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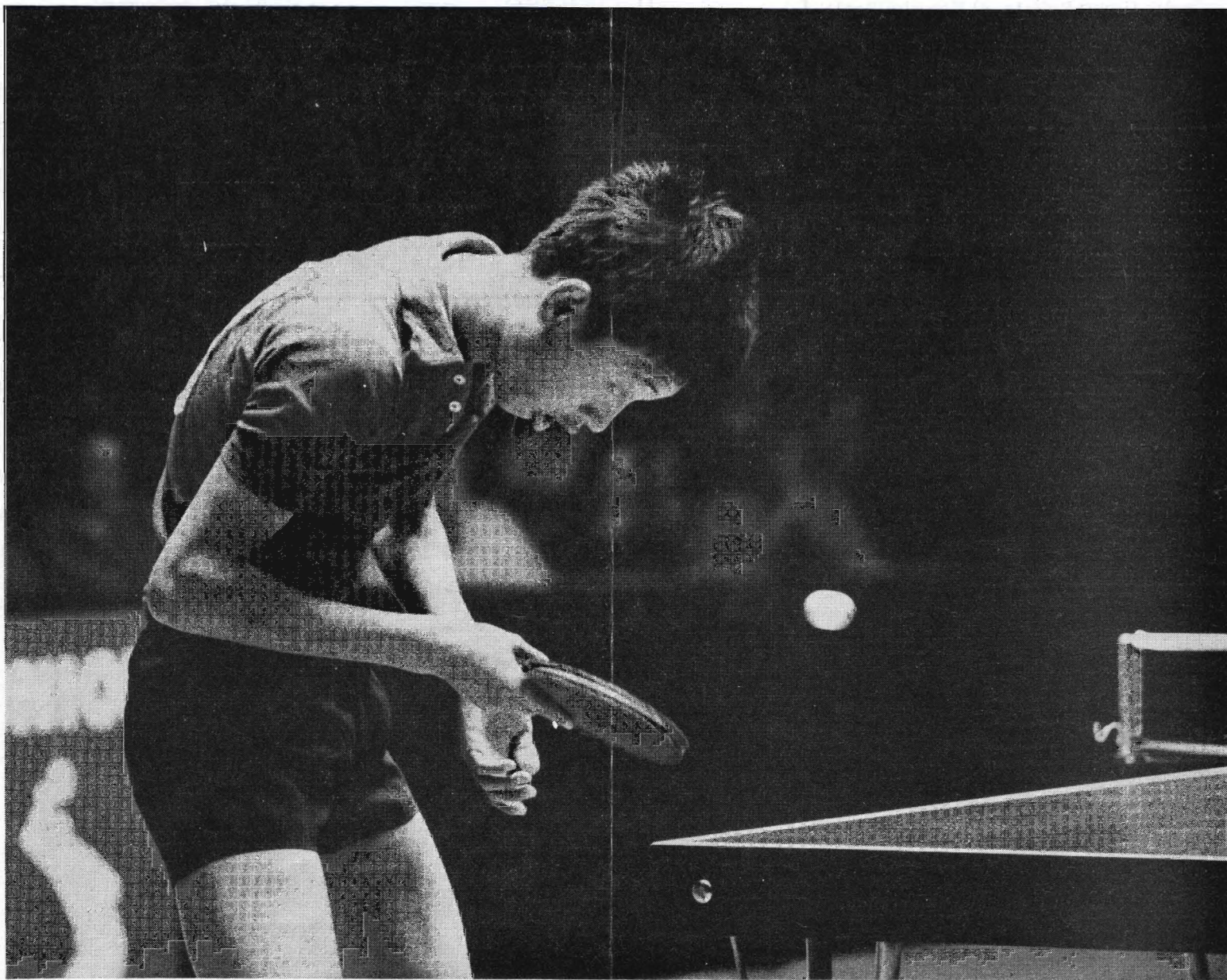


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ALL VERY WELL

It is all very well to decry the entry of Chinese players in national open tournaments such as this season's Scandinavian, French and Norwich Union International Championships. That Chinese presence results in a wholesale capture of the titles at stake is perhaps a justifiable form of argument in wanting a more unpredictable outcome by their exclusion.

But whether or not the invitations continue to be sent to Peking the fact remains that there can be no embargo so far as the world championships are concerned. And this is what should concern the European associations whose players, since the advent of the legendary Chuang Tse-tung in 1960/61 — only halted by the Cultural Revolution — have allowed a veritable gulf to develop in the standards of play between East and West.

There have, of course, been the odd exceptions such as Stellan Bengtsson's triumph in Nagoya, and that of Istvan Jonyer in Calcutta, but how can a player like Teng Yi, born only fifteen years ago, reach such a degree of efficiency as witnessed at Brighton? Why cannot Europe produce such a player at such an age?

Therein lies the answer. Much ado is created by the coaching fraternity as to their function in life. Well, what's to be done about it?

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TENDER TENG HAS THE TRAPPINGS

by George Yates and John Woodford

ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's Singles:

LI CHEN-SHIH
(China)

Women's Singles:

CHU HSIANG-YUN
(China)

Men's Doubles:

LI CHEN-SHIH/WANG HUI-YUAN
(China)

Women's Doubles:

CHU HSIANG-YUN/WEI LI-CHIEH
(China)

Mixed Doubles:

DESMOND DOUGLAS/LINDA HOWARD
(England)

Men's Team

CHINA I

Women's Team

CHINA II

Although **Li Chen-shih** became the first Chinese to win the men's singles title in the 56 year history of the English Open, more latterly the Norwich Union International Championships, it was his compatriot the 15-year-old Teng Yi who received the greater plaudits despite his defeat in three straight games.

Looking a world champion of the future Teng captivated the Saturday afternoon audience in Brighton's Dome Theatre, and a much wider one through the medium of television, with his style and composure. Admittedly, Li held all the aces, but he must have been impressed by an opponent

who fell only just short in many magical rallies.

