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# 34th World Championships

## TEAM EVENTS

### Chinese Supreme

by GEORGE R. YATES



## STIMULUS

As the curtain falls on a truly momentous season, one is left to ponder as to where we go from here, and into this sphere of activity comes the Development sub-Committee of the English Table Tennis Association under the chairmanship of Norman Reeve.

That there will be a spin-off from the 34th World Championships is not in doubt, how this is to be best exploited a different matter. Certainly such considerations are under active investigation as indeed is the future of the England team and the modus operandi appertaining thereto.

The tentacles of the octopus grow ever more numerous and the workload overpowering in its increasing complexity affecting both the professional staff and those amateurs charged with specific duties.

But just as the problems which arose at the N.E.C. in Birmingham were overcome—financial implications apart—the riddles appertaining to the future can also be solved.

It will take good will on all sides not least from those who make up that most democratic of assemblies known as the National Council through whose members the information is filtered down to stimulate the grass roots growth.

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For the loss of only four sets by their men and half that number by their women, the **People's Republic of China** retained both the Swaythling and Corbillon Cups at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham over the period March 26-30.

Of the nine matches contested in the men's event only one could be considered to have been close when a 4-1 lead established over Hungary was reduced to 4-3 before Kuo Yao-hua put an end to the proceedings by defeating Tibor Klampar.

Prior to Istvan Jonyer — later to lose his hold on the men's singles title when beaten by Patrick Birocheau of France — had side-spun his way to wins over both Kuo and Huang Liang, the former having also lost to Gabor Gergely.

**These two falls from grace provided the only meat in a sandwich that was far from being designed to appease the appetite of opponents whose digestive organs, for the most part, remained untaxed.**

Both Sweden and Japan, who provided the opposition in the second and third stage matches,

failed absolutely, the Japanese in particular, as the undefeated Group B winners, only managing to win a single game and that by Mitsuru Kohno — subsequently to be crowned the men's singles champion — who took the middle game from Liang Ke-liang in the second set.

### DISAPPOINTMENT

**What a disappointment it was for an audience keyed up to witness a dramatic encounter having to content themselves by applauding the utter mastery of the Chinese whose strength in depth is utterly formidable.**

Small wonder then that England, who opposed China in their third match, following 5-1 defeats inflicted by Hungary and Czechoslovakia, should be snuffed out like the proverbial candle.

Desmond Douglas and Paul Day had just nothing to offer, nor had Andrew Barden who had been substituted for Denis Neale. England's men could not have made a better start when, in their opening match against Hungary, Day had a 2-straight win over Klampar.



Together, with smiles all round, for this Anglo-Chinese gathering.

—Photo by Don Morley, Morden.



A pensive looking Desmond Douglas shows no sign of nerves as Peter Simpson pins on his number.

—Photo by Geoff Schofield, Leicester.

But it was flattery to deceive for it proved to be our only success albeit three of the subsequent five sets needed a decider with Neale figuring in two, against Jonyer and Gergely.

Still the defeat was not entirely unexpected which was far from the case in the second match against Czechoslovakia, who also triumphed 5-1.

This truly was a sickener more especially after our European League triumph, but the Czechs were out to avenge that defeat and well they accomplished it, only Douglas staying the executioner's hand when equating the match score in the second set by beating Josef Dvoracek.

Milan Orlovski accounted for both Neale and Douglas, the former also losing to Jaroslav Kunz, as did Day who also lost to Dvoracek. Small wonder then that morale was low even before tackling China whose predictable 5-0 victory proved little more than a loosening-up exercise.

The restoration of Neale for the fourth match against Indonesia seemed to have a settling effect on the England team for, despite Day losing to Empie Wuisan, a 5-1 win ensued.

Still in unison, a subsequent 5-0 victory over Australia, with the same trio employed, secured our status in the first category. But darkness returned with our meeting with France which went wrong from the outset when Neale, having won the first game against Christian Martin, lost the next two.

And this was the sum total of games needed for Jacques Secretin to dispose of Day whose form had suffered a relapse since his opening win against Klampar in the Hungarian encounter.

Douglas pulled one back in beating Birocheau and that was it, 5-1 to France, although the Birmingham left-hander went down desperately -20 in the third to Martin.

A similar defeat inflicted by Federal Germany seemed the end even allowing for a Douglas win over Peter Stellwag and a 'benched' Neale whose

failure to attend a morning warm-up session brought about his subsequent non-selection.

Yet in finishing sixth, at the conclusion of the first stage, the incentive was there to strive for a final 9th place, three in excess of our finishing position in Calcutta. And the target was still there after the second stage match against Poland, won 5-1, with Day letting the one slip when beaten by Stanislaw Fraczyk.

Despite being up against France once more in the final encounter, a will to win pervaded the atmosphere and, incredibly, victory was in sight with a 4-3 lead established by Neale and Douglas both victors over Martin and Birocheau.

#### UNSUCCESSFUL

The pressure was then on the hitherto unsuccessful Day and Martin, the latter, although primarily a defender, having the ability to come up to the table and let go remarkable winners.

Catching up at 20-all in the decider the Frenchman employed such tactics to put his country level and it was then left for Secretin to administer the coup de grace beating Neale 13 and 13 to emphasise just how unlucky we were not to finish one place higher than the 10th position obtained — still it was two places up on India.

Australia, in finishing bottom of Group A, without a win to their name, escaped the drop into the 2nd Category by accounting for Denmark 5-3 in their second stage match.

It was a defeat that sent the Danes down along with Indonesia. Replacing them in the top category will be Hong Kong and the United States whose Danny Seemiller claimed an unbeaten record which might have been even more impressive had he played in the second match against Hong Kong for positions 17 and 18 — not that it really mattered, both countries being already assured of promotion.

But to give Danny credit, he did account for Chang Scheng Shien, Vong Iu Veng and Commonwealth champion Li Kuang Tsu in the first stage encounter.

A study of the final placings will reveal the significant rise in world standings obtained by Poland, Japan and Federal Germany, in the 1st category, and by Hong Kong, the United States, Israel, Canada and Egypt in the lesser classification.



Finland's Gregberg sisters, Sanja (left), aged 12, and Monica (14), in action during the early part of the Marcel Corbillon Cup competition.

—Photo by Geoff Schofield, Leicester.



China's Huang Liang whose only loss in the Swaythling Cup was to Istvan Jonyer of Hungary.  
—Photo by Tony Ross, Hessele.

The downward trend of Yugoslavia is hard to understand as is that of Austria, India and the Netherlands, the latter having gained promotion to the Super Division of the European League.

Even more invincible than their male counterparts, China's women absolutely dominated affairs in the Corbillon Cup competition losing but two sets in ten matches when Chang Li was beaten by world champion Pak Yung Sun and Chang Te-ying by Liana Mihut of Rumania.

That eight matches were won 3-0, with varying doubles combinations, is again indicative of the embarrassment of riches afforded those charged with the selection of Chinese teams. Oh that such a state of affairs should exist in England!

#### UNBEATEN

The Republic of Korea emerged as the unbeaten winners of Group B but, like Japan in the men's team final, failed to put up any real resistance to the all-conquering Chinese in the final — yet another anti-climax.

Represented throughout the 5-day event by Chung Hyan Sook and Lee Aileasa, the South Koreans only shed sets in the match against the Soviet Union whose Valentina Popova beat Lee Aileasa to augment a doubles success.

England, who finished fifth in Calcutta and second only to Hungary of the European nations, began where they had left off with an opening 3-0 win over Bulgaria, Jill Hammersley and Linda Howard being rarely extended.

For the next match, against Sweden, Carole Knight replaced Linda in the singles and promptly lost to Ann-Christin Hellman in the opening set, Jill repaired the damage, beating Eva Stromvall, paired with Linda for another doubles success and effectively sealed the issue in beating Hellman.

Drama unfolded in the subsequent match against Rumania which began with Carole regaining her spurs with victory over Maria Alexandru. This was countered by a surprise win for Liana Mihut over Jill, 2-straight if you please.

Worse was to follow when Jill and Linda crashed in the doubles but Jill restored the balance with an easy victory over Alexandru — hard to believe these two had battled it out for the European crown, twelve months previously, in Prague!

In the final all-important encounter between Carole and Mihut, the English champion brought off the win of her life in turning a 9-19 deficit,

in the third game, into an incredible 21-19 victory. Talk about the tortoise and the hare — but that was fiction!

Korea DPR, non-entrants in the team event in Calcutta, then put a firm spoke in England's wheel winning 3-0 albeit two of the three sets went into a deciding game.

But it was back on the rails against Czechoslovakia whose lone winner was Ilona Uhlíkova over Carole. Jill won her two and the doubles with Linda.

#### DRUBBINGS

Subsequent 3-0 drubbings by Hungary and China were in keeping with the form book although the three sets in the Hungarian match went to three. But defeats for Jill, by Beatrix Kishazi, and for Jill and Linda by Judit Magos and Gabriella Szabo, did nothing to inspire confidence for the individual events to follow.

Still a 3-0 win over Belgium gave us a Stage 1 finishing position of sixth and the chance to equate the final fifth position obtained in Calcutta.

The Soviet Union, however, barred the path, as they had done in the European Team final, and again it was the Russians who conquered 3-2.

Jill set up the base of victory by beating Elmira Antonian in the opening set but in the next, Carole's famed loop drive held no terrors for Zoya Rudnova whose penhold style proved more than an adequate counter.

Victory for the Russian pair in the doubles was countered by Jill easily accounting for Rudnova. But Carole, still without a win since beating Mihut, failed yet again as she is so apt to do against the leading lights of Europe. On this occasion Antonian beat her in straight games.

Fighting now for positions 7 or 8, the English girls had Hong Kong to contend with the Asian pair being the Commonwealth team champions no less.

Once more Jill opened the proceedings to defeat the new Commonwealth champion herself Chang Siu Ying. Carole was again found wanting in losing to Sui Kit Man but the doubles and a second win for Jill carried the day for a final seventh position — a drop of two places from India.

Jill apart, it was a far from impressive performance leaving one to ponder on the wisdom of Bryan Merrett's persistance in preferring Carole to Linda in so many matches. But, yet again, a

win from being 9-19 down takes a brave man to ring a change.

Belgium and Indonesia finished up in the relegated positions with the Netherlands and the United States due for promotion when next the nations assemble in Korea DPR two years hence.

#### COVER PHOTOGRAPH

China's Li Fu-jung, himself a thrice beaten world men's singles finalist, holds the Swaythling Cup surrounded by his all-conquering team of (1 to r), Huang Liang, Liang Ke-liang, Li Chen-shih, Wang Chun and Kuo Yao-hua.

#### 34th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS — TEAM EVENTS —

##### RESULTS

##### SWAYTHLING CUP

##### GROUP 1A — STAGE 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
A1 CHINA .....	7	7	0	35	4	7
A2 Hungary .....	7	6	1	33	13	6
A3 Federal Germany .....	7	5	2	27	15	5
A4 Czechoslovakia .....	7	4	3	26	21	4
A5 France .....	7	3	4	21	22	3
A6 England .....	7	2	5	14	26	2
A7 Indonesia .....	7	1	6	7	32	1
A8 Australia .....	7	0	7	5	35	0

English results:—

v Hungary (lost 1-5)

P. Day bt T. Klampar 19, 20; lost to I. Jonyer -19, -17;  
D. Douglas lost to G. Gergely -11, -14; lost to Klampar  
14, -14, -16;  
D. Neale lost to Jonyer -19, 13, -15; lost to Gergely  
-17, 16, -15.

v Czechoslovakia (lost 1-5)

Neale lost to M. Orłowski -19, -8; lost to J. Kunz -5, -18;  
Douglas bt J. Dvoracek 9, -18, 19; lost to Orłowski  
-16, 20, -17;  
Day lost to Kunz -14, -14; lost to Dvoracek -18, -11.

v China (lost 0-5)

A. Barden lost to Huang Liang -16, -15; lost to Li Chen-shih  
-12, -16  
Douglas lost to Kuo Yao-hua -14, -11; lost to Huang  
Liang -16, -9.  
Day lost to Li Chen-shih -15, -8.

v Indonesia (won 5-1)

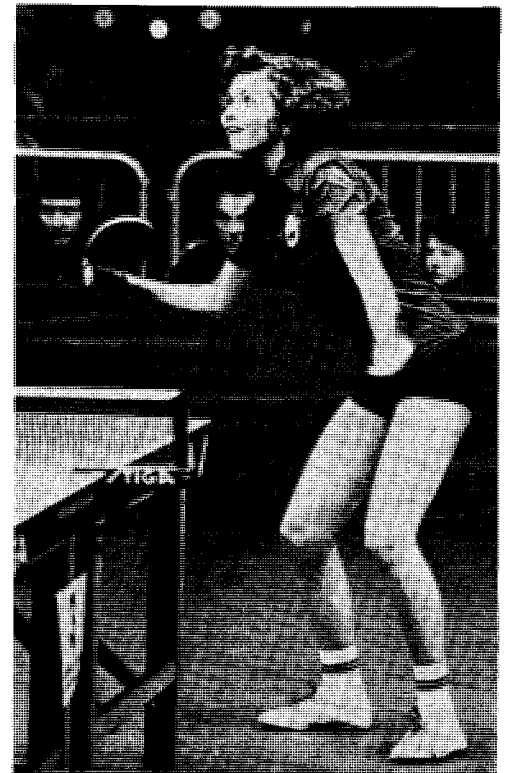
Day lost to E. Wuisan -16, -23; bt G. Sutedja 20, 20.  
Neale bt Sutedja 16, 11; bt S. Supit -18, 11, 16.  
Douglas bt Supit 11, 12; bt Wuisan 5, 13.

v Australia (won 5-0)

Day bt R. Javor 16, -16, 17; bt R. Tuckett 10, 20.  
Douglas bt P. Pinkewich 5, 13; bt Javor 13, 9.  
Neale bt Tuckett 19, 19.

v France (lost 1-5)

Neale lost to C. Martin 15, -15, -16; lost to J. Secretin  
-17, -17.



Liana Mihut of Rumania in more light hearted mood than when losing to Carole Knight from being 19-9 up!

—Photo by Tony Ross, Hessele.



The Swedish team get behind their man Ulf Thorsell for his encounter with Anton Stipancic in the Swaythling Cup match against Yugoslavia.

—Photo by Tony Ross, Hessler.

**GROUP B2 — STAGE 1**

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
2B1 U.S.A.	8	7	1	38	23	7
2B2 Hong Kong	8	7	1	38	27	7
2B3 Greece	8	6	2	35	27	6
2B4 Austria	8	5	3	30	17	5
2B5 Luxembourg	8	4	4	25	32	4
2B6 Scotland	8	3	5	23	31	3
2B7 Egypt	8	3	5	24	32	3
2B8 Belgium	8	1	7	19	38	1
2B9 Malaysia	8	0	8	15	40	0

**STAGE 2**

For Positions (17-20)	
2A1 Bulgaria	4
2A2 Italy	4
For Positions (21-24)	
2A3 India	5
2A4 Canada	1
For Positions (25-28)	
2A5 Netherlands	5
2A6 Israel	5
For Positions (29-32)	
2A7 Switzerland	5
2A8 Iran	3
For Positions (33-34)	
2A9 Singapore	0

**STAGE 3**

For Positions (17-18)	
HONG KONG	5
For Positions (19-20)	
Bulgaria	5
For Positions (21-22)	
India	5
For Positions (23-24)	
Canada	5
For Positions (25-26)	
Netherlands	5
For Positions (27-28)	
Luxembourg	5
For Positions (29-30)	
Egypt	5
For Positions (31-32)	
Belgium	5
For Position (33)	
Malaysia	
For Position (34)	
Singapore	

**THIRD CATEGORY STAGE 1**

GROUP 3A	
3A1 FINLAND	4 4 0 20 5 4
3A2 Turkey	4 3 1 17 9 3
3A3 Brazil	4 2 2 16 10 2
3A4 Barbados	4 1 3 6 16 1
3A5 Guernsey	4 0 4 1 20 0
GROUP 3B	
3B1 IRELAND	4 4 0 20 3 4
3B2 Saudi Arabia	4 3 1 17 8 3
3B3 Jersey	4 2 2 10 14 2
3B4 Ecuador	4 1 3 12 16 1
3B5 Palestine (Gaza)	4 0 4 2 20 0
GROUP 3C	
3C1 NORWAY	5 5 0 25 8 5
3C2 Wales	5 4 1 24 6 4
3C3 Trinidad & Tobago	5 3 2 18 12 3
3C4 Tunisia	5 2 3 12 16 2
3C5 Cyprus	5 1 4 8 21 1
3C6 Iceland	5 0 5 1 25 0

Day lost to Secretin -20, -5; lost to P. Birocheau -8, -18. Douglas bt Birocheau 19, 11; lost to Martin -15, 7, -20. v Federal Germany (lost 1-5) Day lost to P. Stellwag -15, -19; lost to J. Leiss -18, 20, -19. Barden lost to Leiss -12, -16; lost to W. Lieck -16, -19. Douglas lost to Lieck -15, -19; bt Stellwag 14, -19, 17.

**GROUP 1B — STAGE 1**

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
B1 JAPAN	7	7	0	35	9	7
B2 Sweden	7	6	1	32	10	6
B3 Yugoslavia	7	5	2	31	14	5
B4 U.S.S.R.	7	4	3	24	21	4
B5 Poland	7	2	5	18	27	2
B6 Korea R.	7	2	5	21	29	2
B7 Denmark	7	2	5	10	30	2
B8 Rumania	7	0	7	4	35	0

**STAGE 2**

For Positions (1-4)	
A1 CHINA	5
A2 Hungary	3
For Positions (5-8)	
A3 FED. GERMANY	5
A4 CZECHOSLOVAKIA	4
For Positions (9-12)	
A5 FRANCE	5
A6 ENGLAND	5
For Positions (13-16)	
A7 Indonesia	4
A8 AUSTRALIA	5

Day bt R. Czochanski 17, 19; lost to S. Fraczyk 10, -19, -23. Douglas bt L. Kucharski 17, 18; bt Czochanski -14, 13, 13. Neale bt Fraczyk 14, -16, 19; bt Kucharski 14, 13.

Yoon Kil Jung lost to Fraczyk 21, -21, -15; lost to Czochanski -17, -8; bt Kucharski 15, 13. Choi Sung Kuk bt Czochanski 19, -17, 17; bt Kucharski 15, -15, 13; lost to Fraczyk 10, 17.

Rumania .....5 Australia .....2 M. Firanesco lost to S. Knapp -21, -19; lost to Pinkewich -13, 20, -10. T. Gherorge bt Javor -20, 15, 19; bt Knapp 12, -21, 16; bt Pinkewich 19, -9, 12. S. Moraru lost to Pinkewich -13, 7, -14; bt Javor 16, -17, 19; bt Knapp 18, 17.

Denmark .....5 Indonesia .....2 J. Hansen bt Supit 13, 15; lost to Wuisan -15, 18, -18. C. Pedersen bt Sutedja 16, 18; bt Supit 20, 14; bt Wuisan -13, 11, 13. P. Rud bt Wuisan 9, 18; lost to Sutedja 16, -16, -6.

**GROUP A2 — STAGE 1**

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
2A1 BULGARIA	8	8	0	40	10	8
2A2 Italy	8	7	1	36	12	7
2A3 India	8	5	3	33	23	5
2A4 Canada	8	5	3	31	24	5
2A5 Netherlands	8	5	3	29	20	5
2A6 Israel	8	3	5	25	29	3
2A7 Switzerland	8	2	6	17	31	2
2A8 Iran	8	1	7	10	35	1
2A9 Singapore	8	0	8	3	40	0

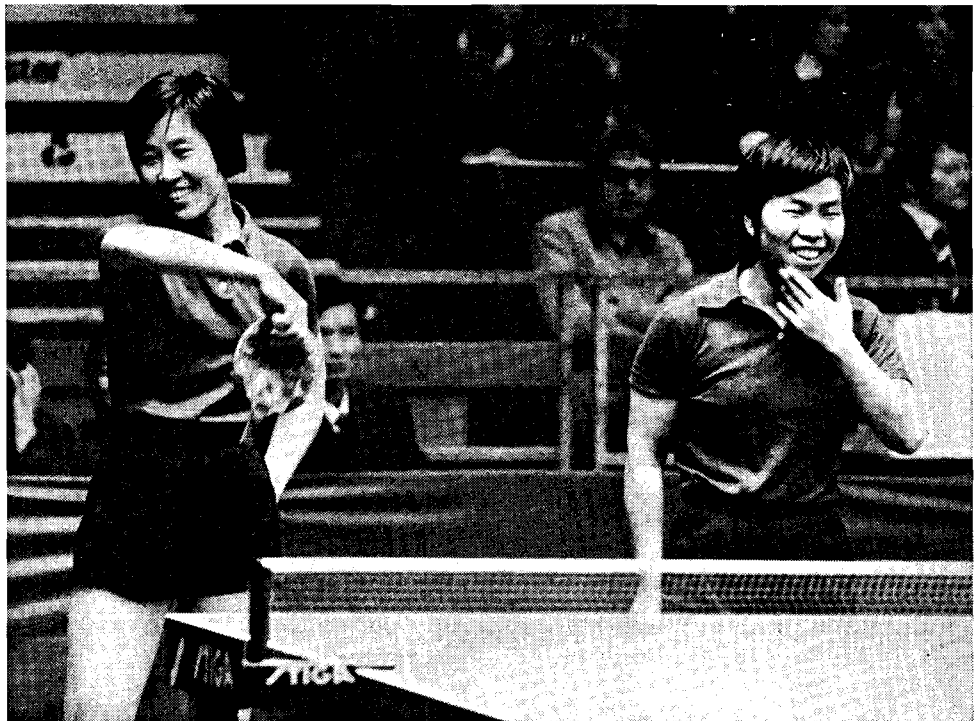
Sweden .....5 Hungary .....1 U. Thorsell bt G. Gergely 18, 10; lost to I. Jonyer -16, -17. S. Bengtsson bt T. Klampar 8, 10; bt Gergely 12, 17. K. Johansson bt Jonyer 22, 15; bt Klampar 17, 17.

Federal Germany .....5 Czechoslovakia .....3 W. Lieck bt M. Schenk 11, 18; lost to M. Orlowski -20, -17; bt J. Kunz 19, 19. P. Stellwag lost to Orlowski -14, -16; bt Kunz 12, -17, 21. J. Leiss bt Kunz -20, 10, 15; bt Schenk 15, 18; lost to Orlowski -10, -17.

U.S.S.R. .....5 Yugoslavia .....1 S. Sarkhojan bt Z. Kosanovic 20, 17; bt M. Karakasevic 19, 12. A. Strokotov bt Z. Kalinic 20, 9; lost to Kosanovic -12, -9. S. Gomozkov bt Karakasevic 5, 9; bt Kalinic 14, 8.

France .....5 England .....4 J. Secretin bt Day 11, 6; bt Douglas 17, -18, 15; bt Neale 13, 13. C. Martin lost to Neale -10, -16; bt Day 11, 19; lost to Douglas 19, -5, -12. P. Birocheau lost to Douglas 21, -15, -15; lost to Neale -16, 18, -18.

Korea R .....5 Poland .....4 Lee Sang Kuk bt Kucharski 21, -12, 19; lost to Fraczyk -19, -15; lost to Czochanski -15, -18.



Smiles from Chinese girls Chang Li (left) and Chang Te-ying during their Stage 2 match against Japan.

—Photo by Tony Ross, Hessler.

GROUP 3D					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
3D1 NEW ZEALAND	5	5	0	25	5
3D2 Spain	5	4	1	21	4
3D3 Jamaica	5	3	2	17	3
3D4 Chile	5	2	3	11	2
3D5 Mexico	5	1	4	8	20
3D6 Bangladesh	5	0	5	1	25

STAGE 2

GROUP 3E					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
3A1 FINLAND	3	2	1	14	9
3C1 Norway	3	2	1	13	9
3D1 New Zealand	3	2	1	13	9
3B1 Ireland	3	0	3	2	15

GROUP 3F					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
3C2 WALES	3	3	0	15	7
3A2 Turkey	3	2	1	14	10
3D2 Spain	3	1	2	11	10
3B2 Saudi Arabia	3	0	3	2	15

GROUP 3G					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
3D3 JAMAICA	3	3	0	15	6
3A3 Brazil	3	2	1	13	10
3C3 Trinidad & Tobago	3	1	2	12	10
3B3 Jersey	3	0	3	1	15

GROUP 3H					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
3A4 BARBADOS	3	2	1	14	9
3D4 Chile	3	2	1	14	11
3C4 Tunisia	3	1	2	10	14
3B4 Ecuador	3	1	2	8	12

GROUP 3J					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
3D5 MEXICO	3	3	0	15	3
3A5 Guernsey	3	2	1	10	11
3C5 Cyprus	3	1	2	10	12
3B5 Palestine (Gaza)	3	0	3	6	15

GROUP 3K					
	P	W	L	F	A Pts
3D6 BANGLADESH	1	1	0	5	2
3C6 Iceland	1	0	1	2	5

FINAL PLACINGS

(Calcutta positions in brackets)

1 CHINA (1)	29 Egypt (33)
2 Japan (6)	30 Switzerland (29)
3 Sweden (3)	31 Belgium (30)
4 Hungary (5)	32 Iran (25)
5 Federal Germany (8)	33 Malaysia (23)
6 Czechoslovakia (4)	34 Singapore (24)
7 U.S.S.R. (7)	35 Finland (—)
8 Yugoslavia (2)	36 Norway (—)
9 France (9)	37 New Zealand (34)
10 England (12)	38 Ireland (—)
11 Korea R. (10)	39 Wales (51)
12 Poland (17)	40 Turkey (42)
13 Rumania (11)	41 Spain (—)
14 Australia (18)	42 Saudi Arabia (—)
15 Denmark (14)	43 Jamaica (—)
16 Indonesia (13)	44 Brazil (39)
17 Hong Kong (22)	45 Trinidad & Tobago (—)
18 U.S.A. (19)	46 Jersey (—)
19 Bulgaria (—)	47 Barbados (—)
20 Italy (21)	48 Chile (—)
21 India (15)	49 Tunisia (—)
22 Greece (27)	50 Ecuador (—)
23 Canada (28)	51 Mexico (43)
24 Austria (16)	52 Guernsey (—)
25 Netherlands (20)	53 Cyprus (—)
26 Israel (—)	54 Palestine (Gaza) (45)
27 Luxembourg (32)	55 Bangladesh (—)
28 Scotland (—)	56 Iceland (—)

Non-entrants at Birmingham from the previous championships were:—Nigeria (26), Macao (35), Vietnam R. (36), Thailand (37), Sri Lanka (38), Nepal (40), Lebanon (41), Kenya (44), Mauritius (46), Yemen DPR (47) and United Arab Emirates (48).

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

CHINA					
Kuo Yao-hua	Liang Ke-liang	Li Chen-shih	Huang Liang	Wang Chun	F A Opponents
2-0	2-0	1-0			5 0 Australia
1-0	2-0		2-0		5 0 Indonesia
1-0		2-0	2-0		5 0 England
2-0		1-0	2-0		5 0 France
2-0	2-0	1-1	2-1		5 1 Fed. Germany
1-2		2-0	5 3 Hungary		5 0 Czechoslovakia
	2-0		2-0	1-0	5 0 Sweden
	1-0	2-0	2-0		5 0 Japan
	1-0	1-0	2-0		
11-2	10-0	9-1	14-1	1-0	45 4

JAPAN					
Kohno	Takasima	Inoue	Machara	Tasaka	F A Opponents
2-0			1-0		5 0 Rumania
3-0	1-2	1-2			5 4 Yugoslavia
2-0	3-0		0-2		5 2 Korea R.
2-0	2-0		1-0		5 0 U.S.S.R.
2-0	2-0		1-1		5 1 Poland
3-0	2-0	0-2	1-0		5 2 Sweden
		2-0	2-0		5 0 Denmark
3-0	2-1		0-2		5 3 Hungary
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17-2	14-4	3-4	2-4	4-3	40 17

ENGLAND					
Douglas	Neale	Day	Barden	F A Opponents	
0-2	0-2	1-1		1 5 Hungary	
1-1	0-2	0-2		1 5 Czechoslovakia	
0-2		0-1	0-2	0 5 China	
2-0	2-0	1-1		5 1 Indonesia	
2-0	1-0	2-0		5 0 Australia	
1-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	1 5 France	
1-1		0-2		1 5 Fed. Germany	
2-0	2-0	1-1		5 1 Poland	
2-1	2-1	0-3		4 5 France	
11-8	7-7	5-13	0-4	23	32

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GROUP 1A — STAGE 1

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
A1 CHINA	8	8	0	24	2
A2 Korea DPR	8	7	1	22	10
A3 Hungary	8	6	2	20	7
A4 England	8	5	3	15	13
A5 Czechoslovakia	8	3	5	15	18
A6 Sweden	8	3	5	14	18
A7 Rumania	8	3	5	14	19
A8 Bulgaria	8	1	7	7	21
A9 Belgium	8	0	8	1	24

English results:—

v Bulgaria (won 3-0)  
 J. Hammersley bt E. Neikova 18, 19.  
 L. Howard bt A. Rangelova 20, 13.  
 Hammersley/Howard bt Neikova/Rangelova 15, 16.

v Sweden (won 3-1)  
 C. Knight lost to A-C. Hellman -14, -14.  
 Hammersley bt E. Stromvall 12, 12; bt Hellman 20, 11.  
 Hammersley/Howard bt Hellman/B. Olsson 18, 11.

v Rumania (won 3-2)  
 Knight bt M. Alexandru -19, 17, 18; bt L. Mihut -7, 14, 19.  
 Hammersley lost to Mihut -19, -17; bt Alexandru 7, 13.  
 Hammersley/Howard lost to Alexandru/Mihut -15, -11.

v Korea DPR (lost 0-3)  
 Knight lost to Pak Yong Ok -14, 16, -8.  
 Hammersley lost to Pak Yung Sun 12, -21, -9.  
 Hammersley/Howard lost to Kim Chang Ai/Pak Yung Sun -19, -18.

v Czechoslovakia (won 3-1)  
 Hammersley bt B. Silhanova -14, 9, 9; bt I. Uhlkova 17, -18, 18.  
 Knight lost to I. Uhlkova 20, -11, -18.  
 Hammersley/Howard bt Silhanova/Uhlkova 15, 16.

v Hungary (lost 0-3)  
 Hammersley lost to B. Kishazi -15, 19, -13.  
 Knight lost to J. Magos 24, -11, -15.  
 Hammersley/Howard lost to Magos/G. Szabo 10, -23, -16.

v China (lost 0-3)  
 Knight lost to Chu Hsiang-yun -12, -7.  
 Hammersley lost to Chang Te-ying -12, -16.  
 Hammersley/Howard lost to Chang Li/Chang Te-ying -18, 18, -13.

v Belgium (won 3-0)  
 Howard bt M-F. Germinat 16, -20, 20.  
 Hammersley bt V. Germinat 3, 11.  
 Hammersley/Howard bt C. D'Hondt/C. Verachert -10, 13, 8.

GROUP 1B — STAGE 1

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
B1 KOREA R.	8	8	0	24	2
B2 Japan	8	7	1	21	6
B3 U.S.S.R.	8	6	2	21	9
B4 Hong Kong	8	5	3	16	15
B5 France	8	4	4	14	15
B6 Federal Germany	8	3	5	13	18
B7 Yugoslavia	8	2	6	13	20
B8 Poland	8	1	7	8	21
B9 Indonesia	8	0	8	9	24

STAGE 2

For Positions (1-4)

A1 CHINA	3	B2 Japan	0
A2 Korea DPR	1	B1 KOREA R.	3

For Positions (5-8)

A3 HUNGARY	3	B4 Hong Kong	2
A4 England	2	B5 U.S.S.R.	3

Hammersley bt E. Antonian 19, 12; bt Z. Rudnova 13, 11.  
 Knight lost to Rudnova -16, -12; lost to Antonian -10, -18.  
 Hammersley/Howard lost to Antonian/Rudnova 19, -19, -15.

