde, Cheshire gained a narrow victory over newly-promoted Bucks. Nigel "the Eck" Eckersley gained his first open tournament success when he collected the Meadowbank Open men's singles title. The crown was his at the expense of Scotland's No. 2 Eric Sutherland, in the quarters, Paul Beck in the semis, and Scotland's new No. 8 Aberdonian Brian Morgan.

To round off the day in Edinburgh "the Eck", in partnership with Pete D'Arcy, carried off the men's doubles. I reckon this pair will upset a few big guns in this season's doubles events, Pete is becoming an excellent exponent of the 'anti-spin on his backhand, while Nigel cleans up the debris.

Stockport men defeated L. and C. champions Preston 6-4 at Bamber Bridge. The visitors' threesome of Derek Schofield, Eckersley and Kean were more convincing than the score-line suggests. With Phil Mayman part of this formidable squad these lads could be a more than evens bet for the title.

County Juniors will have to be on their toes this season as competition for places is proving very hot. Last season's regulars will have to fight off the challenge of Sale's Roger Idowu, while the girls have Ann Heppel, Helen Garratt and Christine Hancock in contention. The past six months have seen a tremendous improvement in Miss Heppel, who at 15 years of age, is destined to be our top junior in the near future.

### HONOURABLE MENTION SPOT

The honourable spotlight this

month features Stockport and Cheshire's table tennis kennel, Gatley YMCA, TT Club. This primitive-looking shell of corrugated iron doesn't exactly give the impression of facilitating sporting grandeur. Comparable with a wartime army barracks in its external appearance, internally its undernourished paintwork, 19th century gas fires, creaking doors and warped floorboards provide an atmosphere that has given birth to a wealth and depth of table tennis talent.

The popularity of this t.t. centre is most apparent on a Sunday afternoon. Each one of its half dozen tables have at least six youngsters anxious to get practice which, hopefully, will take him or her along the paths of rapid improvement.

Five teams trade under its famous name, with both Stockport and Cheshire taking advantage of its ever available Dunlop and Jaques. It is hoped that a development scheme at present operating will fully materialise, and we will see the building of a new centre in the next few years.

Men at the helm of the good ship Gatley are Len Green, Alan Summerfield and, of course, Terry Donlon with help available from numerous other sources. The club's greatest achievement to date is its participation in the European Fairs Cities Cup competition with our women drawn away to Olympia, Ljubljana in Yugoslavia.

## DURHAM NOTES

by FRED J. INCH

THE new season is well under way. County Trials have been held and teams have been selected and I hope that our players get a little better run of the ball than last season, especially the Juniors who I expect to see up at the top this season.

Congratulations to Peter Edou for his success in being ranked No. 14 in England after the final assessment and thanks to Bob Edou, Peter's father for his contribution to the game throughout the North of England especially in his capacity as National Umpire and Tournament Referee.

The Durham County One-Star Open is definitely on at the Technical College, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, on Sunday, Dec 2/73, and all entries should be sent to Mr. D. Charlton, 17 North Road, Heaton-le-Hole, Co. Durham, on or before Saturday, Nov. 17, 1973, and spectators only wishing to see the Finals should arrive at the venue before 7 p.m. (admission 10p).

V.G. Foodstores (Joshua Wilson & Bros. Ltd.) are sponsoring this event and also the County Coaching scheme once again to the tune of £200. The coaching scheme is most definitely paying dividends and the breakthrough is not too far off with the County Junior Team having 3 players included with 3 years to play as Juniors and Geoffrey Inch (Philadelphia) winning the Teesside Junior Open Under-13's, beating Kevin Beasley (Halifax) in Final and their just being pipped in the Semi-final of the Newbury Junior Open with all the best in the South in attendance. Thanks and appreciation must be accorded to the officials and coaches of the No. 10 Area Panel for their patience and perseverance in keeping the scheme operational and successful.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, who have two teams in the County Championships, will be anxious to do better than last season when the first team just survived in their division and the second team also struggled in the Eastern Division. They will have the services of Tony Littlechild, Mick Harper, Paul Day and Brian Jones, although Day's appearances will be limited, bearing in mind his other commitments. On the distaff side Sally Hirst is certain to play in the first team and there are a number of girls — mostly juniors — including the Ellis twins, Ruth Newman and Susan Mansfield, who will be fighting for a place in either team.

Camb. Juniors also have two teams competing but their position is much more favourable. The first team, competing in the Premier Division, will have the services of Day, Keith and Brian Richardson, with Ludovic Chapman in reserve. Girls available include Carol and Susan Ellis, Ruth Newman and Susan Mansfield.

Cambridge have again entered the East Anglian League and will be all out to retain the title won last season — their first in the League. John Thurston will have charge of the team.

Ely, last season's champions in the South-East Midlands League, will be looking for their third successive title with all their players still available. Cambridge, who disappointed last season, should be challenging this season with stronger teams. Haverhill, newcomers to the League, will find that the quality of play may be too strong for them, although the League is in a very healthy state with players and administrators like Geoff Newman and Colin Cushen. Wisbech have, at the moment, a few problems to solve regarding their playing ability, but I am sure that these will be sorted out in the near future.

With ever-increasing demands for league and county teams and more and more players of a high standard being required, a new coaching policy for junior players has been devised covering the game from novice to county standard and beyond. Each league within the County will form a "League Squad", to be organised by the league's coaching secretary, who will be responsible to the County Coaching Committee. As far as Cambridge is concerned sessions are taking place every Saturday morning at St. Luke's Hall and on Saturday afternoons at the Y.M.C.A.'s temporary home at Fen Ditton. Coaches concerned with these sessions are Coaching Secretary Pat O'Bryne, Terry Hegarty and myself.

The "County Squad" will comprise twelve players, who will be selected jointly by the Selection and Coaching Committees on recommendations by the various Leagues' Coaching Secretaries. The squad will meet twice a month, under county coach Gerald Coteman, for training and coaching sessions. The current squad, which may be changed from month to month, comprises Day, Keith and Brian Richardson, Roy Claringbold (all Ely), Ludovic Chapman (Cambridge), Derek Kiddle and Anthony Holmes (Wisbech), Danny Page (Haverhill), Carol and Susan Ellis, Ruth Newman and Susan Mansfield (all Cambridge). Further advancement can be gained to regional squads, which take in the best players from the Eastern coun-

ties, under the control of Peter Hirst, the ETTA's Staff Coach (East). Likely candidates here are Day, Keith Richardson and Carol Ellis.

There are several new additions to the county coaching staff — 1-Star: M. Palmer (Ely). Club Coach: A. Burgess, T. Hegarty, J. Loker, P. O'Bryne (all Cambridge), G. Cannon (March), C. Cushen (Haverhill).

In the Inter-City Festival held at Rugby, Cambridge succeeded in winning the table tennis trophy by beating Rugby and Leicester quite comfortably, although it must be said that they had a more representative team than either of the others. The team of Littlechild, Harper, Jones and Sally Hirst must be congratulated on their success and George Tsow, who organised the tournament.

In the Camb. League last season's champions Soham I were held to a draw by Guildhall, after squandering a 4-0 lead. Although Soham were without Day, they still should have had strength enough to beat their Cambridge rivals. For Soham John Ashman and Mick Palmer had two singles victories, as did Albert Jackson for the Guildhall. Y.M.C.A. I who also had a star absentee in Harper, were held to a draw by newly promoted N.C.I. II, for whom Mick Byrd had a fine debut by winning all his singles. Other teams in contention had comfortable victories with University Press beating Soham II 8-2 (Littlechild winning all his sets) and New Chesterton Institute I having an easy passage against Y.M.C.A. II, winning 9-1. In the second division Cambridge Evening News beat Impington I 7-3, Steve Lee winning all his sets, whilst St. Georges made an impressive start by thrashing relegated University Press II 10-0.

Keith Richardson, the 14-year-old Soham player had a good weekend at the Newbury Junior Open although he failed to lift a title. Keith's highlight came in the Boys' U-15 Doubles when, partnered with Martin Shuutele of Surrey, they were beaten in the final by the Essex pairing of David Newman and Kevin Cauldron -17, 19, -16.

In my last month's notes I wrote that Chris Fuller, was an available Junior when, in effect he is now over-age! My apologies.

## WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by IAN R. CRICKMER

THE anticipation of the new season was marred for members of the Malvern League by the sudden death in late August of Mick Wickett, a member of last season's Division 1 championship team, Malvernians A. Three times men's doubles champion of the League in partnership with Graham Collier and a frequent performer in Malvern's County League sides, Mick will be remembered for his jovial disposition and sportsmanship both on and off the table.

The County selectors learned before their trials sessions of the decision by Halesowen-based Andy Jones to resume her Warwickshire allegiance. Although no team choices have yet been announced, it seems likely that Joyce Lloyd and Janet Hunt will be resuming their first team pairing, as Lynda Reid has not as yet resumed competitive play. Another departure from the local scene is that of Dudley's

Ken Kelluere, whose youth club was earning a reputation for producing budding players.

Ken has moved to Paignton to take over his parents' hotel business, and his son Chris may well enter the Devon ranks in due course.

It is encouraging to have news of developments in Kidderminster, and particularly pleasing to see the League amongst this season's Carter Cup entries. It is to be hoped the draw does not pair them with the County's other entrants, Worcester. Ian Knights has arranged a series of five visits by Bryan Merrett to the Kidderminster Youth Centre and Saint Gilbert's School, Hartlebury, and is aiming chiefly at bringing the area's most promising youngsters to a higher level for representative play. The names Ian has told the County to watch for are Jeremy Duffield (aged 8), Lesley Duffield (13), Stephen Simmonds (13), and Julian Penney (14). These youngsters have benefited from regular Sunday sessions at which Ian has been assisted by Geoff Kershaw and Clive Stott. From these, a provisional junior ranking list has been drawn up showing: 1. Glen Jansen; 2. Phil Webster, Steve Gibbons and Julian Penny; 5. Mark Kershaw; 6. Tony Bernard.

A sign of the growth in County interest is the decision, after twenty one years, to run the County Closed championships in separate sections for Seniors and Juniors. Even with thirteen tables, operating last February, the adoption of the Group system for singles created too heavy a programme for one day. The junior events will therefore be held first, on Sunday, January 6 at Lea and Perrins, Worcester, and the Senior Closed will occupy the Leys Sports Hall at Redditch on Sunday, February 17.

Title holders Worcester made an impressive start to the season's County League Junior Division programme on September 23. Without a coach for that day's session, commendable enterprise was shown in organising three matches at short notice. Worcester won 10-0 versus both Hereford and Kidderminster, and Hereford beat Kidderminster 8-2.

## DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by WALTER REEVES

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to both Mandy Mellor (Chesterfield) and Susan Holmes (Derby) appearing in the new Junior Rankings at Nos. 6 and 11 respectively. These two girls were rivals for the singles position in the touring team and they contested the women's and girls' finals at the last County closed championships. Mandy took the girls' title but Susan beat her for the senior crown.

On the administrative front in the County, Tony Chatwin continues as chairman and Danny Blair retains his treasurer's role but relinquishes the secretary's post to Malcolm Allsop. Malcolm also takes over the running of the County League. Mike Yallop takes over the position of vice-chairman.

Mike has had to reduce his commitments on doctor's orders but is still very active in the junior coaching field. He has, however, called a halt to travelling with the juniors to the many tournaments they attend. This duty has been taken over by Keith Holmes and Ivor Jenkins who intend to share the tips.

A ban on County team and Midland League players from membership of the Derbyshire County League should have a beneficial effect overall. In the past, the League has been dominated by Chesterfield and Derby and the other towns felt there was little point in entering.

It is hoped that the new rule will have the desired effect of increasing the membership because, if not, the County could be accused of being ineffective. Most players feel that all the County does is run the Closed, the County League and the County Challenge Cup competition.

The County teams seem very remote to the average player and little if any publicity is afforded re venues and times of start. But these are not problems peculiar to Derbyshire. Derby are running the County Challenge Cup competition this season and forms are already in circulation with the draw scheduled to take place on Saturday, Oct 27/73.

The County Championships venue has not yet been fixed and the County committee will be asking for offers from the member leagues at their next meeting.

## NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. PENNY

NORFOLK Junior Table Tennis is in a healthy state. Four of our young men attended the Essex Junior Championships and Douglas Bennett, Norfolk's U-13 and U-15 Champion, reached the final of the Under-13 Singles, losing to A. Stonell at 17 in the third.

The other Juniors to appear were Paul Durrant, Mike Archer and Roger Rudling, ranked Nos. 2, 3 and 6 respectively in this County. Chris Cobb is No. 4 and Nigel Houseago No. 5, both of them, like Rudling, being Dereham players.

The leading Norfolk girls are Champion Glynnis Houseago, Paula Ribbons and Helen Moffat. Sandra Mansi of Yarmouth will be unable to play this season. Bennett later teamed up with his conqueror, Stonell, to take the U-13 Doubles at Newbury. They beat Profit of Herts and Yallop of Derby -17, 17, 17.

Norwich League coaching has started at Blyth School under Doug's father, Vic Bennett, who now replaces Les Holdom, who has given many years' service both to League and County. Thank you, Les!

Norfolk II, consisting of Stan Honor, Bob Mitcham, Ron Butler, Pat Betts and Nan Ford, will have two National Umpires (Ken Turner and Stan Ford) for their opening Eastern Division match against Suffolk. — Something of a record for Norfolk!

We have the very pleasant task of reporting the marriage of Jane, the only daughter of our County Secretary, Eric Fairhead, to Mr. Tom Howlett. After a honeymoon spent in the Greek islands, they are now living in Diss. Jane will be remembered for her help with catering at many tournaments, selling programmes at Internationals, and disposing of raffle tickets, besides helping her father in many other ways. We hear that Stephen Bassett, the Wymondham No. 1, has also been married. Best wishes from us all!

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by PHILLIP REID

LEICESTERSHIRE Junior Girls now occupy the one and two places on the Junior Ranking List — that's the good news to start off this month's notes with. Anita Stevenson takes over the number one spot whilst Karen Rogers moves into number two. It is, of course, wonderful news for the hunting shire and the inclusion of Chris Rogers at number 11 in the boys list is also encouraging.