China also notched a first in a comparatively tame women's singles final in which **Chu Hsiang-yun**, world-ranked at No. 5, defended her way to victory against the younger Yugoslav attacker Erzebet Palatinus. China took their sixth title of the championships in winning the men's doubles when Milan Orlovski and Pavel Ovcarik of Czechoslovakia were made to look like novices by **Li Chen-shih** and **Wang Hui-yuan** but, as respected visitors, there was more than a hint of 'friendship' in the manner in which **Desmond Douglas** and **Linda Howard** were crowned mixed doubles cham-



England's only title winners in the Dome Theatre, former European Youth mixed doubles champions Desmond Douglas and Linda Howard.

pions. This event was last won by an English pair in 1970 when Denis Neale and Mary Wright took the title.

Carole Knight was adjudged as the English player putting up the best performance in the championships. She received a £200 cheque from John McDonnell, Public Relations Manager, Norwich Union Insurance Group, being unbeaten in the team event and for reaching the last four in the women's singles.

In the final of the women's doubles, played on the Friday evening, China's **Chu Hsiang-yun** and **Wei Li-chieh** added this title to their haul with victory over Miss Palatinus and Gordana Perkucin.

TEAM EVENTS

Very few countries in the world could raise very high hopes of winning an international team event after their Association had succeeded in gaining an entry from the People's Republic of China. Even the Japanese, playing their world champion Mitsuru Kohno, would be hard-pressed in the men's event.

So, at Brighton, no-one in the England camp, really expected the home sides to retain the championships gained with a diluted entry last year at Thornaby.

However, England I (Des Douglas, Paul Day and Nicky Jarvis), were drawn in the bottom half on a path that would either bring them up against Czechoslovakia or China II in the semi-finals. The target clearly in the first instance was to get to the final and ensure a good crowd. England failed to do that, but the score of 3-2 in favour of China II was no disgrace.

But, Chinese teams swept the board in the men's and women's events, so there was a very small crowd indeed in the Dome when the finals commenced at 7 p.m. In fact, many players and officials who had come through a busy day, did not arrive back at the Dome in time to see much of the play after their evening meal.

England men did not have it all that easy against Australia in Round 1, especially when Douglas and Jarvis lost the doubles to Bob Tuckett and Robbie Javor. The pressure was on Jarvis to beat Tuckett and this he did quite comfortably. In fact, one of the happiest factors at Brighton was to see Jarvis returning to the action with renewed vigour after his extensive back surgery.

There can be little doubt that his injury was caused by hundreds of hours of looping. The fact that he is now scoring for England both in singles and doubles and against very strong opponents is a great tribute to the wonders of modern medical science.

When the news reached Fleet-street after lunch that England men had flattened Japan 3-0, a few sub-editors must have dropped their pens in amazement, until it was explained that these Japanese teams, although strong, were commercially-sponsored by the Datsun Car Company and although representing Japan, they were some way from being the strongest players. England's top trio never looked like losing the quarter-final clash, so they looked forward to having a go at China II in the semis after the Chinese second string had disposed of Czechoslovakia, Orlovski and all!

As has been pointed out everywhere, Teng Yi is perhaps fortunate in having an easy Chinese name to remember and it would be wise to remember it because he could be a world champion within six years if not before.

On this occasion the ultra-fast youngster overcame Jarvis 10, 16 and Chen Hsin-hua edged home -12, 19, 18 over Douglas. All seemed lost but (here we go again) the Chinese seemed to remember that Christmas was not long past, so England came right back into the picture as we captured the doubles and Douglas overcame the boy 16, -11, 19 in a real thriller.

Yet another cracking match followed in the decider but this time despite another fine performance by the Clevelander, it was Jarvis who went under -18, 15, -20. That was the end of England, on paper a gallant fight, but in reality one could not escape the feeling confirmed later on television and radio, by Tony Gubba and Alan Ransome,

that the Chinese might have preferred an England men's team in the final.

RETALIATED

Had the French not retaliated by sending their second team, England I might well have had some difficulty in their first round match against France. Jill Hammersley and Linda Howard made short work of Corinne Germain and Nadine Daviaud, 3-0 and went forward to the second hurdle, Japan, whose women's team seemed a bit stronger than the Japanese men.

Carole Knight who was not in the team against France, returned against Japan and started an unbeaten run in the competition which must have clinched her award later. Carole's penchant — heavy masculine-strength top-spin — is a style of play that even the Chinese, not to mention the Koreans do not relish. So it was good news that she knocked the hash out of Towako Takahashi 12, -17, 13.

Jill Hammersley herself would admit that she played well below her top European status in that quarter-final, failing sadly to Keiko Komuro. England came again in the doubles when Jill and Linda combined neatly to outwit Takahashi and Misuzu Shimada. The issue was then put beyond doubt as Jill recovered somewhat succeeding over Takahashi.

Again, England had a chance to pack the Dome in the evening finals, but failed 1-3 to China I. Jill had the unenviable task of trying to beat the No. 1 singles seed and eventual winner Chu Hsiang-yun, failing -16, -13. Carole then put on one of her outstanding performances of the three-day gathering, stopping the older player Wei Li-

chieh. Jill and Linda failed in their doubles against Chu and Wei, slammed 8 and 7.

It was Jill's chance once again to make it 2-2 and so pave the way for the undefeated English champion Carole to grab the decider, but again an unhappy Jill foundered and that was that — England out twice in the semis, leaving the Chinese totally victorious to sort out the finals amongst themselves before a very small crowd, probably less than a hundred.