For Positions (9-12)

A5 CZECHOSLOVAKIA	3	B6 Federal Germany	1
A6 SWEDEN	3	B5 France	0

For Positions (13-16)  
 A7 RUMANIA .....3 B8 Poland .....1  
 A8 Bulgaria .....1 B7 YUGOSLAVIA .....3

For Positions (17-18)  
 A9 BELGIUM .....3 B9 Indonesia .....1

STAGE 3

For Positions (1-2)

CHINA .....3 Korea R. ....0  
 Chang Li bt Lee Ailesa 10, 12.  
 Chang Te-ying bt Chung Hyun Sook 21, 13.  
 Chang Li/Chang Te-ying bt Chung Hyun Sook/Lee Ailesa 17, 16.

For Positions (3-4)

Korea DPR .....3 Japan .....0  
 Pak Yung Sun bt T. Edano 16, 21.  
 Pak Yong Ok bt K. Sugaya 11, 17.  
 Kim Chang Ai/Pak Yung Sun bt Edano/Sugaya 19, 9.

For Positions (5-6)

Hungary .....3 U.S.S.R. ....0  
 Kishazi bt Rudnova -15, 15, 10.  
 Magos bt V. Popova 13, 15.  
 Magos/Szabo bt Antonian/Rudnova 15, -15, 19.

For Positions (7-8)

England .....3 Hong Kong .....1  
 Hammersley bt Chang Siu Ying 13, 16; bt Siu Kit Man 14, -18, 8.  
 Knight lost to Siu Kit Man -14, -18.  
 Hammersley/Howard bt Chang Siu Ying/Siu Kit Man 18, -15, 18.

For Positions (9-10)

Sweden .....3 Czechoslovakia .....2  
 A. Hervall lost to Uhlkova -12, -9; bt Silhanova 18, -18, 13.  
 Hellman bt Silhanova 16, 10; bt Uhlkova 17, 15.  
 Hellman/Hervall lost to Silhanova/Uhlkova -15, -16.

For Positions (11-12)

Federal Germany .....3 France .....0  
 U. Hirschmuller bt C. Bergeret 14, 16.  
 K. Kruger bt B. Thiriet 10, 16.  
 Hirschmuller/Kruger bt Bergeret/Y. Lecler 16, 9.

For Positions (13-14)

Rumania .....3 Yugoslavia .....2  
 Mihut bt G. Perkucin 9, 19; lost to E. Palatinus 17, -11, -13.  
 E. Perenczi bt Palatinus 23, 11; bt Perkucin -14, 14, 19.  
 Alexandru/Mihut lost to Palatinus/Perkucin -10, 13, -18.

For Positions (15-16)

Bulgaria .....3 Poland .....0  
 Rangelova bt W. Sikora 18, 15.  
 Neikova bt J. Szatko 20, -19, 15.  
 Neikova/Rangelova bt Sikora/Szatko 15, 17.

For Position (17)

Belgium  
 Indonesia

For Position (18)

GROUP A2 — STAGE 1

	P	W	L	F	A Pts
2A1 NETHERLANDS	6	6	0	18	6
2A2 U.S.A.	6	5	1	17	5
2A3 India	6	4	2	14	11
2A4 Canada	6	3	3	11	12
2A5 Australia	6	2	4	9	16
2A6 Greece	6	1	5	9	16
2A7 Scotland	6	0	6	6	18

GROUP B2 — STAGE 1

2B1 LUXEMBOURG	6	6	0	18	3
2B2 Malaysia	6	5	1	16	6
2B3 Austria	6	4	2	15	12
2B4 New Zealand	6	3	3	12	12
2B5 Switzerland	6	2	4	7	16
2B6 Singapore	6	1	5	9	16
2B7 Brazil	6	0	6	6	18

STAGE 2

For Positions (19-22)

2A1 Netherlands	3	2B2 Malaysia	0
2A2 U.S.A.	3	2B1 Luxembourg	1

For Positions (23-26)

2A3 India	3	2B4 New Zealand	1
2A4 Canada	1	2B3 Austria	3

For Positions (27-30)

2A5 Australia	3	2B6 Singapore	2
2A6 Greece	2	2B5 Switzerland	3

For Positions (31-32)

2A7 Scotland	3	2B7 Brazil	1
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STAGE 3

For Positions (19-20)

NETHERLANDS	3	U.S.A.	2
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For Positions (21-22)

Luxembourg	3	Malaysia	0
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For Positions (23-24)

India	3	Austria	2
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For Positions (25-26)

Canada	3	New Zealand	0
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For Positions (27-28)

Australia	3	Switzerland	0
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For Positions (29-30)

Singapore	3	Greece	2
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THIRD CATEGORY

STAGE 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
<b>GROUP 3A</b>						
3A1 Denmark	3	3	0	9	0	3
3A2 Turkey	3	2	1	6	3	1
3A3 Chile	3	1	2	3	7	1
3A4 Guernsey	3	0	3	1	9	0
<b>GROUP 3B</b>						
3B1 Ireland	4	4	0	12	3	4
3B2 Trinidad & Tobago	4	3	1	10	4	3
3B3 Italy	4	2	2	6	7	2
3B4 Egypt	4	1	3	7	9	1
3B5 Palestine (Gaza)	4	0	4	0	12	0
<b>GROUP 3C</b>						
3C1 Finland	3	3	0	9	2	3
3C2 Spain	3	2	1	8	3	2
3C3 Ecuador	3	1	2	3	6	1
3C4 Iceland	3	0	3	0	9	0
<b>GROUP 3D</b>						
3D1 Jamaica	3	3	0	9	2	3
3D2 Norway	3	2	1	7	4	2
3D3 Wales	3	1	2	3	7	1
3D4 Iran	3	0	3	3	9	0

STAGE 3

<b>GROUP 3E</b>						
3E1 Denmark	3	3	0	9	3	3
3E2 Ireland	3	2	1	7	5	2
3E3 Finland	3	1	2	5	6	1
3E4 Jamaica	3	0	3	2	9	0
<b>GROUP 3F</b>						
3F2 Spain	3	3	0	9	1	3
3F3 Turkey	3	1	2	5	6	1
3F4 Trinidad & Tobago	3	1	2	3	6	1
3F5 Norway	3	1	2	4	8	1
<b>GROUP 3G</b>						
3G3 Italy	3	3	0	9	0	3
3G4 Chile	3	2	1	6	4	2
3G5 Wales	3	1	2	4	8	1
3G6 Ecuador	3	0	3	2	9	0
<b>GROUP 3H</b>						
3H4 Egypt	3	3	0	9	2	3
3H5 Iran	3	2	1	8	4	2
3H6 Guernsey	3	1	2	4	6	1
3H7 Iceland	3	0	3	0	9	0

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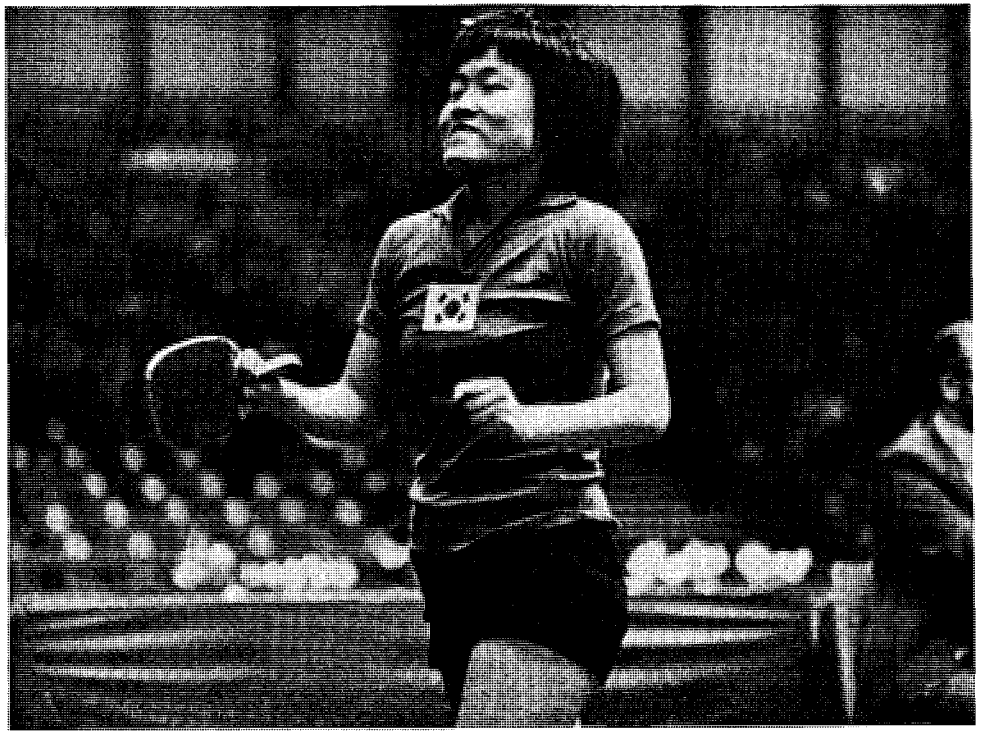
(Calcutta positions in brackets)

1 CHINA (1)	25	Canada (21)
2 Korea R. (2)	26	New Zealand (27)
3 Korea DPR (—)	27	Australia (26)
4 Japan (3)	28	Switzerland (23)
5 Hungary (4)	29	Singapore (24)
6 U.S.S.R. (6)	30	Greece (29)
7 England (5)	31	Scotland (—)
8 Hong Kong (17)	32	Brazil (28)
9 Sweden (12)	33	Denmark (—)
10 Czechoslovakia (8)	34	Ireland (—)
11 Federal Germany (10)	35	Finland (—)
12 France (11)	36	Jamaica (—)
13 Rumania (9)	37	Spain (—)
14 Yugoslavia (7)	38	Turkey (—)
15 Bulgaria (13)	39	Trinidad & Tobago (—)
16 Poland (14)	40	Norway (—)
17 Belgium (18)	41	Italy (—)
18 Indonesia (15)	42	Chile (—)
19 Netherlands (22)	43	Wales (—)
20 U.S.A. (25)	44	Ecuador (—)
21 Luxembourg (20)	45	Egypt (—)
22 Malaysia (19)	46	Iran (—)
23 India (16)	47	Guernsey (—)
24 Austria (—)	48	Iceland (—)

Contestants in Calcutta but not in Birmingham were: —Nigeria (30), Thailand (31), Vietnam R. (32), Macao (33), Nepal (34), Kenya (35) and Lebanon (36).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

<b>CHINA</b>						
Chang Li	Ke Hsin-ai	Chang Te-ying	Chu Hsiang-yun	Doubles	F	A
1-0			1-0	1-0	3	0
1-0	1-0			1-0	3	0
1-0	1-0			1-0	3	0
2-0		0-1		1-0	3	1
0-1		2-0		1-0	3	1
1-0			1-0	1-0	3	0
			1-0	1-0	3	0
1-0	1-0	1-0		1-0	3	0
1-0	1-0	1-0		1-0	3	0
8-1	4-0	5-1	3-0	10-0	30	2
<b>KOREA R.</b>						
Chung Hyan Sook	Lee Aileasa	Chung/Lee		F	A	Opponents
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Indonesia
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Hong Kong
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Poland
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	France
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Fed. Germany
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Yugoslavia
2-0	1-1	0-1		3	2	U.S.S.R.
1-0	1-0	1-0		3	0	Japan
1-1	1-0	1-0		3	1	Korea DPR
0-1	0-1	0-1		0	3	China
10-2	9-2	8-2			27	6
<b>ENGLAND</b>						
Hammersley	Knight	Howard	Hammersley/Howard	F	A	Opponents
1-0		1-0	1-0	3	0	Bulgaria
2-0	0-1		1-0	3	1	Sweden
1-1	2-0		0-1	3	2	Rumania
0-1	0-1		0-1	0	3	Korea DPR
2-0	0-1		1-0	3	1	Czechoslovakia
0-1	0-1		0-1	0	3	Hungary
0-1	0-1		0-1	0	3	China
1-0		1-0	1-0	3	0	Belgium
2-0	0-2		0-1	2	3	U.S.S.R.
2-0	0-1		1-0	3	1	Hong Kong
11-4	2-8	2-0	5-5		20	17



Korea Republic's Lee Aileasa struts the arena, pleased with her winning shot.

—Photo by Tony Ross, Hessele.

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The International Table Tennis Federation wishes to point out that the article "The Golden Rule" by the Hon. Ivor Montagu, Founder President ITTF, which appeared in your April issue, is purely a personal view expressed by Mr. Montagu, and is not to be regarded as an official ITTF statement.

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INTERNATIONAL CLUB

by Laurie Landry

During April, the International Club took part in three matches for various reasons. The Secretary, Laurie Landry played in all the matches and had with him an assorted selection of members on each occasion.

On Apr 12 against an Oxford team (a memorial match in aid of funds for the widow and children of Peter Houseman, Oxford City footballer) £50 was raised, Team was Landry, Andy Barden and Tony Clayton. The match was won 6-1 with Landry losing to Cecil Jackson who played well above himself. An exhibition was put on by Barden and Clayton. Other Oxford players were Clive Alcock and Brian Hamilton.

On Apr 17 against Maccabiah team (to give competition to the team to go to Israel in the summer). Team was Landry, Melvyn Waldman and ex-Hungarian internationals Peter Partos and George Muranyi. The Maccabiah team was Jeff Ingber, Mike Lissen Adrian Leigh and Shemesh Abraham. The match resulted in a 5-5 draw and was ideal for the Maccabiah team preparation.

On April 30 against Cornwall (as a part of the Queen's Jubilee celebration). Landry played with Tony Clayton and Robert Aldrich. The only set lost in the 8-1 victory was Landry, playing with a hard rubber bat, to John Bassett who plays a bat of this type normally. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

During the close season, the election of the Officers and Committee takes place and it is anticipated that a second Rubber Bat Open will take place at the end of May in Wolverhampton in addition to the 7th Annual one at Barnet on Jan 15, 1978.

TO BE MARRIED

Laurence F. Landry of 29 Ravenshaw Street, London, NW6 1NP (Phone 01-794 6753) is to be married at Hampstead Registry Office on Saturday, July 30, 1977. Bride-to-be is Miss Judith Kennedy, a Secretary/Writer who, apart from Laurie, has no involvement with table tennis. Our best wishes go to them both. Ed.

# Behind the scenes at the N.E.C.

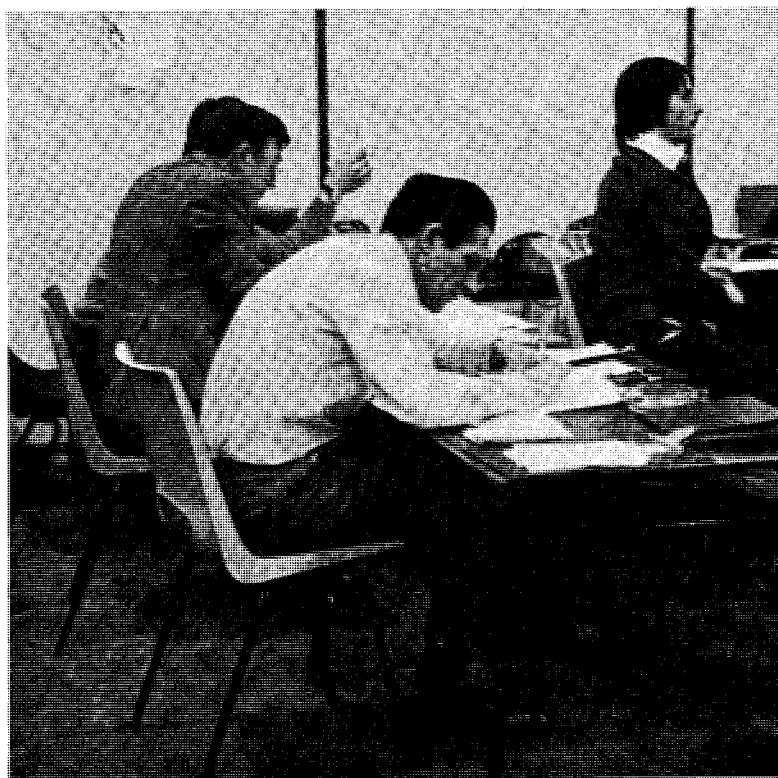
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Championships Director Mike Lawless flanked by Personal Assistant Jose Tomkins and A.D.C. Geoff Daniels, celebrates the successful conclusion of the Championships.



Helpers at the ETTA stand at "Sportacus 77" pose behind the counter during a brief lull in business.



In the Match Officials Office Referee John Wright keeps the schedule moving.



A general view of the Press Centre. Press correspondents from all over the world get their stories out by telephone, telex and typewriter.



# RECORDS OF BIRMINGHAM

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

Asian dominance at the 34th World Championships, predicted before the event, became reality with the two team and four of the individual titles going to the Far East. Only Secretin and Bergeret of France, with a Mixed Doubles win, stopped a clean sweep of the main events.

**Birmingham, the English Association's sixth World Championships venue, attracted a record number of entrants, and a record number of delegates, all of whom reckoned this to be one of the most successful in our World series.**

Certainly there were problems. This was the first time for over twenty years that the World Championships were not played in a Sports Stadium Number 5 Hall at Birmingham's enormous National Exhibition Centre complex had to be equipped with special stands, offices, and all the facilities one would normally expect in a stadium.

**The idea of a Centre Court, with four tables only, was a splendid one, giving spectators the opportunity to identify with a match, a very difficult thing to do when all play is in one big stadium. Certainly the many hours of TV transmitted from this area were the longest and best coverage for table tennis ever provided in England.**

The other matches were played in a larger arena next to the Centre Court, and although there was some criticism of the lighting here, it is certain that the intensity was greater than that laid down in the Rules.

There was also some adverse comment about the floor, which was not of wood, again the first time for very many years that wood had not been provided. It has to be said that the floor surface was inspected by the ITTF over two years before at the factory where it is made, and also an inspection was made of a Sports Complex at which this floor was used. This was certainly quite satisfactory for table tennis, being in line with the type of floor which is increasingly being put down in new sports stadia. Unfortunately, however, the floor as put down in the NEC did not come up to the approved standard, and even a last moment effort by the contractors failed to provide what had been agreed.

Nevertheless, whatever reservations may have been voiced about the floor, the fact remains that a very large number of spectators saw table tennis of a fantastically high standard, a standard with which the ITTF was proud to have been associated on its 50th Birthday.

Facilities provided by the ETTA were of a high standard. The food was excellent, and one great feature was that meals seemed to be available at all times of the day, served in a friendly fashion by canteen staff evidently intent on showing warm hospitality.

Umpires from nine other Associations joined a big band of English colleagues to provide control of play well up to the traditional English standard, and referee control was firm but ready to be flexible.

Sportacus, a mixture of trade and retail fair, with specialist stands and displays, occupied the rest of the space in Hall 5. This proved to be a most interesting feature, giving players and spectators alike the opportunity to wander around, seeing the products of all the leading sports manufacturers, and finding interest in the many specialist displays.

This was a most unusual feature, and one which could become part of any future event of this magnitude.

**All in all, this was a truly great World Championships, and the ETTA is to be congratulated,**

not only on the efficiency with which tasks were accomplished, but also on the friendliness and eagerness to help of all its officials and their teams.

## THE 35th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

After options to the USA, Japan and Yugoslavia were not taken up, the Biennial General Meeting of the ITTF decided to request the Table Tennis Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to organise the 35th World Championships in Pyongyang in 1979.

Assurances of entry to all ITTF members were given by the representatives of the DPRK, and various other important matters have already been the subject of discussion between them and the ITTF.

## THE ITTF's 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

During the World Championships, the ITTF held two celebration functions. The first of these, held in the nearby Metropole Hotel, was a short reception for all ITTF Officers, Council and Committee Members, all delegates and leading personalities of the Organising Committee.

The second function was a more formal affair, a Founders' Luncheon, also in the Metropole Hotel. There were 110 guests, among them representatives of the nine Associations which first formed the ITTF in 1926, together with three players who played in the first World Championships in that year—Laszlo Bellak of Hungary, and Solly Stone and Hedley Penny of Wales.

Special guests were Her Majesty's Minister for Sport, Mr. Denis Howell, the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, and leading sports journalists.

**The Hon. Ivor Montagu, Founder President, recalled the early days, and drew attention to the principles of the Federation which had stood it in good stead in its growth from 9 to 125 Associations. Mr. H. Roy Evans, responded, paying tribute to the foresight and initiative of Mr. Montagu and also referring to the tremendous work of Mr. A. K. (Bill) Vint, who was now retiring.**

Mr. Denis Howell spoke of his admiration for the ITTF and all it stood for. Dr. Lakatos passed on a message from Maria Mednyansky, first winner of the women's singles in 1926, and Bellak re-

counted a story of an early meeting with Montagu. Mr. Jupp Schlaf, President of the ETTU and General Secretary of the DTTB, presented Mr. Evans with a print of an early drawing room game of ping-pong.

There was an interesting menu with views of the venue in 1926, and of the National Exhibition Centre in 1977, and a reprint of the programme of 1926 with the names of the participants. All guests were made a present of a ceramic coaster at their table places—glazed in Wedgewood blue with the ITTF logo and 1926-1976.

This was a great occasion, enjoyed by all.

## THE ITTF EXHIBITION

One of the most attractive stands at the Sportacus 'fair' was the ITTF's 50th Anniversary stand.

It took the form of a "walk through" exhibition made up of panels illustrating historic aspects of the Federation's 50 years of existence, with old photographs, posters, programmes of World Championships and other significant milestones in history. There was a section displaying books on the game and another of medals presented at various times.

A showcase contained original forms of the playing equipment, some dating from the last century, and in another case were all the Federation's trophies. Philatelists were keenly interested in a display of table tennis stamps and first covers, the nucleus of which was a collection donated by the widow of the late Ake Eldh, Deputy President 1959-1971.

Another section displayed a selection of photographs, entries in the Federation's photographic competition. Winners in this competition were:

**Colour Section**—Don Morley, England.

**First Prize**—A Contax RTS Camera with F1.4 Planar Lens and case donated by Yashica of Japan.

**Black and White**—Miss Karola Kiesslich, Germany FR.

**First Prize**—A Yashica camera with F1.7 lens donated by Yashica of Japan.

Mr Stanislav Tereba, Czechoslovakia.

**Second Prize**—A Yashica 8 mm. Cine Camera donated by Yashica of Japan.

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## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Special Commemorative Medal

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**Third Prize**—A Ricoh Digital Watch, donated by Mr. Joe Veselsky of Ireland.

Mr. T. B. Slater, Canada.

**Fourth Prize**—A Rolex Oyster Watch, donated by Mr. Hugo Urchetti of Switzerland.

The stand was a meeting place for enthusiasts of all ages, and they found plenty to talk about with Bill Evans, Secretary of the Swaythling Club, Stan Proffitt and Wendy Woodhead, "old" English International players, and Les Jones, an

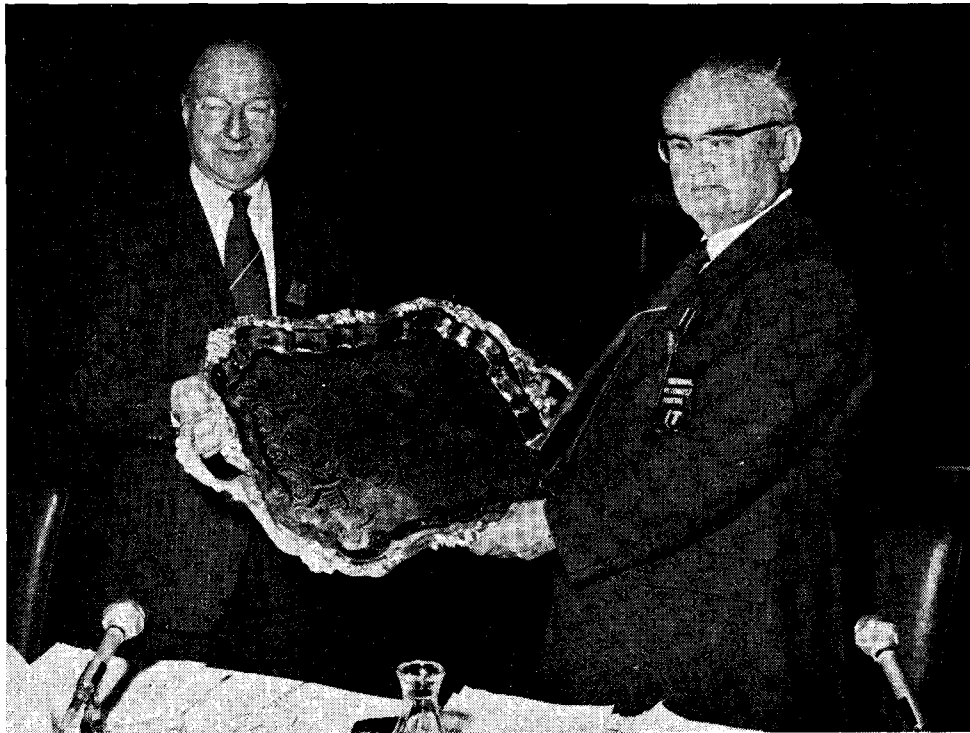
"old" English Official, who kindly manned the stand for the ITTF.

To mark its 50th Anniversary in more lasting form, the ITTF published a handsome 40 page brochure, with a history of the origin of the game, the ITTF story, a chronology, photographs galore and page after page of valuable information about ITTF activity in the past and in the present. The brochure, which should surely be on all enthusiasts bookshelves, costs £1.00 including seamount postage, and may be ordered from the ITTF office. Also available are special 50 year ITTF pin badges at 35p.

## INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS *The First Fifty Years*

To mark its 50th Anniversary, the International Table Tennis Federation has published a brochure containing a history of the origin of the game, the story of its international development and many illustrated pages of detailed information about table tennis activity around the world, past and present.

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A reflective 'Bill' Vint (right) accepts the presentation of an inscribed silver salver, from ITTF President Roy Evans, to mark his retirement after 30 years service with the Federation. At a subsequent meeting of the Council Mr. Evans stated that the special position of Council Consultant had been created for Mr. Vint so that his advice would be available to the Council to be held for life. Photo by Simon Livingstone Studios, Birmingham.



## *Welsh Corner*

H. Roy Evans

### PLEASANT REASSURANCE

Success for Glamorgan in the County Championships play-off for promotion to Division 1 comes as a pleasant reassurance after the disappointment of the Welsh loss of place in Division 2 of the European League, and of our failure to attain Second Category status in the World Championships.

After an initial loss to Lancashire on the opening day at St. Neots, the Welsh county pulled themselves together magnificently and on the Sunday beat Sussex, Bucks and Berkshire. Alan Griffiths, Graham Davies, George Evans, Kim Wheatley and Debbie Coulthard all did their bit, with George and Debbie gaining some decisive Mixed wins. So now it's Premier Division again—let's hope we can stay there this time.

Wales participated in the English Junior Open in Worthing with Jeff Morgan (Merthyr), Nigel Thomas (Shrewsbury), Debbie Coulthard (Barry) and Cathryn Jones (Swansea). Mervyn Coulson was non-playing captain.

Junior and cadet boys' teams are to go to Vichy for the European Youth Championships at the end of July—Jeff Morgan, Nigel Thomas, Anthony Crook (Swansea) are in the Junior side, reserve Alun Williams (Rhyl), with Mark Thomas (Rhyl) and Brian Jeanes (Eastern Valley) playing as the cadet team, reserve Alan Coulthard (Barry). Len Elias is non-playing captain.

Kevin Boalch, Alun Williams, Alan Coulthard, David Kenefick, Sandra Coulson and Debbie Coulthard are in the squad to participate in the Guinness School of Sport from July 30th to August 6th, at the National Sport Centre, with Graham Davies as coach.

Len Elias will be going to the ETTU Coaching Course in Sweden from August 14th to 20th.

The Welsh Junior Open, allied to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations is attracting a huge entry, and this special event on June 11th at the National Sport Centre looks like becoming a regular in our Calendar.



Taken at the ITTF's Founders' Luncheon, Her Majesty's Minister for Sport, Mr. Denis Howell (left) talks to Sidney Hulls of the Daily Express, Tom Blunn, the ETTA's Hon. Treasurer and George Yates, ETTA Deputy Chairman.

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# Letters to the Editor



## ASTONISHING

I must write in reply to the quite astonishing article by Mr. Montagu in last month's "Table Tennis News".

This amazing diatribe may have attracted more attention than it merited as it was written by the elder statesman of the game, whose opinions are normally greatly respected. On this occasion, however, Mr. Montagu falls short of his normally high standard and I will not waste space by concerning this letter with the meaning of "visible" but will mention two points.

- (1) I quote: "... a decision was clearly taken that these particular services must be as faults and would so be called in the finals". This is totally untrue, and the strongest possible denial is here given that any such "decision" was made.
- (2) Mr. Montagu quotes various I.T.T.F. Laws: I will quote 3.7.6, which states that "It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire may check the correctness of his service". The jibes, unworthy of their author, made about "General Stonebottom (?Side-bottom?) were both cheap and misplaced.

It is disappointing that no opportunity was given for comments to be made in the same issue on Mr. Montagu's article and I hope that you will be able to give some prominence to this reply.

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## LEGISLATORS RESPONSIBLE

I regret that I must write to protest at the remark by the Hon. Ivor Montagu (April issue) that in the quarter-final "Kuo had been allowed to use these services throughout all five games against his adversary Klampar without any demur". There is no doubt in my mind that in the final John Masters would not have been able to see the beginning and projection of Kuo's offending services since I have had the advantage of viewing over and over again a video recording taken by an official photographer from behind the Umpire.

The camera in fact was at a better angle than was the Umpire but there was no question of the ball being "partially body masked". The beginning of the service and the projection upwards were wholly, completely, entirely 100% obscured by the player's body.

To return to the question of the quarter-final, I was the Umpire for that match and the reason that I did not "demur" to any of Kuo's services is that in that match as a matter of fact: I could see the services begin and the projection upwards. I would readily admit however that I could not always see the ball as it was struck after descending from its "great height", but decided (maybe wrongly) not to penalise the service on that account. Having said all that I trust someone does not produce a video tape or film to prove that I could not see some of the services but I can only act as I believe I see the situation at the time.

Whilst writing I feel I must take the opportunity to comment on other parts of "The Golden Rule". First of all I don't think it is necessary to consult the Concise Oxford Dictionary or for that matter any other Dictionary to find out what the particular law means. I am sure that all Umpires and I hope most of the players know the ordinary everyday meaning of visible even in the

context of the Law, although I have to accept "who knows how it has been translated into Chinese, Korean or Japanese".

However, presumably all this should have been sorted out when the Law was first written and seeing that the standard text is English I am sure the Law Makers would have used the word obvious instead of visible if this is what was desired. There must surely be a difference between the two words.

Ivor Montagu says that what he wrote was in "no spirit of criticism" but substantial parts of his contribution seem to be highly critical of the two Umpires if not making an outright attack and I consider this to be deplorable from such an important figure and one whom one would expect to be well informed.