One way and another juniors seem to be very much in the picture and the county junior second team made a good start by holding Lincolnshire to a draw at Boston in a Midland (Junior) Division fixture. Star here was Bruce Johnson who turned in a top display to win both his sets and also the Boys Doubles with John Hayes. Steven Penny is unavailable at the moment because of a broken ankle sustained at rugby but it is clear that with Stephen available, this team could do very well.

The veterans, who have never beaten Nottinghamshire played them again and lost. Johnny Burraston, who played so many times for Leicestershire was again too good for his former colleagues and Ron Bolton also turned in a polished display. Only Bryan Hall could manage a singles win for Leicestershire, whilst Fred Day and Phil Overend took the Men's Doubles.

The retirement of Charlie Jacques is the big news, however in Leicestershire this month. Jacques has given over 20 years of service to Leicestershire and Leicester and he has created a number of records which are improbable enough never to be broken.

Jacques first started to play table tennis as a fifteen-year old at a local factory and in 1950 won the Boys' Singles at the Leicestershire Closed. Mere statistics often prove very little but in any story regarding Jacques they must be mentioned for the simple reason they mean so much. He has played in 1,596 Leicester league games and won 1,500 exactly. Nobody can match that. He has played in 61 county matches and 37 Wilmott Cup games but it is in the Midland League where Charlie will be best remembered.

He made his debut for Leicester against Worcester on January 16th, 1954 — and until he decided to retire had not missed a match! Some record — 142 consecutive matches. Four times between 1956 and 1966 Charlie became Men's Singles Champion of Leicestershire. He also won a string of doubles titles, many of them with Johnny Burraston. This pair became the most successful men's doubles pair in Leicestershire history.

Jacques had very many great wins but the best I ever saw was at Cambridge, early in 1959. We were playing Cambridge for a place in the last eight of the Wilmott Cup. With the score 4-4, Jacques played John Thurston. The score was one game each and then Jacques led 17-8 in the third. Incredibly, Thurston — as game a player as Jacques himself — fought back to 17-all but it was the Leicestershire man who finally won 24-22. The advent of sandwich rubber created unforeseen problems for defensive players, and it spelt the death-knell for many of them. Not Jacques. He studied its effects,

worked out how best to counteract it and eventually became better at playing against sandwich rubber than pimped rubber.

Basically a defensive player, with good reflexes and quick anticipation, Jacques was never easy to beat. If some of his games were not very exciting to watch (and when he played against another defensive player things could sometimes be a little dull) one had to admire the application which went into them. For Jacques to throw away a point at any time was incredible — in a town or county match it was unthinkable. Some players, with good spin serves and heavy topspin throw away points like a philanthropist. Jacques thought it nothing short of criminal to do such a thing. If winning mattered more than anything else, then Jacques always did it in a sporting and dignified fashion.

Charlie, however, has decided to 'call it a day'. He told me 'I had got to the stage where I didn't mind whether I won or lost. At my age that means it's time to pack up'. So he has done just that. We have seen more exciting players, more stylish players. Possibly (though that itself is a matter for conjecture) we have seen better players. But in terms of dedication and loyalty Jacques has no superiors. Sometime someone may tell you they have seen somebody 'Just like Charlie Jacques'. Don't you believe him — there will only ever be one Charlie Jacques.

## SUSSEX NOTES

by ROBIN PIERCE

ROGER Chandler made a welcome return to the Sussex table tennis scene when he won the Charlie Seaman Invitation Tournament at Hailsham in fine style.

Chandler, who by the time you read these notes will be living again in Brighton, swept aside all his opponents as if they were raw beginners. Only Sam Ogundipe, who led throughout most of the first game of their semi-final clash, could give Roger any sort of battle. But experienced Sam, despite his many defensive skills, was hit all over the hall in the next two games.

All but one of the top eight players took part in this tournament, Gerald Pugh (Crawley) put up a spirited display against Chandler, without getting anywhere, and Chichester's Steve Marley, not long out of the junior ranks, upended two of last season's 2nd team regulars, Keith Horton and Robin Stace.

Some of the top women, including Judy Williams and Sue Kavalierou, were unable to take part in the counterpart event, for the Alderman Nicholls Trophy.

In the event the title was taken by Eastbourne's Diane Gard who thrashed her way past a somewhat uncertain club colleague, Angela Mock, 15, 16.

Seaman Cup Scores: S.F. Chandler bt Ogundipe (Brighton) 20, 12, 8. Marley bt Horton (Crawley) 19, 18, 21, 17. Final: Chandler bt Marley 15, 9, 11.

As the first senior county fixtures do not take place until Nov 3, the selectors decided to leave the men's trials until the middle of October.

Drear news carries from Horsham in that Sussex 'Closed' champion, John Clarke, does not wish to be considered for county play this season.

So, with only Judy Williams and Sam Ogundipe left from last season's premier team, it looks as if the selectors will have to embark on a long re-building programme. Let's hope the players forget any petty wrangles over ranking and concentrate on the things that matter. And this means plenty of open tournament play where points can be added to anyone's standard over the course of a season.

Congratulations to Peter Williams upon his recent marriage. Peter is setting up home in Bedfordshire (thought I had better not shorten that county's name on this occasion) and all his many friends will be sorry to see his name missing from the Sussex scoresheets.

Peter was made a Sussex vice-president at the A.G.M.

## WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by BERNARD YARNOLD

### DOUGLAS AT THE TOP

OUT of the frying pan — to produce the fire! This is the way the Warwickshire team rose to the occasion to beat Essex for the first time in 27-year history of the County Championships.

Staged at Nuneaton, Warwickshire found themselves 2-4 down against an Essex team without Chester Barnes and Trevor Taylor yet rallied to win 5-4.

THE County trials took place over the weekend of Sept 23/24. In the senior section, Desmond Douglas outplayed all opposition present and fully justifies his No. 1 ranking, a position I am sure he will occupy for some time to come.

Despite an indifferent trials performance, Richard Cooper maintains his No. 4 spot. Richard has had a long lay-off over the summer, which culminated in his wedding (we wish him all the best for the future), but his game still shows signs of coming together once he has put bat to ball again this season.

Diane St. Ledger had little trouble in taking over the No. 1 women's spot. Junior Karen Groves advanced to No. 3 position, and in similar manner to Diane, she showed all opposition the way home in the junior girls trial. Birmingham's Beverley Green proved to be the cat among the pigeons here, splitting the Leamington spearhead of Jane Loudon and Christine Vines.

Kevin Pilgrim (Coventry) heads the junior boys, chiefly as a result of his fighting performances in the men's trial, in which he emerged as the leading junior, and obtained a No. 11 ranking. Duggie Johnson (Birmingham) also showed his potential in this trial, and was rewarded with the No. 2 junior and No. 13 men's rankings. Both boys were involved in a closely fought junior trial, with Mick Horne (Birmingham) and Peter Griffiths (Coventry) showing some impressive tenacity when the chips were down.

Leading rankings:—

MEN—1 D. Douglas; 2 B. Burn; 3 D. Munt; 4 R. Cooper; 5 P. Judd; 6 P. Gamm; 7 R. Gunnion; 8 B. Hayward.

WOMEN—1 D. St. Ledger; 2 A. Jones; 3 K. Groves; 4 D. Hazzard; 5 A. Lloyd.

BOYS—1 K. Pilgrim; 2 D. Johnson; 3 A. Cottou; 4 D. Shropshire; 5 M.

Horne; 6 P. Griffiths; 7 C. Wainwright; 8 R. Mountford.

GIRLS—1 K. Groves; 2 J. Loudon; 3 B. Green; 4 C. Vines; 5 M. Allen.

VETERANS—1 J. Peakman; 2 W. Dawson; 3 G. Elsdon; 4 G. Hayward.

The Midland Counties 3-Star Open takes place at the Harry Mitchell Recreation Centre over the weekend of Nov 10/11. The increase in prize money should attract a large entry, many of whom will come to watch the second round of the Sunday Times Super League matches, involving the top players in England. These will commence at 2 p.m. on the Saturday.

But, because of England's third European League match away to Federal Germany on Monday, Nov 12, it could prove a disappointment for Midland fans with the likes of Neale, Jarvis and Douglas missing. The proximity of this match to the Midland Counties Open suggests some lack of liaison at administrative level, as it is policy for all top players to attend 3-Star tournaments (as well as Super League matches). Nevertheless, the situation provides the opportunity for the prize money to fatten someone else's wallet.

Birmingham Association announce the opening of a Practice Centre at Duddleston Manor School. The centre will be open for three nights each week, and have four tables available. There is a covering charge of 10p per person for the evening.

Much was learned by the Coaching Section in their first project of the season.

The Warwickshire Closed Championships will take place on Sunday, Dec 16. An excellent venue has been found in the new sports hall at Warwick University, Coventry. Entry forms available from Maurice Goldstein, 415 Moseley Road, Birmingham.

And now to sadder news. I guess this article should be encircled in black, for three prominent figures in Warwickshire circles have passed away in recent weeks. Obituaries appear elsewhere in this issue for Adrian Haydon, former English international, and Alf Hill, for so long an administrative stalwart on the Birmingham and Warwickshire Committees.

The most unfortunate and untimely demise came to former Warwickshire junior player, Bob Broadmore, who was only 18. Bob was struck by lightning after completing a round of golf, and died in hospital two weeks later. Two years ago, Bob's golfing prowess persuaded him to accept the position of assistant professional at Harborne Golf Club, Birmingham, and thus he dropped from the limelight in table tennis circles.

The previous season, he had played for England Juniors against Wales when high in the ranking list, and seemed destined at that stage for regular international appearances. However, he still kept his contacts in the Birmingham Association, playing occasionally in the North Birmingham League.

Many sports writers had tipped Bob as having all the attributes of a top tournament golfer. Earlier this year, he had equalled the course record at Bristol in the British Under-25 Championships, and had achieved outstanding success in assistants' tournaments. A sad blow this for Midlands and perhaps British golf.

# CHINA REVISITED

(conclusion)

by George R. Yates

## WOMEN:

Mathews lost to Hsu Jo-wei -10, -15;  
Stevenson bt Jing Sai-chen 18, -14, 19;  
Mathews/Stevenson lost to Hsu Jo-wei/  
Jing Sai-chen -12, -19;

Mathews bt Jing Sai-chen 14, 13;  
Stevenson lost to Hsu Jo-wei -12, -18.

Thursday, June 14, brought our leave of Hangchow and it was to Kwangchow (Canton) that we next took to the air — a commodity in very short supply at our destination where the humidity took its toll of the English party.

## MINOR AILMENTS

Medical attention had to be summoned for a variety of minor ailments although Les Gresswell had to be confined, overnight, in hospital suffering from dehydration. A night on a drip tube, supplying glucose, had him right by the following morning but he certainly looked extremely rough as he sat slouched, in a voluminous white gown, toying with a vegetarian meal — of his own choice — which did absolutely nothing for me!

It was up in the Hills of the White Cloud that we had a panoramic view of this Chinese city through which

## LEISURE TIME

Small wonder then, with so much to see and so many places to visit, our leisure time in Hangchow was well and truly accounted for. Indeed it further included a visit to a silk textile plant, the floral gardens and Dragon Well tea plantation where an impromptu match was staged in front of the workers.

There was also a visit to the local theatre the highlight of which, for me, was provided by the playing of The Yellow River, a concerto for piano and orchestra composed by the Central Philharmonic Society of China. What is more, I have the record, distributed by Guozi Shudian, China Publications Centre, P.O. Box 399, Peking and when I play it I am transported back to the scenic beauty of Hangchow and to memories of hand-feeding goldfish the size of which had to be seen to be believed.

One other pleasant feature of our sojourn in Hangchow was a daily visit to the open air baths wherein Chairman Charles Wyles once besported himself in colourful underpants having mistakenly picked them up in the belief that they were his swimming trunks!

It was on Saturday, June 9, that we arrived in Hangchow but our first match there did not take place until the following Monday evening when, because it was the first time that an English team had played in the city, the crowds rolled up in their thousands. Indeed it was like Wembley

Way as our convoy nosed its way to the stadium.

## VALUE FOR MONEY

Hangchow provided the opposition and in losing the men's match 3-4 and the women's 1-3 the audience were given full value for their money. The men's match, particularly, built itself up to a climax for we equated the match score at 3-all, with one set to play, after Hangchow had taken a 3-0 lead. Details:—

D. Parker lost to Hsu A-ker -10, -18;  
A. Barden lost to Jin Jung-hi -9, -15;  
D. Fraser lost to Liang Tao-chuang -15, -14;

N. Jarvis bt Hsu A-ker 18, 17;  
D. Douglas bt Liang Tao-chuang 10, 14;

Douglas/Jarvis bt Jin Jung-Hu/  
Wang Kuo-hua 9, -15, 15;  
Barden/P. Day lost to Cheng  
Hsien-kuo/Lu Yao-hua -13, 18, -11.

SEDATE, by way of comparison with throbbing Peking, the city of Hangchow which we reached by way of Chang Chia — birthplace of Chairman Mao — proved to be a haven, more so with so much water around and the West Lake, originally a bay with a history going back 1,400 years, the most prominent feature.

The Soo and Pai Causeways divide the lake into three parts, the Outer Lake to the east of the Soo Causeway, the Inner Lake to its west and the Back Lake north of the Pai Causeway.

In the Outer Lake there are three small man made islands, the Three Towers Reflecting the Moon and two others. The big natural island closely linked with the Pai Causeway is the Solitary Hill. Round the lake are many parks, Orioles Singing in the Willows and Autumn Moon on a Calm Lake being but two.

The West Lake is surrounded by hills with Shih Feng Hill, where the Dragon Well is situated, being the most famous having in its vicinity an abundance of the well-known Lung Chin green tea growing. There are many springs in these hills, of which the best known are Tiger Spring, the Dragon Well and the Jade Fountain.

A number of historical relics can be found near the lake. Liu Ho Pagoda Ling Yin Temple and the rock carvings in the Peak Flying from Afar embody the wisdom of the labouring people in ancient China and provide a valuable cultural heritage.