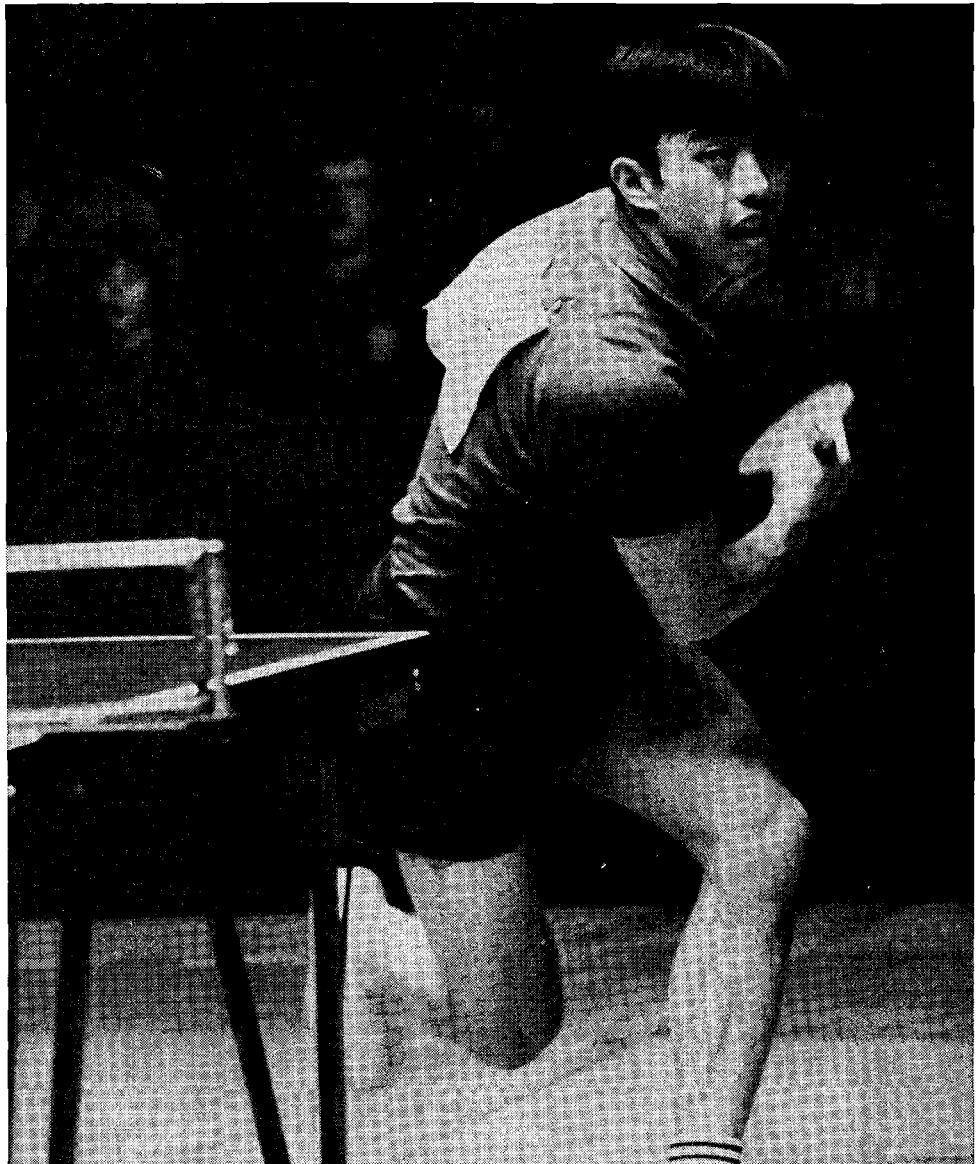
All that is needed to say is that the results of the finals were China I 3 China II 1 (men); China II 3 China I 0 (women), further proof that Santa Claus does come down chimneys in Asia as well as in the rest of the world.

BOWED OUT

Major shock in the men's singles was the ousting of Milan Orlovski, the top seed, by Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia in Rd. 3. But in the subsequent quarter-final ties the Yugoslav bowed out to Wang Hui-yuan, as did his compatriot, Josef Juhas (replacing Zoran Kosanovic), to Teng Yi making for an all-Chinese semi in the top half.

Li Chen-shih and Douglas, the top seeds in the lower half of the draw, came through, the latter with a 3-1 win over Chen Hsin-hua to his credit. Douglas as the No. 3 seed and England's main hope, was beaten in straight games by the favourite Li. It was a disappointing end for the Warwickshire player, but there was no doubting the supremacy of Li. The Chinese went into a lower gear in the third game but Douglas, sensing he was being manipulated, allowed the match to drift away and lost.

Carole Knight carried the England flag into the



Li Chen-shih, winner of the men's singles title at Brighton.

semi-final of the women's singles but there the standard was lowered by Miss Palatinus. Miss Knight despite the advantage of a narrow first game success, fell away badly in the next three, unenforced errors playing a major part in her downfall.

Earlier the Cleveland girl, holder of the title, had to extricate herself from tricky situations in her first round contest with Miss Shimada of Japan. The Japanese girl quickly established a 2-0 lead, with scores of 8 and 12, but all credit to Miss Knight who fought her way back to take the next three games. She subsequently overcame a 0-1 deficit by again taking three on the trot when opposed by Sandra De Kruiff of the Netherlands whose captain may well be questioned as to why he did not play Bettine Vriesekoop in the singles when beaten 3-0 by England III (Karen Witt, Melody Ludi) in the team championships.