In one place he even seems to be criticising the Referee. It is a pity he didn't do a little more research. He would have found that the reason the maligned Umpire did not move his "sacred self" is that he and the rest of us had been given instructions not to do so. He would have found, I am sure, that no "decision was clearly taken these particular services must be as faults and would be so called in the finals". He would certainly have found that before the Championships began all Umpires received written and verbal instructions on the action to be taken with regard to illegal services and services which were not visible at all times to the Umpire.

It is true that during the briefing no dictionary was brought out and also true that no-one attempted to explain (or query) the interpretation of "visible at all times to the Umpire". I have no doubt that most if not all of us have had to apply this piece of Law on numerous occasions since it was introduced. I am confident that we applied the same interpretation, that is using the ordinary everyday meaning. He would also have found that we Umpires were informed that all players and officials had been told of the strict line we would be taking whatever the state of the score on whatever the match. He would also have seen what Colin Clemett wrote on the subject in the Souvenir Programme/Catalogue.

As John Wright said in his letter, if the Umpire had not called a service which he was unable to see he would quite simply not have been doing his job. The job that he had been appointed to do in

accordance with his ITTF qualification and specific instructions before the event.

If there is any criticism to be made it can only be of the legislators or others who were responsible for ensuring that the Law was written without ambiguity, that it was properly translated, that players of all countries were aware of it and that if there was any question of doubt over interpretation a full interpretation should have been provided; but all this may have received proper attention for all I know. It is not for me to find out as I am not doing the criticising.

**John Freeman, J.P.**

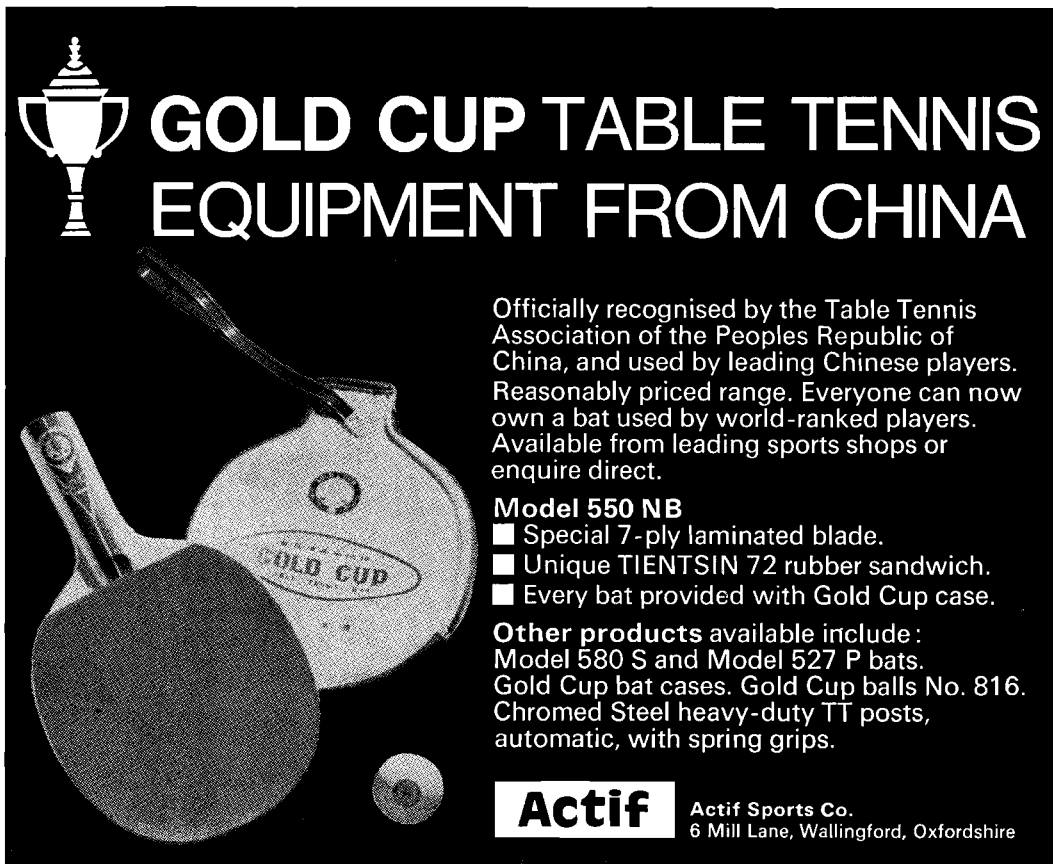
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## NOTHING NEW

There is nothing intrinsically new about the Chinese service as stated by Ivor Montagu: the ball was thrown a little higher than Mike Johns does; the service had a little more spin than Andy Barden gives, and the player turned his back on the umpire even more than Paul Day does. The penalising of the act of hiding the ball from the umpire during service was also not new. The decision was straightforward, and clearly required no consultation between the Referee and the Rules Committee, being taken on the wording of Law 6 in the Umpires Handbook "... so that the ball is visible at all times to the umpire ...". There is no point in arguing about a misquoted law.

The possibility of making the Service Law more satisfactory i.e. fairer; easier to understand and apply, is certainly worth considering. The two solutions offered are of little value. To ask the umpire to use deductive logic instead of deciding on a basis of what he can see would lead to more inconsistent umpiring complained about (with editorial emphasis?) in Ivor Montagu's article. A ball thrown up 10 feet is bound to be all right he claims, but 8 feet or 4 feet? ... where do you stop?

The other solution was even more impracticable. Table Tennis is not like cricket, and a player does not guarantee to serve backhand all the time. To be sure that the service is not hidden we would



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need the player to declare to the umpire what his next service was going to be, so that the umpire could change sides accordingly.

I am surprised that it was not suggested that an auxiliary service judge should have been appointed. If the laws were altered to permit this, the only difficulty would be in lower ranked events, where it is difficult enough to get one umpire per match let alone two.

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### **NOT STRICT ENOUGH!**

[Those of us who know Ivor Montagu will recognise that his provocative article, "The Golden Rule", was written with tongue firmly in cheek. There is, however, the risk that to the uninitiated even the wildest flights of fancy of one so eminent in world table tennis will seem credible, and I feel I must challenge at least some of the contentions on which his article is based.

I have not the space here to enter into semantic arguments, such as the plausible, if unlikely, misunderstandings Ivor suggests for the word "visibly", except to say that I think it requires a remarkable stretch of the imagination to interpret the clause "so that the ball is visible to the umpire" as meaning anything other than that the umpire is able to see the ball. Nor can I accept that the players and team officials were unaware of the requirements. In Bulletin No. 3, issued to teams well before play began, the fact that umpires would be instructed to pay particular attention to various aspects of the service law was spelled out quite clearly; the important aspects, including the requirement for the umpire to be able to see that the service was correct, were re-stated in simple straightforward terms, not even using such ambiguous words as "visibly". As far as I know, no-one complained about these statements, either before or during the Championships; the only significant comment we heard on the application of the service law from players or team officials, apart from Berczik's ritual outburst, was from the Chinese team, who thought that the umpires were not being strict enough at times!

The procedure for consultation on rule interpretation between the Referee and the appropriate ITTF Committees was invoked on several occasions and not totally ignored, as Ivor implies. During the finals, members of the World Championships Technical Committee and the Rules Committee were seated next to the playing area and near the Referee and his team. Why, then, did neither of these groups approach the other to consult on the interpretation of the service rule? Could it be, just conceivably, that neither thought that there was anything to consult about and that they thought that the umpires were acting quite correctly? I find this a far more reasonable explanation than that people who had been working together harmoniously for ten days suddenly lost the power or the will to communicate.

And what about the statement in the law that "It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire can see the correctness of his service." Not, you notice, "It is the responsibility of the umpire to position himself so that he can always see that the player's service is correct." This particular requirement appeared for the first time, to general approval, in the 1967 revision of the service law—drafted by Ivor Montagu. Is it seriously suggested that the umpire should be prepared to dash from side to side, when some sixth sense tells him that the next service will be delivered in such a way that it will not be visible to him where he happens to be at the time? What is feasible between overs in a cricket match is quite impracticable between points in a table tennis match; it is not just the difference between right and left-handed players that causes difficulty but the differing stances taken up by the same player in attempting to vary his service during a game.

Ivor knows as well as anyone else that the intention of the wording in the law is to make sure that the umpire can be sure that the essential requirements for a fair service are complied with. The umpire needs to be certain that the ball was on the palm of a flat hand and that it was thrown upwards without imparting spin; I cannot think of a more reliable way of ensuring this than being able to see the ball while it is in contact with the hand. To argue that the fact that the ball was thrown up so near vertically by, for example, several of the Chinese players implies that the flat hand and no-spin requirements had been met is demonstrably fallacious.

A few weeks ago I and the other members of the Umpires Committee saw part of the video-recording of the Championships made by members of the ETFTA Coaching Committee. The camera was, generally, on the side of the table opposite to the umpire and so was able to see many of the services which could have been only marginally visible to the umpire. If the substantial sample we saw was truly representative, then Kuo, and several other leading players, were serving illegally for about three out every five services and were penalised far less frequently than would have been justified.

The fact that we were able to confirm this conclusion only with the aid of such technological devices as instant replay and "freezing" individual frames simply emphasises the difficulties facing umpires, who have to make spot decisions in the tense atmosphere of a match. An interesting point was that Li Chen-Shih's "high" service, which looked superficially exactly like Kuo's, was almost invariably correct when seen in slow motion; only by seeing the whole of the players' service actions would the umpire have stood any chance of differentiating between them.

Of course we don't want finals or any other matches spoiled by the sort of incidents that occurred at Birmingham, and we shall go on looking for ways of overcoming the problem. I would suggest, however, that within the context of the present law the remedy lies more in the hands of the players than those of the umpires. The onus is clearly on the server to satisfy the umpire that he is serving correctly; to transfer the responsibility to the umpire and to ask him additionally to make decisions based on assumption, deduction or intuition seems to me a certain recipe for chaos. And if Ivor really believes that the results of any of the finals were affected by the service "incidents", he'll believe anything!

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### **NO LONGER SACRED**

**I am most grateful to the authoritative contributors who have commented on my 'think-piece'. Especially appreciative of their tone—I can't say how refreshing it is not to be treated as a Sacred Cow (T.T. Certificate) for a change. Of course, I wrote entirely as a looker-on (via the Box).**

**Nevertheless I can find in the observations made so far only a strengthening of my thesis that, in sports adjudication, as in crime and medicine, 'prevention is better than cure'.**

**IVOR MONTAGU**

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Herts.**

### **NARROW GAP**

Possibly it was not brought to your attention but I find it surprising that you do not make any reference in your report of the recent World Championships to the extraordinary dismissal of the number one seeds in the men's doubles, Jonyer and Klampar. Two years ago in Calcutta in addition to the singles Jonyer won the men's doubles with Gergely. After the lifting of his

suspension, Klampar was paired with Jonyer again. They won the men's doubles in Nagoya in 1971.

In this year's Championships they managed to lose in the third round to Huang Liang/Lu Yunsheng after leading 20-11 in the fifth.

Five minutes later, hardly enough time to recover from the stupefaction following such a defeat, Jonyer was called on to play his third round singles against Birocheau and went down to a 3-1 defeat. Whilst he was possibly the most inconsistent world champion ever, with an infinite capacity to lose to weaker players, the manner of his doubles defeat must have been a contributory factor to his loss against Birocheau. In the fourth round he would have played Kohno whom he beat 3-0 in the Calcutta semi-finals. Although with Magos they are the best pair Hungary has, Berczik the Hungarian trainer did not enter him in the mixed, wanting him to concentrate on the singles and men's doubles. Consequently within one hour all his preparations were of no avail and his hopes dashed. It just goes to show how narrow is the gap between triumph and tragedy.

I wonder if a reigning World Champion has ever lost his title in such a way. Jonyer himself cannot remember ever losing after he had nine match points. The doubles loss also demonstrates that people who say that the Chinese do not play full out in the World singles are talking arrant nonsense.

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### **THEY ALSO SERVE**

The 34th World Table Tennis Championships are now well and truly over. The titles are won. The arena has been dismantled and Hall 5 at the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham has now been returned to its normal usage. The crowds have gone, the players are back home in the 70 or 80 countries that came to Birmingham; and the world champions are known for the next two years.

B.B.C. television brought the World Championships right into the homes of Britain and the world day by day. The interest aroused in table tennis has clearly been enormous, so the World Championships have enhanced the reputation of the game, increased the standing of the English Table Tennis Association, helped to put the National Exhibition Centre on the map, and a lot more people know the Norwich Union's name and its involvement in table tennis.

Inevitably there are key prominent people in the organisation of a World Championship, and it is right that your journal and the programme for the World Championships should praise them and acknowledge their enormous contribution to the World Championships. Probably better than most, since I represent the principal sponsor, I know of the enormous application and dedication of so many connected with the Championships. There are those who undertook repetitive, even menial jobs, to help the World Championships be a success. There are those dedicated table tennis officials, enthusiasts, players, who did jobs at Birmingham, which meant for many of them that they saw very little table tennis, and yet there they were, within yards of the greatest international sporting event ever to take place in this country—and yet, how little of it some of them saw. That to me, is enormous dedication and loyalty to a sport.

To the umpires who worked enormously long hours at Birmingham, a special word of thanks. I would suggest that umpires see very little of a match even when they are officiating, and there were so many matches in Birmingham that there was little time for just watching and so they had to pass up the opportunity of seeing the greatest table tennis players in the world, performing so close to them.

My main objective in writing to you is that

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there are always a lot of unsung heroes at an event like the World Championships, and I would be very happy to think that there is nobody who worked for the Championships and its success who cannot feel that at least somebody had done some singing for them.

We the Norwich Union were very proud to be associated with the World Championships and equally proud of the opportunity of working with and observing so many unselfish people.

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### PROPOGATION SOUGHT

My County is angry and perplexed by the refusal of the ETTA to allow us to display our County magazine on the bookstand during the World Championships at Birmingham. Like all counties, we seek to propagate information about the game and of connected events at all levels, and we have struggled to found a professionally produced glossy magazine to fulfil this function. It is a struggle, as our friends in Kent know all too well, the dividing line between success and failure being thin, and it is only through attracting advertisers that the magazine has survived to date.

Nevertheless, advertising alone will not suffice, and increased sales and publicity are vital, as I am certain the Editor of Table Tennis News will with feeling confirm.

With this in mind we approached the ETTA requesting that the magazine be sold on their stand last autumn. The initial reaction was unhelpful but a later view seemed more favourable, and our Press Officer went to the Worlds fully expecting to be allowed this small facility. It was not to be for we were denied access and remained in the shadows except for a brief appearance on one day.

We reminded ourselves of Rule 3, and wondered how long since those responsible had read and inwardly digested it. They are stirring words, and we also refreshed our interpretation of the word 'Association' as defined in the Oxford Dictionary. Among its definitions is 'combining for a common purpose', a phrase which implies mutual assistance.

The strength of the ETTA lies in the backing it receives from its members, but those members will only support the National Association if they are certain that the ETTA is supporting them.

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### READING 2-STAR JUNIOR

As a member of the team of Tournament observers I was amazed on learning that this Tournament has been again granted "select" status for 1978. I told Tony Ross at Reading that if this Tournament was granted "select" status again every member of the Tournament Committee should resign. As it happens Tony was the only member present. Did he really support the decision? If so I can only express extreme surprise.

Before I give chapter and verse I would like to say that I am quite sure that the officials concerned with this Tournament are hard-working, well-meaning people who have only the good of table tennis at heart. If they were running a pleasant little One-Star Tournament nobody would complain. However I should not have to say that a Select Tournament is supposed to be played under first-class conditions, to have first class organisation, and to be for the purpose of the Selection Committee seeing in action the best junior players in the country. Demonstrably none of these requirements was met.

The event was run with 11 tables. There were lines of 4 tables down each of the shorter sides of the Hall, and a line of 3 down the middle on which the important matches were played. None of the tables was "courted" and every match was

punctuated by numerous lets. Naturally not all lets are called and there were many cases of games won and lost as a result. I personally saw two England-ranked juniors playing a very close game. At 20-19 in the second which was match point in fact, a ball trickled under the feet of the boy attempting to save the match point. No let was called and the distracted boy predictably lost the point and the match. That defeat will no doubt be considered by the selectors without regard to the underlying causes, which were totally avoidable. In my opinion the Committee should insist on this Tournament being run on 8 tables all courted, or requested to give up "select" status.

The way in which the entries were dealt with was nothing less than a disgrace. I knew of numerous top class players whose entry was refused, even though they sent in their forms well before the closing date, yet the actual entry was cluttered up with very low standard local players. I do not believe for one moment that the "last in, first out" rule was observed. Specific cases requiring investigation are as follows (and there must be many more unknown to me).

Graham Sandley's entry was accepted. Sarah Sandley was rejected, although her entry form arrived in the same envelope. A boy who sent in his form well before Sandley was rejected. A girl who sent in her form well after Sarah was accepted.

David Wells' entry for the singles was accepted. His entry was with Leon Smith for the Boys' Doubles (his regular partner). In due course, well in time, Leon entered. His entry was rejected and Wells was allocated another partner.

Practically the entire playing strength of Surrey and Staffordshire was not accepted, and I know of many Essex players turned down. I would be most interested to learn how many local players had their applications rejected.

No "scratch" entries were taken although there were numerous byes in the draw and the top players wishing to play could have been accommodated.

A totally unnecessary Under-11 event was run and by cancelling this I believe that all these refusals could have been avoided.

I have not listed every complaint which could be raised but I assure you that the Hall was filled at Reading with many a fuming coaches, officials and parents. No doubt in due course the Committee will be discussing the matter. I look forward to hearing their considered view.

**Alan Shepherd,  
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### ANNIVERSARY

I hope that all Table Tennis Leagues and Associations will endeavour to be represented at the 50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance. The Officers of the Association are endeavouring to make this an occasion to be remembered, so please all give your support to them.

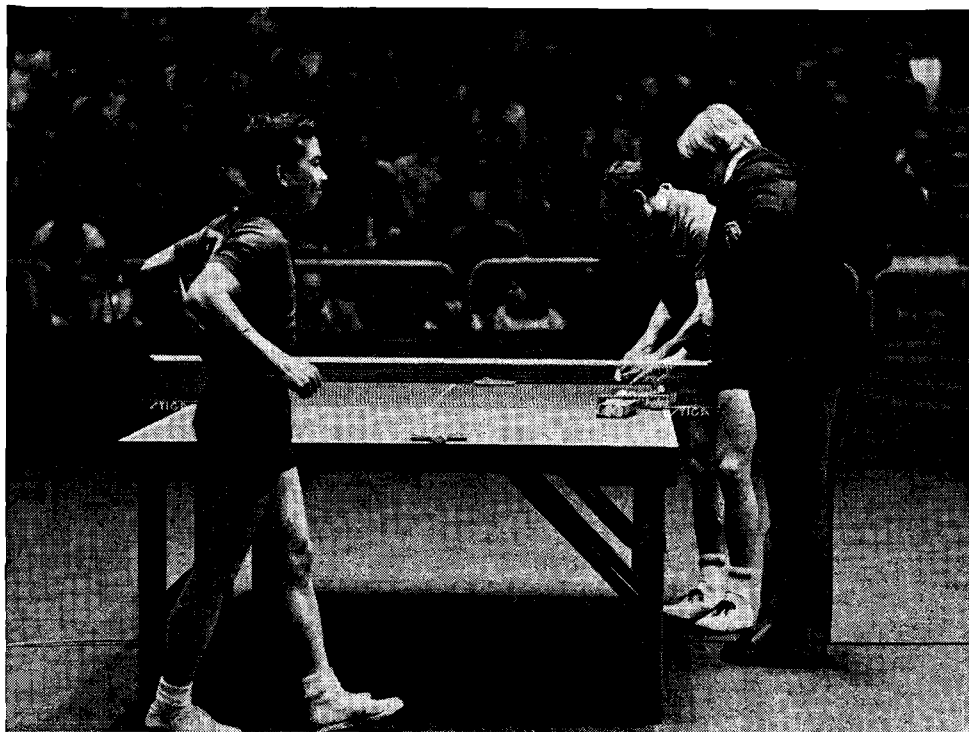
The only things I would request are, that as I must give the hotel 7 days notice of the number of people attending, the latest date for the request of tickets must reach me by July 2nd. Would you also please make any cheques payable to the E.T.T.A.

I hope to see you all at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel on July 9th. The hotel is within easy reach of the Main Line stations and for those travelling by Underground, the nearest station is Russell Square.

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### TROUBLE SHOOTER ROSS



China's Liang Ke-liang waits impatiently as Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia) has difficulty in finding a ball to his liking before a men's singles quarter-final tie.

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# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

## ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

### FROM RAGS TO RICHES

In the final run-in to the County Championships our senior Premier team were left with the task of winning at least one of their two remaining fixtures to avoid relegation despite already having three victories under their belt. With one of these matches away to Cleveland, and the other at home to similar relegation candidates Yorkshire, these fixtures were viewed with some trepidation.

The hastily arranged game at Cleveland had been written off by many as merely an unnecessary excursion for the unlikely looking team of Bob Potton, Dave Newman, Stuart Gibbs and Lesley Radford. Thankfully somebody forgot to tell the team this.

Although Cleveland were not at full strength they still had Denis Neale and Carole Knight in their line-up and one could sense they felt pretty confident of victory. As it turned out our team refused to accept defeat and a magnificent all for one effort produced an astounding 5-4 win in the circumstances. Gibbs, recalled from the wilderness, turned back the clock with a display of pure magic and the youngsters, Potton and Newman, responded to his urgings to win one apiece and turn in fighting efforts. Lesley Radford, as ever, did her share and partnered Gibbs in a vital mixed success. A really magnificent effort from all concerned in a highly entertaining match.

The Yorkshire match was also won 6-3 with our usual team of Ian Horsham, David Brown, Potton and Lesley Radford thus leaving us runners-up. Potton, unbeaten, and Lesley were the stars in this match with Lesley in particular doing very well to beat Melody Ludi in the best set of the night.

Our junior Premier team went down to champions elect Yorkshire 3-7 but there were encouraging performances from Leon Smith and Elaine Sayer.

The 19 various divisions in our 'white hot' inter-league competition have nearly all been resolved. The season has been full of interest with some very good individual performances as well as the proverbial photo finishes. Some divisional winners snatched victory with the last match on games average and at least one runner-up was decided on sets for and against.

Two veterans celebrated their silver anniversaries, Charlie Wheeler from Chelmsford in Div. 3 and Sid Cross from Becontree in Div. 5. Congratulations gentlemen, may you grace our tables for many years to come. Winning teams:—

#### Seniors

- Division 1—Dagenham "A"
- Division 2—Walthamstow "A"
- Division 3—Colchester "A"
- Division 4—Chelmsford "B"
- Division 5—Billericay "B"
- Division 6—Becontree "B"
- Division 7—Colchester "D"

#### Juniors

- Division 1—Romford "A"
- Division 2—Silvertown
- Division 3—Clacton "A"
- Division 4—To be decided
- Division 5—Barking "B"

#### Veterans

- Division 1—Billericay "A"
- Division 2—Colchester "A"
- Division 3—Chelmsford "A"
- Division 4—Barking "B"

- Division 5—Becontree "A"
- Division 6—Clacton "B"
- Division 7—Becontree "B"

The AGM will see the departure of three Officers from this season's committee and I feel that the members should pay tribute to three gentlemen who have given tremendous service to the County. Luckily one of them, Pat Dukes, remains with us but (subject to his re-election) he obviously cannot combine the roles of Chairman and Hon. Treasurer which are both exacting positions.

Therefore the County are now looking for a new Treasurer and should you know of anyone interested in taking on this very important role please let us know. Gordon Lightfoot who has been Tournament Secretary for the past 12 months and was previously Treasurer has decided to take a rest although we shall still have him officiating around the County as a Referee and Umpire. We wish Gordon well for the future and thank him for his loyal service.

Finally after fulfilling a very important role as Umpires Secretary, Wally Kemp has found that pressure of work makes it necessary for him to give up his position on the Executive. (Thanks Wally for all your hard work over the past few years. The service that Officers of the calibre of Gordon and Wally perform are also very exacting and we can well understand the needs of these gentlemen when they make the hard decision to resign from positions that I know they have both enjoyed, Peter Roden has offered his services to replace Wally and a new face seems likely in Gordon's place and a name has been recommended.

#### WHAT OF OUR REPS AT BRUM

Well David Brown successfully accounted for Sergio Sanchez of Mexico, after a shaky and nervous start, out in the main arena 3-1 then, after beating Peter Powell (Guernsey) fell to the defensive Gunter Muller (Austria) in the final qualifying round. Shelagh Hession also accounted for her first round opponent, Rezvan Alaey (Iran), by the remarkable scores of 6, 1, 6, before falling to In-Sook Bhushan, the USA No. 1 and former Korean player.

There was no disgrace in this defeat as the American then proceeded to beat Claude Bergeret of France who later was to win the mixed title with Jacques Secretin. In the men's doubles, Brown, partnered by Nigel Eckersley, had no difficulty in qualifying winning all their three sets 3-0 but in the first round proper they found Hungary's Molnar and Frank a little too strong losing 0-3 but only at -21 in the third.

Shelagh teamed up with her old friend Judy Williams, now representing the Netherlands, and qualified only to lose out to the eventual winners Pak Yong Ok and Yang Ying. Shelagh also qualified in the mixed, with Dougie Johnson, but lost to the Foldys of Switzerland 2-3. Brown and Sue Lisle were beaten by the Russians Strokotov and Popova, 0-3, at the first hurdle.

On the open tournament front our large group of tournaments goes have had many successes with the most notable being Horsham MS runner-up (Middlesex), Lesley Radford WS runner-up (Middlesex), Potton and "Benny" Robertson MD winners (Middlesex), Potton MS winner (Bedford) and Linda Barrow WS winner at the Fenland, Gwent and Bedford opens.

In the 4th Essex Schools Championships at Nottley Sports Centre, Braintree, the eventual winners were:—BS U-19 Kevin Owers; GS U-19 Helen Gore; BS U-16 Terry Dowsett; GS U-16 Julie Dowsett; BS U-13 Paul Chaplin; GS U-13 Janice Clark; BS U-11 John Ward and GS U-11 Janice Clark.

#### CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

#### BRIGHT ENDING

The County's senior side ended their season on a bright note with a 6-4 away win over Cleveland III, their first success since the home win over Notts on the opening match of the County Championships programme.

Brian Towell has been the main force behind the team throughout the season and he gained two more good wins to take his tally to 7 successes out of 10 played whilst taking over the No. 1 spot in the absence of Chris Reed whose England-class talents were utilised in the Junior 1st team.

John Willis was another to gain two good wins but as mentioned in last month's "comment" John has found success hard to come by this season and these were his first wins since that early match against Notts. The whole team in fact showed a fighting spirit and recovered well after being 2-4 down at one stage, taking the last four sets through Towell, Josie Dymond, Roger Stewart and Willis.

Josie, as a late replacement was playing her first county match of the season and Roger's invaluable win was his second in as many matches for the side.

Although there are a couple of outstanding matches yet to be played in the inter-league competition Carlisle made sure of being champions when they defeated Barrow 8-4. Stewart O'Neil led the Carlisle team with three singles wins, Roger Stewart won two and County No. 3 David Kirkpatrick surprisingly taking only one of his singles. Barrow's Bill Robinson and Peter Buxton both got the better of Kirkpatrick with Robinson gaining their other singles success over Stewart and the two combining to win the men's doubles.

Millom ended their campaign with a 6-6 draw against Westmorland, the latter doing well to take home a point after being 0-2 down at the start due to the unavailability of a female player. With Towell heading the Westmorland team Millom were looking towards Neil Smith to see his team through with support from Len Saunders and Peter Turner. An early defeat however for Smith by the West No. 2 Geoff Baines upset their plans and although the final set between the respective No. 1's was a close affair it was not to be Smith's day and there was no doubt which side was the more satisfied with the one point gained. Saunders finished Millom's top scorer and a good performance from him gave victories over Baines and Bob Gale, Smith and Turner just gaining the one "actual" success over Gale.

With the season now over for most of the people in the area, Millom School TTC have begun summer coaching sessions which is hoped will progress throughout most of the close season. With John Reed being the main force behind the project, which ranges from weight training for the more senior players down to the basics for what seems to be an unending stream of enthusiastic youngsters, Club Coaches David Bell, Colin Taylor and John Taylor will provide willing assistance throughout.

The recent exodus from the area to the World Championships is hoped to reap dividends for the youngsters and the first session held was not without reference to the successful Chinese who took both team events so convincingly. John Reed focussed particularly on the temperament of players involved which played a key role in the successes gained.

#### THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE SCENE

by Leslie Constable

#### NOT A TITLE!

For the first time since the 1973/74 season, Cambridgeshire have not won a Divisional title in the just completed season. Undoubtedly the loss of Paul Day for three matches prevented the first team from winning Div 2 East, but even so they only failed by two sets. Much of the credit for this must go to Mick Harper and Keith Richardson who both won eight singles out of ten Harper had his best season for Cambs and seemed to play better with the extra responsibility thrust on him in Day's absence. Unfortunately, the women had a disappointing season with Sally Hirst and Jean Allinson only winning one set each and it was not until the final match when Valerie Scripps replaced Jean Allinson that a women's doubles was won. But one must agree

that this season has been the most competitive ever.

The Cambs. League is now drawing to a close but it is quite clear that Soham I will again emerge champions of Div I being in a commanding position not having lost a match. New Chesterton Institute will almost certainly be runners-up having given Soham a good run. In this division University I are doomed for relegation and a curious situation is arising in that there could be three University teams in the same division next season! We shall see!

In Div II Soham IV hold the lead closely followed by Y.M.C.A. II. Percy Newman, playing for Herbert Robinson, brought an end to a run of 13 "Maximums" by beating John Ashman of Soham IV who, in a later match, lost another set to Alan Thomas of Y.M.C.A. II who held Soham to a 5-5 draw just to make the situation at the top more interesting! Another good performance in Div II was that of Steve Lee of Impington who beat Y.M.C.A. II "star" Alan Thomas but Y.M. recovered to win 8-2. In a top match of Div IIIA University III completed a double over Eastern Gas winning 8-2 having now completed their fixtures. But the Gas men look the likely champions despite a shock defeat by Wesley I who won 6-4 and who also took three out of four points from University III.

Telephones III look like winning the Div IVA title as in a recent match they beat N.C.I. 8-2 and are level on points with the latter with a far better sets average. In this game John Puddick of N.C.I. was defeated by both David Jarvis and Roy Watson and so lost his unbeaten record leaving only Dennis Pluck of Ely Fire Service with a 100 per cent record in the league. In Div IVB Sawston completed their double over Soham V by winning 7-3 and so virtually clinching the title.

In Div VA Saffron Walden, Howard Mallett I and Wesley III are vying for the title although odds on favourites are Howard Mallett who recently beat Wesley 6-4 who in turn may pip Saffron Walden for runners-up. Haverhill IV look like taking the Div VB title and as they have also reached the final of the Handicap Knock-Out Trophy they could have a memorable season.

The Final of the Cambs League Knock-Out Handicap Trophy will be between Div V Clubs Haverhill IV and Howard Mallett I who beat Soham I and Sawston respectively in the semis. Soham I who have won the competition for the last three seasons and who had such a shock last season in the final against Wesley II before winning 5-4, met their match when they lost their semi to Haverhill IV 3-5. The handicap of 22 points out of 31 proved too much for the holders although Keith Richardson was able to overcome it when winning both his sets against Dale Mizon and Yvonne Driver, but Mick Palmer was unable to win a single set. Steve Palmer beat Driver but it was a real team effort by Haverhill for whom Mizon and Alan Driver won two singles each and Yvonne Driver one. In the other semi Howard Mallett (+22) were never in trouble against Sawston (+18) and won comfortably 7-2. Colin Benson (Cambridge United Football Club Secretary) was Howard Mallett's star winning his three sets with Brian Lister and Peter Rose each winning two although both lost to John Suchocki.