The Editor compliments the Chinese chef on the excellence of the banquet in Kwangchow.

Only the doubles set came our way in the women's match the details of which were:—

K. Mathews lost to Wen Chun-ching -18, 15, -14;

A. Stevenson lost to Chen Hsiao-ping 14, -18, -10.

Mathews/Stevenson bt Chen Hsiao-ping/Wen Chun-ching 18, 17.

Stevenson lost to Wen Chun-ching -9, -13.

Our second and final match in Hangchow took place on Wednesday, June 13, when a team from Shanghai made the trip as did hundreds of their supporters!

That much sought-after victory again eluded us with Shanghai winning the men's match 5-2 and their women edging home 3-2. Detailed results:—

## MEN:

Parker lost to Chin Yang-jan -12, -17;  
Day lost to Yao Chang-yuan -15, -12;

Fraser bt Wang Tsu-chang 19, -17, 15;

Jarvis lost to Wu Hsiu-ming -17, 19, -19;

Douglas lost to Ju Kuong-kai -14, 20, -19;

Douglas/Jarvis lost to Wung Chun-liang/Yao Chang-yuan -15, -15;

Barden/Day bt Ju Kuong-kai/  
Wu Hsiu-ming 18, 19.

the Pearl River flows in such majestic fashion.

Later that day we were taken to the zoo to behold a group of pandas partaking of a picnic-style meal wholly composed of their favourite bamboo shoots. In complete contrast to the diet provided for a giant python which, every three or four days, unwrapped itself from the branches of a tree to devour a puppy dog, a pack of which were happily scampering round the compound completely oblivious of their impending fate.

Swimming again featured in our daily programme and we again visited a theatre and there bathed anew in our own perspiration despite a distribution of fans. The cloying heat of Kwangchow certainly had its affect, so much so that in our one and only table tennis encounter we had to content our hosts by turning out a single mixed team such was our depletion of playing numbers. If one could stand, you played! It was as bad as that.

## EASED OFF

Small wonder then that we soon found ourselves 0-4 down before, mercifully, the Cantonese players eased off the pressure to content

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Liu Ho Pagoda is the impressive background to this group photograph.

# CHINA REVISITED - A PHOTOGRAPHIC REMINDER



The group reassemble on Shih Feng Hill where the Dragon Well is situated the home of Lung Chin green tea.



Modern Hong Kong in the Central District.



The Ren Min Hotel, Kwangchow with the Pearl River in the foreground.



Sampans moored at Causeway Bay Shelter, Hong Kong.



Open market in Hong Kong.



A ship that doesn't float is this Marble Boat in the Summer Palace, Peking.

## China Revisited

themselves with a 5-2 victory the details of which were:—

Douglas lost to Yu Shu-ping 22,-19, -16;  
Mathews lost to Yu Jin-Jia -11, -19;  
Parker lost to Wang Yung-Liang -18, -14;  
Barden/Stevenson lost to Wu Jin-jing /Yu Jin-Jia -11, -13;  
Douglas/Parker bt Feng Jin-man /Lu Ping-yung -19, 19, 10;  
Fraser lost to Chao Kuo-cheng -10, -14;  
Douglas bt Lu Ping-yung 16, -17, 14.

And so on the morning of Sunday, June 17, we retraced our train journey back to Hong Kong leaving behind friends who were nearly in tears at losing their charges. It was with more than a touch of sadness that we bade our farewells of hosts whose consideration for our welfare had been exemplary throughout our stay in China. Long may that friendship continue and indeed prosper for nought but good can ensue.

And so it was back to Hong Kong and another world the threads of which were picked up again at the Golden Gate Hotel in the Tsimshatsui District on the Kowloon Peninsula.

No less hospitable, our Hong Kong hosts looked after us well taking us to a floating restaurant on the South China Sea side of Hong Kong Island at Aberdeen, the main fishing village which boasts in its harbour no less than 4,000 junks and sampans.

It was on one of the latter that we were taken across to partake of a repast that simply defies description for I could not lay claim to have sufficient knowledge of the fish that abound in these waters. Suffice it to say that we did the meal justice.

Swimming in Repulse Bay—named after a British man-of-war—shopping and sightseeing occupied the daylight hours of our all-too-short stay in Hong Kong which culminated in our final match of the tour, against Hong Kong, in the Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Monday, June 18.

### HARD PRESSED

Once again we were hard pressed to turn out a team and a women's match was quite out of the question with Karenza Mathews under the weather and a few others feeling the strain brought on by the heat and excessive travel.

*But muster a side we did and one which overcame a 1-2 deficit to triumph over all adversity to win 7-2 in conditions far removed from any previously encountered. Ultra modern to the umpteenth degree the Colony of Hong Kong possesses buildings second to none in the world but the Queen Elizabeth Stadium is not one of them.*

Indeed it is more fitting for use as a cattle mart and even though it was in the late evening that the match got under way the heat was stifling and the lack of air-conditioning built up a pressure totally opposed to an atmosphere in which to play any indoor sport.

David Fraser was called upon first and went down in limp fashion to Chia Mon Kuen. Showing much more determination Anita Stevenson redressed the balance by overcoming Lau Wah only for Poon Shui Wing to put the home team in front again at the expense of Andrew Barden.

Next into the cauldron was Des

Douglas who throughout the whole trip suffered not at all and proceeded to prove his fitness by disposing of Tong Wai Hok in whirlwind fashion. This success, which again equated the match score, proved the turning point for an unbroken sequence of wins followed with Don Parker, the most determined of our players on the night, at last tasting a singles success with victory over Wong Yat Sing. Individual scores were:—

Fraser lost to Chiu Man Kuen -13, -16;  
Stevenson bt Lau Wah 16, 18;  
Barden lost to Poon Shui Wing -17, -17;  
Douglas bt Tong Wai Hok 9, 15;  
Day bt Yue Tat Sun 18, 20;  
Stevenson bt Lo Yuk Mui 18, 16;  
Parker bt Wong Yat Sing 13, 14;  
Douglas bt Choy Kwong Yim 18, 17;  
Jarvis bt Lee Kwong Cho 18, 10.

### BACK TO SINGAPORE

It was on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 19, that we weighed in our baggage at Kai Tak Airport and took to the air yet again back to Singapore via Kuala Lumpur.

Our onward journey from Singapore was held up because of a missing crew member but the extended wait in the airport lounge was enlivened by the arrival of Barry Fletcher, a former secretary of the Burnley League in Lancashire who was making his way back home from New Zealand having travelled there some months previously from Canada to where he had emigrated from Burnley. A small world indeed!

From Singapore our return flight was by the outward route in reverse — Colombo, Bahrain, Athens and Zurich finally touching down at London's Heathrow in the late morning of Wednesday, June 20.

It had been the trip of a lifetime for all concerned and as we went our separate ways from the London terminus I could not help but think back to those few days spent in Kwangchow and to the School there and the dedication of the staff devoted to the curing, if only partially, of deaf youngsters. It is more than true that one half of the world doesn't know how the other half live! And there, but for the grace of God, go I.

## Le Conquerant

by GILBERT POOL

WILLIAM the Conqueror died in 1087, but his head has been crossing the Channel between Hastings and Caen for the past five years.

When it is in the Normandy town — it happens to be there now — it is prominently displayed in the town hall. The Caen Table Tennis team will bring it to Hastings in May next year, determined to take it back again.

William's helmeted head is a wooden trophy suitably named 'Le Conquerant', which Hastings and Caen table tennis compete for twice a year (in May at Hastings; in September at Caen).

But this sculpture, made in 1968 by Roger Gillett who plays against Caen every year, is a fine and dignified excuse for a week-end's reveling among players and friends of the two towns.

It all started in May 1966, when Hastings and District Table Tennis Association invited Caen to send a

table tennis party to take part in the 1066 anniversary celebrations.

Norman Beaney, the present Hastings Closed Champion, negotiated with the organisers of the celebrations and the local Anglo-French Club, and today he is Hastings team captain and one of the only three members of the town's Anglo-French Table Tennis Club, (Roger Gillett and David Price are the other two).

Last month Hastings players travelled to Caen for this year's return match and lost. It was its eighth defeat in 11 matches since the exchange started.

Mr. Charles Wyles, E.T.A. chairman, accompanied the players for the first time. The French were delighted to receive him. He was presented with the Medal of Caen by a representative of the Mayoralty, an honour reserved for distinguished visitors. Eisenhower and Montgomery have received it.

Hastings' last win was in May last year, when Mr. R. Champdorje, vice-president of the French T.T.A. came to England with the Caen team. He lives in Caen and is a constant escort of the French players.

While the Caen team includes some of Normandy's best players, (among them Christian Adam, the French No. 15) none of Hastings players are ranked in Sussex.

But the players do not think that difference matters, for when they

cross the Channel to return home the thoughts of champagne and carousing until the small hours among friends last longer than those of the tournament.

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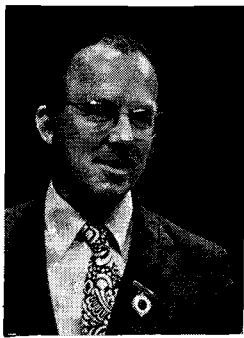
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# ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT



by THE EDITOR

## Champions Crash

From leading Czechoslovakia 3-1 in Moscow on October 10th, Russia slumped to a 4-3 defeat in their opening *European League, Premier Division* match.

It was a bitter pill for last season's champions to swallow more especially as in each of the last three sets their players won the first game.

The slide began when Stanislav Gomozkov and Zoya Rudnova lost to Milan Orlowski and Alica Grofova in the mixed, and continued when Orlowski remained at the table to account for Sarkis Sarkhojan.

At 3-all Gomozkov faced up to Jaroslav Kunz and although winning the first game at 19 lost the second -20 and slid away into oblivion in the decider.

### DETAILED RESULTS:—

S. Sarkhojan bt J. Kunz -16, 19, 17;  
S. Gomozkov bt M. Orlowski 16, 16;  
Z. Rudnova lost to A. Grofova -12, -17;  
Gomozkov/Sarkhojan bt Kunz/Orlowski  
-13, 13, 17;  
Gomozkov/Rudnova lost to Orlowski/Grofova  
9, -8, -17;  
Sarkhojan lost to Orlowski 21, -16, -18;  
Gomozkov lost to Kunz 19, -20, -13.

No less successful than England at Reading (against Hungary) Federal Germany were disposed of in like manner by Sweden at Borlange. Here only two of the seven sets demanded a third game — the first in which Stellan Bengtsson was opposed by Wilfried Lieck and the final set of all between Kjell Johansson and Lieck.

### SCORES:—

S. Bengtsson bt W. Lieck 17, -20, 6;  
K. Johansson bt J. Leiss 11, 17;  
B. Radberg bt W. Hendriksen 16, 7;  
Bengtsson/Johansson bt Leiss/Lieck 18, 11;  
B. Persson/Radberg bt K. Schmittinger/  
Hendriksen 19, 17;  
Bengtsson bt Leiss 11, 13;  
Johansson bt Lieck 17, -18, 10.

In *Division 2, Group "A"*, Poland beat Denmark 5-2 in Lublin on October 4th and two nights later, in Scheveningen, Holland beat Belgium 4-3. Scores:

### IN POLAND:—

W. Woznica bt B. Grimstrup 19, 16;  
M. Skibinski bt N. Ramberg 14, -5, 20;  
C. Noworyta bt S. Poulsen 10, 13;  
V. Fraczyk/Woznica lost to Grimstrup/  
Ramberg 20, -12, -17;  
Woznica/Noworyta lost to Ramberg/  
Poulsen 6, -19, -18;  
Woznica bt Ramberg -16, 14, 21;  
Skibinski bt Grimstrup 11, -18, 13.

### IN HOLLAND:—

N. Van Slobbe lost to N. Van de Walle  
17, -14, -17;  
H. Hopman bt R. Schalley 15, 16;  
E. Klatt bt M. F. Germaat 19, 11;  
C. Deken/Van Slobbe bt Schalley/  
Van de Walle -17, 13, 15;  
Deken/Klatt lost to Van de Walle -12, -19;  
Van Slobbe bt Schalley 17, -22, 16;  
Hopman lost to Van de Walle -14, -12.

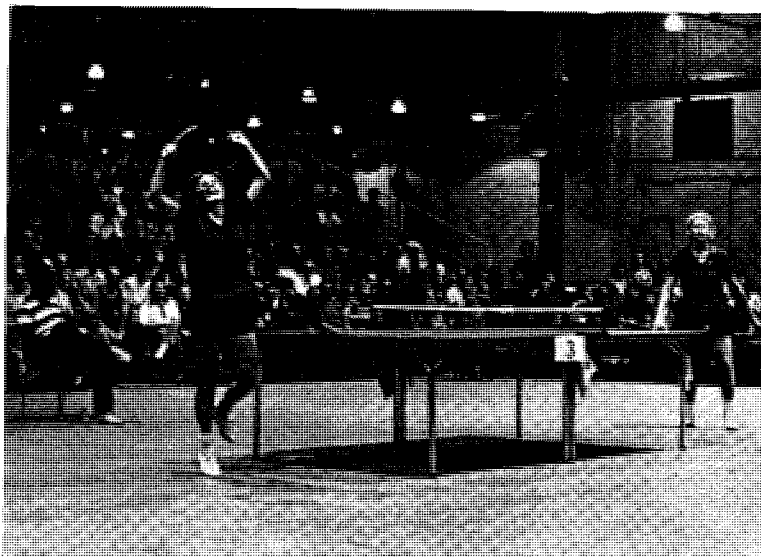
## EUROPE CLUB CUP

Following their first round win over Capip 1937, Luxembourg by 5-0, England's *Gainsford TTC* next face Yugoslavia's *STK Mladost*, Zagreb in the women's competition. In the men's section *Ormesby* have a second round meeting with *Sportif et Athle-tique du Kremlin Bicetre*, France. Second round ties are due for completion by November 12th.

Domonkos/B. Plucas -18, 22, -16, 14, 18.

XD: *E. Caetano/Nesukaitis* bt P. Gongga/Domonkos -18, 14, 9, 18.