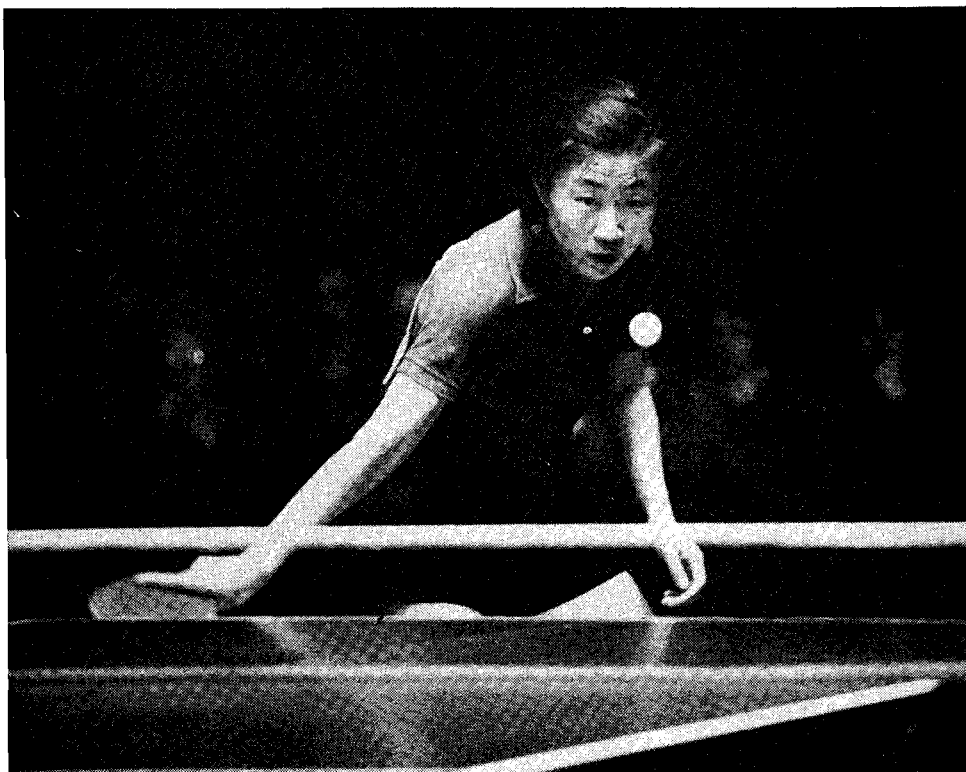
Looking back at the men's singles, Paul Day, after beating Australia's Tuckett, fell to Nico van Slobbe of Holland. Jarvis, after wins over Scotland's Richard Yule and 'long-pimpled' David Welsman of Surrey, lost to Wang Hui-yuan whilst John Hilton fell at the first hurdle, beaten by the Yugoslav penholder Milivoj Karakasevic.

Max Crimmins, England's other European Championships selectee, had the advantage of a first round walk-over against Leszek Kucharski of Poland whose team, because of visa trouble, failed to arrive. The Surrey boy then knocked out Dougie Johnson which brought him face to face with Li, the ultimate winner.

Bob Potton, the reserve for Duisburg, also had his first round opponent, Lee Dal-Joon, absent but he put paid to the Frenchman Rene Hatem before falling to Juhas. Ireland's new hopeful, the 13-year-old Dublin schoolboy Colm Slevin had a creditable win over the veteran Gordon Chapman of Surrey before, he too fell to Juhas. Andy Barden was beaten by Kenny Jackson.

SUCCUMBED

As in the team event, Jill Hammersley succumbed again to a Japanese player, Towako Takahashi, who edged home 19 in the fifth game of yet another hard struggle in the women's singles. It was a second successive day of disappointment for Jill who, together with Linda Howard lost to Bettine Vriesekoop and Sandra De Kruiff in the



Chu Hsiang-yun who, like her compatriot Li Chen-shih, became the first Chinese player to win a coveted singles title in the former English Open.

first round of the women's doubles. Only one English pair reached the second round of this event and that in the absence of opponents affording Carole Knight and Karen Rogers a walk-over but subsequent defeat at the hands of the ultimate winners.

It was a little different in the men's doubles with Nigel Eckersley, paired with Kalinic, the only Englishman to reach the last sixteen to be joined by the Welsh pair Graham Davies and Alan Griffiths. But there the success story ended just as

it did for Hilton and Karen Rogers in the semi-final of the mixed but here the loss was acceptable, to Douglas and Linda Howard.

Results:-

TEAM EVENTS

MEN

Round 1

England II 3 New Zealand 0
R. Potton bt R. Lee -19, 13, 16;
M. Crimmins bt K. Palmer 11, 13;
Crimmins/J. Hilton bt Lee/Palmer -18, 14, 15.

Round 2

China I 3 England II 0
Wang Hui-yuan bt Hilton 14, 19;
Li Chen-shih bt Potton -15, 15, 10;
Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt Crimmins/Hilton -19, 13, 14.

Netherlands I 3 France 0

N. v. Slobbe bt P. Renverse 12, 18;
B. v.d. Helm bt R. Hatem 18, 20;
v.d. Helm/v. Slobbe bt Hatem/Renverse -18, 14, 17.

Wales w.o. Poland

Yugoslavia 3 Japan II 0
Z. Kalinic bt J. Nagase 9, 19;
M. Karakasevic bt K. Nakamura 16, 16;
Kalinic/Karakasevic bt Nagase/K. Yamayoshi -17, 20, 20.

England I 3 Australia 0

P. Day bt R. Tuckett 19, 16;
N. Jarvis bt R. Javor 19, 16;
D. Douglas/Jarvis lost to Javor/Tuckett 19, -16, -16;
Jarvis bt Tuckett 19, 11.

Japan I 3 Ireland 1

K. Koyama lost to K. Keane 14, -22, -16;
T. Hasegawa bt C. Slevin 14, 17;
Hasegawa/Koyama bt Keane/Slevin 19, 15;
Koyama bt Slevin 12, 16.

China II 3 Scotland 0

Teng Yi bt J. McNee 13, 16;
Chen Hsin-hua bt R. Yule 10, 12;
Chen Hsin-hua/Teng Yi bt McNee/Yule 17, 19.

Czechoslovakia 3 Netherlands II 0

M. Orlovski bt H. Gootzen 12, 8;
J. Dvoracek bt A. Vlieg 8, -18, 8;
Orlovski/P. Ovcarik bt Gootzen/Vlieg 14, 13.

Quarter-finals:

China I 3 Netherlands I 0

Li Chen-shih bt v.d. Helm 14, 13;
Wang Hui-yuan bt v. Slobbe 9, 11;
Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt v.d. Helm/v. Slobbe 8, 11.