In the S.E.M. League North Herts and Ely are battling out for top spot in the Men's Section with Ely who could win by a whisker. In Div II Cambridge have won the title. Wisbech are two from the bottom in Div I but are safe from relegation. Wisbech are also two from the bottom in the Junior Division and their position is not at all safe although there are still matches to be played. Cambridge Juniors improved their position vastly in Div II in their last two matches which they won handsomely. In the Veterans Section which Cambridge had "won" there was an unfortunate occurrence when it was found that they had inadvertently played an illegal player and so they had to forfeit his sets which plunged them half way down the table. This was a tragedy as I know they could have won the title with another player.

It was with great sadness and distress that I and all officials and players in the Cambs Association learnt of the sudden passing of FRANK PETITTI who had been such a bulwark to Cambs table tennis for the past 30 years. For nearly all that period he was Secretary of St. George's Table Tennis Club, a Club which he developed over the years so that they now supply five teams in the Cambs League and play with distinction. He served on the Executive Committee of the Cambs League and the Cambs County Association and was made a Life Vice-President a few years ago. Nothing was too much for him to attempt and his assistance at matches and tournaments was invaluable and the transporting of teams to matches was also another of his achievements. He will be so sorely missed as he was so rare a character. Appropriately he passed away on Good Friday. Our thoughts go out to his family at this time.

Pat O'Byrne, Cambs Umpire Secretary, officiated at the World Championships and it is nice to know that a Cambs man was able to make the trip and give such valuable service to the E.T.A. Well done Pat!

As this is the last Magazine of the current season I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all my readers the best of luck during the close season and may next season be a "glad one" for everybody.

#### POSTSCRIPT

Wisbech, after struggling hard for most of the season were finally relegated from Div. 1 of the S.E.M. League, a 7-3 defeat at the hands of Wellingborough finally "nailed their coffin". So Cambridge go up and Wisbech down, which was not on the cards at the beginning of the season—such being the fluctuations of fortune! The first Junior Wisbech team finished off the season with a victory against Wellingborough, Stuart Calvert and John West winning three each and Andy Hunter two. In the East Anglian League Div. 2 "play off" Wisbech were beaten 6-4 by Ipswich who went on to beat Lowestoft in the final. Wisbech playing Norwich for third and fourth positions went down by 3-7 to finish bottom.

In the North Norfolk League Wymondham beat Wisbech by one point for the title but Wisbech fared better in the ensuing championships which were held at Fakenham. Howard Lupton reached the final of the Men's Singles before losing to David Barnard -14, -16 but then teamed up with Richard Mussett from Fakenham to win the doubles against Jim Ryder of Thetford and Charlie Waling of Wisbech. Chris Gay of Wisbech won the Rosenstand Personality Trophy.

#### Wisbech League—Final League placings

Div. 1—Wisbech Institute (3rd successive year).  
Runners-up—Tydd Trojans.  
Div. 2—W.T.T.C. Buffalo's  
Runners-up—Smedleys.  
Div. 3—Rowdies.  
Runners-up—Isle College.  
Div. 4—Rosewood Juniors.  
Runners-up—Ramblers.  
Div. 5—Smedleys "A"  
Runners-up—Spillers.  
Parker Shield (Handicap)—Final Isle College bt Upwell St. Peter's Youth Club.  
Sleight Doubles—Final Bury Cars 5, Wisbech Institute 2.

#### Wisbech T.T. Association Awards

Aistrip Award (For Services to Table Tennis)  
Diane Tooke.  
Team of the Year—W.T.T.C. Buffalo's.  
Rosewood Award—(For Sportsmanship), Bob Littlechild.  
Player of the Year—Robert Swift.

### S.E. MIDLANDS LEAGUE CHATTER

#### by Leslie Constable

North Herts and Ely are fighting it out for the Men's title with the latter team just favoured to obtain the coveted trophy although it will be a near thing. Cambridge have won the Men's title in Div II with a clear lead and will be looking forward to next season in the first division. R.A.F. will be runners-up in the second

division with Peterborough in bottom position. North Herts top Junior Div I and look like being champions as only Northampton can catch them. Wellingborough lie at the foot of the table with only one set so are doomed to relegation. Kettering top Div II (Junior) with a clear lead and Hunts Central are firmly entrenched at the bottom. Although Dunstable at the time of writing are top of the Women's Division it is almost certain that North Herts will clinch the title as they are only one set behind. A sad incident occurred in the Veterans Div I when Cambridge, who had won the League, were found to have played an illegal player in almost all their matches. Due to a misunderstanding in ages they consequently had to forfeit all this player's sets leaving St. Neots as champions. This was a most unfortunate occurrence and I hope that such a thing will not happen again as it takes the pleasure out of the game.

There are still many results not to hand and which are so vital for the compilation of league tables and also that would make the "lot" of the Results and League Secretary much more easier. Would Secretaries please send these results in as soon as possible if they have not already done so as they know the rules as well as anybody else!

### LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

#### by Phil Reid

With the season now concluded it is time to look back on the season as a whole. The first team failed to retain their place in the Premier Division but this will come as no real surprise although the experience gained will have made the season there well worth while. The most apparent weakness was the failure to secure more than one set the whole season from the number three spot.

In the 2nd team promotion was always in the air but a defeat at Cardiff by Glamorgan II put the team out of the running, finishing second. The benefits from having a second team are obvious and the County Executive are most anxious that this team shall continue to play next season. The junior side had a good season with Steven Day and David Gannon giving some excellent performances. Gannon's play in the second half of the season has been particularly encouraging. The Veterans continue their table tennis at County level, win or lose.

Leicester's Carter Cup team have reached the final and they accomplished this by virtue of a magnificent 5-1 win over Hull. Gannon gave an inspiring display to beat both Harrison and Naser—too often in the past it has been left to Chris Rogers to win three and the remainder to pick two up between them! On this occasion Leicester were two up before Chris went to the table and he duly won both his with Day winning a valuable opening set. Leicester, however went out of the Rose Bowl with Cleveland proving much too strong on the day.

Barwell Liberal have reached the final stages of the National Club Competitions and their team of Paul Randell, John Iliffe and Maurice Newman are to be congratulated on this excellent performance.

The Leicester League have already held their AGM and things are very much as before. The only major change is that of Vice-Chairman where Dick Johnson takes over. Dick has for many seasons been one of the leading lights of the Loughborough League (and still is) but this has not stopped him being a Divisional Secretary in the Leicester League besides being one of the motivating forces behind the first-ever Leicester Closed Championships.

The Leicester Closed, incidentally proved a big success and there is little doubt this will become an annual event.

Knighton Park have topped the Leicester 1st Division with Triad winning the Loughborough top division at their first attempt. Knighton Park also won the Rose Johnson Bowl where Julie Revill gave some sparkling performances.

The Rose Johnson Memorial Trophy was won by Jackie Want who hit top form at the right time and emerged a well-deserved winner.

## NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

### WITTY COMPARE

The plum of the month in Norfolk was, of course, the encounter between the County and the U.S.A. national team prior to the World Championships. The venue was the ballroom at the Norwich Union clubhouse, Pinebanks. Norfolk duly lost 0-10 but the proceedings were enlivened by the witty compering of the Union's Bob King, and the problem of a slippery floor was overcome with the use of a wet cloth.

U.S. men players: Danny Seemiller (U.S. No. 1), Rick Seemiller, Dean Galardi, Ray Guillen and Paul Raphael. Women players: Angelita Rosal, In Sook Na Bushan (former captain of the Korean team which won the Corbillon Cup in 1973), Alice Green Sonne and Judy Bochenski. Norfolk: Mick Musson (Capt.), Chris Bensley, Bob Thornton, Doug Bennett, Jeanne Brown and Wendy Hogg.

Norfolk lost their remaining three county matches, the first team falling to Bucks 2-8 at Wolverton, in Div. 2 East; the Juniors (without Bennett) trailing 4-6 to Suffolk at Ipswich, and the second team, in Div. 3 East, going down 3-7 to Suffolk at Norwich CEYMS. This win by Suffolk gave them the Championship of the Division. Heartiest congratulations to our friends and rivals!

The Norwich League championships were held at the University of East Anglia on Sunday, Mar 27. Those two outstanding Juniors, Douglas Bennett and Wendy Hogg retained their titles, both Senior and Junior. Bennett scotched an attempt by Russ King to win the Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Norwich titles in the same season. The previous Sunday King had beaten Paul Durrant -10, 7, 8, 9 at Yarmouth. At Lowestoft he had defeated Stewart Sharman 9, 18.

### Results:

M.S.: D. Bennett bt R. King 17, 18.  
W.S.: W. Hogg bt M. Hales 17, 12.  
B.S.: D. Bennett bt D. Smith 9, 8.  
G.S.: W. Hogg bt R. Harrowven 10, 12.  
V.S.: A. Cropper bt L. Branson 7, 19.  
M.D.: M. Musson/T. Bunn bt D. Henderson/S. Howlett -12, 14, 20.  
W.D.: Mrs. J. Faiers/W. Hogg bt Mrs. J. Moore/ Miss L. Kowalski -21, 16, 18.  
X.D.: Bensley/M. Hales bt Musson/W. Hogg -17, 20, 15.

Congratulations to Chris Bensley, Norfolk Champion, who, by the time these notes appear, will have married Miss Veronica King.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

### ELDON SQUARE REVIVAL

After a season's absence, due to the loss of the original venue at the Department of Health and Social Security Canteen, the Northumberland Closed Championships were revived at the Eldon Square Recreation Centre on April 16.

Valerie Smith proved to be the most successful player, winning both her senior and junior women's singles events, and the mixed in partnership with Malcolm McMaster. Andrew Clark also scored a double singles triumph by taking both the men's and youths' under-18 singles titles. The men's singles certainly provided plenty of drama, as not one of the other seven seeds managed to reach the semi-finals, which were contested by Clark v. Tony McQueen, and Peter Hoyles (unseeded because of his temporary retirement from the game), the winner against Dave Lucas.

The women's singles proved to be more predictable, with only the No. 4 seed, Lily Aust, failing to reach her allotted position when she lost 23-25 in the third to the much-improved Julie Hobson — the latter, in fact, took the first game from Valerie Smith in the semi-final before eventually losing. Kit Cheung, the No. 2 seed came through via the holder, Pat Small

(not seeded for the same reason as Peter Hoyles) in a three game quarter-final, and Pauline Jackson, the No. 3 seed, in two close semi-final games.

The doubles events did not produce too many surprises, all the top seeds winning their respective events without too much trouble. It was good to see the women's doubles event back again after a lapse of some years due to lack of entries.

The veterans' singles provided two new finalists, with Terry Wilkinson eventually outlasting Frank Buck to win the title. The Individual Handicap, which this season was barred to senior County ranked men, was won by Peter Hoyles, who overcame the handicap disadvantage throughout the event in fine style to beat Maurice Ewles in the final.

### Results:—

#### Men's Singles:

A. Clark bt P. Hoyles 11, 16.

#### Women's Singles:

V. Smith bt K. Cheung 17, 20.

#### Men's Doubles:

M. McMaster/C. Shepherd bt W. Rossiter/F. Short 11, 12.

#### Women's Doubles:

P. Jackson/P. Small bt J. Aust/L. Aust 14, 14.

#### Mixed Doubles:

McMaster/Smith bt Shepherd/Jackson 13, 17.

#### Youths' U-18 Singles:

Clark bt E. Thomas 14, 19.

#### Young Women's U-18 Singles:

Smith bt J. Hobson 17, 11.

#### Veterans' Singles:

T. Wilkinson bt F. Buck -19, 20, 11.

#### Individual Handicap:

Hoyles (Scr.) bt M. Ewles (+8) 14, 19.

The tournament itself seemed to be reasonably successful, in spite of the usual difficulties involved in trying a new venue for the first time. The main disadvantage, in holding such an event at a large sports complex is that apart from the distractions of other sports, several people could (and did) disappear to various other areas, and had to be called more than once before they reappeared for their particular match — which resulted in the tournament not finishing until after 10 p.m., having commenced at 9-30 a.m.

The Northumberland League season ended on Friday, April 1, and the winners and runners-up were as follows:

### Premier:

Winners: Tyne Dock  
Runners-up: BBC House 'B'

### Division 1:

Winners: Prudhoe YA  
Runners-up: St. George's 'A'

### Division 2A:

Winners: Electrics 'B'  
Runners-up: Newcastle YMCA 'A'

### Division 2B:

Winners: Delaval CC 'A'  
Runners-up: Electrics 'C'

### Division 3A:

Winners: Woodlands Park 'B'  
Runners-up: Ashington YMCA

### Division 3B:

Winners: St. Wilfrid's 'B'  
Runners-up: Newton 'B'

### Division 3C:

Winners: Sevcon 'A'  
Runners-up: Thompson's 'A'

### Division 4A:

Winners: Tyne Gas Welfare  
Runners-up: Blyth Town BC

### Division 4B:

Winners: Byker CC 'H'  
Tynedale NALGO 'A'

Special congratulation are due to Tyne Dock (Fred Short, Walter Rossiter, Bill Dial) who as well as winning the Premier Division title, achieved the double by also winning the Knock-out Cup against BBC House (Peter Gorman, Eddie Kennedy, Ray Neal) by 5 sets to 4. Dial was unbeaten and Short won two sets for the winners, while BBC House's sets were gained by Gorman (2), Kennedy (1) and Neal (1).

All League and Cup Trophies will be presented at the County Association Dinner Dance on Friday, May 13th, full details having already

been shown in the April issue. Thanks once again go to Bill and Lily McMaster for the organisation of the event.

The Tyneside Summer League has again attracted a large entry — this season there are 64 teams contesting 8 Divisions. The season will commence on April 25 and will run for 14 weeks until the middle of August.

Two days after the Northumberland Closed Tournament, there was an even bigger entry of 150 boys and girls for the first Newcastle Schools Table Tennis Association Championships at the same venue.

### Results:

#### B.S. (U-19):

R. Bambrough bt D. Mosley 17, 8.

#### G.S. (U-19):

V. Smith bt K. Cheung 12, -18, 15.

#### B.S. (U-16):

J. Burke bt H. Young 13, 6.

#### G.S. (U-16):

S. Norris bt H. Calrow 12, 13.

#### B.S. (U-13):

B. Clark bt N. McMaster (scores not available).

#### G.S. (U-13):

S. Carr bt S. Young -14, 19, 10.

#### B.D. (Senior):

Bambrough/Mosley bt A. Leather/D. Cutter 12, -19, 18.

#### G.D. (Senior):

Cheung/J. Hobson bt Norris/V. Elsdon 14, 13.

#### B.D. (Junior):

S. Montague/J. Brumby bt McMaster/G. Marshall 15, 19.

#### G.D. (Junior):

Carr/J. Hancock bt Young/C. Burke 16, -7, 19.

## NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

### ANOTHER JUBILEE

One of the less obvious, but perhaps more palatable side effects emerging from the recent World Championships, is the delayed publication of Table Tennis News, making it possible to report on the final stages of a season with more than its usual share of ups and downs.

The closing chapters were finally written at the County A.G.M., when an anticipated difficult meeting turned out to be the most encouraging for many years, filled with enthusiasm and optimistic hopes for the fairly immediate future, and at which the disappointment at so narrowly failing to win two County Championship titles was forgotten, as ideas and projects for the future began to take shape.

Mr. J. G. Bignell, one of the most active and interested County Presidents, took a leading part in the evening's events, and he was emphatically re-elected to a position he has filled so admirably for many years. Peter Edwards was again elected to the chair, and such a capable partnership should ensure not only a promising future for Northants table tennis, but also a highly successful Jubilee Year, especially with some sound backing from a strong committee, elected as follows:—

### Deputy Chairman & National Councillor

KEN MARCHANT

### Secretary

MRS. BARBARA HUSK

### Treasurer

FRANK CLOWES

### Match Secretary

TOM TYE

### Coaching Secretary

DAVE MARSH

### County Umpires Secretary

D. J. ARTERTON

Northampton burst into late action on the County League front, with Phil Snelling, Romano Gallo, John Horne, David Gallo and Margaret Maltby recording the first whitewash in the two years of competition, with luckless Towcester the pointless victims.

Perhaps Northampton's action came too late, for when they clashed with holders and unbeaten Kettering, the closing date had already been exceeded by six days. This however did not



prevent Snelling, Gallo and Steve Lyon, making his first appearance in this event, dominating an entertaining needle match. With Northampton winning four of the five sets requiring a decider, they eventually inflicted an 8-3 defeat on a Kettering side not previously suffering such an indignity. If the County Executive allow this result to stand, the League Table will finally read:—

	P	W	L	Pts.
Northampton	4	4	0	34
Kettering	4	3	1	28
Wellingborough	4	2	2	27
Daventry	4	1	3	16
Towcester	4	0	4	5

If however the rule is not rescinded, Wellingborough could take the title by virtue of an 8-3 win at Daventry, in which Gary Alden and John Sims were unbeaten, while Dorothy Marsh also made a major contribution with a 21-13 win in the final game against Sue Edwards. Daventry also fielded the father and son combination of John and Owen Bishop, with the youngster making the greater contribution.

The top division in Northampton finally went to Y.M.C.A.'s Lyon, Snelling and Gallo, who however were almost thwarted in an out of season encounter with previous holders U.T.C. 'A'. Requiring an 8-2 win to overtake their rivals U.T.C. 'A' inspired by an invincible John Goodall, fought valiantly to take the match by seven rubbers to three, but this was not enough and Y.M.C.A. were back on top once more.

Snelling and Gallo were also involved in a tight finish in the Wellingborough League, where joined by John Horne, and playing as Compton Nomads, they just failed to get the better of Rothborough, who as usual were indebted to Gary Alden who again completed the season without defeat.

In the Kettering League, Town 'A' were again out on their own, winning all twenty-two matches to extend an unbeaten run stretching back to March 1974, while runners up Wellingborough Town compensated by winning the Points Cup, their first success in Cup competitions.

The Rothborough Tournament, at which I was privileged to present the awards, again emphasised the dominance of youth, with Northampton's Tim Chamberlain taking the Singles after a close game with Neil Knatt in an interesting final, after he had played brilliantly to account for Keith Nicoll in the penultimate round.

Finally congratulations to Rod Marchant, as enthusiastic a player as his father Ken is as an administrator, who in March became the first Northants player to make 50 county appearances, and in April became the first Wellingborough player to make 100 representative appearances in the South East Midlands League. He made his debut in November 1965 as a very young junior, and his playing career to date has coincided with a Wellingborough success story at both Junior and Senior level. Although currently playing in London's Willesden League with his customary success, Rod, like county colleague Steve Lyon, travels regularly to represent the teams which gave him his first opportunity. His dedication to the game could well make him one of the corner stones of Northamptonshire's surge to the top, in the not too distant future, an occurrence the local table tennis world awaits with a quiet note of optimism.

## WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

### WEST WILTS SURPRISE

Poole, a very much improved side this season, had an easy away victory over Bristol 8-1, "veteran" Ray Sewell winning Bristol's only set beating H. Davies after losing the first game -9. Ray subsequently won the next two 18 and 20. Both J. Robinson and M. Abbott were in fine form for Poole their maximums taking in Tony Brown, Sewell and Gordon Mildred

Plymouth's juniors at home to Bournemouth, were in top form and won 9-0. Undoubtedly Plymouth have some excellent juniors. Paul

Whiting I saw at the end of last year, also Mike Shearman, and these two with young G. Craig were way ahead of their visitors. Only one set went to three, that between Craig and B. Thomas.

Even at this late date there are still a number of matches not completed but Newbury have been forced to withdraw their backlog of matches being just impossible. Bournemouth have also run into difficulties with too heavy a programme. Once matches are postponed it is very hard to fit them in especially with all the other commitments but Bournemouth intend to complete their fixtures.

West Wilts juniors had a surprisingly convincing home win against Plymouth beating them 8-1, only D. Cleveland dropping a set to Shearman -19 in the 3rd. Kevin Edwards and K. Satchell both recorded maximums beating Whiting, Shearman and Craig.

I do not feel the Junior Division has been a success. Travel arrangements I understand by at least one league has been the trouble. This is a pity as we all thought this was a good innovation to have a junior section.

The League's A.G.M. will be held in Bristol sometime in July when, I hope, all member leagues will be represented. Meantime if any league desirous of joining would contact me at 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Gwent I will supply full details. The men play home and away alternate seasons, also the women if there are sufficient entries. The closing date for entries is June 30. Finally thanks to George Yates, the Editor, for publicising our affairs.

## CLWYD REPORT

By Roy Williams

### SEASON'S END

The NWCTTA's five member leagues—Anglesey, East Flint, Llandudno, Rhyl and Wrexham—all concluded their commitments on time. In previous seasons we have always had the odd league match or cup final still to play. But not this season, so well done.

WYLFA PS "A" retained the Anglesey Div. 1 title with Holyhead the runners-up, although only 2 pts separated them at the finish. Llangefni pipped WYLFA PS "B" for the Div. 2 title. In the Challenge Cup Final Holyhead "A" defeated their own "B" team.

Caerwrle BB carried off the East Flint Div. 1 championship followed by Connahs Quay PS. Caerwrle "B" clinched the Div. 2 trophy by 2 pts from Courtaulds (Flint). Div. 3 was won by Connahs Quay PS "B" with Queensferry as runners-up. The Div. 4 champions are Hawarden with Courtaulds (Flint) "C" runners-up.

Lansdowne "A" retained the Div. 1 Shield at Llandudno again beating Colwyn Bay CC to the post on this occasion in convincing style. Lansdowne "C" carried off the Div. 2 title with Colwyn Bay F.C. three points adrift in second spot. Llandudno Junc. YC won Div. 3. Covec "B" were runners-up.

Divisional Cup winners were:- 1) Lansdowne "A", 2) Doera "B", 3) Llandrillo College, 4) Llandudno Junc. "B".

At Rhyl the Premier League divisional titles were won by—Div. 1 Oriel House, Div. 2 RABA "B", Div. 3 Oriel "C" with Rhyl Labour Club, Pilkington's "B" and Prestatyn Tennis "C" the respective runners-up. The Burton Challenge Cup was also won by Oriel House beating RAFA in the final.

Once again Plas Madoc retained the Div. 1 title after a ding-dong struggle with Queens Park OB in the Wrexham League. Wrexham OB "B" gained the top spot in Div. 2 followed by Griflex. Newcomers Wrexham Police pipped the Milk Marketing Board for the Div. 3 title. In the Godfrey Parry Challenge Cup, Queens Park had their revenge beating Plas Madoc by the odd set.

Caerwrle BB beat Rhyl Labour Club to win the G.S. Radcliffe Cup and the North Wales Club Team Championships. In the second Club Team Championships of North Wales for the Stan Shone Cup Rhyl Clwyd beat Egatube SC.

The North Wales Closed was held at the Deeside Leisure Centre, Queensferry. Mike Holden, Dave Tapp and their merry band of workers again ran a smooth tournament. Congratulations to Julie Ralphs on regaining the Welsh Women's Singles title and to Mark Thomas (Rhyl) who has won a number of open tournament titles in the Cadet category including the Welsh National. He has again been selected to play for Wales Cadets at Vichy, France later this year.

Tournament results:-

### NORTH WALES CLOSED

MS: E. Griffiths, WS: J. Ralphs, JS: M. Thomas, CS: M. Thomas, VS: E. Griffiths, MD: G. Powell/M. Thomas, WD: P. Allen/S. Rogers, XD: R. Lloyd/J. Ralphs, JD: M. Thomas/A. Williams.

### ANGLESEY CLOSED

MS: D. Hobbs, JS: M. Bryant, CS: M. Bryant, MD: D. Hobbs/G. Hobbs.

### LLANDUDNO HANDICAP

OHS: M. Thomas, CHS: A. Hardman.

### WREXHAM CLOSED

MS: T. Manning, WS: S. Rogers, JS: I. Baker, VS: A. Barker, HS: T. Manning, MD: J. Bishton/H. Brannick, XD: J. Bowden/S. Rogers.

### EAST FLINT CLOSED

MS: E. Griffiths, WS: J. Ralphs, JS: M. Byles, VS: E. Griffiths, MD: C. Potts/R. Lloyd, WD: S. Bennett/J. Parry, XD: C. Potts/N. Holden.

## CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

### PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

With the vast majority of the season's activities now completed, Cleveland are turning their thoughts to player development for the summer months.

A wide range of coaching activities are being planned, everything from the regular training within the Ormesby Club for the higher quality players on three evenings a week to several sessions dotted round the County for players of other standards.

Most of Cleveland's fifty plus coaches are active in one way or another in promoting these coaching schemes. In the areas of the County where previously little or no coaching existed, regular sessions have been arranged and generally youngsters can enjoy table tennis tuition within a few miles of their doorsteps regardless of the area of the County in which they reside.

More emphasis is being placed this summer on the production of high quality players. A great deal of effort and thought has already been generated in the organisation of the summer training at Ormesby and it is hoped from this that future Denis Neales and Carole Knights will emerge.

The annual training course for coaches is again running this summer and it is hoped that by September we will have another dozen or so qualified people within our midst.

Stockton League have come up with a special scheme sponsored by their District Leisure and Amenities Department for a coaching week at the end of August for the best 20 players within their area taken by a professional coach.

## DEVON NOTES

by Keith Ponting

### DELIGHT AS JUNIORS GAIN PREMIER STATUS

The week-end of April 16/17 were certainly red letter days for our County when the Junior team came through the County Championships play-off and won promotion to the Premier Division for next season. This was a tremendous performance by any standards and every member of the team can feel justly proud, and I hope I will be forgiven if I do too. The County first entered a junior team in the Championships in 1970/71 and have made rapid strides since. This has been achieved by the hard working efforts of the coaching staff and others connected with the county.

I am fully aware that, perhaps, getting there was easier than staying there and every step must now be made to ensure that the name of Devon will remain in the top flight of junior table tennis. This will mean a big co-ordinated effort by the entire coaching staff led by County Coaching Officer Frank Hatton. All parts of the county must be combed in the search for talent and every likely junior given a chance to prove themselves. Finance will also be a problem with the extra travelling involved but we are confident we can meet this new challenge and overcome any problems that might arise.

The play-offs saw the last appearances in the junior ranks of Elaine Lamb and Terry Fairbanks. They have both outstanding records to look back on and we wish them well in the future.

More success came our way at the Stiga National Schools Individual Championships at Luton on May 8 when Elaine Lamb won the National Under-19 Girls title and Gary Lambert the U-11 Boys' title. Both Elaine and Gary will represent England Schools as a result of their success. At the same championships Carole Butler finished third in the Girls U-13 whilst Michael Shearman came fifth in the Boys U-16. Many congratulations to you all on a really outstanding effort.

This has been the most successful season in the history of junior table tennis in Devon. Complacency must not set in. Much hard work is to be done and I hope this is the beginning of even better things to come.

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

### SECOND TEAM WINS TITLE!

The Yorkshire League Div. 1 title was surprisingly won by Bradford II, who in mid-February appeared to be relegation candidates. In a remarkable recovery, they finished the season off with five straight wins, defeating Doncaster, at that time unbeaten title favourites, 6-4 in their last match. Leeds I, the only team capable of overhauling them, were beaten 6-4 in their last match at Halifax. To add to the Bradford success story, Bradford III won Div. 2 (and so join their first and second teams in Div. 1), Bradford IV won Div. 4, and Bradford also won the Women's Division. The successful second team players were Yorkshire selector and skipper Jim Yeats, Richard Priestley and Steve Worsman. Celebrations were held at a dinner in a cruising restaurant on a local canal. It was a first ever post-war Division 1 title win for Bradford.

Two county juniors who both play for Bradford club Unity were involved in the decisive Div. 1 matches—but representing other leagues! For Doncaster, Alan Summerscales won three against Bradford II, and then Kevin Beadsley, representing Halifax, foiled the Leeds title bid by beating Andrew Metcalfe and Stephen and Robert Hazlewood, whose team finished runners-up. After only one season in Div. 1, Harrogate I drop back into Div. 2 together with Huddersfield I, Bradford III and York I won a close race for promotion from Div. 2, whilst Rotherham I and Huddersfield II go down to Div. 3 and are replaced by Barnsley II and York II. Bradford IV comfortably won Div. 4 and are promoted to Div. 3, replacing Wakefield II and Castleford/Pontefract I, who are relegated for the second successive season. Wharfedale & Airedale won Div. 5 without conceding a point. Bradford continue their dominance of the Women's Division by dropping only 9 sets in retaining their title. Chief rivals Hull were runners-up. Veterans' Division title-holders Doncaster were forced to withdraw during the season, and Barnsley I beat Leeds on sets average after an extremely close finish. After a break of 9 years, Hull I are Junior Div. 1 champions again. In Junior Div. 2, Wakefield I carried off the title without dropping a point.

The Yorkshire League Merit Awards were as follows:— Div. 1—A. Metcalfe (Leeds I); Div. 2—K. Bojas (York I) and D. Crocock (Doncaster II); Div. 3—B. Potter (Barnsley II) and R. Lowery (York II); Div. 4—P. Halmshaw (Bradford IV); Div. 5—B. Porter (Wharfedale & A. I);

**Women's Division**—Miss H. Shields (Bradford); **Junior Div. 1 (Boys)**—P. Sanderson (Leeds I), (Girls)—Miss S. Dickerson (Bradford I); **Junior Div. 2 (Boys)**—T. Watson (Wakefield I), (Girls) K. Cleary (York); **Veterans' Division**—B. Starkie (Barnsley I).

In the finals of the Yorkshire Club Championships, Montague Burton Cup holders Leeds Y.M.C.A. retained their men's team title by defeating surprise finalists York Railway Institute 5-3. In a repeat of last season's women's team finals, the H. H. Armytage Cup was retained by Hull Y.P.I., who beat Bradford's Unity 5-1. However, Unity claimed the J. Railston Cup (juniors) with a 5-2 win over Wellesley Park (Halifax), a match in which Kevin Beadsley played for his Bradford club against his Halifax club!

On the County Championships scene, congratulations to the junior first team on winning the Junior Premier Division title for the second season in succession after winning 7-3 at Essex. In the Premier Division, the first team, although losing, gained the minimum two sets required to ensure a retention of their top flight status next season in the match against Essex. Although unsuccessful Andrew Metcalfe made a promising Premier Division debut in the Essex match, being preferred to juniors Beadsley or Mike Harrison after their disappointing showing against Surrey.

After eight seasons as county treasurer, Ron Hart (Bradford) has decided to hand over his cheque and receipt books to younger financiers and is not seeking re-election. The county Association's thanks go to Ron for all his work on its behalf over the past eight seasons. Whilst on the administrative front, yours truly is retiring from the office of Gen. Sec. of the Hull & DTTA after eleven seasons in the secretarial chair.

Having beaten Barrow at Millom in the quarter-finals, Hull's Carter Cup team (Harrison, Joe Naser, Chris Pindar) were but pale shadows of their former selves in the semi-final and crashed 1-5 away at Leicester, the ease of the victory surprising even the winners, who had struggled against what were on paper weaker teams in earlier rounds. The quarter and semi-final scores were:—

Barrow 2 Hull 7: N. Smith lost to C. Pindar -15, -19; I. Reed lost to M. Harrison -14, -19; C. Reed lost to J. Naser -7, -19; Smith bt Harrison 14, -12, 18; C. Reed bt Pindar 13, 11; I. Reed lost to Naser -12, 18, -17; C. Reed lost to Harrison 19, -16, -17; Smith lost to Naser -18, 16, -19; I. Reed lost to Pindar -14, 16, -18.