It is of interest to note that Canada's Nos. 1, 4 and 5 men, **Errol Caetano, Peter Gonda and Zoltan Pataky, together with Violetta Nesukaitis, are currently in England and took part in the Sussex 2-Star Open at Hastings.**



Mariann Domonkos (Quebec) lifts her arms with obvious glee when on her way to beating, for the first time ever, Violetta Nesukaitis (Toronto) to win the Canadian Open women's singles title.

'Photo by Mal Anderson, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

## CANADIAN OPEN

Writing from Philadelphia, *Malcolm R. Anderson*, Photo Committee Chairman of the United States TTA., comments on the women's singles final between Mariann Domonkos and Violetta Nesukaitis as being "the most emotional match I've seen in years. Two days earlier, Mariann led Violetta 9-2 in the deciding game and lost — this was in the inter-provincial team matches.

"So Mariann had never beaten Violetta. In the 5th game, Mariann played beautifully to lead 18-12, then froze. Tried to hit — no follow (her bat barely reached the ball before it stopped) 18-13. Served into the net 18-14. Another frozen forehand — 18-15. Stopped, thought about it — another frozen forehand — 18-16. Then she thought it over again — and played her usual looping and hitting game to win it. Conquered herself and beat Violetta at the same time. During the match, I've never seen so many balls hit through Violetta. I've seen her lose by chopping in the net or off, but these shots went completely by her.

"Three other excellent matches were Tannehill over Zlatko Cordas, Seemiller over Caetano, and Seemiller over Tannehill in the finals. Four really great matches on one tournament!"

### Results:

MS: *D. Seemiller* bt J. Tannehill -12, 15, 23, -19, 16.  
WS: *M. Domonkos* bt V. Nesukaitis 18, -17, 17, -19, 17.  
MD: *G. Braithwaite/Seemiller* bt. Z. Cordas/L. Lee 19, 6, 18.  
WD: *S. Gero/S. Hildebrandt* bt

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1973 Australian Championships will be remembered for many things not least being that they were the first National Senior - Junior titles to be played for at the superb Eastwood T.T. Stadium controlled by the South Australian TTA.

It took 5 games of bewildering speed to separate "Charlie" Wuvanich and *Stephen Knapp* in the final of the Men's Singles but, in the end Knapp emerged the winner. Scores: -18, -18, 20, 16, 18.

*Leanne Morrow* beat Mary Le Gassick -13, 15, -18, 15, 14 to win the women's crown. *Robbie Javor* won the junior boys' event beating Andrew Savige -19, 17, 14. Great credit went to Loretta Bonham, the first Tasmanian to reach a Junior Final, but up against *Miss Morrow* she had no answer Leanne winning 14, 11.

## SCOTTISH AFFAIRS

First upset in the men's singles event at the Meadowbank Open, played in Edinburgh on September 30th was the ousting of Patrick Forker, the Scottish No. 5, by the young Aberdeen boy Michael Thomson who reached the last 16 before falling to John Wilson (writes *Helen Hamilton*).

Lowly ranked Brian Morgan (No. 8) beat Robert Kerr (No. 3) in the quarters and went on to account for West of Scotland's David Fraser in the semis. It is many years since a player from Aberdeen contested a major Scottish open title.

Cheshire's Nigel Eckersley was the winner beating Eric Sutherland in the

semis. Considering the amount of international play Sutherland has had, this was a good win for the Cheshire man.

Patrice Fleming (Glasgow) beat Scotland's No. 2-ranked Kathleen Angus (Edinburgh) in the semis of the WS, the Glaswegian being in her first season out of the junior ranks. Grace Mackay, jointly ranked at No. 3 with Miss Fleming, lost to Durham's Brenda Murtagh who went on to beat Miss Fleming in the final.

Edinburgh's George Downie brought off a great shock when he beat Scotland's No. 1 Charles Mathew in the quarter-final round of the boys' singles. A further victory over E. Ballantyne carried the Edinburgh lad to the final and defeat by Michael Thomson.

### Results:

MS: *N. Eckersley* bt B. Morgan 16, -21, 11.  
WS: *B. Murtagh* bt P. Fleming 17, 17.  
MD: *P. D'Arcy/Eckersley* bt P. Forker/E. Sutherland 16, -16, 19.  
WD: *Fleming/G. Mackay* bt. K. Angus/P. Kerr 15, 20.  
BS: *M. Thomson* bt G. Downie 13, 11.  
GS: *Mackay* bt. M. Smith 12, 12.  
VS: *R. Kerr* bt W. Hall 20, 15.

Having reached the golden age of 40, Robert Kerr was playing in his first veteran singles event and his win could well be the forerunner of many more. Ask Walter Hall, the loser!

## SUSSEX 2-STAR OPEN

*ALAN Hydes* brought off his second men's singles tournament win on Oct 21 when he added the Sussex title to that of the Cumberland with Mike Johns again figuring as the beaten finalist.

Belgium's Norbert Van de Walle, the holder, fell to Johns, and another shock result was the ousting of Nicky Jarvis, the top seed, by Jimmy Walker.

For the first time in her illustrious career *Jill Hammersley* won the women's title at Hastings beating Karenza Mathews in the final. Earlier in the proceedings, Karenza had been hard-pressed to withstand the challenge of Canada's Violetta Nesukaitis, a late, late acceptance. Full details of the tournament together with the results will appear in the December issue.

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# OPEN TOURNAMENT SURVEY

by ALAN RANSOME  
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First senior tournament of the season was the *North Middlesex 2-Star Open*, played at Alexandra Palace over the weekend of September 15/16, and sponsored by the London Borough of Hackney.

Principal prize winners were Peter Taylor — he distinguished himself by beating Alan Hydes in the quarters and, in the final, Desmond Douglas—and Shelagh Hession who won the counterpart women's singles event with final victory over Karenza Mathews!

Mark Mitchell, that vastly underrated North Middlesex junior, considered not good enough by all the Sunday Times Super League skippers, finally accounted for John Kitchener to win the boys' singles, yet another scalp to add to those of the Alderson brothers and Wiley taken in the Carter Cup final, not to mention a win over Andy Barden in the North Middlesex League last season.

The *Teesside Junior 2-Star Open* also occupied the same weekend at Thornaby Pavilion but the championship lacked its usual sparkle however, due to being cold-shouldered by the ranked players, other than those who lived in the area.

David Alderson reigned supreme in the boys' events, winning the singles for the 3rd consecutive year with final victory over Robert Wiley. Alderson won four titles in all, taking both doubles events with Wiley and Carol Knight and combining once more to win the boys' team event with Wiley.

The best final was the girls' singles in which Susan Holmes of Derbyshire beat Carol Knight of Ormesby in an exciting 3-gamer. On this display, Miss Holmes is one of the leading girls in the country for she was able to take the power shots of Miss Knight and consistently send the ball back down the opposite line to catch her opponent out of position.

In the younger events, Andrew Clark won the U-15 BS beating Stephen Hazlewood of Leeds in a good final, whilst Melody Ludi was made to struggle all the way before winning the U-15 GS, particularly in the semis against Angela Tierney and in the final against Norma Carne, both local girls.

Geoff Inch won the boys' U-13 singles after a hard tussle with the Halifax starlet, Kevin Beadsley. In the all-Teesside U-13 GS final, Angela Tierney proved far too good for Helen Robinson.

All the big guns, with the exception of Trevor Taylor, made the journey to Manchester for the *North of England 2-Star* played at the usual venue of Mather and Platt Ltd., Newton Heath, on Saturday, September 29th.

Denis Neale, top seed in the men's singles, was at full stretch to dispose of Desmond Douglas to win the title for the fourth successive time. Scraping home 22-20 in the first game, Neale was blasted off to the tune of 21-11 in the second and it was neck-and-neck in the decider before the Yorkshireman pulled away from being held to 16-all.

England's top woman, Jill Hammersley met with little resistance in retaining her women's singles title her final victory being at the expense of Mrs. Susan Henderson (nee Howard). Of local interest in this event was the meeting of Lancashire's Diane Johnson and former Lancastrian Susan Lisle now playing in the colours of Cheshire. Mrs. Johnson triumphed on this occasion going on to beat Bradford's Sylvia Broadbent before losing to Sue Henderson in the semis.

Seeded No. 2 in the men's singles Nicky Jarvis fell to Peter Taylor but two other seeds fell by the wayside in the earlier stages when Laurie Landry disposed of Alan Hydes and Ian Horsham had a 3rd game 29-27 win over Tony Clayton in the same second round. Horsham fell to Jean Krier in the next round.

David Alderson was the winner of the boys' singles with a comfortable win over Mark Mitchell in the final. Carol Knight was the winner of the girls' singles but showed ill temper before cruising home in the third game of her final set against Liverpool's Brenda Williams.

On the following weekend at Carlisle, in the *Cumberland 2-Star Open*, top seed Alan Hydes had matters very much his own way in winning the £25 top prize with Mike Johns the runner-up. Ireland's Cliff Thompson made a surprise visit and brought off the shock defeat of Jimmy Walker in the quarters but had little to offer against Johns in the semis.

Susan Lisle was the WS winner, over Judith Walker who, after a marathon set with Di Johnson just made it 14, -22, 21. Carol Knight continued her winning ways in the GS event by accounting for Miss Walker and, also from Ormesby, Robert Wiley won the BS with final victory over Wigan's Adrian Hurst who ousted the No. 2 seed Nigel Hallows of Bolton in the first round.

## North Middlesex 2 Star

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
D. Douglas (Warwks) bt M. Sugden (Middx) 16, 13;  
B. Burn (Warwks) bt C. Warren (Surrey) -18, 15, 20;  
P. Taylor (Beds) bt A. Hydes (Yorks) 17, -17, 15;  
S. Ogundipe (Sussex) bt A. Clayton (Yorks) 11, 13.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Douglas bt Burn -16, 19, 12;  
Taylor bt Ogundipe 18, 17.  
**Final:**  
TAYLOR bt Douglas 15, -19, 14.

**Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
L. Howard (Surrey) bt E. Tarten (Essex) 19, -23, 14;  
S. Hession (Essex) bt D. Court (Middx) 9, 16;  
J. Williams (Sussex) bt K. Rogers (Leics) 9, 12;  
K. Mathews (Middx) bt S. Sutton (Essex) 15, 16.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Hession bt Howard 12, 8;  
Mathews bt Williams 9, 18.  
**Final:**  
HESSION bt Mathews 9, 18.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Clayton/L. Landry (Middx) bt Sugden/R. Yule (Scotland) -17, 19, 22;  
Douglas/A. Barden (Middx) bt Hydes/P. Taylor -17, 10, 15.  
**Final:**  
BARDEN/DOUGLAS bt Clayton/Landry 9, 20.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Howard/Mathews bt Hession/Williams 21, 19;  
Court/S. Kvallierou (Sussex) bt S. Hamilton (Middx)/S. Henderson (Surrey) 14, -15, 14.

**Final:**  
HOWARD/MATHEWS bt Court/Kvallierou 11, 18.  
**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
P. Day (Camsb)/Tarten bt Clayton/Henderson 15, 17;  
Hydes/Howard bt Sugden/Mathews 17, -11, 13.

**Final:**  
DAY/TARTEN bt Hydes/Howard 19, -12, 26.  
**Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
Day bt L. Eadie (Essex) -17, 12, 17;  
J. Kitchener (Suffolk) bt D. Iszatt (Essex) 10, 11;  
M. Mitchell (Middx) bt D. Newman (Essex) 12, 11;  
R. Potton (Essex) bt A. Barden (Middx) -18, 24, 18.

**Semi-finals:**  
Kitchener bt Day 11, -10, 13;  
Mitchell bt Potton 10, 14.  
**Final:**  
MITCHELL bt Kitchener 11, 16.  
**Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
A. Stevenson (Leics) bt K. Greenough (Surrey) 15, -12, 6;  
Rogers bt C. Reeves (Becks) 18, 12;  
A. Mitchell (Middx) bt J. Boulter (Essex) -19, 8, 18;  
Tarten bt S. Tame (Surrey) 6, 19.

**Semi-finals:**  
Rogers bt Stevenson 13, -18, 18;  
Tarten bt Mitchell -17, 14, 19.  
**Final:**  
ROGERS bt Tarten -14, 12, 18.  
**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:**  
J. Mason (Lancs) bt T. Donlon (Ches) -14, 18, 18;  
D. Schofield (Ches) bt S. Reynolds (Essex) 10, 11.  
**Final:**  
SCHOFIELD bt Mason 10, 17.

## Teesside Junior 2 Star

**Under-17 Events**  
**Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
D. Alderson (Yorks) bt D. Yallop (Dbys) 14, 15;  
D. Renton (Yorks) bt S. Souter (Yorks) 20, 17;  
A. Kilburn (Yorks) bt P. Edon (Durham) 18, 17;  
R. Wiley (Yorks) bt P. Vickers (Dbys) 8, 15.

**Semi-finals:**  
Alderson bt Renton 14, 13;  
Wiley bt Kilburn 22, 19.  
**Final:**  
ALDERSON bt Wiley 16, 13.

**Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
C. Knight (Yorks) bt N. Carne (Yorks) 7, 14;  
S. Hunt (Lincs) bt J. McLean (Yorks) -10, 20, 20;  
M. Ludi (Yorks) bt B. Chamberlain (Hunts) 12, 18;  
S. Holmes (Dbys) bt A. Tierney (Yorks) 15, 15.

**Semi-finals:**  
Knight bt Hunt 14, 11;  
Holmes bt Ludi 26, 19.  
**Final:**  
HOLMES bt Knight 15, -18, 17.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Alderson/Wiley bt Vickers/Yallop -18, 14, 16;  
Edon/S. Hoskins (Durham) bt M. Harrison/M. Thirkettle (Yorks) 15, 19.  
**Final:**  
ALDERSON/WILEY bt Edon/Hoskins 12, 15.

**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
W. Brown (Dbys)/J. Richardson (Yorks) bt Knight/Tierney 15, -20, 22;  
Ludi/McLean bt Holmes/S. Jenkins 20, 18.  
**Final:**  
BROWN/RICHARDSON bt Ludi/McLean 19, 16.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Alderson/Knight bt Thirkettle/McLean 18, 15;  
Souter/Tierney bt Kilburn/Carne 15, 16.  
**Final:**  
ALDERSON/KNIGHT bt Souter/Tierney 11, 18.