Yugoslavia 3 Wales 0

J. Juhas bt A. Griffiths 10, 16;
Karakasevic bt G. Davies -16, 10, 14;
Kalinic/Karakasevic bt Davies/Griffiths 22, 18.

England I 3 Japan I 0

Day bt Koyama 14, 15;
Douglas bt Hasegawa 15, 13;
Douglas/Jarvis bt Hasegawa/Koyama 10, 18.

China II 3 Czechoslovakia 0

Chen Hsin-hua bt Orlovski 17, 18;
Teng Yi bt Dvoracek 16, 15;
Chen Hsin-hua/Teng Yi bt Orlovski/Ovcarik 18, 18.

Semi-finals:

China I 3 Yugoslavia 0

Li Chen-shih bt Kalinic -19, 9, 9;
Wang Hui-yuan bt Karakasevic -19, 14, 18;
Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt Kalinic/Karakasevic 18, 16.

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Erzebet Palatinus, defeated finalist in the women's singles event.

China II 3 England I 2
Teng Yi bt Jarvis 10, 16;
Chen Hsin-hua bt Douglas -12, 19, 18;
Chen Hsin-hua/Teng Yi lost to Douglas/Jarvis -6, -11;
Teng Yi lost to Douglas -16, 11, -19;
Chen Hsin-hua bt Jarvis -18, 15, 20.

Final:
CHINA I 3 China II 1
Li Chen-shih lost to Chen Hsin-hua -17, -18;
Wang Hui-yuan bt Teng Yi 18, -18, 18;
Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt Chen Hsin-hua/Teng Yi
17, -20, 8;
Li Chen-shih bt Teng Yi 16, 14.

WOMEN

Round 1

China I 3 Scotland 0
Chu Hsiang-yun bt C. Dalrymple 8, 7;
Wei Li-chieh bt P. Fleming 7, 6;
Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh bt Dalrymple/Fleming 8, 11.
England III 3 Netherlands 0
M. Ludi bt S. De Kruiff 17, -19, 14;
K. Witt bt W. Van Ryswyck -14, 17, 25;
Ludi/Witt bt De Kruiff/B. Vrieskoop 17, -18, 19.

Japan I 3 Canada 1
T. Takahashi lost to M. Domonkos -20, -11;
K. Komuro bt B. Plucas 11, 16;
M. Shimada/Takahashi bt Domonkos/C. Forgo 17, 20;
Komuro bt Domonkos 16, 12.

England I 3 France I 0
J. Hammersley bt C. Germain 8, 12;
L. Howard bt N. Daviaud 13, 19;
Hammersley/Howard bt Daviaud/Germain 6, 10.

Yugoslavia 3 Japan II 2
G. Perkucin lost to J. Hoshino 13, -16, -18;
E. Palatinus bt Y. Ueno -21, -20;
Palatinus/Perkucin bt Hoshino/Ueno 10, 10;
Palatinus bt Hoshino -16, 21, 19;
Perkucin bt Ueno 13, 14.

England II w.o. Poland
China II 3 France II 0
Yu Chin-chia bt P. Germain 12, 12;
Ho Tse-ping bt M. Gourmelon 7, 8;
Ho Tse-ping/Yu Chin-chia bt Germain/Gourmelon 10, 14.
Czechoslovakia 3 Ireland 0
A. Grofova bt K. Senior 17, 17;
I. Uhlíkova bt E. Cash 8, 7;
Grofova/Uhlíkova bt Cash/Senior 11, 19.

Quarter-finals:

China I 3 England III 0
Chu Hsiang-yun bt Ludi 14, 8;
Wei Li-chieh bt Witt 14, 14;
Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh bt Ludi/Witt 11, 9.

England I 3 Japan I 1
C. Knight bt Takahashi 12, -17, 13;
Hammersley lost to Komuro 18, -14, -17;
Hammersley/Howard bt Shimada/Takahashi 17, 13;
Hammersley bt Takahashi 20, 15.

Yugoslavia 3 England II 0
Palatinus bt K. Rogers -19, 16, 8;
Perkucin bt S. Lisle 12, 14;
Palatinus/Perkucin bt Lisle/Rogers 16, 15.

China II 3 Czechoslovakia 2
Ho Tse-ping lost to Uhlíkova -18, -18;
Yu Chin-chia bt Grofova 11, 10;
Ho Tse-ping/Yu Chin-chia lost to Grofova/Uhlíkova
14, -16, -19;
Yu Chin-chia bt Uhlíkova 18, 16;
Ho Tse-ping bt Grofova 17, -15, 15.

Semi-finals:

China I 3 England I 1
Chu Hsiang-yun bt Hammersley 16, 13;
Wei Li-chieh lost to Knight -18, -7;
Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh bt Hammerley/Howard 8, 7;
Wei Li-chieh bt Hammersley 14, 19.

China II 3 Yugoslavia 2
Ho Tse-ping bt Palatinus -19, 18, 18;
Yu Chin-chia bt Perkucin 19, 15;
Ho Tse-ping/Yu Chin-chia lost to Palatinus/Perkucin
19, -19, -19;
Yu Chin-chia lost to Palatinus 21, -17, -17;
Ho Tse-ping bt Perkucin 13, 15.

Final:

CHINA II 3 China I 0
Yu Chin-chia bt Wei Li-chieh 16, 18;

Ho Tse-ping bt Chu Hsiang-yun 12, 16;
Ho Tse-ping/Yu Chin-chia bt Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh
9, 23.