Leicester 5 Hull 1: S. Day bt Pindar -14, 19, 13; D. Gannon bt Harrison 20, 15; C. Rogers bt Naser -22, 13, 16; Day lost to Harrison -5, -16; Rogers bt Pindar 11, 11; Gannon bt Naser 17, -9, 14.

Led by Beadsley, Unity have been breaking records in the Bradford League this season. They are the first club to sweep the board with the cup and championships of Div. 1 and 2. Unity 'A' is only the third team to complete the double without dropping a point, the predecessors being Clayton Heights (1947-48) and Hermits (1967-68). Kevin is only the second player to go through a Division 1 season without defeat, the first being Maurice Pitts in 1958-59.

Pete Skerratt is Doncaster's new singles champion after beating Phil Spencer in an exciting 3-game final encounter. Veteran Skerratt defeated top local junior Alan Summerscales en route, and also Alan's father, George, in the veterans' final. But father and son took the men's doubles and Alan also acquired the junior singles and, with Julie Turton, the mixed doubles.

In the Halifax Closed, county junior Tony Bottomley, following the footsteps of Kevin Beadsley, who did not play, walked off with five titles, including the men's singles.

New Harrogate League champions Knaresborough Social Club 'A' have equalled the record of the most points scored in a season by a Div. 1 team, but it was Ripon Y.M.C.A. man Vic Smith who took the Harrogate Closed singles title after top seed Peter Campkin had been knocked out by clubmate Keith Bell.

Juniors Harrison and Pindar contested the men's singles in the Hull Closed, Harrison winning this and also the men's doubles (with Naser) and boys' singles titles. Pindar had earlier defeated Clive Pollard and Mick Sothcott, who had put out top seed Dave Bartlett. Bill Devine's long reign as veterans' champion was ended by Geoff Wilkinson, who lost to Eddie Beedle in the final. Julie McLean won the women's title yet again.

The Leeds Closed saw Andrew Metcalfe win the triple crown, taking the men's singles, the men's doubles (with twin brother Brian) and the mixed (with Cathryn Haworth). Last year's top twins (the Hazlewoods) did not reach a final.

Played on 6 tables at the Northallerton Community Centre, the Northallerton Closed featured 12 events, with more than 200 entries. The men's singles finalists were provided by League champions Thornborough 'A'.

#### Closed Championships results:

##### DONCASTER:

MS—P. Skerratt bt P. Spencer -19, 25, 10;  
MD—G. and A. Summerscales bt R. Swain/S. Gascogne 19, 10;  
WS—J. Turton bt M. Seaton 18, 16;  
XD—A. Summerscales/J. Turton bt M. Jones/J. White 18, 14;  
VS—Skerratt bt G. Summerscales 5, 7;  
JS—A. Summerscales bt A. Young 8, 12;  
U-14 S—I. Walker bt N. Clarke 12, 10.

##### HALIFAX:

MS—T. Bottomley bt D. A. Lamb -23, 20, 19;  
MD—T. and D. Bottomley bt Lamb/B. Dawson 20, 17;  
WS—J. Adams bt J. Bottomley -19, 13, 19;  
WD—Bottomley/B. Gee bt B. Beadsley/B. Warne 18, 21;  
XD—T. Bottomley/Gee bt D. and J. Bottomley -13, 19, 21;  
VS—G. Kidd bt H. Green -20, 14, 16;  
YS—T. Bottomley bt D. Bottomley 21, 20;  
JS—T. Bottomley bt M. McGorlick 14, -18, 15.

##### HARROGATE:

MS—V. Smith bt K. Bell -18, 15, 13;  
MD—N. Davies/L. Browning bt J. Troughton/P. Campkin 8, 15;  
WS—Y. Abdallah bt L. Smith 18, 14;  
XD—V. and L. Smith bt Bell/J. Ellis 20, 18;  
VS—Browning bt W. Dodd 12, 18;  
U-20 S—A. Alser bt W. Morris 20, -21, 21;  
U-15 S—C. Twineham bt A. Tipling 12, 15.

##### HULL:

MS—M. Harrison bt C. Pindar -22, 7, 18;  
MD—Harrison/J. Naser bt D. N. Bartlett/C. Pollard 13, 14;  
WS—J. McLean bt K. Wilson 18, 5;  
WD—McLean/Wilson bt B. Hudson/J. Campbell 14, 9;  
XD—Naser/Wilson bt Bartlett/McLean -12, 19, 16;  
VS—A. E. Beedle bt A. G. Wilkinson 10, 16;  
BS—Harrison bt Naser 7, -15, 18;  
CS—A. Hudson bt A. Lutkin -20, 19, 10.

##### LEEDS:

MS—A. Metcalfe bt S. Kosmowsky;  
MD—A. and B. Metcalfe bt N. Davies/L. Browning;  
WS—C. Haworth bt L. Clemett;  
WD—Clemett/J. Cuanaria bt M. Browning/L. Parker;  
XD—A. Metcalfe/Haworth bt C. Williams/L. Clemett;  
VS—Browning bt I. Cochrane;  
ES—P. Sanderson bt D. Roseman;  
GE—Haworth bt Cuanaria.

##### NORTHALLERTON:

MS—M. Noble bt D. Close;  
MD—Noble/Close bt H. Slessens/K. Longstaff;  
WS—(handicap) D. Atkinson bt D. Barker;  
XD—C. Beckwith/D. Atkinson bt D. Close/C. Tobin;  
VS—(handicap) A. Keighly bt R. Atkinson;  
JS—M. Shallow bt G. Rose.  
WHARFEDALE & AIREDALE:  
MS—P. Haynes bt G. Carr;  
D—G. and Miss L. Barras bt R. Glendenning/M. Davies.

## SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

### CRAFTY JOHN TAKES TITLE

JOHN CLARKE, now ranked No. 3 in Sussex finished the season with a typical flourish—he became the Brighton champion with an amazing win at 21-19 in the fifth game against Roger Chandler. Chandler swept through the first two games to a point where it looked all over.

Crafty Clarke decided to change his tactics. Instead of playing close he retreated and became much more mobile using all the court to break up the heavy Chandler loop-driving assault. Clarke was even down in the fifth but caught the Sussex Champion at 18-18. At the final point Clarke produced a lethal service that it is alleged the ball bounced three times before Chandler got to it, but if that is so it sounds as if either the ball or the table were faulty.

With Keith Horton overcoming both youth and experience to win the Crawley closed, it looked as

though Sussex had a great chance of success at the St. Neots County Championships play-offs, but regrettably, although Sussex up-ended Lancashire and Bucks the 7-2 defeat by Berkshire proved to be the one that beat us, Horton and Julie Reading watched the entire week-end from the wings, Clarke could not reproduce his form against Chandler so that was that.

Bexhill's youngsters are still going well in their attempts to gain better England rankings. At the start of the campaign Graham Gillett was the single spearhead, but great progress has been made in the last six months by Stephen Moore, winner of the Under-14 singles at Merton on May 8.

It now looks as though both boys are really going places. I sincerely hope the new Sussex selectors will consider that Gillett should be given the No. 3 spot in the senior first team come October. When a boy of 14 or 15 is winning senior titles, he should be totally involved in senior play.

I am sure that Clarke would be willing to surrender his place.

Looking forward to next season—Sussex have for two years Linda Budd from Essex to boost the wealth of female talent. Sussex selectors will have the advantage of an extra "trial"—a cash tournament on Sept. 18 to be sponsored by the "SUSSEX EXPRESS" for players living in East Sussex.

## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George Yates

### NO CHANGE FOR THE REDS

A half share of the men's doubles title was all that the Red Rose contingent could extract from the Lancs, and Cheshire League closed championships at Bolton on May 15.

Manchester's Phil Bowen was the player concerned partnering men's singles winner John Hilton to final success over Clive Heap and Stephen Cowley. In the final of the men's singles Hilton accounted for young Mark Hankey.

The women's singles was also an all-Cheshire affair in which Mary Leigh beat Doreen Schofield and again, in the girls' final when Janet Deakin beat Lynne Fennah. Cowley made a fight in the boys' singles final against Hankey who, in the decider just got home 26-14 after leading 20-14.

Bolton League sisters, Jennifer and Julie Dixon reached the final of the women's doubles losing to Mrs. Schofield and Christine Hancock of Stockport. Peter D'Arcy won the vets' title beating Arthur Hartshorn in the final.

## BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Doug Ayres

### NOT INDICATIVE

The senior team finished the season with a win over Northants in II East and the 2nd team had their first win of the season by defeating Bucks II. Both results were 6-4. The Junior team faced Bucks in their final match and the result would decide who would win III East. Bucks did just that with a fine 8-2 win, but I think it's fair to say that the result was not indicative of the match and Bucks had to fight hard, with most of the sets going to 3.

The name Bellinger is in the news again. Young Lisa who is only 10 years old, reached the final of the Dunstable League closed women's singles, beating Sue Sharp on the way. It was Joyce Reeves, County No. 2, who finally beat Lisa in the final. Lisa won the U-11 event in the Reading Select and in the English Schools' U-11 she lost in the final to Jean Parker from Lancs. We hope this girl is going places (but staying in Bedfordshire, we trust) accompanied no doubt by her 'elderly' sister Jackie, who is 12.

Plans have been made for a series of coaching sessions for Juniors throughout the County. In charge of the operation is Tony Morton ably assisted by his wife Linda. Knowing how enthusiastic they are I am sure these sessions will be

a great success. They are including in their programme, a showing of the film of the Worlds.

County Secretary, Gerald Hammond has been elected National Councillor for Beds. I hope that this new post won't interfere with his bridge (he's a fanatic) and he must remember that he will leave some time to help raise some cash for the B.T.T.A. because we hope to raise the same amount as we shall be receiving from member leagues in fees. A small increase for them has been proposed, but it is felt that we must also look elsewhere to swell the funds for next season's expenses.

Perhaps I'm biased, being the Bedford League Chairman, but the Bedford 1-Star Open was a great success, with a record entry of 164 and the five events resulted in over 800 games being played (over 300 sets).

# Gwent Open

## WELSH DENIED AT NEWPORT

by Grove Motlow

Several surprises were in store for the entrants in the men's singles event of the Gwent Open Championships staged at Cwmbran Stadium by the Newport & District TTL before the final between Maxwell Crimmins and Graham Davies.

In the women's singles Linda Barrow retained her title by beating Pam Oung. In the quarters Mrs. Barrow beat Glenys Thomas (Wales) and Mrs Oung ousted Majorie Walker whilst the defeated semi-finalists Caroline Reeves, removed Mandy Smith, and Helen Gore disposed of Jean Golding.

It was nice to see Jean Golding bring her son Andrew to the tournament and partner him in the mixed. Jean beat Kim Wheatley (Wales) in round two which was a very good performance as Jean has played very little for quite a while now. But she displayed that tenacity to fight back which was a feature of her play with Bristol in the Western League.

With no luck in the singles Alan Griffiths and Davies combined to afford the Welsh at least one title in the doubles but after a quite brilliant win over Crimmins and Graham Sandley they succumbed to David Barr and David Reeves who were worthy winners.

In the quarters the Welsh pair beat Ian Horsham and K. Oung whilst Barr and Reeves got the better of Constance and Peter D'Arcy. Crimmins/Sandley beat Raybould/Johnson of Essex while Baker and Hartry accounted for M. Abbott and J. Robinson of Poole.

Linda Barrow and Marjorie Walker retained their women's doubles title with Chris Sewell and Helen Gore triumphant in the mixed after an earlier win over Davies and Kim Wheatley in the quarters. Simon Heaps and Mandy Smith put out the singles champions Crimmins and Mrs Barrow.

The two junior events were keenly contested throughout and a good entry was received. In the boys' Graham Sandley, the ultimate winner, knocked out K. Satchell in an excellent quarter-final while Kevin Edwards beat J. Robinson.

Results:—

### M S—Quarter-finals

G. Davies (Wal) bt A. Clayton (Y) 19, -18, 16; I. Horsham (E) bt K. Edwards (Wi) 11, 17; A. Griffiths (Wal) bt C. Sewell (Av) 11, -19, 13; M. Crimmins (Sy) bt D. Constance (Ch) -19, 13, 16.

### Semi-finals

Davies bt Horsham 13, 20; Crimmins bt Griffiths 16, 16.

### Final

CRIMMINS bt Davies 13, 22.

### W S—Semifinals

L. Barrow (E) bt C. Reeves (Bk) 18, -15, 9; P. Oung (Wi) bt H. Gore (E) 14, -18, 21.

### Final

BARROW bt Oung 17, 17.

### MD—Semi-finals

Davies/Griffiths bt Crimmins/G. Sandley (Mi) 17, 18.

D. Barr/D. Reeves (Bk) bt M. Baker/J. Hartry (So) 12, 18.

### Final

BARR/REEVES bt Davies/Griffiths 14, 17.

### W D—Semi-finals

Reeves/M. Smith (Bk) bt W. Parker (Wi)/H. Taylor (Bk) 19, -17, 13.

Barrow/M. Walker (Mi) bt S. Gilson/J. New (Do) 14, 15.

### Final

REEVES/SMITH bt Barrow/Walker 19, 18.

### X D—Semi-finals

Reeves/Reeves bt G. Evans (Wal)/J. Hunt (Wo) -17, 14, 6.

Sewell/Gore bt S. Heaps (Bk)/Smith 17, -24, 17.

### Final

SEWELL/GORE bt Reeves/Reeves 17, -22, 14.

### B S—Semi-finals

Sandley bt J. Morgan (Wal) 20, 16.

Edwards bt N. Thomas (Sp) 12, 19.

### Final

SANDLEY bt Edwards 12, 19.

### G S—Semi-finals

New bt C. Maisey (Wi) 13, 17.

Smith bt Gore 10, 13.

### Final

NEW bt Smith 17, -14, 16.

# In the Coaching Field

by JOHN O'SULLIVAN

It is difficult to talk about table tennis, at present, without mentioning the World Championships at Birmingham. As far as Coaching is concerned, there were many lessons to be learned.

The methods by which the National Coaching Committee took advantage of the gathering of world class players, has already been discussed in previous issues of this magazine and I will, therefore, refrain from repetition.

The results of such information collected by the various groups will be analysed at the Coaches Conference on July 1/3. It is already apparent that a great number of coaches will have to examine their methods in the light of information already available, if their charges are to have any chance of competing at top level.

I was fortunate enough to be present at the entire Championships, thanks to the hospitality of fellow Coach Phil Burwell, who during the tournament made his film debut and could appear in a future TV series "Crown Court". Together with Bob Wiley, also a guest of the Burwells, we witnessed many hours of play which has certainly given us numerous new ideas affecting our coaching methods.

After each days play discussion amongst the three of us went on well into the early hours. We were very well looked after by Phil's wife Katie (known to her friends as "Flower", derived, I believe, from a mutated hyacinth), who kept us well stocked with food and cups of coffee.

Other discussions of a similar nature have taken place around the country as various coaches, having attended the play at the N.E.C., have returned home fired with new enthusiasm. I doubt very much if there will be any major changes in coaching policy, but many of our priorities will receive close scrutiny and, if found wanting, will have to be changed.

One of the best ways to examine our methods is for coaches to come together, and this was the case at a recent coaches course held at Carnegie College, Leeds.

It was amply demonstrated by the coaches attending, which ranged from student to 3-star Diploma, that they were all eager to learn any new innovations that could possibly improve the running of their own squads.

During the discussions ideas changed hands, and some were tried out on the tables. A point I have

noticed more and more on these courses, is that the participants seem to want more time in discussion groups at the expense of table time.

This means they are willing to listen to another point of view, and are not against change if it means improvement, which is a welcome situation.

I again attended the Schools' individual finals, this time at Luton. The entry was bigger than ever, but it was pleasing to note that this did not mean a drop in quality.

New names are appearing on the trophies and not just because previous winners are out of the age group. Well known names fell by the wayside in the earlier rounds.

Because of the size of the entry, and the increase each year, I cannot see this tournament continuing with so many groups.

Nevertheless it was an enjoyable tournament to watch, and some very good players took part. Coaching is obviously having an impact at this level.

## WISBECH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Leslie Constable

A surprise in the Men's Singles of the Wisbech Championships saw Barry Wilson defeat Geoff Davies in a close final. Barry who must now be classed as an old campaigner must have been pleased with this victory also his success when partnered by Derek Kiddle in the Men's Doubles when they defeated Davies and Gerald Rudley. Jane Hunter had good success in the Women's Singles when she defeated Anthea Rudd. Jane must now be considered as a very up-and-coming player and must be watched with interest! Robert Swift maintained his good record when he defeated Stewart Calvert in the Boys' Singles and Gary Jordan must be pleased with himself by defeating Paul Stacey in the "under 14" Boys.

Results:—

**MS**  
B. Wilson bt G. Davies 18, 20.  
**WS**  
J. Hunter bt A. Rudd 19, 18.  
**BS**  
R. Swift bt S. Calvert.  
**GS**  
Jane Hunter bt Ruth Hunter.  
**MD**  
Wilson/D. Kiddle bt Davies/G. Rudley 10, 19.  
**WD**  
Rudd/D. Tooke bt Joy and Jane Hunter 14, 13.  
**XD**  
G. Ward/Jane Hunter bt G. Calvert/Rudd 11, 19.  
**BD**  
West/Hubble bt Calvert/Hunter.  
**BS (U-14)**  
Jordan bt Stacey.  
**GD**  
Jane/Ruth Hunter bt Calvert/J. Fisher.

## CAMBS. CLOSED

by Leslie Constable

Results:—

**MS—Semis**  
M. Harper bt G. Davies 21, 18.  
K. Richardson bt J. Thurston -19, 13, 17.  
**Final**  
Harper bt Richardson 16, 19.  
**WS—Semis**  
V. Scripps bt S. Hayes 18, 12.  
J. Allinson bt K. Newman 8, 13.  
**Final**  
Scripps bt Allinson -15, 19, 14.  
**BS**  
Withers bt Hubble -19, 11, 10.  
**GS**  
J. Hunter bt Newman 13, -17, 22.  
**MD**  
Harper/Richardson bt Davies/C. Brewer 20, 16.  
**WD**  
Scripps/S. Hirst bt Newman/S. Ellis 16, 14.

**XD**

Harper/Hirst bt Richardson/Allinson -22, 18, 18.

**BS—(U-14)**

R. Swift bt G. Jordan 11, 18.

**GS—(U-14)**

J. Hunter bt M. Cox 13, 19.

**VS**

J. Thurston bt A. Rayner 7, 12.

## I.M.P.A.C.T. Reading 'Gillette' Junior Select

POUNDS AND PENS

by Alan Dines

The Reading Junior Select Open Championships were played over the weekend of April 30—May 1st, at Meadway Sports Centre, Reading. They were organised by I.M.P.A.C.T. (Institute of Match Play and Coaching Technics) and the organising committee again successfully staged the 11 events for which 318 players competed. Gillette Industries again sponsored the championships which had a prize fund of £200, plus 33 Papermate pen sets and bannerettes.

Results were generally as expected but there were a few upsets and better than expected performances. In the boys' singles Stephen Cowley who was unseeded reached the quarters at the expense of Tony Bottomley (19, -19, 20), E. Lorrain of Belgium (-20, 13, 14) and Joe Kennedy (-14, 17, 10). In the other half 13-year-old Didier Leroy from Belgium had a good run and chopped his way to the semis, beating Kevin Beadsley (-14, 17, 19) and Stephen Mills (who had beaten Dave Newman). In the final Chris Rogers nearly achieved his moment of glory but a commanding lead at the end of the third game was demolished by Martin Shuttle to give him the title.

In the girls' singles it was Angela Tierney's day with a well deserved victory. In the final she beat England's No. 1, Angela Mitchell, and in the semis she beat the English Junior champion Janet New. June Williams had good results with wins over Jane Skipp and Mandy Smith who had only just survived against Swindon's Wendy Parker.

The Cadet boys' singles produced a shock when last season's champion, Leroy, lost in the semis to Stephen Moore who was in tremendous form and looked at one stage as though he was going to take Graham Sandley apart in the final.

In the Cadet girls' singles the final was another confrontation, as expected, between Alison Gordon and Mandy Reeves with the former winning this time.

Results:—

**BS—Quarter-finals**

M. Shuttle (Sy) bt S. Cowley (La) 19, 18.  
K. Paxton (Du) bt M. Harrison (Y) 15, 17.  
C. Rogers (Le) bt D. Wells (Mi) -14, 12, 10.  
D. Leroy (BEL) bt S. Mills (Y) -18, 10, 13.

**Semi-finals**

Shuttle bt Paxton 14, -19, 8.  
Rogers bt Leroy 10, 13.

**Final**

SHUTTLE bt Rogers 18, -14, 19.

**GS—Quarter-finals**

A. Mitchell (Mi) bt S. Hunt (Li) -18, 19, 11.  
J. Williams (Cv) bt M. Smith (Bk) 21, -14, 19.  
J. New (Do) bt L. Hryszko (Y) 15, 18.  
A. Tierney (Cv) bt S. Jones (St) 10, 18.

**Semi-finals**

Mitchell bt Williams -18, 8, 14.  
Tierney bt New 17, 8.

**Final**

TIERNEY bt Mitchell 20, -11, 11.

**BD—Final**

PAXTON/C. REED (Cu) bt Rogers/Shuttle -18, 19, 19.

**GD—Final**

V. MEEUSON (BEL)/MITCHELL bt Hryszko/Hunt -12, 12, 21.

**MD—Final**

SHUTTLE/MITCHELL bt K. Beadsley (Y)/

Hryszko 17, 18.

**Cadet BS—Quarter-finals**

Leroy bt K. Satchell (Wi) 10, 18.  
S. Moore (Sx) bt C. Wilson (Ha) 9, -12, 19.  
J. Souter (Mi) bt B. Johnson (Bk) 17, 18.  
G. Sandley (Mi) bt S. Palmer (Ca) 6, 10.

**Semi-finals**

Moore bt Leroy -6, 17, 16.  
Sandley bt Souter -13, 9, 11.

**Final**

SANDLEY bt Moore 20, 13.

**Cadet GS—Quarter-finals**

M. Reeves (Mi) bt G. Galloway (Li) 15, 18.  
E. Bolton (E) bt S. Cresswell (Sy) 20, 15.  
H. Williams (Mi) bt H. Robinson (Cv) -17, 9, 15.  
A. Gordon (Bk) bt B. Lippens (BEL) -17, 7, 17.

**Semi-finals**

Reeves bt Bolton 10, 18.  
Gordon bt Williams 16, -15, 15.

**Final**

GORDON bt Reeves 16, 14.

**Cadet BD—Final**

SANDLEY/WILSON bt R. Bergemann (Ha)/Johnson 14, 16.

**Cadet GD—Final**

GORDON/REEVES bt Bolton/Lippens 19, 20.

**U-11 BS—Quarter-finals**

B. Collingwood (Mi) bt N. Hughes (Ox) 20, 19.  
A. Devitt (St) bt P. Halliday (Bk) 8, 12.  
S. Worrall (Li) bt P. Deag (E) 16, 9.  
G. Lambert (Dv) bt C. Prean (Ha) 15, -21, 13.

**Semi-finals**

Collingwood bt Devitt 9, 19.  
Lambert bt Worrall 11, 15.

**Final**

LAMBERT bt Collingwood 14, 17.

**Girls U-11 Singles—Quarter-finals**

J. Parker (La) bt M. Denbow (Ox) 18, 10.  
I. Bellinger (Bd) bt N. Hamilton (He) 19, 20.  
H. Wilson (Wi) bt M. Hams (He) 17, 17.  
A. Sparks (E) bt F. Elliot (St) 13, 2.

**Semi-finals**

Bellinger bt Parker 15, 19.

Sparks bt Wilson 15, 19.

**Final**

BELLINGER bt Sparks 5, 15.

## Bedford 1-Star Open

POTTON RETAINS HIS TITLE

Bob Potton of Essex retained his men's singles title in the Bedford 1-Star Open played on Apl 24. In the final he met Nigel Eckersley of Cheshire and the match proved a real cliffhanger. At 20-all in the decider Eckersley was faulted for an illegal service. He took the next point but finally went down 22-24 for Potton to retain the title.

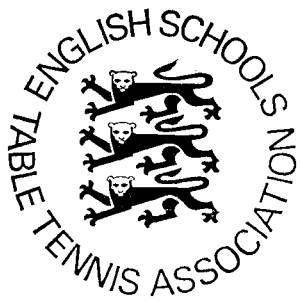
Alan Fletcher was beaten by Simon Heaps who, in turn, went out to Maxwell Crimmins. In the semis Potton beat Crimmins. In the women's singles Wendy Shaw of Bedford did well to beat Marjorie Walker, but lost to Elaine Sayer in the semis. Linda Barrow beat Beryl Clayton in the other semi going on to beat Miss Sayer in the final.

In the men's doubles Eckersley and Fletcher proved too strong for Simon and Johnathan Proffitt but, in the women's doubles the Wallace sisters from Wellingborough recovered from a first game defeat to beat Mrs. Barrow and Miss Groves.

Results:—

MS: Potton bt Eckersley 11, -15, 22.  
WS: Barrow bt Sayer 15, -18, 19.  
MD: Eckersley/Fletcher bt Proffitt/Proffitt 12, 24.  
WD: Wallace/Wallace bt Barrow/Groves -11, 18, 17.  
XD: Crimmins/Barrow bt Colden/Sayer 18, -14, 11.  
Sponsored by Granada TV the Bedford closed results were:—  
MS: Harper bt R. Jermyn 17, 15.  
WS: W. Shaw bt A. Robinson 11, 18.  
MD: Jermyn/P. Mason bt G. Booth/M. Harper -11, 21, 17.  
WD: G. Dean/M. Stuppel bt P. Bingham/Robinson 12, -8, 19.  
XD: D. Rawlinson/Shaw bt D. Hyde/Robinson 19, -17, 9.  
VS: R. Stubbs bt R. Gillard -18, 14, 14.





by David Lomas

## STIGA ENGLISH SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by David Lomas

There was again a record entry for the fourth annual Stiga English Schools' Individual Championships which were held at Luton Regional Sports Centre on Sunday, May 8th. Eighteen tables were in use.

There were few surprises but even so several players will be in the selectors' shortlist for the Stiga Jubilee International Championships teams due to play at Bradford on July 9/10th.

**Chris Rogers** (City of Leicester Grammar) won the Boys' Under-19 title to add to the Girls' Under-19 trophy won by sister Karen in 1975.

**Elaine Lamb** (Plymouth College of F.E.) had good wins over Stephanie Jones and Janet New to win the Girls' Under-19 whilst **Kenmy Jackson** (Essex Met.) caused a slight upset by defeating Graham Sandley in the Boys' Under-16 final.

**Angela Tierney** (St. Peter's, South Bank, Middlesborough) was a comfortable winner of the Girls' Under-16 event beating No. 2 seed Carol Colegate. Nos. 1 and 2 seeds also met in the Boys' Under-13 final with **John Souter** of Sladebrook School proving too good for Mark Oakley of Surrey. Gillian Galloway (Lincs) fought hard in the Girls' Under-13 event but **Helen Williams** (Chase Girls', Enfield) won in two straight games.

**Gary Lambert** of Littleham School, Exmouth, became the first Devon player to win a national title when he defeated Daren Griffin of Gloucester (Gloucestershire's first-ever finalist) in a close fought contest.

The standard of the Girls' Under-11 final was particularly high. **Jean Parker** (Queen's Drive Primary, Preston) became the first-ever Lancashire player to win a title when she beat Lisa Bellingier of Highfields School, Dunstable, Beds. in a very close match. Jean's progress in the Championships was watched closely by England squad member, Donald.

Results:—

**BOYS' UNDER-19**—nine group winners

- 1A—Chris Rogers (Leicestershire).
- 1B—Leon Smith (Essex Met).
- 1C—Simon Claxton (Hereford & Worcester).
- 1D—Bryn Tyler (Inner London).
- 1E—Stephen Boxall (Surrey Met).
- 1F—Chris Reed (Cumbria).
- 1G—Simon Douglas (Berkshire).
- 1H—Kevin Edwards (Somerset).
- 1J—Richard Jermyn (Herts).

Semi-finals: Rogers bt Tyler, Edwards bt Reed.  
**FINAL ROGERS** bt Edwards 18, 15.

Third place: Tyler bt Reed 17, 16.

**GIRLS' UNDER-19**—seven group winners.

- 2A—Stephanie Jones (West Midlands).
- 2B—Cheryl Buttery (Lincolnshire).
- 2C—Elaine Lamb (Devon).
- 2D—Janet New (Dorset).
- 2E—Linda Hryszko (West Yorkshire).
- 2F—Mandy Smith (Berkshire).
- 2G—Julie McLean (Humberside).

Semi-finals Lamb bt Jones 8, 14.

New bt McLean -20, 20, 14.

**FINAL LAMB** bt New 12, 22.

Third place: McLean bt Jones 18, -14, 12.



Girls' U-16 Line-up (from 1 to r) Carol Colegate (2nd), Angela Tierney (1st), Alison Gordon (3rd) and Sally Midgeley (4th). Also pictured is Mrs. Nancy Roy Evans, Hon. Secretary, E.T.T.U, who presented the awards.

Photo by John O'Sullivan, Liverpool.



Boys' U-13: (1 to r) Mark Oakley (2nd), John Souter (1st), Paul Rainford (3rd) and Jeremy Duffield (4th), Martin Foulser of Stiga AB made the presentations.

Photo by John O'Sullivan, Liverpool.

**BOYS UNDER-16**—ten group winners.

- 3A—Graham Sandley (Herts).
- 3B—Costas Ppantoniou (Middlesex).
- 3C—Stephen Yallop (Derbyshire).
- 3D—Michael Sherman (Devon).
- 3E—Joe Naser (Humberside).
- 3F—Mark Owen (Hereford & Worcester).
- 3G—Malcolm Green (Salop).
- 3H—Sam Harmer (Bedfordshire).
- 3J—Andrew Bellingham (West Midlands).
- 3K—Kenneth Jackson (Essex Met).

Semi-finals Sandley bt Shearman,

Jackson bt Green.

**FINAL JACKSON** bt Sandley -17, 11, 17.

Third place Green bt Shearman 10, 14.

**GIRLS' UNDER-16** eight group winners.

- 4A—Angela Tierney (Cleveland).

- 4B—Rachel Mackriell (Warwickshire).
- 4C—Julie Revill (Leicestershire).
- 4D—Alison Gordon (Berkshire).
- 4E—Sally Midgeley (West Yorkshire).
- 4F—Julie Dowsett (Essex County).
- 4G—Nicola Pine (Devon).
- 4H—Carol Colegate (Kent County).

Semi-finals Tierney bt Colegate 11, 18.

Colegate bt Midgeley.

**FINAL TIERNEY** bt Colegate 11, 18.

Third place Gordon bt Midgeley 16, 15.

**BOYS' UNDER-13** nine group winners.

- 5A—John Souter (Middlesex).
- 5B—Kevin Green (Cleveland).
- 5C—Sean Madden (Humberside).
- 5D—Christopher Bryan (Lincolnshire).
- 5E—Jeremy Duffield (Hereford & Worcester).



Girls' U-11 (l to r) Lisa Bellinger (2nd), Jean Parker (1st), Nikki Hamilton (3rd) and Vicky Bellingham (4th). Laurie Landry of the ETTA's Management Committee presented the awards.