**Under-15 Events**  
**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
A. Clark (Nthld) bt Thirkettle 14, -20, 13;  
S. Hazlewood (Yorks) bt B. Baxter (Yorks) -17, 19, 19.  
**Final:**  
CLARK bt Hazlewood -16, 9, 11.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
Ludi bt Tierney -16, 17, 12;  
Carne bt McLean 20, -19, 21.  
**Final:**  
LUDI bt Carne 10, -16, 12.

**Boys' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Harrison/Thirkettle bt R. Hazlewood (Yorks)/S. Hazlewood 14, 13;  
Baxter/Clark bt P. Masters/E. Minto (Durham) -18, 19, 5.

**Final:**  
BAXTER/CLARK bt Harrison/Thirkettle 16, -17, 15.  
**Girls' Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Ludi/McLean bt M. Featherstone (Yorks)/Hunt 18, 20;  
Carne/Tierney bt Chamberlain/L. Mellor (Dbys) 10, -18, 11.

**Final:**  
LUDI/McLEAN bt Carne/Tierney 13, 18.  
**Under-13 Events**  
**Boys' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
K. Beadsley (Yorks) bt S. Yallop (Dbys) 12, 14;  
G. Inch (Durham) bt I. Plummer (Yorks) 13, 16.

**Final:**  
INCH bt Beadsley 21, -14, 18.  
**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
Tierney bt L. Beadsley (Yorks) 6, 6;  
H. Robinson (Yorks) bt L. Holmes (Dbys) 19, -16, 15.

**Final:**  
TIERNEY bt Robinson 9, 11.  
**Team Events**  
**Boys:**  
D. ALDERSON/R. WILEY bt A. Kilburn/S. Souter 3-1;  
Wiley lost to Souter 19, -16, -24;  
Alderson bt Kilburn 18, 16;  
bt Souter 17, -19, 11.  
Alderson/Wiley bt Kilburn/Souter 16, 11.

**Girls:**  
Knight/Tierney bt Ludi/McLean 3-0.  
Knight bt McLean 18, 5;  
Tierney bt Ludi 19, 19.  
Knight/Tierney bt Ludi/McLean 20, 11.

## North of England 2 Star

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
D. Neale (Yorks) bt A. Hydes (Yorks) -18, 16, 16;  
J. Krier (Lux) bt L. Landry (Middx) 15, 20;  
D. Douglas (Warwks) bt B. Burn (Warwks) 17, 15;  
N. Jarvis (Yorks) bt P. Taylor (Beds) -14, 16, 13.

**Semi-finals:**  
Neale bt Krier 9, 12;  
Douglas bt Jarvis -19, 8, 19.  
**Final:**  
NEALE bt Douglas 20, -11, 16.

**Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
J. Hammersley (Bucks) bt W. Brown (Derbys) 9, 3;  
L. Howard (Surrey) bt L. Barrie (Scot) 18, 11;  
D. Johnson (Lancs) bt S. Broadbent (Yorks) 11, 11;  
S. Henderson (Surrey) bt P. Hammond (Notts) 13, 12.

**Semi-finals:**  
Hammersley bt Howard 13, 17;  
Henderson bt Johnson 8, -10, 19.  
**Final:**  
HAMMERSLEY bt Henderson 6, 14.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Hydes/Neale bt A. Clayton (Yorks)/Landry -19, 20, 19;  
Burn/Douglas bt Jarvis/J. Walker (Yorks) 15, -14, 19.  
**Final:**  
HYDES/NEALE bt Burn/Douglas 20, -14, 12.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
Hammersley/Henderson bt C. Knight (Yorks)/B. Kearney (Nthld) 16, 20;  
S. Hamilton (Middx)/B. Kirkman (Lancs) bt M. Ludi/H. Shields (Yorks) 14, 17.  
**Final:**  
HAMMERSLEY/HENDERSON bt Hamilton/Kirkman 9, 10.

**Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
D. Alderson (Yorks) bt R. Idowu (Lancs) 4, 10;  
D. Yallop (Derbys) bt K. Keane (Ireland) 20, 14;  
A. Kilburn (Yorks) bt R. Wiley (Yorks) -18, 17, 19;  
M. Mitchell (Middx) bt S. Souter (Yorks) 24, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Alderson bt Yallop 11, 19;  
Mitchell bt Kilburn 14, 7.  
**Final:**  
ALDERSON bt Mitchell 16, 13.

**Girls' Singles: Semi-finals:**  
C. Knight (Yorks) bt P. Allen (Ches) 12, 11.  
B. Williams (Lancs) bt Brown 14, 16.  
**Final:**  
KNIGHT bt Williams 10, -11, 8.

**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:**  
D. Marples (Derbys) bt B. Baldwin (Ches) -16, 19, 11;  
D. Schofield (Ches) bt M. Tew (Ches) 16, 15.  
**Final:**  
SCHOFIELD bt Marples 18, 15.

**Cumberland 2 Star**

**Men's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
 A. Hydes (Yorks) bt B. Johns (Ches) 14, 11;  
 P. Bowen (Lancs) bt P. Ward (Yorks) 16, 21;  
 C. Thompson (Ire) bt J. Walker (Yorks) 20, 14;  
 M. Johns (Ches) bt D. Schofield (Ches) 13, 22.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Hydes bt Bowen 11, 8;  
 Johns bt Thompson 12, 18.

**Final:**  
 HYDES bt Johns 16, 19.

**Women's Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
 S. Lisle (Ches) bt J. Green (Ches) 10, 19;  
 S. Hamilton (Widdx) bt B. Williams (Lancs) -17, 12, 31;  
 J. Walker (Yorks) bt B. Murtagh (Dur) 24, -19, 12;  
 D. Johnson (Lancs) bt K. Stewart (Ire) 14, 11.

**Semi-finals:**  
 LISLE bt Hamilton 7, 10;  
 WALKER bt Johnson 14, -22, 21.

**Final:**  
 LISLE bt Walker 10, 18.

**Men's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
 Hydes/D. Parker (Lancs) bt N. Eckersley/P. Wrayman (Ches) 13, 19;  
 A. Ransome (Yorks)/Walker bt Johns/Johns 16, 17.

**Final:**  
 HYDES/PARKER bt Ransome/Walker 17, 15.

**Women's Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
 B. Kearney (Nthld)/C. Knight (Yorks) bt Hamilton/Lisle 15, -17, 16;  
 B. Stewart (Ire)/Stewart bt P. Allan/H. Garrett (Ches) 11, 6.

**Final:**  
 KEARNEY/KNIGHT bt Stewart/Stewart 16, 17.

**Mixed Doubles: Semi-finals:**  
 B. Johns/B. Stewart bt Parker/Johnson 20, 20;  
 Ransome/Knight bt Hydes/Walker 14, -18, 22.

**Final:**  
 JOHNS/STEWART bt Ransome/Knight -7, 19, 14.

**Boys' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
 R. Wile (Yorks) bt C. Strettle (Lancs) 11, 21;  
 I. Smith (Lancs) bt P. Polczynski (Cumb) -18, 17, 13;  
 P. Edon (Dur) bt J. Adams (Cumb) 17, 9;  
 A. Hurst (Lancs) bt P. Crawford (Dur) 20, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
 WILEY bt Smith 19, -17, 21;  
 HURST bt Edon 20, 15.

**Final:**  
 WILEY bt Hurst 13, 10.

**Girls' Singles: Quarter-finals:**  
 Walker bt B. Stewart 14, 11;  
 M. Mellor (Dys) bt J. Pachul (Cumb) 18, 13;  
 Knight bt J. Truman (Ches) 9, 16;  
 Williams bt Allan 14, -15, 14.

**Semi-finals:**  
 WALKER bt Mellor 12, -16, 13;  
 KNIGHT bt Williams 11, 16.

**Final:**  
 KNIGHT bt Walker 11, 15.

**Veteran Singles: Semi-finals:**  
 Schofield bt M. Tew (Ches) 20, -17, 14;  
 E. Griffiths (Ches) bt G. Brook (Yorks) 13, -17, 21.

**Final:**  
 GRIFFITHS bt Schofield -11, 18, 19.

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**ON SPECTATOR CONTRACTS**

THE Sports Council has now been given a ruling by H.M. Customs and Excise regarding the application of Value Added Tax on the hiring of sports facilities for spectator events. The details are:—

1. When facilities are hired in order to put on an event for which spectators will pay an admission charge, the hiring fee is exempt from Value Added Tax. The overtime and percentage of gross receipts conditions, where applicable will also come under this exemption clause.
2. When the facilities are hired exclusively for a consecutive period in excess of 24 hours, the fee will also be exempt from Value Added Tax.
3. Any direct costs incurred by an event (stewarding, advance sales, ticket printing, etc.) will still be subject to Value Added Tax at the standard rate.

**County Administration**

by **ALAN J. CAVELL**  
 National Councillor, Shropshire TTA

THE first reaction of a member attending a county management committee meeting for the first time is probably one of surprise that so much is being done by such a small group of people. The new member, even if he serves on a league's management committee, will find that the county's role as part of the E.T.T.A.'s organised structure throughout the country opens new avenues of interest and stimulates activity.

Although the ETTA has delegated its responsibility for organised table tennis in each county to the county association it continues to ensure that a uniform national policy is adhered to by reserving the right to approve or veto the rules of all county associations. A model set of rules, some of which must be adopted unchanged whilst others can be modified to suit the requirements of individual counties, has been prepared by the ETTA.

The county committee has to do more than keep itself informed of current ETTA proposals and comply with ETTA requirements: it has to promote inter-league activities and foster table tennis at all levels throughout the country. To do this effectively each committee usually consists of officers (chairman, secretary and treasurer), various officials, such as inter-league and coaching secretaries, and members representing each league in the county.

Full and active representation of all leagues on the county committee is essential if effective communication between county and league is to take place without unnecessary work being done by the county secretary. Close liaison with the county schools T.T.A. and with the Sports Council is usually maintained.

The ETTA policies which are delegated to and implemented by county committees reflect the wishes of the county associations. All ETTA policy decisions have to be approved by the National Council of the ETTA: the Council consists of one representative, nominated by the appropriate county committee, from each county.

The Council meets three or four times a year and considers all recommendations of the various committees it has set up to deal with most aspects of table tennis activity. Each National Councillor is thereby kept informed of current ETTA thought: such matters as the forthcoming World Championships, international tours and changes in the laws of the game can thus be subjects of informed discussion at county meetings.

Members of county committees can become involved in many diverse activities: in national coaching schemes, organising tournaments, fostering table tennis in schools, examining potential umpires, arranging trials for county teams and the matches played by county teams, arranging inter-town matches, preparing press reports, raising funds and in a whole host of incidental events that can keep all county officials very busy throughout the year.

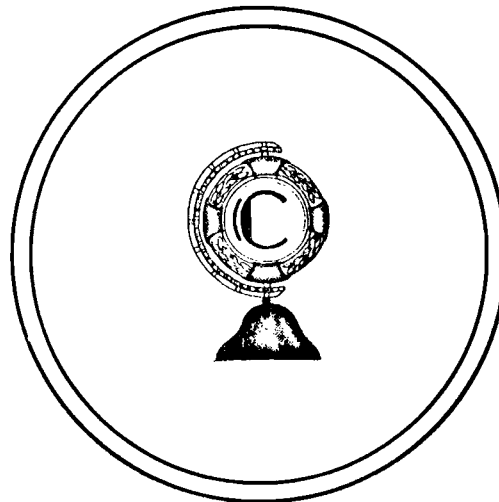


**'The Likely Lads'**

Pictured (l. to r.) are Mark Oakley (9), Timothy Vine (9), Steven Baggott (11) and David Oakley (11), members of the Pegasus P side which operates in the 9th Division of the Guildford League. All are products of the Guildford Association Coaching Scheme.

John Diggins who submitted the photograph, taken by Alan Batchelor of Cranleigh, asks if there are any younger teams in the country. (Doubtless we shall hear about them if there are. Ed).

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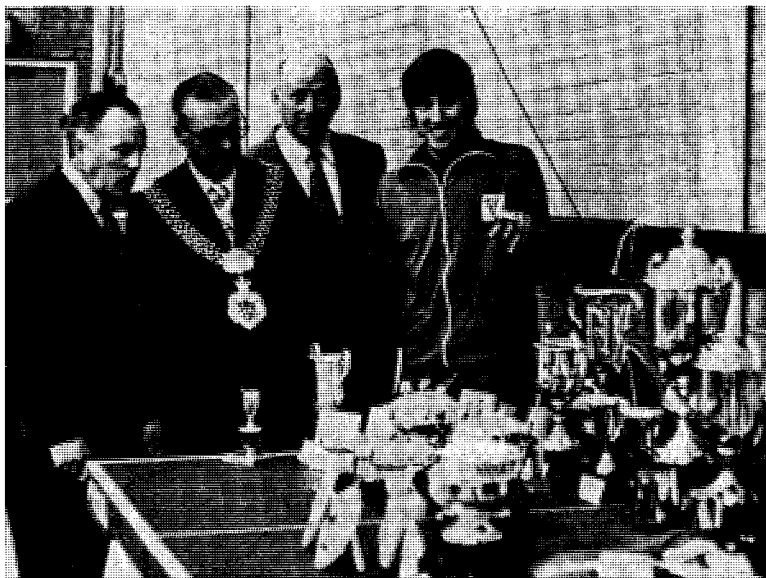
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Men's singles winner John Kedge, points out his trophy, the Bulmer and Lumb Cup, to Bradford's Lord Mayor and the Acting Chief Constable. Tournament Organiser Steve Nunn completes the group on the far left.

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## KEDGE, THIRD TIME WINNER

by Steve Nunn,  
Hon. Organiser.

Staged at Parkside sports centre, Bradford, on Sept. 30, the third West Yorkshire closed championships proved every bit as successful as the two that had gone before. Indeed entries were 34 up on last season, the only event failing to show an increase being the veteran singles.