Men's Singles:

Round 3

Z. Kalinic (YUG) bt M. Orłowski (CZE) 23, 11, -15, 15;
Wang Yui-yuan (CHN) bt N. Jarvis (ENG) 12, 12, -18, 12;
Teng Yi (CHN) bt N. v. Slobbe (NED) 10, 15, 8;
J. Juhas (YUG) bt R. Potton (ENG) 9, -19, 13, 21;
D. Douglas (ENG) bt Chen-Hsin-hua (CHN) 14, -19, 18, 19.
J. Walker (GFR) bt K. Nakamura (JAP)
15, -22, -13, 19, 14;
J. Dvoracek (CZE) bt B. Parietti (FRA) -17, 11, 16, 19;
Li Chen-shih (CHN) bt M. Crimmins (ENG) 17, 13, 8.

Quarter-finals:

Wang Yui-yuan bt Kalinic 14, 10, 17;
Teng Yi bt Juhas 23, 7, -15, 13;
Douglas bt Walker 13, 18, 9;
Li Chen-shih bt Dvoracek 20, -13, 17, 15.

Semi-finals:

Teng Yi bt Wang Yui-yuan 20, 13, 15;
Li Chen-shih bt Douglas 15, 11, 18.

Final:

LI CHEN-SHIH bt Teng Yi 16, 18, 19.

Women's Singles:

Round 2

Chu Hsiang-yun (CHN) bt G. Perkucin (YUG)
12, -17 15, 8;
K. Komuro (JAP) bt K. Senior (IRE) 18, 16, -20, 16;
Ho Tse-ping (CHN) bt B. Vrieskoop (NED) 16, 15, 17;
T. Takahashi (JAP) bt J. Hammersley (ENG)
-16, 22, 16, -11, 19;
E. Palatinus (YUG) bt C. Germain (FRA) 10, 17, 9;
Yu Chin-chia (CHN) bt L. Howard (ENG) 17, 19, 13;
C. Knight (ENG) bt S. De Kruiff (NED) -18, 9, 12, 17;
Wei Li-chieh (CHN) bt I. Uhlíkova (CZE) 7, 16, 13.

Quarter-finals:

Chu Hsiang-yun bt Komuro -15, 18, 15, 9;
Ho Tse-ping bt Takahashi 13, 12, 19;
Palatinus bt Yu Chin-chia -20, 17, -17, 13, 17;
Knight bt Wei Li-chieh 17, -16, 12, -22, 14.

Semi-finals:

Chu Hsiang-yun bt Ho Tse-ping 19, -19, 11, 14;
Palatinus bt Knight -22, 18, 11, 14.

Final:

CHU HSIANG-YUN bt Palatinus 15, 16, 16.

Men's Doubles:

Quarter-finals:

Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt N. Eckersley (Ch)/
Kalinic 10, 20, 11;
R. Hatem/P. Renverse (FRA) bt K. Koyama (JAP)/
Nakamura 15, 15, 17;
Juhas/M. Karakasevic (YUG) bt G. Davies/
A. Griffiths (WAL) 8, -14, 17, 13;
Orłowski/P. Ovcarik (CZE) bt Chen Hsin-hua/Teng Yi
12, 11, -15, 18.

Semi-finals:

Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt Hatem/Renverse
14, 17, 24;
Orłowski/Ovcarik bt Juhas/Karakasevic 15, 12, -20, 14.

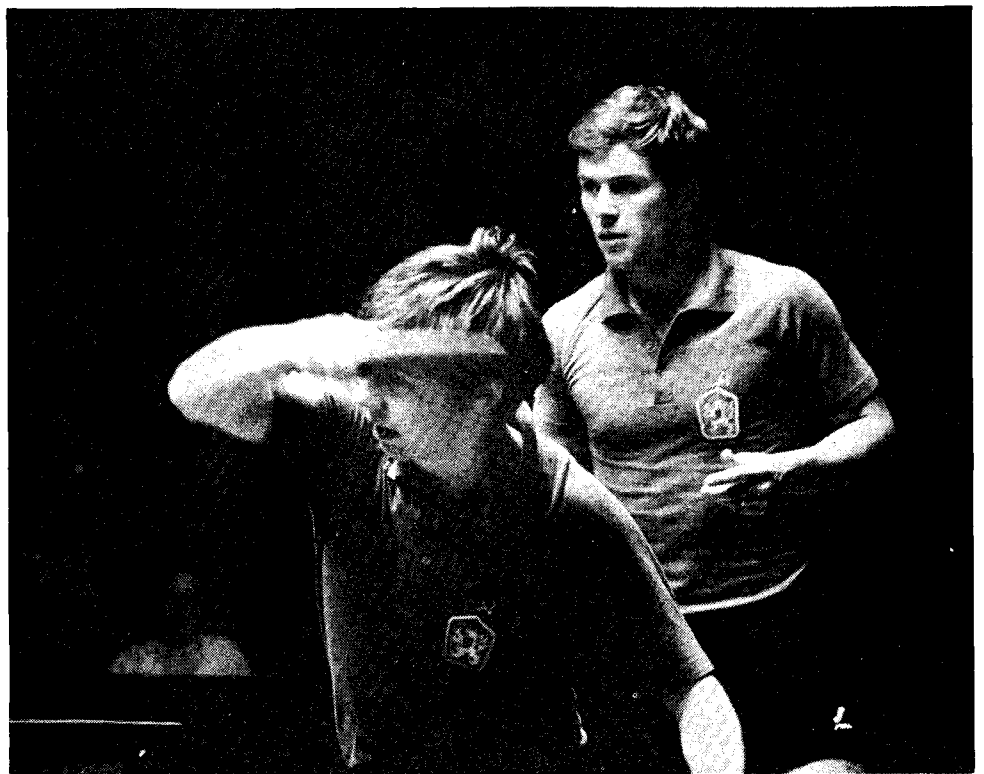
Final:

LI CHEN-SHIH/WANG HUI-YUAN bt Orłowski/
Ovcarik 16, 10, 5.

Women's Doubles:

Quarter-finals:

Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh bt Knight/K. Rogers (ENG)
14, 13, 7;
A. Grofova (CZE)/Uhlíkova bt Komuro/Y. Ueno (JAP)
18, 17, 19;
Palatinus/Perkucin bt Yu Chin-chia/Ho Tse-ping
19, -15, 10, -14, 13;



Czechoslovakia's Pavel Ovcarik and Milan Orłowski who were hit 'out of sight' in the final of the men's doubles.