Photo by John O'Sullivan, Liverpool.

## THE BAIRSTOW EVES ESSEX 2-STAR OPEN

FITTING CLIMAX

by Geoff Newman

The Bairstow Eves Essex 2-Star Open played at Wanstead Sports Centre over the weekend of May 7/8 proved to be without doubt one of the best Open tournaments held in Essex for many a year. The magnificent co-operation from the staff at the Centre, plus the generous sponsorship from Bairstow Eves, ensured a really tremendous weekend's play.

The men's singles provided some excellent games with plenty of close finishes and quite a few shocks. Jimmy Walker, the top seed, made his way comfortably to the semis, his main opposition Dave Brown was finally beaten in a quiet third game. Bob Potton was Walker's semi-final opponent, Bob, who has made such vast strides of late, making short work of Mike Johns in the quarters.

Johns had triumphed in a section of the draw in which Nigel Eckersley had fallen to Max Crimmins who then had to give second best to Paul Guttormsen, Mike taking his chances well to beat the young Norwegian.

David Newman, another up-and-coming Essex player, was the surprise semi-finalist in the 3rd quarter, Dave having good wins over first, Chris Sewell, then Keith Paxton and a comfortable quarter-final victory over David Constance. In the 4th quarter, John Kitchener was the eventual semi-finalist with wins over Ian Horsham and Mark Mitchell. Ian had earlier survived two set points against the effervescent Stuart Gibbs.

The semis both produced some good play with the Potton-Walker encounter in particular having patches of sheer brilliance. Potton's greater mobility held the key and his spectacular top spin driving eventually broke the Cleveland's grip. In the other set Newman never recovered from a bad start in the first game and although he had his chance in the second to level matters the cool calculated play of Kitchener ensured his final appearance.

The men's final was a fitting climax, a hard-controlled aggressive affair with Potton always

that few points ahead. Kitchener fought hard but the new shining star of Essex was not to be denied. A magnificent all round performance from Potton.

Karen Witt added the women's singles title to her season's haul when she had a comparatively easy final victory over county colleague Alison Gordon. In-form Linda Barrow took out county teammate Shelagh Hession but lost two close games to Alison Gordon. Angela Mitchell lost a cliff-hanger to Janet Robertson who, in turn, lost similarly to Miss Gordon. Karen's main opposition came from Lesley Radford who was, perhaps, just a shade unlucky to lose the first game.

Results:-

### M S—Quarter-finals

J. Walker (Cv) bt D. Brown (E) 15, -16, 12;  
R. Potton (E) bt M. Johns (Ch) 9, 15;  
D. Newman (E) bt D. Constance (Ch) 6, 19;  
J. Kitchener (Sk) bt M. Mitchell (Mi) 13, -18, 19.

### Semi-Finals

Potton bt Walker 15, -18, 14;  
Kitchener bt Newman 6, 23.

### Final

POTTON bt Kitchener 21, 16.

### W S—Semi-Finals

K. Witt (Bk) bt L. Radford (E) 19, 16;  
A. Gordon (Bk) bt L. Barrow (E) 18, 21.

### Final

WITT bt Gordon 9, 16.

### M D—Semi-Finals

K. Paxton (Du)/Walker bt Potton/I. Robertson  
(E) 15, -9, 20;

Kitchener/D. Tan (Mi) bt Brown/I. Horsham (E)  
16, -18, 15.

### Final

KITCHENER/TAN bt Paxton/Walker  
15, -19, 20.

### W D—

### Final

HESSION/RADFORD bt Foulds/Robertson  
15, 17.

### X D—

### Final

HORSHAM/RADFORD bt Eckersley/Witt  
20, -18, 12.

### I D S—

### Final

POTTON bt McQueen 21, 14.

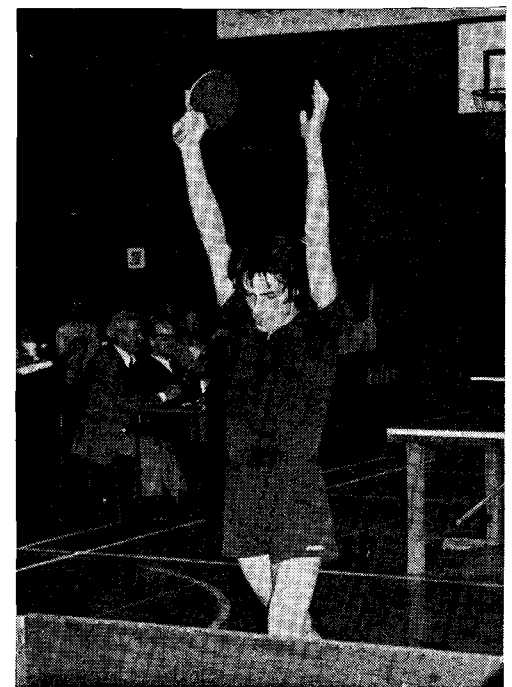
### I G S—

### Final

WITT bt Mitchell 7, 16.

### V S—Final

F. LOCKWOOD (E) bt V. Ireland (E) 12, 11.



Bob Potton raises his arms in triumph after the final point had been won in the men's singles final at the Bairstow Eves Essex 2-Star Open.

Photograph by Geoff Newman

5F—Paul Rainford (Lancashire).  
5G—Andrew Dixon (West Midlands).  
5H—Stephen Edwards (Essex Met).  
5J—Mark Oakley (Surrey County).  
Semi-finals Souter bt Duffield.  
Oakley bt Rainford.  
FINAL SOUTER bt Oakley -18, 14, 14.  
Third place Rainford bt Duffield 16, 12.

### GIRLS' UNDER-13 eight group winners.

6A—Helen Williams (Middlesex).  
6B—Yvonne Hall (Leicestershire).  
6C—Lesley Taylor (Berkshire).  
6D—Carol Butler (Devon).  
6E—Lorraine Garbet (Surrey County).  
6F—Gillian Galloway (Lincolnshire).  
6G—Cheryl Creasy (Dorset).  
6H—Tracy Wenn (Humberside).  
Semi-finals Williams bt Butler 21, 13.  
Galloway bt Creasy 15, 15.  
FINAL WILLIAMS bt Galloway 18, 19.  
Third place Butler bt Creasy -18, 11, 13.

### BOYS' UNDER-11 seven group winners.

7A—Daren Griffin (Gloucestershire).  
7B—Simon Murphy (Inner London).  
7C—Andrew Sexton (Surrey Met).  
7D—Paul Halliday (Oxfordshire).  
7E—Gary Lambert (Devon).  
7F—Stuart Worrell (Lincolnshire).  
7G—Raymond Fairhall (Dorset).  
Semi-finals Griffin bt Sexton.  
Lambert bt Worrell  
FINAL LAMBERT bt Griffin 21, 18.  
Third place Worrell bt Sexton.

### GIRLS' UNDER-11 six group winners.

8A—Nikki Hamilton (Buckinghamshire).  
8B—Jean Parker (Lancashire).  
8C—Janice Clarke (Essex County).  
8D—Lisa Bellinger (Bedfordshire).  
8E—Michele Hams (Surrey Met).  
8F—Vicky Bellingham (West Midlands).  
Semi-finals Parker bt Hamilton 22, 16.  
Bellinger bt Bellingham 10, 2.  
FINAL PARKER bt Bellinger 14, -19, 19.  
Third Place Hamilton bt Bellingham 19, 20.

### LANCS CLOSED

Liverpool's Tony O'Connor won both the men's and junior boys' titles at Thornton/Cleveleys in the Lancashire Closed with Sue Alexander (nee Manning), yet another Liverpoolian, taking the women's singles title.

# WORTHING JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## FIVE OUT OF SEVEN FOR ENGLAND by Geo R. Yates

In what really amounted to a contest between England and Federal Germany at the Worthing Junior International Championships, played over the weekend of May 14/15th, the host country claimed five of the seven titles at stake failing only in the boys' team and the girls' doubles events.

Winner of the boys' singles title was **Martin Shuttle**, the home No. 1, with a final win over his teammate Kevin Beadsley, but it was England's No. 2 girl Karen Witt, who won the girls' title avenging the semi-final defeat of Angela Mitchell by Federal Germany's Anke Olschewski.

**David Reeves** and **Chris Rogers**, who had made up England's No. 2 team, won the boys' doubles title their final victims being Joe Kennedy and Ian Kenyon, the Kent pair having eliminated the fancied Beadsley/Shuttle combination.

Federal Germany's **Anke Olschewski** and **Rosi Seidler** won the girls' doubles title beating Corinne D'Hondt and Veronique Germiot of Belgium who had put down the threat posed by Angela Mitchell and Karen Witt in the semis.

But it was back on the winning trail in the mixed with ultimate victory going to **Shuttle** and **Angela Mitchell** with a final win over the Federal German pair Jorg Schirrmester and Rosi Seidler.

With successive wins over England III (3-1), England II (3-2) and England I (3-2), **Federal Germany's** Schirrmester and Richard Schneider won the boys' team event, previously held by England, but Angela Mitchell and Karen Witt, as **England I**, redressed the balance by winning the girls' team title.

In this latter event, the shock result was the ousting of the Federal German team by England III represented by Linda Hryszko and Mandy Smith, with Mandy winning both her singles. Again, in the semis, England's third string duo upset the appercart by beating England II this time with Linda winning both her singles and sharing a third success, with Mandy, in the doubles. This was against Janet New and Suzanne Hunt. But there was no change forthcoming in the final encounter against England's top-liners.

The player to catch the eye in the boys' singles was Sheffield's Steven Mills who, in the first round, claimed the scalp of Schirrmester (19, -17, 22). The Yorkshire lad then went on to reach the semis with successive wins over Malcolm Green (Shropshire), Stephen Moore (Sussex) and Kevin Edwards (Wiltshire) before falling to fellow Tyke Beadsley.

Ireland's Deidre Kilpatrick had a smart win over Linda Hryszko (14, -14, 14) in the girls' singles as did Anne Leonard over Mandy Smith (-10, 18, 9). Keith Paxton and Graham Sandley shone in the boys' doubles with a win over the Federal German pair as did Chris Rogers and Suzanne Hunt in beating Beadsley and Karen Witt in the mixed.

All-in-all it was a good tournament for England and the finals, despite all being 2-straight affairs, were of the highest order the pity being the scant attendance by the general public.

Once again the sun shone on the Sussex coast and with so little having been seen of it this year, who could blame the public at large in basking in its warmth after so a long a winter.

Still, sponsorship demands somewhat more in the way of popularity and it might be as well to consider bringing this prestige event more into the calendar than the extreme limit to which it is currently dated.

All credit to Tournament Organiser Mike Watts whose capacity for work seems limitless and to Doug Young, the Referee, and his assistant Len Pilditch not forgetting the captain of Umpires and wouldbe Angela Rippon, Doreen Stannard, the M.C. for the team event finals.

Results:—

### BOYS' TEAM

#### Round 1

##### England III 3, Scotland 1

K. Paxton bt K. Rodger 10, -19, 13; bt K. McLean 16, 16.

G. Sandley bt McLean 14, 19.

Paxton/Sandley lost to McLean/Rodger -18, 17, -14.

##### Belgium 3, Ireland 1

#### Round 2

##### Federal Germany 3, England III 1

J. Schirrmester bt Sandley 19, 18; bt Paxton 16, 9.

R. Schneider lost to Paxton -17, 21, -18.

Schirrmester/Schneider bt Paxton/Sandley 16, 13.

##### England II 3, Norway 0

D. Reeves bt R. Bredesen 8, 5.

C. Rodgers bt S. Folkesson 12, 14.

Reeves/Rogers bt Bredesen/Folkesson 8, 11

##### Denmark 3, Belgium 0

##### England I 3, Wales 0

K. Beadsley bt J. Morgan 17, -18, 15

M. Shuttle bt N. Thomas 14, 9.

Beadsley/Shuttle bt Morgan/Thomas 11, 14.

#### Semi-finals:

##### Federal Germany 3, England II 2

Schirrmester lost to Rogers -14, -14; bt Reeves

-14, 16, 10.

Schneider lost to Reeves -20, 13, -16; bt Rogers

19, -7, 19.

Schirrmester/Schneider bt Reeves/Rogers -14, 20, 15.

##### England I 3, Denmark 1

Shuttle bt M. Dolleris 11, 23; bt N. Bjorkbom 9, 14.

Beadsley lost to Bjorkbom 14, -16, -16.

Beadsley/Shuttle bt Bjorkbom/Dolleris 16, 20

#### Final:

##### FEDERAL GERMANY 3, England I 2

Schirrmester lost to Beadsley -19, -14; bt Shuttle 18, 19.

Schneider bt Shuttle 15, 21; bt Beadsley 13, 16.

Beadsley/Shuttle bt Schirrmester/Schneider 13, 11.

### GIRLS' TEAM

#### Round 1

##### England III 3, Ireland 0

L. Hryszko bt A. Leonard 10, 15.

M. Smith bt D. Kilpatrick 15, 19.

Hryszko/Smith bt Kilpatrick/Leonard -18, 11, 11.

#### Round 2

##### England III 3, Federal Germany 1

Smith bt A. Olschewski 14, 16; bt R. Seidler 16, 18.

Hryszko bt Seidler 18, 18.

Hryszko/Smith lost to Olschewski/Seidler 18, -18, -18.

##### England II 3, Denmark 0

J. New bt C. Polck 17, 17.

S. Hunt bt D. Hauth -16, 19, 10.

Hunt/New bt Hauth/Polck 14, 19.

##### Belgium 3, Wales 0

##### England I 3, Scotland 0

A. Mitchell bt C. Dalrymple 14, 14;

K. Witt bt F. Corrigan 7, 5.

Mitchell/Witt bt Corrigan/Dalrymple 7, 6.

#### Semi-finals:

##### England III 3, England II 2

Smith lost to Hunt -20, -13; lost to New 13, -22, -19.

Hryszko bt New 19, 16; bt Hunt 14, -19, 19.

Hryszko/Smith bt Hunt/New 20, 18.

##### England I 3, Belgium 2

Witt bt C. D'Hondt 12, 13; bt V. Germiot 19, 17.

Mitchell lost to Germiot -18, -17; bt D'Hondt 17, 16.

Mitchell/Witt lost to D'Hondt/Germiot -8, -17.

#### Final:

##### ENGLAND I 3, England III 0

Witt bt Smith 17, 18; Mitchell bt Hryszko 15, 20.

Mitchell/Witt bt Hryszko/Smith 18, -16, 12.

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

#### Boys' Singles: Round 3:

M. Shuttle (ENG) bt I. Kenyon (K) 7, 14;

R. Bredesen (NOR) bt S. Boxall (Sy) -15, 16, 19;

C. Rogers (ENG) bt D. Wells (Mi) -20, 16, 19;

R. Schneider (GFR) bt G. Sandley (ENG) 8, 13;

K. Paxton (ENG) bt S. Kimm (E) 16, -18, 13;

K. Beadsley (ENG) bt M. Harrison (Y) 19, 15;

K. Edwards (Wi) bt D. Reeves (ENG) 18, 13;

S. Mills (Y) bt S. Moore (Sx) 14, 14.

#### Quarter-finals:

Shuttle bt Bredesen 5, 10;

Rogers bt Schneider 19, -21, 15;

Beadsley bt Paxton 14, 19.

Mills bt Edwards -10, 15, 17.

#### Semi-finals:

Shuttle bt Rogers 16, -20, 15;

Beadsley bt Mills 15, 10.

#### Final:

**SHUTTLE** bt Beadsley 8, 19.

#### Girls' Singles: Round 2:

R. Seidler (GFR) bt M. Reeves (Mj) 17, 19;

V. Germiot (BEL) bt J. New (ENG) 12, -15, 16;

D. Kilpatrick (IRE) bt D. Coulthard (WAL) 17, 12;

K. Witt (ENG) bt W. Parker (Wi) 14, 7;

A. Olschewski (GFR) bt A. Gordon (Bk) -18, -21, 14;

A. Leonard (IRE) bt M. Smith (ENG) -10, 18, 9;

S. Hunt (ENG) bt A. Tierney (Cv) 17, 14;

A. Mitchell (ENG) bt H. Williams (Mi) 11, 19.

#### Quarter-finals:

Germiot bt Seidler 10, -17, 18;

Witt bt Kilpatrick 8, 11;

Olschewski bt Leonard 12, 12;

Mitchell bt Hunt -16, 13, 18.

#### Semi-finals:

Witt bt Germiot 15, 4; Olschewski bt Mitchell 19, 21.

#### Final:

**WITT** bt Olschewski 5, 14.

#### Boys' Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Paxton/Sandley bt J. Schirrmester (GFR)/Schneider

15, -7, 20;

Reeves/Rogers bt Boxall/B. Tyler (Mi) -18, 12, 15;

N. Bjorkbom/M. Dolleris (DEN) bt Mills/R. Jermyn (He)

-16, 15, 8;

J. Kennedy (K)/Kenyon bt Beadsley/Shuttle 23, -13, 18.

#### Semi-finals:

Reeves/Rogers bt Paxton/Sandley 19, 15;

Kennedy/Kenyon bt Bjorkbom/Dolleris -20, 15, 17.

#### Final:

**REEVES/ROGERS** bt Kennedy/Kenyon 16, 19.

#### Girls' Doubles: Quarter-finals:

Olschewski/Seidler bt Hryszko/Smith 17, 15;

Hunt/New bt D. Hauth/C. Polck (DEN) 16, 12;

C. D'Hondt (BEL)/Germiot bt Gordon/J. Purslow (Bk)

17, -19, 18;

Mitchell/Witt bt S. Jones (St)/Reeves 15, 18.

#### Semi-finals:

Olschewski/Seidler bt Hunt/New 13, 17;

D'Hondt/Germiot bt Mitchell/Witt 17, -11, 14.

#### Final:

**OLSCHEWSKI/SEIDLER** bt D'Hondt/Germiot 12, 12.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Schirrmester/Seidler bt J. P. Ratti (BEL)/Germiot

-11, 17, 17;

Rogers/Hunt bt Beadsley/Witt -16, 22, 15;

Schneider/Olschewski bt C. Wilson (Ha)/Williams

-18, 17, 16;

Shuttle/Mitchell bt Wells/Tierney 20, 14.

#### Semi-finals:

Schirrmester/Seidler bt Rogers/Hunt 17, 18;

Shuttle/Mitchell bt Schneider/Olschewski 13, 11.

#### Final:

**SHUTTLE/MITCHELL** bt Schirrmester/Seidler 14, 19.

## New Rankings

### JILL SUPERCEDED

Meeting at the Bonnington Hotel, London on May 19, under the chairmanship of Ron Crayden, the National Selection Committee issued revised Ranking Lists both for Senior and Junior players. They are (previous position in brackets):—

#### Men

- 1 D. Douglas (Wa) (1)
- 2 D. Neale (Cv) (2)
- 3 P. Day (Ca) (3)
- 4 A. Barden (Mi) (7)
- 5 J. Walker (Cv) (5)
- 6 J. Hilton (Ch) (4)
- 7 N. Eckersley (Ch) (18)
- 8 R. Potton (E) (11)
- 9 M. Crimmins (Sy) (—)
- 10 I. Horsham (E) (10)
- 11 D. Parker (La) (8)
- 12 M. Shuttle (Sy) (9)
- 13 D. Johnson (Wa) (13)
- 14 R. Wiley (Cv) (—)
- 15 C. Sewell (Av) (16)
- 16 J. Dabin (K) (—)
- 17 D. Tar (Mi) (—)
- 18 D. Constance (Ch) (12)
- 19 J. Kitchener (Sk) (14)
- 20 D. Brown (E) (14)

#### Women

- 1 C. Knight (Cv) (2)
- 2 J. Hammersley (Bu) (1)
- 3 L. Howard (Sy) (3)
- 4 M. Ludi (Y) (6)
- 5 K. Witt (Bk) (5)
- 6 S. Lisle (Ch) (8)
- 7 K. Rogers (Le) (4)
- 8 A. Stevenson (Le) (9)
- 9 L. Radford (E) (—)
- 10 S. Hession (E) (7)
- 11 A. Mitchell (Mi) (11)
- 12 S. Hunt (Li) (13)
- 13 A. Tierney (Cv) (12)
- 14 J. Williams (Cv) (10)

The elevation of Carole Knight to No. 1 in the women's list terminates half a decade during which time Jill Hammersley has reigned supreme since taking over from Karenza Matthews in 1972.

#### Boys

- 1 M. Shuttle (Sy) (1)
- 2 C. Rogers (Le) (4)
- 3 K. Beadsley (Y) (3)
- 4 D. Reeves (Bk) (2)
- 5 K. Paxton (Du) (6)
- 6 M. Harrison (Y) (5)
- 7 D. Wells (Mi) (7)
- 8 S. Mills (Y) (14)
- 9 D. Newman (E) (9)



- 10 G. Sandley (Mi) (10)
- 11 J. Kennedy (K) (8)
- 12 R. Jermyn (He) (11)
- 13 I. Kenyon (K) (12)
- 14 K. Edwards (Wi) (A)
- 15 C. Reed (Cu) (13)
- 16 S. Cowley (La) (A)
- 17 K. Jackson (E) (15)
- 18 M. Green (Sp) (A)
- 19 B. Tyler (Mi) (16)
- 20 S. Boxall (Sy) (17)

**Girls**

- 1 K. Witt (Bk) (2)
- 2 A. Mitchell (Mi) (1)
- 3 A. Tierney (Cv) (6)
- 4 S. Hunt (Li) (7)
- 5 J. New (Do) (3)
- 6 L. Hryszko (Y) (5)
- 7 M. Smith (Bk) (4)
- 8 J. Williams (Cv) (9)
- 9 A. Gordon (Bk) (12)
- 10 J. Skipp (Cv) (8)
- 11 M. Reeves (Mi) (10)
- 12 S. Jones (St) (11)
- 13 E. Lamb (Dv) (14)
- 14 S. Midgeley (Y) (13)
- 15 S. Dickerson (Y) (A)
- 16 W. Parker (Wi) (A)

**Boys Group 'A'**

- A. Bottomley (Y)
- G. Gillett (Sx)
- D. Hannah (Sy)
- S. Kimm (E)
- J. Naser (Y) (18)
- A. O'Connor (La)
- M. Owen (Hr)
- I. Plummer (Cv)
- L. Smith (E)
- N. Smith (Cu)
- A. Summerscales (Y)
- E. Wilkes (St)
- C. Wilson (Ha)

**Girls Group 'A'**

- E. Bolton (K)
- J. Boulter (E)

- Y. Brown (E)
- C. Buttery (Li)
- S. Cain (St)
- C. Colegate (K)
- J. Dowsett (E)
- G. Galloway (Li)
- L. Garbet (Sy)
- H. Gore (E) (15)
- N. Hayward (Sy)
- L. Holmes (Dy)
- C. Maisey (Wi)
- N. Pine (Dv)
- J. Purslow (Bk)
- H. Robinson (Cv)
- E. Sayer (E)
- M. Wallis (Np)
- J. Whitcher (Ha)
- H. Williams (Mi)

**CADETS**

**Boys**

- 1 G. Sandley (Mi) (1)
- 2 C. Wilson (Ha) (2)
- 3 S. Moore (Sx) (14)
- 4 J. Souter (Mi) (6)
- 5 K. Satchell (Wi) (8)
- 6 B. Johnson (Bk) (12)
- 7 P. Whiting (Dv) (3)
- 8 K. Nicholl (Sy) (4)
- 9 M. Oakley (Sy) (5)
- 10 S. Palmer (Sk) (—)
- 11 M. Lees (Mi) (7)
- 12 P. Stratton (Mi) (9)
- 13 M. Owens (Hr) (10)
- 14 R. Bergemann (Ha) (11)
- 15 D. Filling (Mi) (—)
- 16 S. Young (Dy) (13)
- 17 P. Rainford (La) (15)
- 18 G. Russell (Sy) (16)

**Girls**

- 1 A. Gordon (Bk) (2)
- 2 M. Reeves (Mi) (1)
- 3 H. Williams (Mi) (5)
- 4 E. Bolton (K) (4)
- 5 H. Robinson (Cv) (3)
- 6 G. Galloway (Li) (7)

- 7 J. Dowsett (E) (6)
- 8 L. Garbet (Sy) (8)
- 9 L. Fennah (Ch) (—)
- 10 C. Butler (Dv) (10)
- 11 S. Cain (St) (11)
- 12 S. Cresswell (Sy) (12)
- 13 J. Deakin (Ch) (9)
- 14 P. Townsend (Wi) (—)

**I.T.T.F. AFFAIRS**

**International Olympic Committee**

At the BGM of the ITTF in Birmingham, it was stated that negotiations had been going on for eight years, and the Council recommended that the present application for membership of the I.O.C. be withdrawn and that consideration should be given to amending the ITTF Constitution to comply with the I.O.C. requirements.

Following discussions and in reply to questions the President, H. Roy Evans, emphasised that commercial sponsorship of table tennis events would not be affected and that the application to the I.O.C. would be for recognition of table tennis as an Olympic Sport and did not concern the inclusion of table tennis in the Olympic Games. The President then took a vote by roll call to establish whether the B.G.M. was in favour of negotiations with the I.O.C. for recognition as outlined. Sixty-five Associations voted for, six against with six abstentions.

**Elections**

H. Roy Evans (Wales) was re-elected unopposed as President of the ITTF. A ballot took place for the position of Deputy President which resulted in Mr. H. Kido of Japan being re-elected with 117 votes over T. D. Ramga Ramanujan of India who polled 39 votes. Mr. Jean Mercier of France was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer.

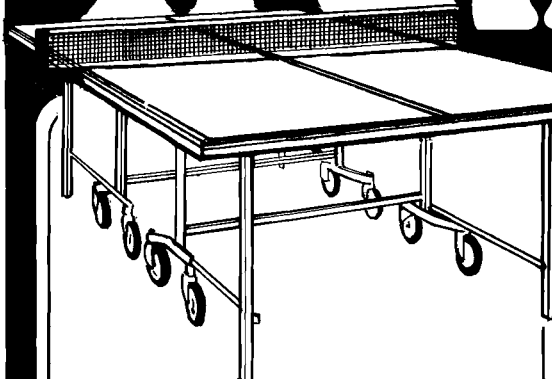
Vice Presidents elected were:—

Africa: Amin Abou Heif (Egypt.)

Asia: Hsu Yin-Sheng (China.)

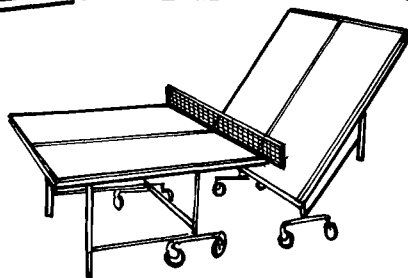
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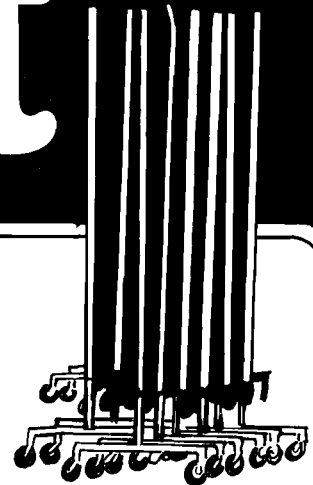
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N. America: J. Rufford Harrison (U.S.A.)  
 Oceania: K. Wilkinson (New Zealand.)  
 S. America: Dr. H. Farrell (Mexico.)

The ballot for 15 Council members resulted:—

	Votes
1 I. Ogimura (Japan) ... ..	115
2 Abdel Hai Abou Heif (Egypt)... ..	92
3 M. Kapetanac (Yugoslavia) ... ..	91
4 Dr. G. Lakatos (Hungary) ... ..	87
Son Gil Chon (Korea DPR) ... ..	87
6 J. Nekvasil (Czechoslovakia) ... ..	85
7 H. Urchetti (Switzerland) ... ..	81
8 S. Al Jabhan (Saudi Arabia) ... ..	80
9 R. H. Turk (Palestine Gaza)... ..	77
10 Dr. H. Kermel (Germany FR) ... ..	70
<b>G. R. Yates (England)</b> ... ..	70
12 S. Danet (Rumania) ... ..	69
13 <b>Mrs. Nancy Evans (Wales)</b> ... ..	66
J. Veselsky (Ireland) ... ..	66
15 T. D. Ranga Ramanujan (India) ... ..	63

Colin Clemett (England) as the Chairman of the Rules Committee was subsequently co-opted onto the Council which will next meet in Japan in June, 1978. Ron Crayden (England) was re-appointed onto the Equipment Committee as was Mr. Yates onto the Press and Publicity Committee. Dr. David Ryde of England was appointed Chairman of the Medical Commission.

**Law Change**

The only significant change in the Laws was the imposition of an upper limit of 2mm thickness for pimped rubber.

**FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**World**

- 1979 DPR Korea (Pyongyang)
- 1981 China
- 1983 Japan 1st option  
Yugoslavia 2nd option.

**European**

- 1978 Federal Germany (Duisburg)
- 1980 Switzerland (Berne)
- 1982 Hungary or Yugoslavia.

**European Youth**

- 1978 Spain (Barcelona)
- 1979 Italy (Milan or Rome)
- 1980 Poland
- 1981 Czechoslovakia (Topocany)

**Europe Top 12**

- 1978 Czechoslovakia
- 1979 Sweden
- 1980 Federal Germany
- 1981 Hungary
- 1982 France

**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION**

**Biennial General Meeting**

**Birmingham—28th March, and 3rd April, 1977**

**Attendance List**

**Officers:**

H. R. Evans, O.B.E. (President); H. Kido (Deputy President); Amin Abou Heif (Vice-President, Africa); Hsu Yin-sheng (Vice-President, Asia); Jupp Schlaf (Vice-President, Europe); A. M. Werier (Vice-President, N. America); H. K. Bowler (Vice-President, Oceania); Jaime Munoz, C. (Vice-President, S. America); Jean Mercier (Hon. Treasurer); Secretary-General, A. A. Brooks.

**Associations:**

Algeria; Australia; Austria; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belgium; Brazil; Bulgaria; Canada; Colombia; Chile; P.R. China; Curacao; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Denmark; Ecuador; Egypt; England; Finland; France; Germany DDR; Germany FR; Greece; Guatemala; Guernsey; Hong Kong; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Ivory Coast; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Jersey; Korea DPR; Korea R; Kuwait; Lebanon; Libya; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Malta; Mauritania; Mexico; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nigeria; Norway; Palestine Gaza; Poland; Portugal; Rumania; Saudi Arabia; Scotland; Singapore; Spain; Sudan; Senegal; Sweden; Switzerland; Syria; Trinidad & Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Uruguay; USA; USSR; Wales; Yemen Arab Republic; Yemen PDR; Yugoslavia.

**Total 80**

**Proxies:**

Cuba; Dominican R; South African Board.

**Total 3**

**EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION  
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
 1977-78**

- 1977
- Sept. 29—EUROPEAN LEAGUE (1).
- Oct. 13—EUROPEAN LEAGUE (2).
- 14/16—Spanish Open Championships.
- 21/23—Polish Open Championships.
- Nov. 2—EUROPEAN LEAGUE (3).
- 4/6—Italian Open Championships.
- 11/13—Hungarian Open Championships — Miskolc.
- 17/19—Yugoslav Open Championships.
- 24/27—Scandinavian Open Championships.
- Dec. 2/4—French Open Championships—Rennes
- 7—European Club Cup of Champions — Quarter-finals.
- 15—EUROPEAN LEAGUE (4).