Just over 200 people witnessed the finals among those present being the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford (Ald. and Mrs. Derek Smith), who made the presentations, the Acting Chief Constable (Mr. H. A. Kitching) and his wife, and Mrs. Doris Birdsall, Chairman of the Bradford Education Committee.

The finals proved to be the best of the three championships but did not stop John Kedge from once again taking home the giant Bulmer and Lumb cup, for the third time.

Best set of the day came in the quarter-final of the men's singles between York's Neville Graver and No. 2 seed, David Hirst of Huddersfield won, at 22-20 in the decider, by the latter. It won for Graver, the loser, the Special Merit Award for the best effort of the day.

Results:—

### Men's Singles: semi-finals:

J. Kedge (Huddersfield) bt R. Shutt (Bradford) 7, 12;

N. Davies (Leeds) bt D. Hirst (Huddersfield) 11, 15.

Final: Kedge bt Davies 11, 17.

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

M. Ludi (Bradford) bt P. A. Dawson (Bradford) 18, 16;

S. Broadbent (Bradford) bt H. Shields (Bradford) 19, 19.

Final: Broadbent bt Ludi 17, -14, 10.

### Boys' Singles: semi-finals:

D. Renton (Bradford) bt P. Bryant (Leeds) 14, 17;

A. Metcalfe (Leeds) bt P. Halmshaw (Bradford) 15, 19.

Final: Renton bt Metcalfe 10, -18, 18.

### Girls' Singles: semi-finals:

M. Ludi bt S. Jennings (Bradford) 7, 17;

J. Richardson (York) bt M. Oddy (Halifax) 20, 12.

Final: Ludi bt Richardson 15, 13.

### Veteran Singles: semi-finals:

G. Brook (Huddersfield) bt G. Kelly (Bradford) 19, 15;

L. Browning (Leeds) bt E. Payne (Bradford) 17, 14.

Final: Brook bt Browning 22, 16.

### Doubles Finals:

#### Men:

Davies/J. Yeats (Bradford) bt Hirst/Shutt 20, 16.

#### Women:

Broadbent/L. Parker (Leeds) bt Dawson/Ludi 19, 18.

#### Mixed:

Yeats/Dawson bt S. Worsman (Bradford)/Broadbent -18, 17, 17.

## SOUTH-EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

Teams to have entered the S.E.M.L. this season are:— Bedford, Cambridge, Dunstable, Ely, Haverhill, Hertford, Hunts Central, Kettering, Northampton, North Herts, Peterborough, St. Neots, Wellingborough and Wisbech.

Haverhill and Hertford are new to the league and both Junior teams although Hertford have not entered a men's team. First matches of the new season were due to start on October 6th.

# Arun and Bromley Summer Tour

by Fr. Bernard Rowley  
and Allen Fisher

SOME time in January a Sussex coach said to a Kent coach "We are going to tour Yorkshire for a week, care to come?" So it all started. Letters to most Yorkshire leagues and some in Lancashire were sent out asking for a match at the end of July (not before two tired gents finally hit the hay at about 2 a.m.).

Replies came back slowly at first, then faster after some discreet phone calls and reminders from a helpful Yorkshire personality. Only then could a programme be shaped and copies circulated. Also in January a new caravan was ordered and a site booked with provision for tents.

Mid-July came and all was going well. Tents were checked, as was the caravan, provisions bought, and the boys, one from Crawley, four from Littlehampton and three from Bromley were kitted out. All was ready, just a matter of hitching-up and after the ETTA cadet camp we would be off.

It was then that tragedy struck. The caravan was burnt to a cinder and cancellation letters seemed to be the order of the day. But what had we said to those boys about being 10-19 down in the third? Three days later a new caravan was standing next to the wreckage. But what a week that was—new kit, crockery, sleeping bags, t.t. kit, phone calls, letters, the man from Pru, and all that. Fortunately we were in a convent field and the nuns didn't hesitate in catering for 18 of us for two whole days, until we had sorted ourselves out.

Then we were on our way having a 7 p.m. rendezvous with the Kent contingent on the motorway. They too had had their problems. A minibus was expected but last minute repairs dragged on and alternative arrangements had to be made and another vehicle sought. What was it that policeman said about having a little round disc?

Even then matters did not go exactly to plan for our route round the North Circular Road seemed a good idea to many besides ourselves, not to mention a multitude of road-menders, a large mobile crane and numerous diversions. Finally both groups met up, hot and bothered and more than a trifle late.

Supper was consumed, petrol tanks replenished, and the convoy set forth with the caravan in the lead destined for the most unbelievably out-of-the-way site. All was going well, another stop and where the b . . . . . had the others vanished? Nothing for it but to press on to the site, settle the van and get some sleep.

The time was now 3 a.m. and John Patrick, on his first table tennis outing, was beginning to wonder what it was all about for when the idea was first mooted back in January he had never played! Richard "Lightning" Jarvis belied his nickname in getting into his sleeping bag, not that Keith Evers was long after him.

Meanwhile the Kent contingent had really caught on to this touring lark going up and down the motorways, round and round the country lanes before finally receiving help from a suspicious constable to again meet up with us at 6 a.m. in a very bedraggled state. Must get it into the coaching manuals about putting tents up at 6 a.m. after 10-hours driving!

If that was the start, what was to come with 19 matches to be fitted into 8 days? We began to wonder when the venue for our first match had to be changed as no official was present to open up the notified venue.

However the tour had got off the ground but still the problems remained. We had explained to Danny Cammiade that he had to watch the ball. What we didn't tell him was to watch out for plastic pipes sticking out of loos, so that the next thing we knew was being confronted by a very irate site owner telling us, in what can only be described as the local dialect, that every van on the site would now be without water.

But, within a day or two, we became the best of friends again and, before we left, he was toying with the idea of building a 10-table venue on the site. Steve Isted and David DeWinter had a problem in store for their Kent colleague Ray Taylor, who was to be ducked in the local stream. The plan backfired a bit on them because Ray had the foresight to dress for the occasion. He therefore went willingly, as a duck to water, then proceeded to splash as much water on his benefactors as to drench them, and even managed to get an unprepared Gerald Pugh in as well.

Matchwise the major obstacle was to overcome Ormesby in a 25-set match, within half an hour of playing of 35-set marathon. It was in this latter engagement that Gerald Pugh suffered two of his three tour defeats, the other being against Yorkshire Junior inter-league champions, Bradford. During the week we travelled 1,300 miles in each car, played 19 matches, won 12, drew 2 and lost 5 with, on occasions, teams playing over 100 miles apart.

Yorkshire exile Glyn Hydes joined us at the beginning and played against us for his native Barnsley. But he played for us in all the other matches. He proved a good interpreter, but we can't recommend him as a guide, though he usually recognised the places when we eventually arrived.

We finally arrived back to two days of pouring rain as a starter to the Southern Region Area 1 Panel camp, grateful to the many new and old friends we met for a most enjoyable week. May there be many more of them.

Our thanks to the officials of the following leagues/towns: Bradford, Barnsley, Halifax, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Hull, Doncaster, Ormesby, Leeds and Wakefield who entertained us.

## DISCIPLINARY

Tan Kai Kok, who represented Singapore against England in June of this year has been suspended from participating in all National, Regional and International Tournaments for a period of 12 months from September 9th, 1973 to September 8th, 1974.

In Singapore's Badminton Hall, on June 1, Tan Kai Kok figured in an epic win over Donald Parker, -18, 27, 16.

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**Late Letter**

**IMAGE PERSISTS**

A PHENOMENON which all of us table tennis enthusiasts have to bear with is the public attitude and misconception about our sport. The parlour game, 'ping pong' image persists.

I have been as aware as anybody about this, but recent experience has doubly impressed this on me. I suffered a leg ligament injury in a Willesden League match and have since had a very pronounced limp.

On seeing me hobbling around, numerous people have stopped me to offer their sympathies — for which I thank them. But on finding out how I acquired my affliction their reactions have ranged from a discreet grin, to loud mirth, to mild astonishment.

After a short reflection, one or two did remark that they supposed table tennis could be 'quite fast' and flourished their wrists, but most people remained baffled as to how it was possible to suffer a ligament injury from 'ping pong'.

I am a student at Borough Road

College of Education, in Isleworth, Middlesex, which has a very good reputation for sport, and one of the disturbing things I find is that the P.E. students there share identical ideas regarding table tennis as everybody else!

Some players are partly responsible for sustaining the public's false impressions of the game. Perhaps because they have an inferiority complex about table tennis they don't like to tell their friends that they are keen, or won't be seen playing seriously, or in the proper kit.

This is a pity. The ETТА's newly-appointed Public Relations Officer is going to have a very hard time persuading the population at large that table tennis is a good, fast, healthy,

athletic sport that really is worth playing, while the players themselves are often not convinced.

Finally, changing the subject, I should like to say that I am in full agreement with the sentiments expressed by Alan Ransome and Alan Shepherd in the October edition, concerning the devaluation of junior tournaments. I feel that the standards at senior open tournaments are also beginning to decline. In order to help reverse this trend, the ETТА should officially, and, more important, actively encourage the better players to attend these championships.

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**Neale beaten at Hull**

SUSTAINED pressure exerted by Nicky Jarvis earned him an unexpected victory, worth £70, over his Ormesby club mate, top-seeded Denis Neale, in the men's singles event of the Humberside 3-Star Open played over the weekend of Oct 27/28 and jointly sponsored by Halex Table Tennis Ltd. and Hull Brewery to the extent of £300.

In the semi-final Jarvis had avenged his defeat by Desmond Douglas in the Sussex Open of the previous weekend and Neale had disposed of yet another player from the Ormesby stable, Jimmy Walker.

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### Williams — Harris

The wedding took place at noon on Sept. 8, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hanwell, London W.7 of Sussex county star Peter Williams (26) and Miss Linda Harris (24).

The vicar was the Rev. Frederick Secombe who is Harry Secombe's elder brother — true! The reception was held at the Myllet Arms Hotel, Western Avenue, W.7. Bridesmaids were Linda's sister, Elaine, and Peter's sister, Judy, currently occupying No. 4 position in the English ranking list. Future address is 25 Lincroft, Oakley Chase, Oakley, Bedfordshire. Phone: Oakley 4261.

## In the Coaching Field

with JOHN O'SULLIVAN

ONE of the most important aspects of coaching young children in groups is to avoid the teaching from becoming a bore. Interest must be maintained especially if the children are only just being introduced to table tennis and too much repetition of the basic strokes without any end product in view at this stage, can sometimes bring on a mini-revolt.

In the past, the Proficiency Award Scheme has greatly helped in this task, for in giving the students exercises to carry out in order to attain the Bronze Award, enables the coach to move from table to table knowing his charges are fully occupied, while at the same time, offering the student a visible goal.

It is therefore nice to know that although the Award Scheme has been in operation for some years now, and running very successfully, it is to be brought up to date, and more in line with the game as it is today.

The exercises for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards have been analysed and where required, changes have been made to meet the demands of modern play. This does not mean that wholesale changes have been effected to all the exercises. Basic strokes remain unaltered and will probably never alter much at this stage of a pupil's tuition.

The Staff coaches, together with the advisors have had technical meetings to discuss what might be omitted, introduced or just altered, and the changes are only made if they will benefit the recipient. The Scheme has also received the backing of sponsor-

ship from a well-known national company to be announced shortly.

There are to be new badges for students acquiring the Awards, and the quality of assessment for the Silver and Gold Awards especially, will be standardised. Unfortunately, as in all other aspects of life, the cost of the badges and assessment has been revised and all charges are now subject to Value Added Tax. As soon as new literature is available, application to the ETTA will afford you all the new and revised information.

Standardisation is important in any field where students have to be assessed. It is more important still when the assessors need not necessarily be the same examiners for all students.

With this in mind some welcome changes have been made in the coaching programme involving student coaches studying for awards up to Diploma 1-Star. With the introduction of the new student coach instructors launched on Sept 2, it means that courses can be run simultaneously all over the country, without involving the various Staff coaches.

It is obvious that instruction at all these courses should be of a similar nature. It has already been stated that guide lines will be given to instructors, in an attempt to attain uniformity in both methods and content.

Now it has been suggested that study sessions will be conducted from specially prepared papers, possibly numbered or in some way identified, for the information of students on what will be covered by any particular course.

I have mentioned earlier in these notes that changes have been made in many sectors to keep pace with the changes happening in table tennis. This is also true concerning coaching methods, and many qualified coaches are not aware of these changes, or as in some cases do not believe they exist.

Methods of coaching have improved internationally with countries sending their own officials to study methods in the more successful countries. These interchanges have brought into prominence the best of all the varied methods differing only in interpretation.

Study and analysis of play during the world championships always brings out some aspect of the game which is then introduced into the national coaching scheme. To help coaches to find out about such changes, and maybe, improve their own coaching activities, there are refresher courses arranged by the ETTA at Lilleshall from Jan 1/5, 1974 at £12.65 which includes full board and VAT. Forms for this course are available from Jack Carrington at 82 Hermitage Court, London, E18 2EP. Phone: 01-989 3321.

In the past I have found this particular course is usually overbooked, and some people have had their application refused. It is therefore advisable to return your form early — by Nov 30 at the latest, when the full fee must be paid.

Also at Lilleshall, from July 13-20, there is to be a personal performance course as there is at Exeter from July 20-27.

It has been interesting to see the new films taken by Peter Simpson at the last world championships in Sarajevo. The study of these films, with the help of a spectro analyzer, makes it possible to witness the heights reached by the world's top players and, especially, a close look at stroke production, mobility and balance makes for interesting study at the coaching courses held by the Staff coaches.

From Oct 1-8, Peter Simpson will have been running his annual coaching course for the R.A.F. in Norfolk which he has been doing for the past four years. I don't doubt that when the Army and Navy find out about these courses, Peter could finish up as official advisor to the Armed Forces, and maybe have "By Appointment" on his track suit.

I have had various bits of information regarding the ETTA Coaching Centre at St. Neots. I was not even sure where St. Neots was, other than it must be in the South East, for it came in Peter Hirst territory.

Now in a letter I have received from coach Len Saywell quite a number of gaps have been filled in. The Centre is based at Longsands School, St. Neots, Hunts. Four years ago Jack Carrington held a Proficiency Rally at the school, and at this rally discussion was held as to the possibility of a training centre at St. Neots.