S. De Kruiff (NED)/Vriesekoop bt N. Daviaud/
C. Germain (FRA) -12, 15, 15, 18.

Semi-finals:
Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh bt Grofova/Uhlikova
9, 13, 7;

Palatinus/Perkucin bt De Kruiff/Vriesekoop 14, 18, 17.

Final:
CHU HSIANG-YUN/WEI LI-CHIEH bt Palatinus/
Perkucin -19, 17, 11, 17.

Mixed Doubles:
Quarter-finals:
Orlowski/Uhlikova bt Kalinic/Perkucin 17, 10, -12, 16;
Chen Hsin-hua/Chu Hsiang-yun bt Potton/Knight 8, 7, 19;
J. Hilton (ENG)/Rogers bt Li Chen-shih/Yu Chin-chia
-15, 15, 16, 14;
Douglas/Howard bt T. Hasegawa/J. Hoshino (JAP)
-18, 14, 14, 19.

Semi-finals:
Chen Hsin-hua/Chu Hsiang-yun bt Orlowski/Uhlikova
10, 14, 11;
Douglas/Howard bt Hilton/Rogers 17, 13, 11.

Final:
DOUGLAS/HOWARD bt Chen Hsin-hua/Chu Hsiang-yun
18, -18, 13, 12.

Veteran Singles:
Final:
D. SCHOFIELD (Ch) bt P. D'Arcy (Ch) 16, 19.

Men's Consolation:
Semi-finals:
Eckersley bt Hatem 6, 15;
B. v.d. Helm (NED) w.o. J. Dabin (K).

Final:
v.d. **HELM** bt Eckersley 20, 19.

Women's Consolation:
Semi-finals:
Senior bt Daviaud 19, 7;
M. Gourmelon (FRA) bt M. Shimada (JAP) 17, 13.

Final:
SENIOR bt Gourmelon 6, 16.

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STEADINESS PAYS OFF FOR
JOHN WISE

by Laurie Landry

The ever-popular Hard Rubber Bat Open gave us a new winner at Barnet Centre on Jan. 15 when John Wise won the men's singles title. With steady defensive play John beat David Tan, playing orthodox grip — would you believe! — in a tight 3-gamer and then made no mistake in the semi against John Payne, a local player who caused the biggest surprise of the day with an impressive and close win over former champion Laurie Landry, saving two match points in the process.

The final was a first class match by any standards and here John found Joe Kennedy, the Kent youngster, a deserving finalist. Once again it was the basic steadiness that paid off but Joe was hitting the ball with his cheap hard rubber bat as if he had played with it all his life. He had three excellent wins over Stuart Gibbs — finalist in both doubles — Ron Bowles, who is always difficult to hit through, and Pat Glynn in the semis.

The women's singles went to Beryl Clayton at last. Beryl, a former consolation winner, got through with her all-hitting game. Surprise here was caused by another Kent player Marian Elliman who outsteaded a previous champion Marjorie Walker.

The doubles events went to pattern in the men's and mixed with holders Landry/Terry Densham and Landry and Marjorie Walker again taking these events. Interesting to note that Landry and Densham won the Merseyside Open together in 1960! The women's doubles, previous winners Walker and Clayton were just pushed out by the scratch pairing of Pam Challis and 14-year-old Helen Williams.

Results:-

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
J. Payne (Mi) bt L. Landry (Mi) 21, -19, 23;
J. Wise (Gs) bt D. Tan (Mi) -14, 13, 16;
P. Glynn (Wa) bt R. Gunnion (Wa) 16, -15, 16;
J. Kennedy (K) bt R. Bowles (So) -17, 17, 16.
Semi-finals:
Wise bt Payne 11, 17;

Kennedy bt Glynn 16, 16.

Final:
WISE bt Kennedy 17, -12, 18.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:
M. Elliman (K) bt M. Walker (Mi) 18, 8;
B. Clayton (Mi) bt J. Seabrook (Mi) 15, 19.

Final:
CLAYTON bt Elliman -15, 18, 14.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
Landry/T. Densham (He) bt V. Adams (So)/Tan
12, 19;
S. Gibbs/F. Lockwood (E) bt Glynn/Gunnion
-18, 19, 17.

Final:
LANDRY/DENSHAM bt Gibbs/Lockwood
19, 12.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
Clayton/Walker bt A. Ireton/E. Ireton (Mi)
8, -16, 10;

P. Challis (E)/H. Williams (Mi) bt Elliman/
Seabrook 16, -15, 21.

Final:
CHALLIS/WILLIAMS bt Clayton/Walker 19, 19.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:
Landry/Walker bt Lockwood/Challis -17, 11, 16;
Gibbs/P. Lauder (E) bt Wise/Seabrook 14, -14, 14.

Final:
LANDRY/WALKER bt Gibbs/Lauder 9, -15, 13.

Men's Consolation Final:
A. Lane (Mi) bt J. Tendler (Mi) 14, 17.

Women's Consolation Final:
M. Cherry (Mi) bt G. Pirson (E) 14, 15.

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LANCASHIRE NOTES

by GEORGE R. YATES

NO PLACE TO HYDE

I.C.I.'s Newton Works, Hyde was no place to be for a Lancastrian on Saturday, Jan. 21 when Cheshire, against all the odds, pulled off a gripping 6-4 win after trailing 3-4. What a night, what a crowd, what a result!

Cheshire chairman Lou Moran made light of being without a seat for such a multitude was in keeping with a meeting of the National Front and how they applauded the coup-de-grace administered by David Constance over Phil Bowen in that final all-decisive set.

Both opening sets could not have been bettered, both going to three, Donald Parker coming out the winner in his opening clash, against Constance, and Nigel Eckersley squaring matters with -17, 24, 20 tightrope affair against his former teammate John Hilton.