**1978**

- Jan. 7—Europe Club Cup — Semi-finals.
- 12/14—English Open Championships — Brighton.
- 19—EUROPEAN LEAGUE (5).
- 20/21—Irish Open Championships.
- 27/29—EUROPE TOP 12—Czechoslovakia.
- Feb. 3/5—Welsh Open Championships — Cardiff.
- 9—EUROPEAN LEAGUE (6).
- 10/12—Rumanian Open—Bucharest.
- 18—EUROPE CLUB CUP FINALS
- Mar. 10/19—EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS — Duisburg.
- 25/26—French Junior Open Championships.
- 31/Apr. 2—Scottish Open Championships.
- 6—EUROPEAN LEAGUE (7).
- May 5/7—Swedish Junior Open Championships.
- 13/14—English Junior Open Championships — Worthing.
- June 3/6—Czechoslovak Junior Open Championships.
- 11—Welsh Junior Open Championships.
- Hungarian Junior Open Championships.
- Aug. 27/30—Turkish Junior Open Championships.

**INVITATION TOURNAMENTS**

**1977**

- Sept. 14/17—Bulgarian Invitation (Men and Women) — Primorsko.
- 30/Oct. 1—Netherlands Invitation for E.E.C. Countries.

Oct. 7/10—Soviet Union Invitation.

**1978**

- Mar. 3/5—Bulgarian Invitation (Junior Girls) — Russe.

**EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION  
 EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES  
 1977-78**

**SUPER DIVISION**

**1977**

- September 29 (Th.)—  
Soviet Union v. Czechoslovakia  
Hungary v. Sweden  
**England v. France**  
Yugoslavia v. Netherlands

October 13 (Th.)—

- England v. Yugoslavia**  
Czechoslovakia v. Sweden  
Netherlands v. France  
Hungary v. Soviet Union

November 2 (W.)—

- Yugoslavia v. Czechoslovakia  
Sweden v. Netherlands  
France v. Hungary  
**Soviet Union v. England**

December 15 (Th.)—

- Hungary v. Yugoslavia  
Czechoslovakia v. France  
**England v. Sweden**  
Soviet Union v. Netherlands

**1978**

- January 19 (Th.)—  
Soviet Union v. Yugoslavia  
**Czechoslovakia v. England**  
Sweden v. France  
Netherlands v. Hungary

February 9 (Th.)—

- France v. Yugoslavia  
Netherlands v. Czechoslovakia  
**Hungary v. England**  
Sweden v. Soviet Union

April 6 (Th.)—

- Yugoslavia v. Sweden  
Czechoslovakia v. Hungary  
France v. Soviet Union  
**England v. Netherlands**

**DIVISION 1**

**1977**

- September 29 (Th.)—  
Austria v. Poland  
Belgium v. F.R. Germany  
**Ireland v. Greece**  
Luxembourg v. Bulgaria

October 13 (Th.)—

- F.R. Germany v. Austria  
Greece v. Belgium  
**Bulgaria v. Ireland**  
Poland v. Luxembourg

November 2 (W.)—

- Luxembourg v. F.R. Germany  
Austria v. Greece  
Belgium v. Bulgaria  
**Ireland v. Poland**

December 15 (Th.)—

- Greece v. Luxembourg  
Bulgaria v. Austria  
**Ireland v. F.R. Germany**  
Poland v. Belgium

**1978**

- January 19 (Th.)—  
F.R. Germany v. Greece  
Poland v. Bulgaria  
**Luxembourg v. Ireland**  
Belgium v. Austria

February 9 (Th.)—

- Greece v. Poland  
Austria v. Luxembourg  
Bulgaria v. F.R. Germany  
**Ireland v. Belgium**

April 6 (Th.)—

- F.R. Germany v. Poland  
Luxembourg v. Belgium  
Bulgaria v. Greece  
**Austria v. Ireland**

**DIVISION 2**

**1977**

- October 13 (Th.)—  
Finland v. Italy  
**Scotland v. Switzerland**

November 2 (W.)—

- Italy v. Spain  
Switzerland v. Finland  
December 15 (Th.)—  
**Finland v. Scotland**  
Spain v. Switzerland

January 19 (Th.)—

- Switzerland v. Italy  
**Scotland v. Spain**

February 9 (Th.)—

- Italy v. Scotland**  
Spain v. Finland

**DIVISION 3**

To be arranged.

**WHAT'S ON**

**OPENING EVENTS 1977-78 SEASON**

- Sept. 3/4 Essex Junior Select
- 17/18 Cleveland Junior 2-Star (Thornaby)
- 18 Four "T's" 1-Star
- 24 North of England 2-Star (Manchester)
- 25 Bournemouth 1-Star
- 29 ENGLAND v FRANCE (European League)
- Oct. 1 Cumbria 2-Star (Carlisle)
- 1/2 Newbury Junior 2-Star
- 8 County Championships (1)
- 9 Merton 1-Star
- 13 ENGLAND v YUGOSLAVIA (European League)
- 15/16 Sussex 2-Star
- Derby Junior 1-Star
- 22/23 North Middlesex 2-Star
- 29/30 HUMBERSIDE 3-STAR (Hull)
- Nov. 2 U.S.S.R. v ENGLAND (European League)
- 5 County Championships (2)
- 6 Middlesex Junior U-15 2-Star
- 12/13 Southend 2-Star
- Woodfield 1-Star (Wolverhampton)

# EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Individual scores in the final Super Division matches were:-

Federal Germany 3, England 4  
Stellweg bt Day 19, -14, 17;  
Lieck bt Douglas 20, 14.  
Hendriksen lost to Hammersley -18, -16;  
Leiss/Stellweg bt Day/Douglas 17, 16;  
Lieck/Hendriksen lost to Douglas/Howard -16, -17;  
Stellweg lost to Douglas -19, -15;  
Lieck lost to Day -18, 8, -16.

Yugoslavia 4, Sweden 3  
Karakasevic lost to Thorsell 21, -15, -14;  
Surbek bt Bengtsson -22, 20, 11;  
Fabri lost to Hellman 19, -18, -16;  
Kosanovic/Surbek bt Bengtsson/Thorsell 16, 19;  
Surbek/Palatinus bt Bengtsson/Hellman 16, 17;  
Surbek bt Thorsell 13, -17, 12;  
Karakasevic lost to Bengtsson -18, 14, -16.

France 4, U.S.S.R. 3  
Birocheau bt Sarkhojan 16, -9, 16;  
Secretin bt Strokotov 16, -16, 17;  
Bergeret lost to Rudnova 17, -16, -10;  
Birocheau/Secretin lost to Sarkhojan/Strokotov 16, -17, -16;  
Secretin/Bergeret bt Sarkhojan/Antonian 15, -17, 13;  
Secretin bt Sarkhojan 12, -14, 17;  
Birocheau lost to Strokotov -11, -10.

Hungary 4, Czechoslovakia 3  
Jonyer bt Kunz 16, 19;  
Gergely lost to Orlowski -9, -18;  
Kishazi bt Uhlíkova 10, -21, 14;  
Gergeley/Magos lost to Orlowski/Uhlíkova -12, -19;  
Gergely/Jonyer bt Orlowski/Kunz 18, 13;  
Jonyer bt Orlowski 20, -18, 13;  
Gergely bt Kunz 18, -18, 17.

France 5, Sweden 2  
Secretin bt Andersson 7, 17;  
Hatem lost to Lagerfeldt 18, -8, -12;  
Pergeret bt Lindblad 14, 18;  
Birocheau/Secretin bt Andersson/Lagerfeldt 17, 13;  
Secretin/Bergeret bt Andersson/Lindblad -18, 16, 10;  
Secretin bt Lagerfeldt 15, 17;  
Hatem lost to Andersson -20, -14.

## FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary .....	7	7	0	32	17	7
France .....	7	5	2	32	17	5
U.S.S.R. ....	7	5	2	31	18	5
Sweden .....	7	3	4	28	21	3
Czechoslovakia .....	7	3	4	23	26	3
Yugoslavia .....	7	2	5	19	30	2
England .....	7	2	5	15	34	2
*Federal Germany .....	7	1	6	16	35	1

\*Demoted

# Official News

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the English Table Tennis Association will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London WC1 at the earlier than normal time of 1 p.m. on Saturday, 9th July, 1977.

## World Championships

Although the sale of souvenir items at Birmingham was a frenzied success, there are still a few items available from the E.T.T.A. Office:-

- 1) Official Programme — Cost £1.00 each inclusive of postage.
- 2) Paper Knives with the World Championship symbol engraved on the handle — £1.00 each.
- 3) First Day Covers — the souvenir envelope with the table tennis stamp and the special franking stamp dated 26th April £1.00 each.

## Draw Sheets

In response to many requests we have produced tournament draw sheets, each for 64 players with a separation between each block of 32. Totally devoid of any headings they are suitable for every

event from an international open to a club championship. Price 10p each.

## Chester Barnes Book

We have a few copies available of the hard-back edition of the latest book by Chester entitled "Advanced Table Tennis Techniques". Price £3.60 plus 40p postage.

## Sports Aid Foundation

The Sports Aid Foundation are producing a pictorial calendar (price £1.00) featuring sports stars including our own Jill Hammersley. Proceeds from the sale of these calendars go to the Foundation which does valuable work in assisting top competitors. Orders to be placed with the Sports Aid Foundation, Nestor House, Playhouse Yard, London EC4V 5HS by the 18th of June.

## E.T.T.A. Ties

We now have a new supply of E.T.T.A. Ties in maroon and blue, wide blade style. Price £1.50 each plus 15p postage/packing.

# An American's Impressions of Birmingham

by Malcolm R. Anderson

On arriving at the tournament site, I realised that NEC was CNE spelled sideways! CNE stands for Canadian National Exhibition, and the CNE Open on Labour Day weekend is traditionally the first tournament of each season in North America. The NEC and CNE had many similarities, including very high ceilings, concrete floors, inadequate lighting, and sunlight on the tables at times. The NEC lacked cows; instead it had bleachers that partly remained with you when you stood up! Both tournaments also had superb organisations (including Jose Tomkins) who run tournaments so well that the physical shortcomings are soon forgotten.

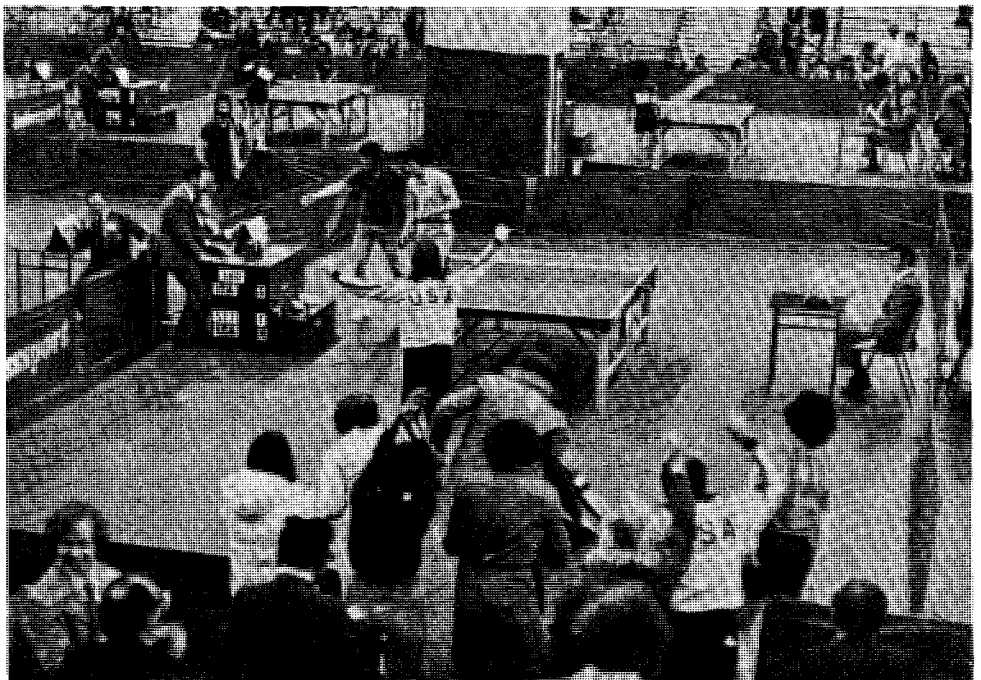
Both of our teams have been in Category 2 for years, and this time both of them made it into the top group—the best results we could have possibly attained! In Men's, Danny Seemiller had a perfect 26-0 record; his brother Ricky (7-9) and Ray Guillen (8-12) gave Danny just enough support to win the group and the playoff. Dean Galardi (1-4) and Paul Raphel (1-7) weren't playing well and saw little action.

After beating Hong Kong 5-4 to win group B-2, we played the B-1 runner-up, Italy, to determine who would be promoted. Italy went ahead of us 4-2! Then Danny won his 3rd match, Ray Guillen tied it all at 4 all with a clutch win over Giontella, and Ricky took us home, beating Constantini 11 and 16. A wild mob scene erupted as our teams and about 30 U.S. supporters swarmed out onto the court! (Our fans were so vocal that an Australian official later warned me "we're going to bring 16 trained kangaroos to Pyongyang—and if your spectators start screaming against us like they did here, we'll unleash the kangaroos!). Our final match was against Hong Kong (Again!) for 19th or 20th—we rested Danny and lost 5-0.

Our women also finished 20th, led by In Sook Bhushan (nee Na), who also had a perfect record, 13-0. NPC Heather Angelinetta played In Sook and Alice Sonne (nee Green) in most of the singles, and (usually) combined In Sook and Angelita Sistrunk (nee Rosal) in the doubles. The team of Bhushan—Sonne was used once, against the Netherlands—the Netherlands girls won the doubles and eventually the tie, 3-2, to win group 2A. That put us against the group 2B winner, Luxembourg—we won 3-2, and thus again played the Netherlands for 19th or 20th. Why play the same team twice? Why not a round robin of the top 2 from each half, with their previous results carried over? This time we used our usual pair of Bhushan—Sistrunk; they lost, and again lost 3-2, finishing 20th.

In the individuals, we had high hopes for In Sook and Danny, although we didn't like their draws. Danny was co-ranked 32nd in the tournament and didn't get seeded because of alphabetical order! His first match was against the winner of a qualifying group, who turned out to be Wang Chien-Chang of China. Danny was very nervous, and lost to Wang 8, 18, 17. Wang later lost to Surbek in the 8ths, 19, -20, -20, -17!

In Sook had to play in a qualifying group! She was captain of South Korea's Corbillion Cup winning team in 1973, and since moving to the U.S. has beaten Jill Hammersley twice and Ann Christin Hellman once, and had no bad losses—yet there she was! Was this fair to Shelagh Hession, who lost to her 14, 12, 14? Or to In Sook, who had painfully blistered feet before the tournament was over? Still, In Sook won her group, and then played Claude Bergeret, the eventual XD winner. In Sook gave us some anxious moments, trailing 1-2, but her magnificent defence and occasional pick hits pulled it out, 17, -17, -13, 11, 16. She then played the No. 4 seed, Chang Te-ying. In Sook started strongly, winning



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the first 2 games at 15 and 18, then she faltered—we later learned that her blisters broke during the 2nd game. Chang won the 3rd at deuce, and the 4th easily at 15. In Sook took a 14-7 lead in the 5th. Then it was 15 all! Both girls played magnificently from this point—In Sook won 2 points by retrieving kills, then killing the resulting drop shots, but Chang refused to become rattled by this and eventually won at 18.

Meanwhile, on the next arena table (the arena had excellent lighting) Danny and Ricky Seemiller (who both use the "Seemiller grip"—shake hands one sided, excellent for blocking) were beating the Chinese team of Kuo Yao Hua and Liao Fu-min, 19, 19, 21! It was a classic confrontation between two spinners and 2 blockers, with the blockers squeaking home. Although Danny and Ricky next lost to Surbek—Stipanic, 19, 12, 8, they were the only non-Chinese to beat a Chinese team in the mens doubles!

We're all looking forward to the 1979 Worlds in Pyongyang—sorry it wasn't in the U.S., but we couldn't get enough sponsorship money.

## NEW BOOK

On sale at the World Championships in Birmingham was a new book on Table Tennis by Lancashire coach Harold Myers of Darwen. Harold widely known for his successful television series, is a Senior Coach of the ETTA, and his vast experience and knowledge of table tennis training is covered in detail throughout the book (published by Faber and Faber at £1.50) making it an invaluable guide to players of all classes, from the beginner to the potential champion.

The book is divided into two main sections, the first dealing with stroke production and the latter with training exercises. Each stroke is clearly described using split-action photographs showing the three basic arm positions in the movement, combined with the co-ordinating position of the feet. Diagrammatical explanations of topspin, backspin, sidespin and timing positions help to give the reader a clearer understanding of the technical aspects of the strokes.

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## NATIONAL LEAGUES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Semi-Finals—and Manchester prove me so wrong.

by Keith Ponting

I'm glad I don't bet, as I am sure the book-makers would be laughing all the way to the bank. Making a rare excursion into the forecasting business and saying in the last issue that Birmingham were the favourites to win the **Wilmott Cup**, Manchester proved what a futile game this can be by travelling to the Midlands and promptly beating Birmingham 5-3. It proved that their win over Ormesby in the previous round was no fluke and you can't get a much tougher route into the final than that. Despite three wins from Desmond Douglas the Manchester boys kept going and two wins each from John Hilton and Nigel Eckersley, plus one from Phil Bowen clinched the issue. I'm told that Eckersley's form was most impressive with Douglas having to pull out all the stops to beat him. Opponents in the final will be **Bristol** who comfortably beat Dagenham 5-0 with Chris Sewell, Brian Reeves and Tony Clayton in commanding form.

**Bournemouth** have done well to reach their second successive **Rose Bowl** final and did so by virtue of a fine win in London over North Middlesex 5-3. Joyce Coop was in tremendous form for the seiders and remained unbeaten, whilst

Janet New weighed in with two wins. Their opponents will be the same as last year, **Ormesby**, who overcame the challenge of Leicester 5-2. Carole Knight, who played so well during the Worlds, was unbeaten. June Williams and Angela Tierney won one set each and the wins for Leicester came from Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers.

The **Carter Cup** final sees the return of **Leicester**, and their win against Hull was a big surprise. Dave Gannon, showed excellent form in beating the two England-ranked players. With Steve Day giving the Midlanders an excellent start and Chris Rogers again in winning form Leicester cruised to a much easier win than could have been hoped for. Tony Ross tells me that the journey back to Hull was made in complete silence.

Leicester will play **Leatherhead** in the final who have reached this stage for the first time, although it must be said that Steve Boxall and Martin Shuttle were in the losing Thames Valley team last season. Against Bromley these two again took all before them and Leatherhead had a comfortable 6-2 win.

As reported in the last issue **Ormesby** beat Wolverhampton 5-1 but in the other Bromfield Trophy semi-final **Reading** beat Guildford 5-2 thanks to a fine maximum by Alison Gordon and two wins from Jill Purslow. (This will be the same final as last season.

(The finals at Stroud on Sunday, 22nd May will complete another season of interesting competition and my thanks go to all leagues for their help and co-operation in arranging matches in a very

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### NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw for the Semi-Finals in the Mens' event for the **Ormesby Cup** is as follows:—

ORMESBY (Ormesby) v BARWELL LIBERAL (Leicester)

DENMARK T. T. C. (Beckenham) v ELLENBOROUGH (North Middlesex)

The final in the Women's event for the **Gainsford Cup** will be between **Ormesby** and **Fellows Cranleigh** from the East London League.

### 15 YEAR GAP BRIDGED

**Manchester** bridged a gap of fifteen years at Stroud Leisure Centre on May 22 when they defeated Bristol 5-4 to win the **Wilmott Cup**, their last such victory being in season 1961/62.

After Chris Sewell, with his third win in the match, had put Bristol ahead 4-3, Nigel Eckersley put the Mancunians on level terms with a knife edge win over Tony Clayton leaving Phil Bowen to administer the coup-de-grace with his first win of the match against Brian Reeves.

Scores:—

- N. Eckersley bt B. Reeves 18, 15;
- P. Bowen lost to C. Sewell -10, -12;
- J. Hilton bt A. Clayton 18, 13;
- Eckersley lost to Sewell -15, 14, -16;
- Hilton bt Reeves 20, 9;
- Bowen lost to Clayton -10, -17;
- Hilton lost to Sewell -10, -16;
- Eckersley bt Clayton 20, -20, 17;
- Bowen bt Reeves -16, 18, 14.

In the final of the **Rose Bowl**, **Ormesby** proved far too strong for Bournemouth who were beaten 5-0 with no set requiring a deciding game.

Scores:—

- J. Williams bt J. New 11, 20;
- C. Knight bt S. Gilson 5, 14;
- A. Tierney bt J. Coop 12, 18;
- Knight bt New 19, 16;
- Williams bt Coop 12, 14.

Martin Shuttle was **Leatherhead's** strong man in the final of the **Carter Cup**, the England No. 1 boy winning all his three sets in the 5-2 victory over Leicester whose two wins were recorded by Chris Rogers.

Scores:—

- D. Hannah bt D. Gannon 14, 18;
- M. Shuttle bt S. Day 14, 11;
- S. Boxall lost to C. Rogers -9, -21;
- Shuttle bt Gannon 14, 20;
- Hannah lost to Rogers -19, -7;
- Boxall bt Day 11, 12;
- Shuttle bt Rogers 15, 18.

Reading were faced with the decision of conceding the **Bromfield Trophy** final to **Ormesby** or playing a below strength team with no chance of winning. The problem arose because two of the selected team, Karen Witt and Jill Purslow, refused to play offering conflicting and varying reasons which were not acceptable to the Reading selectors. The third girl, Alison Gordon, was very upset but in order not to embarrass her a team of 10-year-olds was turned out, namely Julie Andrews, Linda Green and Heidi Vallis, whose time for competing in such a competition was really a matter for the future. But all credit to the three youngsters who upheld the good name of the Reading League who are now left with the problem of what action to take against the two dissidents.

Scores:—

- J. Williams bt L. Green 2, 4;
- J. Skipp bt J. Andrews 2, 4;
- A. Tierney bt H. Vallis 1, 5;
- Williams bt Green 6, 3;
- Skipp bt Vallis 4, 4;
- Tierney bt Green 2, 7.

### CLUB FINAL

In the women's section of the **National Club Championships**, **Ormesby** defeated **Fellows Cranleigh** 5-1 as a result of which they will again compete in the Europe Club Cup of Champions next season.

Scores:—

- J. Williams bt E. Foulds 15, 18;

- C. Knight bt J. Robertson 8, 7;
- A. Tierney bt L. Radford -19, 21, 16;
- Knight bt Foulds 11, 24;**
- Williams lost to Radford -15, 18, -15;
- Tierney bt Robertson 9, 18.

## CHESHIRE JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN

BY NORMAN BERRY

After a lapse of 12 years the Cheshire Junior was successfully staged at Birkenhead Sports Centre on 24th April 1977, sponsored by Barclays Bank and run by the Wirral Table Tennis League, attracting an entry of 212.

Ominously the first entry received was from Tony O'Connor, and his wins over Kevin Beadsley, and Mike Harrison in the final, should help the selection committee replace Tony back in the Ranking List.

The girls singles title was won by Linda Hryszko, beating Shirley Cain in the final. Commiserations must go to Shirley for she came to the table for all 4 finals and never once was the winner.

Results:—

### Under-17 Events

#### B S—Quarter-finals

- A. O'Connor (La) bt K. Beadsley (Y) 19, 16.
- M. Hankey (Ch) bt Keith Nicoll (Np) 11, 21.
- M. Green (Sp) bt N. Thomas (Sp) 16, 15.
- M. Harrison (Y) bt A. Williams (Wal) 18, 17.

#### Semi-finals

- O'Connor bt Hankey 16, 25.
- Harrison bt Green -17, 18, 21.

#### Final

- O'CONNOR bt Harrison -11, 16, 17.

### G S—Quarter-finals

- L. Hryszko (Y) bt C. Jones (Wal) 11, 10.
- S. Watton (St) bt J. Deakin (Ch) -16, 16, 14.
- S. Cain (St) bt S. Jones (Wal) 9, 20.
- J. Harris (St) bt S. Bennett (Wal) 7, 15.

#### Semi-finals

- Hryszko bt Watton 10, 16.
- Cain bt Harris -22, 20, 16.

#### Final

- HRYSZKO bt Cain 16, 9.

### B D—Semi-finals

- Beadsley/Harrison bt Green/E. Wilkes (St) 18, 18.
- Hankey/S. Cowley (La) bt J. Weatherby/R. Weatherby (Ch) 19, 20.

#### Final

- BEADSLEY/HARRISON bt Hankey/Cowley 19, -13, 19.

### G D—Semi-finals

- Hryszko/D. Coulthard (Wal) bt Deakin/Harris 11, 15.
- Cain/Watton bt L. Fennah (Ch)/G. Galloway (Li) -17, 18, 13.

#### Final

- HRYSZKO/COULTHARD bt Cain/Watton 16, 15.

### Under-14 Events

#### B S—

#### Semi-finals

- Jeannes bt Palmer 19, 11.
- Thomas bt Weatherby 13, 21.

#### Final

- THOMAS bt Jeannes -17, 17, 13.

#### G S—

#### Semi-finals

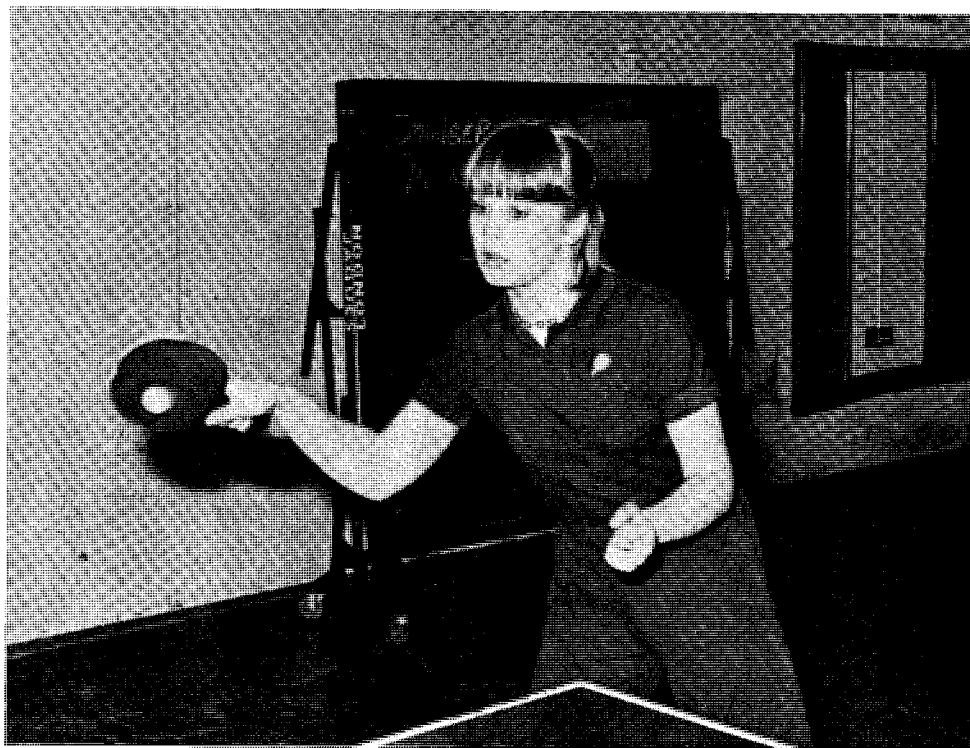
- Galloway bt Harris 18, 16.
- Cain bt Deakin 12, 20.

#### Final

- GALLOWAY bt Cain 16, 18.

### B D—Semi-finals

- Keith Nicoll/P. Brandwood (La) bt N. Barley/



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 M. Thomas/M. Byles (Wal) bt J. Duffield (Wo)/  
 A. Dixon (Wo) 5, 18.

**Final**  
 THOMAS/BYLES bt Nicoll/Brandwood 10, 17.

**G D—Semi-finals**  
 Fennah/Galloway bt Grundy/C. Peacock (La)  
 18, 10.  
 Cain/Deakin bt S. Powell/D. Hewitt (Wal)  
 11, 10.

**Final**  
 FENNAH/GALLOWAY bt Cain/Deakin  
 -17, 10, 20.

## CHESHIRAMA

by John Woodward

### BRIAN JOHNS SURPRISES

The 1976/77 Cheshire Closed produced some surprises. Brian Johns won the Senior crown eliminating Nigel Eckersley in the semis and John Hilton (who was fortunate to overcome Brian Kean in the other semi) in the final. Brian's success story continued when joined by 'big brother' Mike, the men's doubles title being also annexed. An interesting point—both Brian and Mike were using the new very long pimped rubber on one side of their bats.

Susan Lisle had no trouble in retaining her women's singles crown. In the Youth event the big surprise was Ronnie Weatherby's victory over top seed Mark Hankey only to be later out-hit by John Evans in the semis. In the final Evans came up against an in-form Ross McFarlane and lost in straight games to him.

With the Youth title under his belt, Ross won his way through to the Junior final and looked good for the double, but his opponent—Hankey, determined to salvage something after letting the coveted Youth cup slip his grasp, won a hard-fought set to take the title. The Junior girls' event attracted a disappointing entry and went to form, Janet Deakin defeating Lynne Fennah in the final, going one better than last season when she was runner-up in the event.

Hankey, showing much more self control than of late, reaped just rewards for his effort in the Lancs/Ches Closed. He won the Junior singles by beating Steve Cowley in the final, then went on to reach the final of the Senior event where he finished runner-up to Hilton. Well done Mark, as this is his last season as a junior, let's hope this is the bridge into the Senior realm of next season.

## OF LESSER CONTROVERSY

by John Woodford

The time has come to make greater efforts to get the English Junior Open tournament into the table tennis season. To run it in mid-May is ludicrous. The latest date for any major event should be the end of April.

It could even be done without upsetting one of the 2-Star tournaments. There is one odd date at least (going by this year) that is the third week-

end in April, carrying the national team finals and two 1-star events. I know there are the venue problems, but how can you expect to find sponsors and keep them when most of the spectators are sunning themselves in the early summer sun?

Regrettably, the media do not want to know and who can blame them on the overlap between the football and cricket seasons? Not even the Press Association, the leading news agency will take results from this tournament. They must think, "how can any sport be crazy enough to run what they claim is a major international event out of season".

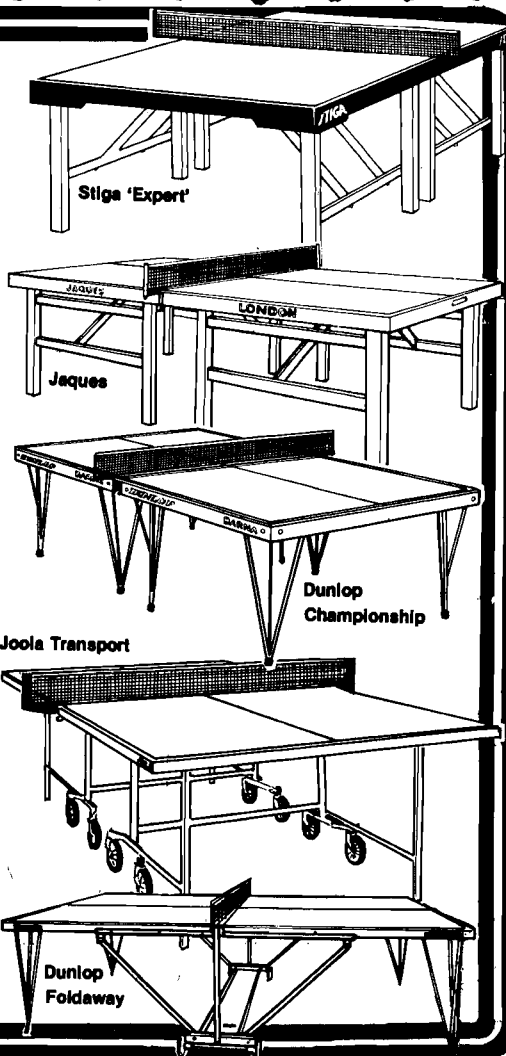
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S. Battrick (E), Mrs P. Challis (E), Mrs P. Butcher (K).