With the help of John Cornwell, Coaching Advisor, the centre became a reality and was soon self-supporting, having six tables — 3 supplied by the centre and 3 by the ETTA — the St. Neots Regional Centre was born. It is now used on a Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and boasts a further three tables. Junior players from the St. Neots league and members of the local youth centre are catered for each week.

The local Youth Centre has been a great help in the formation of this centre and without them the whole venture would never have been possible. Many such services deserve the gratitude of table tennis players for the existence of training centres.

One Sunday each month the centre

is used for ETTA coaching and another Sunday by the Area Squad. Any organised function requires somebody to do the 'behind the scenes' work, and in this case it is the chairman of the St. Neots TT Club, Cliff Oliver. Now, I believe, through a loan made by the Club a Stiga Robot machine has been purchased. With correct supervision this could prove quite an asset to all juniors using the centre.

At the end of last season I took some juniors to a tournament, which shall remain nameless, for the quicker I forget it, the better. The finals had not even started at 10-30 p.m. and I still had to drive 2½ hours to get home. My faith in tournament organisers was restored at this season's Cumberland 2-Star at Carlisle which was run smoothly, with the finals starting at 7-40 p.m. It was a delight to have entered.

## European League

### England Triumph Against Austria

by THE EDITOR

SOME 60 km. east of Vienna, in the township of Traismauer, before some 400 spectators on Oct 30, England set about making good the damage inflicted by Hungary in the Premier Division of the European League. And, what is more, they succeeded by 6 sets to 1.

Maintaining his form as shown in winning the men's singles title at the Humberstone 3-Star Open just two nights before, Nicky Jarvis got his country off to the best possible of starts by overcoming the tenacious Rudolf Weinmann over three hard-fought games.

This opening win was vitally important, not only for Jarvis, but for the team whose morale was boosted considerably and resulted in Denis Neale giving Heinz Schlüter a rare old dusting and Jill Hammersley, following on, treated Eva Bogner in like manner.

England's only reverse came in the fourth set when Jarvis, partnered by Desmond Douglas, went down in straight games to Schlüter/Weinmann in the men's doubles.

Thereafter it was all plain sailing with the exception of the final set in which Jarvis, after suffering an opening game reverse, came back to claw his way to success over the same Schlüter who, in Sarajevo last April, had that 'victory' over Trevor Taylor to his credit and Austria beat us in the Swaythling Cup 5-4.

Individual results in Traismauer (in match order) were:—

N. Jarvis bt R. Weinmann 20, -18, 22;

D. Neale bt H. Schlüter 10, 17;

J. Hammersley bt E. Bogner 9, 10;

D. Douglas/Jarvis lost to Schlüter/Weinmann -19, -18;

Neale/K. Mathews bt Weinmann/Bogner 11, 12;

Neale bt Weinmann 10, 12;

Jarvis bt Schlüter -16, 20, 18.



**HENDERSON - HOWARD**

Belatedly received it would be wholly wrong to 'spike', for reasons of being out-dated, this charming picture of Colin Henderson and his bride, the former Miss Sue Howard, taken on May 26 on which date they were married at Burpham Parish Church at 12 noon on a lovely sunny day.

Sue's sister, Linda, was one of three bridesmaids and Colin's brother was the best man. The reception was held at the Manor Inn, Farncombe where 180-200 guests assembled including many from the table tennis fraternity.

They included Jill and Nick Hammersley, Ken and Karenza Mathews, Eric Coster from Ireland, Bob Aldrich and Barry Hill, Diane and John Court, Mary and Brian Wright and family and "Connie" and Joan Warren.

After the reception, Colin and Sue flew off to Jersey leaving the guests to further merriment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Henderson are now domiciled at 51 Starthcona Avenue, Little Bookham, Surrey. Phone: Bookham 58154.

## SOMERSET NOTES

by **MIKE HAWKINS**

IN their first Senior County match of the new season, Somerset started their programme with a bang, they defeated visitors to the Weston-Super-Mare YMCA, Dorset, by a margin of 8-2. The Somerset line-up was as follows: Roger Morris, Brian Reeves, John Harry, Miss Jill Wilson and Mrs. Pat Reeves. The Somerset Champion, and No. 1, Tony Kinsey was not available, and schoolgirl Jill Wilson made her debut for the Senior side.

The Juniors v. Dorset match scheduled to have been played away on the same day, Oct. 13, had to be cancelled, owing to a car transporting

the Somerset side, breaking down on route.

A Summer League in the Bath and District TTA was a great success, and plans are already going ahead for next summer, the main object being to keep the interest going.

Great news on the coaching side from Coaching Secretary, Mrs. Doreen Henderson, who works tremendously hard for the youngsters in Somerset County areas, and I hear a large crowd of youngsters are coming on well in the North-East area, at Mid-somer- Norton.

Somerset County table-tennis has thus far been left off the England table-tennis map, but I feel sure that in the not too distant future they will be able to produce something useful at National level.

## NO RHAPSODY FOR ENGLAND

Having narrowly escaped relegation in the past two seasons from the Premier Division of the European League, England's prospects of remaining with the elite must have seemed pretty slight to the onlookers at Reading's Meadway Sports Centre, on Oct. 10, when they were 'white-washed' in this season's first engagement against Hungary.

Without the services of Tibor Klampar, required by the Hungarian Army, such a result was never really 'on'. But Denis Neale disappointed in losing his opening set to Gabor Gergely. The Yorkshireman had a commanding 18-12 lead eroded away in the second game by a player he had beaten in straight games in the Sarajevo world championships last April.

Disappointing too, was the defeat of Jill Hammersley by Judith Magos, who the Magyars preferred on the night, to their No. 1 European-ranked Beatrix Kishazi.

The visitors clinched the issue in the men's doubles won by a throw-together Istvan Jonyer and Gergely who just got the better of Neale and Desmond Douglas despite the home pair saving six match points and holding set point at 24-23! It was altogether a most unhappy night for England the detailed scores (in match order) being:-

D. Neale lost to G. Gergely -17, -18;  
N. Jarvis lost to I. Jonyer -17, -13;  
Mrs. J. Hammersley lost to J. Magos -16, -23;  
Neale/D. Douglas lost to Jonyer/Gergely 15, -14, -24;  
Neale/Mrs. K. Mathews lost to Jonyer/Magos -17, 10, -17;  
Neale lost to Jonyer -15, 17, -18;  
Jarvis lost to Gergely -15, -15.

The class and determination which sank England 7-0 in their European League match with Hungary at Reading, was again evident in the visitors play, when the two teams met again in a friendly match the following night at Coventry (writes John Pike).

With their entire squad all ranked in Europe another defeat for England was on the cards, and so it was to the tune of 7-1. With ticket sales soaring on the day of the match, the Matrix Ballroom at Coventry was full to capacity when Janos Börzsei beat Nicky Jarvis to give the visitors first blood.

Douglas, playing in front of his own Warwickshire supporters for the first time in an international match, then narrowly lost to Gergely. With the score 2-0, Beatrix Kishazi quickly showed why she is ranked No. 1 in Europe when completely outplaying Karenza Mathews.

Next the men's doubles and a close one this before Jonyer and Gergely got the better of Jarvis and Douglas. With the half way stage reached, England picked up their only win of the evening with Douglas and Linda Howard taking the mixed, the European Youth champions richly deserving the applause as they left the table.

Any hopes of an England revival were soon dashed when Beatrix Kishazi put the result beyond doubt with a comfortable win over Miss

Howard. The remaining men's singles both went to the visitors and so ended a match which the Coventry League can be proud of. They did everything to the letter and with a £250 sponsorship coming from local businessman D. H. Robins, one hopes it is not too long before we see another international in Coventry.

Detailed results:-

N. Jarvis lost to J. Börzsei -18, -12, -17.  
D. Douglas lost to Gergely 13, -15, -18;  
Mrs. Mathews lost to B. Kishazi -9, -7;  
Jarvis/Douglas lost to Jonyer/Gergely -19, -18;  
Douglas/Miss L. Howard bt Jonyer/Magos -19, 18, 18;  
Miss Howard lost to Kishazi -15, -14;  
Douglas lost to Börzsei -16, -18;  
Jarvis lost to Gergely -19, -16.

For the third evening in succession, England took a caning from Hungary when, at Crawley on Oct. 12, they again crashed to a 7-1 defeat.

The home team never looked capable of halting the slide which carried the Hungarians to a hat-trick of victories. Only Neale succeeded in staying the onslaught with a great win over Jonyer and, again in the doubles, with Donald Parker, the visitors had a fight on their hands.

Mrs. Susan Henderson (nee Howard) came in for some rough treatment from Miss Kishazi, as scores of -6, -3 would indicate, but player for player the Hungarian held all the aces.

Scores:-

Neale lost to Börzsei -18, -19;  
A. Clayton lost to Jonyer -12, -17;  
Mrs. Hammersley lost to Kishazi -13 -18;  
Neale/D. Parker lost to Jonyer/Gergely -18, -18;  
Clayton/Mrs. S. Henderson lost to Börzsei/Kishazi -15, -13;  
Mrs. Henderson lost to Kishazi -6, -3;  
Neale bt Jonyer 10, -15, 14;  
Clayton lost to Börzsei -20, 18, -14.

## SAME TEAM

Although defeated by Hungary in the opening match of the European League at Reading, England's team is unchanged for their first away match, against Austria in Vienna on Oct. 30. It is:- D. Neale (Yorks), N. Jarvis (Yorks), D. Douglas (Warwks), Mrs. J. Hammersley (Bucks.) and Mrs. K. Mathews (Middx.). Les Gresswell is the non-playing captain.

Newly promoted Austria had a 5-4 win over England in the Swaythling Cup competition in Sarajevo last April so the incentive is there for England to make amends and secure their position at Austria's expense.

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Lancashire v Surrey, Wigan Cricket Club, Bull Hey, Wigan (3.30 p.m.).  
\*Middlesex v Yorkshire.  
\*Subject to re-arrangement.

## SECOND SOUTH

Dec. 1 Middlesex II v Kent.  
Berkshire v Sussex.  
Surrey v Hampshire.

## SECOND NORTH

Dec. 1 Lincolnshire v Lancashire II.  
Northumberland v Durham.  
Yorkshire II v Cheshire II.

## SECOND MIDLAND

Dec. 1 Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire.  
Leicestershire v Gloucestershire, Knighton Park T.T.C., 168, Avenue Road Extension, Leicester (7.15 p.m.).  
Staffordshire v Warwickshire II.

## SECOND EAST

Dec. 1 Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire, Haverhill Sports Centre, The Pightle, Haverhill (7.15 p.m.).  
Essex II v Norfolk.  
.. 2 Bedfordshire v Northamptonshire.

## SECOND WEST

Dec. 1 Cornwall v Somerset.  
Dorset v Wiltshire.  
Glamorgan v Worcestershire.

## SOUTHERN

Dec. 1 Hampshire II v Buckinghamshire II.  
Kent II v Oxfordshire.  
Sussex v Berkshire II.

## NORTHERN

Dec. 1 Cumberland v Derbyshire II, Millom School, Millom (2.30 p.m.).  
Durham II v Northumberland II.

## MIDLAND

Dec. 1 Monmouthshire v Herefordshire.  
Shropshire v Glamorgan II, British Sugar Corporation S. & S. Club, Beet Sugar Factory, Allscott, Telford (2.30 p.m.).

## EASTERN

Nov. 17 Hertfordshire II v Norfolk II, Cheshunt Boys' Club, High Street, Waltham Cross (6.30 p.m.).  
Dec. 1 Norfolk II v Huntingdonshire, CEYMS, Brigg Street, Norwich (6.45 p.m.).  
Suffolk v Essex III, The Dome, 193, Defoe Road, Ipswich (6.45 p.m.).

## JUNIOR SOUTH

Dec. 1 Hampshire v Essex III, Merton TTC., St. James Institute, Stourfield Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth (3 p.m.).  
Hertfordshire II v Kent, Cheshunt Boys' Club, High Street, Waltham Cross (2.30 p.m.).  
Oxfordshire v Surrey II, St. Margaret's Hall, Polstead Road, Oxford (6.30 p.m.).  
Sussex v Berkshire II.

## JUNIOR NORTH

Dec. 1 Northumberland v Durham.  
Westmorland v Cheshire.  
Yorkshire II v Cumberland.

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

Dec. 1 Leicestershire II v Warwickshire II, Knighton Park TTC, 168, Avenue Road Extension, Leicester (2.30 p.m.).  
Nottinghamshire v Lancashire II.  
Staffordshire v Lincolnshire, Woodfield S. & S. Club, Woodfield Avenue, Penn Road, Wolverhampton (2.30 p.m.).

## JUNIOR EAST

Dec. 1 Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire.  
Essex II v Bedfordshire, Maldon Y.C., The Friary, Chequers Lane, Maldon (2.30 p.m.).  
Huntingdonshire v Cambridgeshire II.  
Northamptonshire v Norfolk, Sponne School, Brackley Road, Towcester (2.30 p.m.).

## JUNIOR WEST

Dec. 1 Berkshire v Glamorgan, Priestwood Scout Hut, Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell (2.30 p.m.).  
Wiltshire v Dorset.  
Worcestershire v Devon.  
.. 2 Somerset v Gloucestershire, YMCA., High Street, Weston-super-Mare (3 p.m.).

## VETERAN SOUTH

Dec. 1 Essex v Hampshire, Japan Road Club, Chadwell Heath (4 p.m.).  
Kent v Oxfordshire.  
Wiltshire v Hertfordshire.

## VETERAN MIDLAND

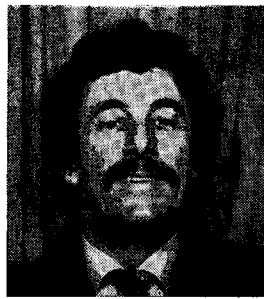
Dec. 1 Cheshire v Leicestershire.  
Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire.  
Warwickshire v Staffordshire.

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# CONTROVERSY



**JOHN WOODFORD**  
predicts that a players' national grading system is on the way

TONY Ross and I have crossed swords, or perhaps I should say pens on one occasion last season but I would like to congratulate him on his coverage of the European Youth Championships in the last issue of this magazine and to support most of his thoughts in his article "After Athens What Next?"

By that you will have gathered we are back to a familiar subject — how are England going to produce world champions in time for the 1977 World Championships whilst the principal young contenders are wasting so much valuable time in the evenings and at week-ends playing against people they would stand a good chance of beating left-handed, assuming they are right-handed.

Disenchantment amongst junior tournament organisers is increasing more rapidly. Having done a great deal of work in preparation for their event they find that only a sprinkling of the best boys and girls have entered and then their No. 1 seed, currently playing for England cannot come. The most recent example of this was at Alan Shepherd's Essex Junior Open.

Had Paul Day appeared, I think it would be fair to say that he would have been killing time for most of the day until he reached the last two rounds. The "killing" of a dozen or so junior tournaments would be a painful operation and would lead to casualties from the hard-driven organisers and their committees. I feel that it could be so upsetting for some of the more senior officials that they might be lost to the game.

This would be a pity, but in all walks of life, business or sport or leisure there are always changes just as new buildings go up all around us and old ones disappear. There must therefore be vast changes in the structure of table tennis, if that is, we are to pursue the declared E.T.T.A. policy of producing an English world champion.

I'll go a stage further with Tony Ross and agree that my suggestion some while back of "throwing the top juniors in at the deep end" can be substituted for a national players' grading system successfully operated by West Germany, Sweden and others.

If after the new system became operative there are still officials who wish to run junior opens, I see no reason to stop them providing their events could be fitted into the calendar and they accept the fact that they

would be unlikely to receive many entries from the top juniors who would be too busy working their way through the gradings.

One of the counter arguments is that we are paying too much attention to creating world champions and not doing enough for the rank and file. It's a valid point because there is still a large "market" for junior tournaments for the 99.5 per cent. who will never make the national rankings.

But of course, the stalwart band of organisers cannot have the best of both worlds — the potential "elite" must play in competition against the senior "elite" as often as possible to accelerate their improvement. The rest will have to play amongst themselves until they are good enough to play with the big boys. It sounds like class distinction, but as this is a "neck-sticking-out" column, I will now PREDICT that this system, or one very much like it, WILL come into being before we are all very much older!

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by PAULINE JACKSON

The junior County trials were recently held at North Shields YMCA and these resulted in the following rankings:- Boys — 1 Andrew Clark (Briarside), 2. Peter Clark (Briarside), 3. Glenn McCardle (N. Shields YMCA), 4. Eddie Thomas (N. Shields BC), 5. Maurice Bowman (BWSC) and 6. Tony Valter (N. Shields YMCA). Girls — Valerie Smith (Briarside), 2. Ann Henderson (Rothbury), 3. Lorraine McLeod (N. Shields) and 4. Alison Morpeth (N. Shields).

Subsequently, we now learn that Peter Clark has decided to call it a day at the age of 16. This, of course, would have been his last season as a junior in any case, but there is no doubt that his presence will be badly missed. With Barbara Kearney and Lucille Clark also no longer available as they are over age, the junior team look to have a long hard struggle ahead of them this season.

In their first match, against the powerful Yorkshire II team, they suffered a 9-1 reverse, the only set being won by Andrew Clark, who easily accounted for Michael Thirkettle. Eddie Thomas, Valerie Smith and Ann Henderson all made their debuts in this match, but apart from Thomas taking Thirkettle very close, most of the other sets were very one-sided. However, one can take comfort from the fact that Yorkshire are the strongest side they are likely to face, and they can only learn and improve from experience.

The two senior teams do not open their account until this month when the first team travel to play Cheshire II in a Div. 2 (North) fixture, and the second team fulfil a Northern Division fixture at home to Cheshire III. The juniors, meanwhile, also travel to play Cheshire juniors for their second match of the season.

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# County Championships Round-up

by JOHN WRIGHT

## FEW SURPRISES

FEW, if any, surprises in this month's matches with fixtures in only ten of the divisions involved. Already though we have the playing of an ineligible player; an unregistered player, and two players in the wrong order — watch this please, Match Secretaries, as it could prove expensive in more ways than one!

A reminder that nominations for this season's "Leslie Forrest Award" are due to reach me by Dec. 31/73. Candidates must be nominated by their County, and must have rendered a great contribution, in an administrative capacity, to Table Tennis in the County Field".

## PREMIER DIVISION —

CHESHIRE 5, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 4  
M. Johns bt P. Shirley 21, -27, 10;  
bt L. Wooding 7, 20.  
B. Kean bt Shirley -14, 17, 10;  
lost to A. Watson -20, -18.  
N. Eckersley lost to Wooding  
-17, -21;  
bt Watson 11, 16.  
Johns/B. Johns bt Watson/Wooding  
18, -16, 12.  
Miss S. Lisle lost to Mrs. J.  
Hammersley -10, -12.  
B. Johns/Lisle lost to Shirley/  
Hammersley -19, -20.

A triumph for Brian Kean whose opening set win v. Paul Shirley got Cheshire off to a good start. This stretched to 3-0 and 5-2 when Mike Johns recovered against Shirley from 15-20 to win the opening game, lose a marathon 2nd but no mistake in 3rd. Susan Lisle in her new shirt found Jill Hammersley far too consistent: what a pleasure to see Jill back in the Premier!

LANCASHIRE 1, MIDDLESEX 8  
D. Parker lost to M. Sugden 19, -15, -19;  
lost to A. Barden 19, -17, -21.  
A. Boasman lost to Sugden -12, -16;  
lost to M. Mitchell -12, -16.  
R. Kelly lost to Barden -17, -15;  
lost to Mitchell 15, -9, -16.  
Boasman/Parker bt Mitchell/Sugden  
-14, 14, 18.  
Mrs. D. Johnson lost to Mrs. K.  
Mathews -11, -18.  
Kelly/Johnson lost to Barden/Mathews  
-17, -11.

Prevailed upon to delay his retirement by one match, Malcolm Sugden steered his team to a nice win. Malcolm's 52 MS wins in 33 matches shows his value to Middlesex, and with the already known loss of "Les" Haslam the visitors must rebuild. Mark Mitchell will figure in these plans and had two good wins on Premier debut including success over the re-called Tony Boasman.

WARWICKSHIRE 5, ESSEX 4  
D. Douglas bt D. Brown 15, -13, 6;  
bt I. Horsham 11, 18.  
B. Burn lost to Brown 16, -13, -8;

bt I. Robertson 20, 16.  
D. Munt bt Horsham 19, 17;  
lost to Robertson 11, 17, -10.  
Burn/Douglas bt Brown/Robertson  
16, 20.  
Miss D. St. Ledger lost to Miss S.  
Hession -10, -16.  
R. Gunnion/St. Ledger lost to  
Horsham/Hession -10, 18, -6.

A fine win by Warwicks who trailed 1-3 and 2-4. Des Douglas set it up with an easier-than-expected 3 game success over David Brown; Derek Munt recovered from his earlier drubbing to beat Ian Horsham; and Brian Burn finished it off against Ian Robertson. But when Burn trailed 10-20 in the first Warwicks hopes were low, but some magnificently hit winners helped him take 12 consecutive points and he continued in similar vein for the 2nd game.

YORKSHIRE 6, SURREY 3  
D. Neale bt C. Warren 15, 15;  
bt R. Chandler 10, 15.  
N. Jarvis lost to Warren -17, -17;  
bt R. Yule 18, -16, 13.  
A. Hydes bt Chandler 10, 11;  
bt Yule -22, 15, 23.  
Hydes/Neale bt Chandler/Warren  
12, 12.  
Miss J. Walker lost to Miss L. Howard  
-16, -14.  
Jarvis/Walker lost to Yule/Howard  
11, -13, -15.

Had Richard Yule (on debut) been able to clinch his set with Alan Hydes the match might have gone the other way as "Connie" Warren had given Surrey a good start. The score was three times level but then Yorks pulled away with Denis Neale always in command.

## SECOND WEST

CORNWALL 1 DEVON 9  
A tough match to start with for Cornwall who were possibly a bit short of match practice, but Devon deserved this handsome result.

SOMERSET 8, DORSET 2  
WILTSHIRE 3, GLAMORGAN 7  
Terry Bruce in great form and got the hosts off to a splendid start by beating Alan Griffiths 22, -18, 22. He followed this by crushing Michael Owen 17, 10 but only Alison Boyce, who twice came from behind to beat Janet Evans 17, 18, could help him.

## EASTERN

HUNTINGDONSHIRE 2,  
HERTFORDSHIRE 11 8  
ESSEX III 10, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 0  
Les Eadie, on senior debut, troubled by John Goodall in the final set but finally overcame nerves and service difficulties to round off the win.

NORFOLK II 4, SUFFOLK 6  
Norfolk led 3-2 but lost the next 4 sets in straight games and the chance of their first win.

JUNIOR SOUTH  
ESSEX III 9, OXFORDSHIRE 1

HAMPSHIRE 9, KENT 1  
Some very close games here, with Linda Wales showing what an asset she will be to her new County. Hants led 8-0 before Robert Williams grabbed a -17, 17, 22 win over C. Payne for Kent's only success.

SURREY II 7, BERKSHIRE II 3  
Alan Hicks led the Berkshire 1st team last season: this time he leads the 2nds and got them off to a good start by beating Keith Seager. Carol Ingham and Karen Witt picked up GD but the overall Surrey strength told with Martin Shuttle unbeaten.

SUSSEX 8, HERTFORDSHIRE II 2  
Mike Douglas and Gerald Pugh led a Sussex side too strong for the young Herts team. But the younger players of both Counties impressed by their fight and composure.

## JUNIOR NORTH

CHESHIRE 2, LANCASHIRE 8  
Despite valiant efforts, particularly by Trevor Burrows, the superior skills of the visitors took the spoils from a local derby.

CHESHIRE 1, LANCASHIRE 9  
Score amended from 2-8 as Burrows played in 4 sets which is not permitted.

CUMBERLAND 6, WESTMORLAND 4  
A fine start for Westmorland with two "deuce in the 3rd" wins — then Cumberland led 4-2 only to be pulled back to 4-4. Unbeaten Peter Polczynski for the hosts and visiting Brian Fowell the best.

YORKSHIRE II 9, NORTHUMBERLAND 1  
With last season's charming girls "over age", Northumberland had to introduce two newcomers who were given a stern lesson by Julie McLean and Melody Ludi. Andrew Clark scored the lone visiting success while for Yorks "Killer" Kilburn and David Renton outstanding.

## JUNIOR MIDLAND

LINCOLNSHIRE 5, LEICESTERSHIRE II 5  
STAFFORDSHIRE 0, DERBYSHIRE 10  
With all last season's side still available, Derbys will take some stopping: Staffs. have a virtually new side. Both Robert Legge and Stephen Nickless came close to taking a set for the hosts.

WARWICKSHIRE II 7,  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 3  
9-1 on the table, but Warwicks forfeited two sets by playing their No. 2-ranked girl.

## JUNIOR EAST

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 5, NORFOLK 5  
Good recovery by Bucks from 1-4 down on their return to this division.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE II 3,  
BEDFORDSHIRE 7  
Cambs never recovered from dropping the first 3 BS. All the doubles went their way (including BD from Derek Kiddle and Anthony Holmes) but then the BS failed again.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 0, ESSEX II 10  
Gary Alden led Kevin Caldon 18-12 in 3rd game of opening set only to go under -10, 18, -19 and then the Essex steamroller got going.

## JUNIOR WEST

BERKSHIRE 10, WILTSHIRE 0  
Both Paul Trott and David Reeves

dropped the middle games of their opening singles, but after then Wiltshire presented few problems. This good all-round team must be favourites for the division.

WORCESTERSHIRE 7, GLAMORGAN 3  
Only the second time in 10 seasons that Worcs. have opened with a win, which was their first against Glamorgan, and Glamorgan's first defeat in this division by an English County since 1964-5! Only Andrew Thomas of last season's side remains and he figured in two wins. Highlight was Simon Claxton's -21, 18, 10 win over Thomas — Claxton and Pat Woodward were unbeaten.

DEVON 5, GLOUCESTERSHIRE 5  
Devon never in the lead, nor more than a set in arrears. Convincing win for Chris Sewell 14, 19 over Keith James in grand set and both teams a credit to their Counties.

## VETERAN SOUTH

HERTFORDSHIRE 2, KENT 7  
HUNTINGDONSHIRE 7, WILTSHIRE 2  
OXFORDSHIRE 3, ESSEX 6

A four-hour match due largely to the 50-minute 3rd set where Roy Coussens and Lew Franklip went expedite at 4-3 in 3rd before the former won 17, -15, 13. A straight game win, but very hard fought, for Marie Know 20, 21 over Mair Davies after Marie had led 7-1 and trailed 18-20 in second. Les Ridgewell from Thurrock made a solo round trip to watch — there's keenness!

## VETERAN MIDLAND

STAFFORDSHIRE 4, CHESHIRE 5  
LEICESTERSHIRE 2, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 7  
WORCESTERSHIRE 2, WARWICKSHIRE 7

# International Club

by LAURIE LANDRY

Once again our big event will be the Annual Hard-rubber bat tournament. This is due to be held at the Barnett TT Centre on Sunday, January 6, 1974 when we hope to have a big entry. In a Club hard-rubber bat tournament held in Manchester on September 30, Jeff Ingber emerged the winner.

Jeff showed excellent rubber-bat form with wins over Derek Schofield and myself in the final group. Derek beat me for second place in a typical cliff-hanger.

Last month, at very short notice, a match was hurriedly fixed up against a German Club, S.V. Neuenbrook-Retnwisch attached to the Hamburg Football Club.

The match, consisting of 6-a-side, all play all, with 9 doubles was organised at East Finchley. The Club side was too strong for our sporting opponents but a good afternoon was had by all. Team — Mark Mitchell, Andrew Barden, John Kit-chener (all Associate members) and myself together with guest players David Tan and Eric Prowen, who helps out the ETTA with translations from German. Another match was fixed up with Gunnersbury Triangle Club on the following day, October 7th.

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