VETERAN WEST

Table with 4 columns: Name, P, W, Av%. Includes names like R. Lush (Ha), G. Roberts (Ox), A. Davies (Ox), B. Halliday (Ox), C. Bush (Do), G. Philpott (Ha), G. Holley (Ha), M. Crane (Wo), Mrs. D. Gray (Ha), Mrs. G. Hazel (Wi).

SISTERS STEAL THE SHOW

All the 'honours' in the Dunstable and District Table Tennis League have now been allocated with the pride of place going to AC Delco B who achieved a double of the Third Division championship and the Janes Knockout Cup without losing a match.

This was even more remarkable when it is realised that included among their team were 12 and nine-year-old sisters Jackie and Lisa Bellinger who were making their first appearances in the Dunstable league.

They completed their season with Jackie taking two titles — Handicap Singles and Division Three singles — at the league championships whilst Lisa was runner up in the Ladies and Division Three singles. The pair of them finished second in the Handicap Doubles event.

Dunstable Vauxhall again emphasised their superiority in the league when their large strong squad took the first division title once more whilst the "A" team took the second division championship after a long battle with Index Sports.

Proof that interest in the Dunstable League is building up was shown by the fact that 203 entries were received for all eight tournaments of the League championships.

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Glamorgan II
Leicestershire II
Staffordshire II
Northants II
Shropshire
Clwyd II

3 EAST
Suffolk
Norfolk II
Hertfordshire II
Cambridgeshire II
Huntingdonshire

3 WEST
Dorset
Worcestershire II
Cornwall
Avon II
Herefordshire
Gloucestershire

JUNIOR PREMIER
Yorkshire
Middlesex
Essex
Cleveland
Berkshire
Surrey
Hertfordshire
Kent

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Final averages 1976-77

Qualification—2 matches and 60% (50% Premier Division)

PREMIER
D. Neale (Cv)
J. Walker (Cv)
D. Douglas (Wa)
N. Jarvis (Cv)
D. Tan (Mi)
J. Hilton (Ch)
R. Wiley (Cv)
D. Johnson (Wa)
D. Munt (Wa)
A. Fletcher (Y)
A. Clayton (Y)
M. Crimmins (Sy)
D. Brown (E)
R. Potton (E)
A. Barden (Mi)
A. Hydes (Y)
D. Newman (E)
B. Johns (Ch)
Miss C. Knight (Cv)
Miss L. Howard (Sy)
Miss K. Rogers (Le)
Miss S. Lisle (Ch)
Mrs. L. Radford (E)

Unbeaten in their only match
S. Gibbs (E), Miss J. Mitchell (Sy).

2nd SOUTH
R. Chandler (Sx)
C. Morris (K)
J. Kennedy (K)
S. Gibbs (E)
D. Wells (Mi)
D. Iszatt (E)
I. Kenyon (K)
G. Pugh (Sx)
Mrs. B. Clayton (Mi)
Miss S. Hession (E)
Miss C. Randall (Sx)
Miss L. Barrow (E)
Miss D. Gard (Sx)

Unbeaten in their only match
K. Jackson, G. Drew (E), J. Dabin (K)
G. Sandley (Mi), Miss E. Bolton (K)
Miss M. Sangster (Mi).

2nd NORTH
D. Parker (La)
R. Wiley (Cv)
R. Hazelwood (Y)
P. Bowen (La)
A. Metcalfe (Y)
K. Beadsley (Y)
P. McQueen (Cv)

K. Paxton (Du)
C. Heap (La)
A. Clark (Nd)
M. Harrison (Y)
Miss A. Tierney (Cv)
Miss S. Jenkins (Du)
Miss J. Williams (Cv)
Miss H. Shields (Y)
Miss S. Hunt (Li)
Miss J. McLean (Y)
Miss L. Bainbridge (Du)
Miss J. White (Li)

Unbeaten in their only match
R. Hall (Du), Miss S. Broadbent (Y).

2nd MIDLAND
W. Percival (Ch)
G. Davies (Gn)
D. Schofield (Ch)
D. Constance (Ch)
A. Griffiths (Gn)
B. Hayward (Wa)
W. Hussey (Gn)
P. Judd (Wa)
A. Isaac (St)
Miss J. Carr (St)
Mrs. J. Billington (Dy)
Miss S. Jones (St)
Miss M. Mellor (Dy)
Miss D. Griffiths (Wa)
Mrs D. Schofield (Ch)

Unbeaten in their only match
B. Johns (Ch), K. Fellows (St), A. Kinsey (Wa),
Miss S. Cain (St).

2nd EAST
P. Day (Ca)
M. Harper (Ca)
M. Musson (Nk)
K. Richardson (Ca)
C. Bensley (Nk)
J. Proffitt (He)
A. Watson (Bu)
L. Wooding (Bu)
Mrs. B. Hammond (Bd)
Mrs J. Reeves (Bd)
Miss A. Wallis (Np)
Mrs C. Bane (Np)
Mrs B. Stevens (Bu)

Unbeaten in their only match
Mrs D. Baines (He), Miss M. Wallis (Np).

2nd WEST
C. Sewel (Av)
M. Weilbas (Bk)
B. Parkins (Dv)
W. Molding (Wi)
D. Reeves (Bk)
T. Bruce (Wi)
B. Reeves (So)
C. Shetler (Wi)
C. Benson (Wo)
Miss C. Reeves (Bk)
Miss K. Witt (Bk)
Miss A. Boyce (Wi)
Miss A. Taft Heath (So)
Miss P. Mortimer (Dv)
Miss J. Wilson (So)
Mrs. P. Oung (Wi)
Miss K. Rowe (Dv)

Unbeaten in their only match
P. Trott (Bk), D. Baddeley (Wo), Miss E.
Lamb (Dv), Miss D. Sherman (Wi).

3rd SOUTH
P. Beck (K)
M. Harlow (Bd)
D. Randell (E)
J. Drew (E)
K. Horton (Sx)
E. Emecz (Sx)
P. Smith (Sx)
J. Cooper (Bu)
Mrs. L. Barrow (E)
Mrs. J. Dunkin (K)
Mrs. T. Pickard (E)
Miss J. Reading (Sx)
Miss A. Mock (Sx)
Miss M. Dignum (K)
Miss S. Lines (Bu)

Unbeaten in their only match

D. Gilbert (Bd), L. Smith (E), S. Kimm (E),
T. Farley (K), Mrs. H. Roberts (Bd), Mrs M.
Nash (E), Mrs. E. Hammond (He), Miss J.
Glazebrook (He), Miss C. Webster (He), Miss L.
Chesson (K), Miss A. Gedge (Sx).

3rd NORTH

A. Croome (Ng)
D. Marples (Dy)
I. Smith (La)
J. Marshall (La)
G. Stredder (Ng)
B. Towell (Cu)
A. Whittle (La)
Miss A. Marples (Dy)
Miss I. Farrer (La)
Mrs. G. Stocks (Ng)
Miss M. Deakin (Dy)
Miss V. Lloyd (La)

Unbeaten in their only match
T. Moran (Dy), B. Clements (La), Miss J.
Griffin (Dy), Miss G. Smith (Cu), Miss L. Clark
(Nd), Miss V. Smith (Nd), Miss J. Hobson (Nd).

3rd MIDLAND

G. Hall (Le)
R. Bishop (Gn)
F. Anderson (Gn)
K. Fellows (St)
P. Smith (Le)
R. Heggarty (Gn)
S. Dunning (St)
B. Mayfield (Le)
Mrs. E. Shaler (Le)
Miss D. Coulthard (Gn)
Miss K. Rogers (Le)
Miss S. Watton (St)
Miss M. Wallace (Np)
Mrs. C. Price (Np)

Unbeaten in their only match
G. Evans (Gn), M. Newman (Le), A. Rich (St),
Miss S. Coulson (Gn), Miss V. Duffin (Gn), Miss
J. Revil (Le), Miss J. Porter (Np).

3rd EAST

J. Kitchener (Sk)
T. Bunn (Nk)
R. Hellaby (Sk)
M. Palmer (Sk)
C. Bensley (Nk)
B. White (He)
A. Lamprell (Hu)
Miss R. Newman (Ca)
Mrs. B. Pace (Hu)
Miss B. Peters (He)
Miss J. Faiers (Sk)
Mrs. V. Parkes (Ca)

Unbeaten in their only match
A. Littlechild (Ca), J. Turner (Nk), Mrs D.
Baines (He), Miss B. Chamberlain (Hu).

3rd WEST

D. Harvey (Gs)
N. Bottomley (Wo)
R. Murray (Av)
C. Bush (Do)
B. Belcher (Wo)
R. Oldfield (Av)
M. Wood (Av)
Mrs J. Coop (Do)
Miss J. New (Do)
Miss C. Robb (Gs)
Miss W. Mapey (Co)
Mrs B. Raper (Co)
Miss V. Crwys (Gs)

Unbeaten in their only match
M. Owens (Hr), Mrs J. Applin (Do).

JUNIOR PREMIER

K. Jackson (E)
M. Harrison (Y)
K. Beadsley (Y)
S. Kimm (E)
M. Shuttle (Sy)
S. Boxall (Sy)
R. Jermyn (He)
S. Mills (Y)
D. Wells (Mi)



**Glamorgan 5, Buckinghamshire 4**

Griffiths bt Wooding 19, 18; bt Clark 16, 8.  
Davies bt Wooding 16, -12, 12; lost to Watson -20 -11.  
Evans bt Clark 6, 13; lost to Watson -17, -10.  
Davies/Griffiths bt Clark/Wooding 16, -17, 7.  
Coulthard lost to Jean Williams -11, -14.  
Evans/Coulthard lost to Watson/Williams -19, -13.

**Berkshire 5, Lancashire 4**

Reeves lost to Parker -21, -21; bt Bowen 20, 19.  
Heaps lost to Parker -15, -17; bt Heap 15, 17.  
Wellman lost to Bowen -15, -20; bt Heap 15, 14.  
Heaps/Wellman lost to Bowen/Parker 11, -15, -18.  
Witt bt Alexander 14, 15.  
Reeves/Reeves bt Smith/Alexander 7, 14.

**Buckinghamshire 1, Berkshire 8**

Wooding bt Reeves 13, 16; lost to Heaps -14, -8.  
Watson lost to Reeves -20, -11; lost to Wellman -15, -18.  
Leslie lost to Heaps -17, -17; lost to Wellman -9, -16.  
Clark/Wooding lost to Heaps/Wellman -12, -18.  
Williams lost to Witt -6, -6.  
Watson/Williams lost to Reeves/Reeves -11, -15.

**Sussex 2, Glamorgan 5**

Chandler lost to Griffiths -13, -17; bt Davies 19, 16.  
Pugh lost to Griffiths -18, -22.  
Clarke lost to Evans -11, -13.  
Chandler/Pugh lost to Davies/Griffiths -8, -16.  
Gard bt Wheatley 14, 14.  
Clarke/Randall lost Evans/Coulthard -11, 19, -19.

**JUNIOR PROMOTION CHALLENGE**

**April 16/17th, 1977, at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre.**

The two Junior Premier Division places vacated by Hertfordshire and Kent will be filled next season by Lancashire and Devon, the bold challenges by Staffordshire and Sussex failed, but it could have been a different story . . .

**1st Session**

**Sussex v Staffs**

**Lancs v Devon**

Sussex started in a remarkable manner, but had to be content with a draw against Staffordshire in the opening match—Sussex were leading 5-4, but Eddie Wilkes levelled it for Staffs beating Malcolm Francis -19, 13, 19.

Meanwhile, Lancashire boys were dominating the opening sets in their match against Devon (appearing that Devon were feeling the effects of the long journey more than Lancs), but with the girls games going to Devon, Lancs 3-0 lead went to 5-3, then Shearman put the cat amongst the pigeons by beating Turner bringing Devon within the reach of a share in the points, but Cowley was too good for Whiting and Lancs won 6-4.

**2nd Session**

**Lancs v Staffs**

**Devon v Sussex**

A good night's rest at the South Mimms Crest Motel and the four Counties were fighting fit and ready for the battle—or were they?

Staffordshire were giving some of their lower ranked players a knock, gaining successes in two GS in an 8-2 defeat; Lancs' GD win (Carol Bladen and Angela Cornwell over Shirley Cain and Jill Harris) impressive.

It was a different Devon side (same players though) that opposed Sussex on the other table—both remembering the 6-4 win to Devon earlier in the season—and that could have gone either way . . . until Mike Shearman took to the table against Graham Gillett (one of Sussex's bankers?) and won putting Devon 1-0 up. After this Devon brimmed with confidence giving Sussex their only consolation in Gillett's other set.

At Sunday lunch time, the situation was that, irrespective of the result of the last two matches, Lancashire had gained promotion; Devon, Staffs and Sussex still had to fight, although Devon required to draw against Staffs to ensure promo-

tion; both Staffs and Sussex wanted wins against Devon and Lancs respectively!

**3rd Session**

**Staffs v Devon**

**Sussex v Lancashire**

At the half-way stage in each match both Lancs and Devon were leading 4-1 and the writing was on the wall, but Sussex and Staffs had different ideas.

From 1-4 down, Staffs took the next two against Devon and it was 3-4, within striking distance and promotion, but Devon steadied their rocking boat, taking their tally to six, before allowing Staffordshire the final set.

From 1-4 down, Sussex really shook Lancashire taking the next four sets and led 5-4 after nine, and although promotion was not on, Lancashire salvaged some pride when Turner beat Moore 9, 19 in the final set.

**Details**

**Sussex 5, Staffordshire 5**

G. Gillet bt A. Bellingham 17, 14; bt P. Draisey 13, -12, 15.  
M. Francis lost to Bellingham 22, -10, -11; lost to E. Wilkes 19, -13, -19.  
S. Moore bt Draisey 19, 12; bt Wilkes -16, 16, 19.  
Gillett/Moore bt Bellingham/A. Dixon 14, 19.  
Helen O'Brien lost to Suzanne Watton 17, -15, -14.  
Diane Phur lost to Shirley Cain -16, -14.  
O'Brien/Phur lost to Cain/Jill Harris -13, -16.

**Lancashire 6, Devon 4**

A. O'Connor bt T. Fairbanks 19, 16; bt M. Shearman -21, 15, 11.  
S. Cowley bt Fairbanks 16, 20; bt P. Whiting 19, 16.  
S. Turner lost to Shearman -20, 13, -14; bt Whiting 18, 13.  
Cowley/O'Connor bt Shearman/Whiting 12, -13, 15.  
Carol Bladen lost to Elaine Lamb -15, -18.  
Rita Ashton lost to Carol Butler -14, -14.  
Bladen/Angela Cornwell lost to Butler/Lamb -19, -19.

**Lancashire 8, Staffordshire 2**

O'Connor bt Bellingham 10, 16; bt A. Rich 15, 13.  
Cowley bt Bellingham 17, 16; bt Dixon 14, 11.  
P. Rainford bt Rich -15, 15, 18; bt Dixon 16, 17.  
Cowley/O'Connor bt Bellingham/Dixon 16, 20.  
Bladen lost to Watton -11, -13.  
Cornwell lost to Cain -9, -17.  
Bladen/Cornwell bt Cain/Harris 8, -16, 16.

**Devon 9, Sussex 1**

Fairbanks lost to Gillett -17, -15; bt Francis 14, 11.  
Shearman bt Gillet 18, 21; bt Moore 14, 16.  
Whiting bt Francis -18, 19, 16; bt Moore 16, 17.  
Shearman/Whiting bt Gillett/Moore 16, 19.  
Lamb bt O'Brien 14, -21, 12.  
Butler bt Phur 12, 11.  
Butler/Lamb bt O'Brien/Phur 17, 13.

**Staffordshire 4, Devon 6**

Bellingham bt Shearman -16, 14, 18; lost to Whiting 19, -19, -17.  
Draisey lost to Shearman -17, -20; bt M. Hodges 13, 14.  
Wilkes lost to Whiting -13, -21; bt M. Hodges -19, 17, 16.  
Bellingham/Draisey lost to Shearman/Whiting -18, 16, -11.  
Watton lost to Lamb -10, -14.  
Cain bt Norma Pine -15, 19, 23.  
Cain/Watton lost to Butler/Lamb -17, -15.

**Sussex 5, Lancashire 5**

Gillet bt O'Connor -13, 18, 19; bt Cowley 19, 12.  
Moore lost to O'Connor -10, -14; lost to Turner -9, -19.  
N. Standen bt Cowley 20, -18, 17; lost to Turner, -14, -8.  
Gillett/Moore lost to Cowley/O'Connor -20, 10, -13.  
O'Brien bt Cornwell 13, 13.  
Phur bt Ashton 20, 17.  
O'Brien/Phur lost to Bladen/Cornwell 9, -14, -13.

**VETERAN CHALLENGE**

**April 16th, 1977, at the Ellenborough Club, Enfield.**

**Middlesex**, in their first season at this level,

have won the overall veteran championship and with it the **Phyllis Lauder Trophy**. Middlesex didn't 'walk it', as some might have expected since Nottinghamshire could have sown it up after their first two matches victors over Middlesex 6-3, and against Hampshire—4-all, D. Pearson was game and 19-14 up against G. Philpott in the last set, but 'blew it' so Notts eventually lost 4-5 to Hampshire!

The three Counties knew that anything could happen, the impossible had happened once—could it happen again? All Hampshire had to do to clinch the championship was to beat Middlesex; Middlesex had to beat Hampshire at least 7-2 to be considered against Notts on sets average; Notts were sitting it out in the bar hoping Middlesex would win 5-4 or 6-3!

Hampshire were soon out of the hunt, with two very close finishes going against them and Middlesex were leading 5-1, at which point John Wright started adding up the sets—one more success to Hampshire would give outright championship to Notts—Middlesex had to win 8-1!

Seventh set was a fine affair with Ray Lush giving Don Smith and Middlesex a run for their money, but Smith just made it 21-18 in the decider;—Middlesex 6-1 up; the last two sets both went to Middlesex as well and both two straight creating that County's biggest win of the season!

**Details**

**Nottinghamshire beat Middlesex 6-3**

A. Saunders bt D. Smith 10, 13; bt D. Hope 8, 10.  
R. Bolton bt Smith -17, 19, 18; lost to T. Kirby -11, -18.  
D. Pearson lost to Hope -8, -9; lost to Kirby -14, -16.  
Bolton/Pearson bt Hope/Smith 19, -10, 20 (was 14-20 in decider!).  
Mrs P. Hammond bt Mrs M. Symes 14, 16.  
Saunders/Hammond bt Kirby/Symes 18, 17.

**HAMPSHIRE beat NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 5-4**

R. Lush bt Saunders 19, 19; bt Bolton -13, 18; 17.  
G. Philpott lost to Saunders -11, -14; bt Pearson -18, 19, 9.  
G. Holley lost to Bolton -8, -11; bt Pearson 20, 6.  
Holley/Philpott lost to Bolton/Pearson -16, 15, -16.  
Mrs. D. Gray bt Mrs. Hammond 17, 12.  
Lush/Gray lost to Saunders/Hammond -17, -17.

**MIDDLESEX beat HAMPSHIRE 8-1**

Smith bt Lush 14, -17, 18; bt Philpott 16, 17.  
Hope bt Lush 14, -18, 20; bt Holley 17, 14.  
Kirby bt Philpott 10, 19; bt Holley -20, 16, 21.  
Hope/Smith lost to Holley/Bush -14, -18.  
Symes bt Gray 18, 8.  
Kirby/Symes bt Philpott/Gray -16, 13, 12.

Positions	P	W	L	F	A	P
Middlesex	2	1	1	11	7	2
Nottinghamshire	2	1	1	10	8	2
Hampshire	2	1	1	6	12	2

**FINAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TABLES**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>PREMIER</b>							
Cleveland	7	6	—	1	49	14	12
Essex	7	5	—	2	30	33	10
Middlesex	7	4	—	3	34	29	8
Warwickshire	7	4	—	3	34	29	8
Surrey	7	3	—	4	31	32	6
Yorkshire	7	3	—	4	28	35	6
Cheshire	7	3	—	4	26	37	6
Leicestershire	7	0	—	7	20	43	0

**2 SOUTH**

Sussex	5	4	1	0	36	14	9
Kent	5	3	2	0	33	17	8
Essex II	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Middlesex II	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
Hampshire	5	1	0	4	12	38	2
Surrey II	5	0	0	5	13	37	0

**2 NORTH**

Yorkshire II	5	4	1	0	36	14	9
Lancashire	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Cleveland II	5	2	1	2	30	20	5
Northumberland	5	2	1	2	19	31	5
Durham	5	1	1	3	18	42	3
Lincolnshire	5	0	0	5	12	38	0

# County Championships Round-up

by BOB BRIDGES

## PREMIER TITLES GO NORTH

As reported, briefly, last month, it's Cheshire that join Leicestershire for the drop into the Second Division (the same Second Division?) after a few more results that defied the form book. Cleveland had won the Premier Division whatever the outcome of outstanding matches, but a surprise was that Essex were runners-up.

Yorkshire have won the Junior Premier championship after defeating Essex 7-3, putting Middlesex into second place.

### PREMIER

#### Yorkshire 2, Surrey 7

A. Clayton lost to M. Crimmins -19, 19, -21; beat D. Welsman 14, 13.

K. Beadsley lost to Crimmins -11, -23; lost to S. Lyons -18, 15, -14.

M. Harrison lost to Welsman -19, 14, -18; lost to Lyons -15, -14.

Beadsley/Harrison lost to Crimmins/Welsman -20, 14, -16.

Melody Ludi lost to Linda Howard 17, -21, -12. Clayton/Miss Ludi bt Lyons/Miss Howard 14, 17.

#### Cleveland 4, Essex 5

D. Neale bt R. Potton -19, 8, 12; bt D. Newman 9, 11.

P. McQueen lost to Potton -14, -19; lost to S. Gibbs -19, -12.

A. Martin lost to Newman -17, 19, -16; lost to Gibbs -10, -12.

McQueen/Neale bt Newman/Potton 20, 18.

Carol Knight bt Leslie Radford 10, 7.

Martin/Miss Knight lost to Gibbs/Mrs. Radford -14, -17.

#### Essex 6, Yorkshire 3

I. Horsham lost to L. Clayton 15, -19, -16; lost to A. Fletcher -18, -24.

R. Potton bt Clayton 19, -13, 7; bt A. Metcalfe 11, -20, 22.

D. Brown lost to Fletcher -19, -13; bt Metcalfe 19, 20.

Brown/Potton bt Clayton/Fletcher 11, 17.

Lesley Radford bt Melody Ludi 18, -19, 15.

Horsham/Mrs. Radford bt Metcalfe/Miss Ludi 18, 12.

## SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

### Hampshire 2, Essex II 8

## SECOND DIVISION NORTH

### Cleveland II 4, Lancashire 6

## THIRD DIVISION MIDLAND

### Glamorgan II 10, Clwyd II 0

(conceded by Clwyd)

## THIRD DIVISION EAST

### Norfolk II 3, Suffolk 7

## THIRD DIVISION WEST

### Cornwall 5, Worcestershire II 5

## JUNIOR PREMIER

### Essex 3, Yorkshire 7

D. Newman lost to K. Beadsley -15, -17; lost to M. Harrison 16, -17, -19.

L. Smith lost to Beadsley -17, 13, -17; bt S. Mills -14, 13, 19.

S. Low lost to Harrison -14, -17; lost to Mills -16, -19.

Newman/Smith bt Beadsley/Harrison 15, -16, 17.

Helen Gore lost to Linda Hryszko -14, -10.

Elaine Sayer bt Sally Midgeley -21, 17, 17.

Miss Gore/Miss Sayer lost to Miss Hryszko/Miss Midgeley -13, 17, -11.

It's pleasing to report that the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy has been awarded this year to Bert Dainty of Yorkshire.

## SENIOR PROMOTION CHALLENGE

April 30th/May 1st, 1977, at St. Neots Table Tennis Club.

After the closest of 'Challenges' for many years, Berkshire and Glamorgan will be playing in the Premier Division of the County Championships next season in place of relegated Leicestershire and Cheshire.

No County went unscathed, and as the third session of matches got under way on Sunday morning, Lancashire were favourites for promotion having won their opening matches on Saturday, but their challenge faded with defeats by Sussex first, then Berkshire, while Sussex were suddenly in contention with that win over Lancashire; in the end promotion was won almost by sudden-death play-offs, with the winners of the fourth session Berks v Lancs obtaining one of the promotion places, and the winner of Glamorgan and Sussex taking the other, in the final session.

### 1st Session

Berkshire v Sussex

Buckinghamshire v Lancashire

Berkshire's 7-2 win over Sussex was flattering and Sussex can talk of the one that got away—the first set where Roger Chandler led Simon Heaps 20-16 in the decider, but lost it 21-23! Berks then grabbed the next four and the remainder of the match was of academic interest.

Lancashire were also flattered by the extent of their 8-1 over Bucks—five required a decider and Clive Heap only beat Alec Watson 23-21 in the decider of their set after expedite had been called with Watson leading 18-17 in that final game. Otherwise Donald Parker and Phil Bowen too good.

### 2nd Session

Lancs v Glamorgan

Sussex v Bucks.

With success in these Challenges 'seemingly' on the Lancs v Glamorgan match, Glamorgan were not surprisingly buoyant as they led 3-1, but Lancashire's strength was to come and took the lead at 4-3; Graham Davies disposed of Heap to make it 4-all, but Bowen made no mistake as he produced some class to beat George Evans and win the match for Lancs.

Luckless Buckinghamshire victims of Sussex increasing in confidence, Sussex just that bit better all the way through—but Bucks weren't as outclassed as the score suggests.

### 3rd Session

Lancashire v Sussex

Glamorgan v Berkshire

Chandler's win over Bowen in the first set (18 in the third) gave Sussex the edge, and Lancs found themselves 1-3 down again (as they were the previous evening against Glamorgan—they won that match!). However, Sussex women were stronger than Glamorgan's and it was up to Heap to save the match for Lancs with the score 3-4 playing Gerald Pugh. Heap put up a tremendous fight and recovered from a seemingly hopeless position in second after losing first; alas, Pugh just made it 19 and 22!

Friendly atmosphere destroyed by escalation in events during the Heaps/Alan Griffiths set after Ken Green had faulted Heaps on a couple of services; Griffiths was badly affected by events and saw his 8-1 lead in first go before losing -16 -12; Glamorgan eased home 5-4 and with Sussex beating Lancashire, each of the five Counties had lost one match.

### 4th Session

Glamorgan v Buckinghamshire

Berkshire v Lancashire

Bucks showed that their two heavy defeats the previous evening were not a true indication of their strength by making Glamorgan work and sweat. Bucks never held the lead, but pulled back from 0-2 down to 2-all; and were level at 3-all before Griffiths beat Wooding 19 and 18 and Evans seemingly easily took Tony Clark to pieces to give Glamorgan a winning 5-3 lead.

Lancashire's last match, and defeat would cost them promotion; the two sets that beat them were David Reeves' 20, 19 win over Bowen (the

second set of the match) and Andy Wellman's 15, 14 win over Heap (third set of the match) then with Berkshire's women's strength never in doubt, they led 4-2, but Parker and Bowen weren't done yet beating Reeves and Wellman respectively putting the score at 4-all and leaving it up to Heap, again, Simon Heaps beat him 15-17 to give Berkshire the match and just Bucks stood between them and promotion.

### 5th Session

Buckinghamshire v Berkshire

Sussex v Glamorgan

Berkshire were not having any nonsense and accounted for Bucks 8-1 all sets two-straight. Berkshire promoted to Premier Division, for the first time in their history.

Winners of Sussex and Glamorgan match gain promotion with Berkshire. Pugh and Griffiths fought out a tight opener, but the more experienced Welshman pulled it off 18, 22; but the prize was affecting everyone—second set Chandler beat Davies and the score stood 1-1. Still anyone's match?

Glamorgan went 2-1 up when Evans accounted for John Clarke 11-13, then the Mixed, which Sussex needed to win but didn't: they only went down 19 in the third (after a five minute argument at change of ends at 10-5 in the third as to who should be serving and receiving—at this level!!!). Diane Gard's win over Kim Wheatley was Sussex's only other consolation as Glamorgan surged to a 5-2 win.

### Details

#### Berkshire 7, Sussex 2

D. Reeves lost to R. Chandler -11, -18; bt G. Pugh 12, 12.

S. Heaps bt Chandler -18, 17, 21; bt J. Clarke 12, 21.

A. Wellman lost to Pugh -16, -17; bt Clarke 18, 20.

Heaps/Wellman bt Chandler/Pugh 18, -17, 15. Karen Witt bt Diane Gard 10, 12.

Reeves/Caroline Reeves bt Clark/Carol Randall 8, 18.

#### Buckinghamshire 1, Lancashire 8

L. Wooding lost to D. Parker -11, -12; lost to P. Bowen -13, -17.

A. Clark lost to Parker -15, -14; bt C. Heap 14, -17, 19.

A. Watson lost to Bowen 18, -11, -14; lost to Heap -17, 18, -21.

Watson/Wooding lost to Bowen/Parker -17, -19.

Brenda Stevens lost to Wendy Shaw -18, 19, -6.

Clarke/Stevens lost to Heap/Shaw -17, 10, -14.

#### Lancashire 5, Glamorgan 4

Parker bt A. Griffiths 17, -15, 14; bt G. Davies 17, 14.

Bowen lost to Griffiths 17, -20, -7; bt G. Evans 12, 11.

Heap lost to Davis -9, -14; lost to Evans -12, 14, -18.

Bowen/Parker bt Davies/Griffiths -20, 4, 18.

Shaw bt Kim Wheatley 14, -15, 15.

Heap/Sue Alexander lost to Evans/Debbie Coulthard -13, -17.

#### Sussex 9, Buckinghamshire 0

Chandler bt Wooding 17, 8; bt Clark 17, 10.

Pugh bt Wooding -16, 15, 16; bt C. Leslie 14, 16.

Clarke bt Clark 18, -19, 14; bt Leslie 17, 13.

Chandler/Pugh bt Watson/Wooding 18, 20.

Gard bt Stevens 18, 20.

Clarke/Randall bt Watson/Stevens -17, 16, 16.

#### Lancashire 3, Sussex 6

Parker bt Chandler -21, 14, 11; bt Pugh 10, 17.

Bowen lost to Chandler 21, -19, -18; lost to Clarke -13, -17.

Heap lost to Pugh -19, -22; lost to Clarke -19, -13.

Bowen/Parker bt Chandler/Clarke 18, 17.

Shaw lost to Gard -8, -12.

I. Smith/Alexander lost to Pugh/Randall -18, -16.

#### Glamorgan 5, Berkshire 4

Griffiths bt Reeves -16, 16, 13; lost to Heaps -16, -12.

Davies bt Reeves 15, 10; bt Wellman 16, 16.

Evans lost to Heaps -19, -21; bt Wellman 11, 11.

Davies/Griffiths bt Heaps/Wellman 17, 9.

Coulthard lost to Witt -8, -8.

Evans/Coulthard lost to Reeves/Reeves -14, 17, -19.

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