Bowen claimed the third against an out-of-touch Brian Johns but the score was again equated when Susan Lisle and Lynn Fennah (on debut) accounted for Wendy Shaw and Suzanne Alexander. Cheshire then took the lead with Eckersley and Johns successful over Parker and Hilton in a set that, on paper, was Lancashire's for the taking.

But back came the Red Rose with wins by Mrs. Alexander, over Doreen Schofield and Parker a comfortable winner over a 'drained' Eckersley and it was 4-3 for the visitors whose tail stiffened appreciably.

It dropped just a little as Sue Lisle, as expected, saw off Wendy Shaw but it was very much between the legs after Johns, playing like someone inspired, came back from a first game deficit to demolish Hilton in the next two. And, after such a reversal of fortunes, Constance could hardly fail in the final set nor did he being a comfortable winner.

In fairness to Hilton, he had only that morning flown in from the European League match against Czechoslovakia and driven himself up from Heathrow to Hyde. The sun again failed to shine on the following Saturday when, at St. Michael's Church, Flixton, John got himself a permanent

mixed partner, but there was no denying the smiles, despite the inclement weather, for John and his bride Christine Hancock, a Lancashire county second teamer. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Farnworth lead the first division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League unbeaten in 5 matches with defending title holders, Manchester, seen off (with the assistance of Denis Neale) 7-3. The Mancunians also lost their hold on the national Wilmott Cup when beaten 5-1 by Preston whose Donald Parker and Steve Turner had two successes and John Hardiker one against a Manchester team comprising Bowen, Kevin Forshaw and Brian Kean, Bowen beating Hardiker.

L. & C.T.T.L. — DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Farnworth	5	5	0	0	35	15	10
Preston	5	4	1	0	36	14	9
Manchester	5	3	1	1	31	19	7
Liverpool	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
St. Helens	5	1	2	2	22	28	4
Bury	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Blackburn	5	0	1	4	14	36	1
Stockport	5	0	0	5	11	39	0

Stockport, last season's winners of the Women's Division 1 are still unbeaten, as they were last season, their team of Doreen Schofield, Di Johnson and Janet Carr having clobbered Wirral (9-1), Preston (10-0), Southport (10-0) and Liverpool (9-1). Leading positions:-

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stockport	4	4	0	38	2	8
Manchester	5	4	1	43	7	8
Liverpool	5	4	1	34	16	8
Blackpool	4	3	1	24	16	6

On the Junior front Barrow, last season's champions, are still unbeaten but so too are Bury, five out of five, and Liverpool. Bury would appear to have an above average trio in Robert and Chris Freely with Phillip Hoy splitting the brothers in order of merit. Leading positions:-

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Bury	5	5	0	41	9	10
Barrow	3	3	0	27	3	6
Manchester	4	3	1	29	11	6
Liverpool	2	2	0	17	3	4

Bob Wood, the Lancashire coach, has changed his address to 4 Maurice Grove, Blackpool

(Phone: Blackpool 57163). Ken Westmorland and Roy Frankland are now located at 14/16 Dock St. Fleetwood (Phone: Fleetwood 71810 or 71985).

GRANADA REPORTS

All went well in the first round of the Granada Reports TV Knock-Out T.T. Tournament and interest throughout the region is keen with good crowds, especially at Rochdale where the home team went out 3-6 to Farnworth whose Clive Heap and Bryn Farnworth lost to Tim Hatton. For the winners David Constance had a treble. First round results were:-

Group 1	Ellesmere Port 4 Wrexham 5
	Liverpool 8 Chester 1
Group 2	Hyndburn 9 Ribblesdale 0
	Preston 9 Lancaster/Morecambe 0
Group 3	Warrington 5 Sale 4
	Hyde 2 Widnes/Runcorn 7
Group 4	Bury 9 Southport 0
	Rochdale 3 Farnworth 6

Second round ties to be played by Feb. 25 are:-

Group 1	Anglesey v Denbigh
	East Flint v Wirral
	Llandudno v Rhyl
	Liverpool v Wrexham
Group 2	Blackpool v Mid-Lancs
	Preston v Barrow
	Hyndburn v Burnley
	Nelson v Lytham/St. Annes
Group 3	Widnes/Runcorn v Macclesfield
	Mid-Cheshire v Warrington
	Manchester v St. Helens
	Crewe v Stockport
Group 4	Wigan v Salford/Eccles
	Farnworth v Bolton
	Blackburn v Oldham
	Bury v Ashton

Because of the rule debarring players registered with their leagues after Dec. 12/77 such personalities as Denis Neale (Farnworth), Donald Parker (Preston) and Nigel Hallows (Bolton) will not be able to compete. There must be a moral there!

Chairman's Message

FROM

WARD 7, ST. HELENS HOSPITAL,
HASTINGS

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all my friends who have so kindly enquired after my health during my unfortunate stay in hospital. For all your kind letters, messages, telegrams and visits I am so grateful at this particular time.

My progress is steadily improving day by day, but it must be obvious that under strict medical advice I must reduce my commitments until I cease my responsibilities as your Chairman in July. I sincerely regret the extra work and responsibilities that will undoubtedly fall upon my fellow Officers and the Secretary, but I am confident that a spirit of understanding will prevail throughout the Association and will support them in this unfortunate situation.

See you all soon.

CHARLES M. WYLES.

Charles Wyles was taken into hospital on Monday, Jan. 16, with a thrombosis in his leg and although he is making good progress it is unlikely he will be out and about for some weeks although his discharge from hospital was expected in early February. Undoubtedly, his duties in connection with the Chinese visit left him tired and vulnerable and from now until his official retirement he will have to seriously curtail his table tennis activities. Meanwhile all will join me in wishing Charles a speedy return to health. The Ed.

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The competitors (l to r) Orlowski, Stellwag, Kasanovic, Neale, Surbek, Leiss, Douglas and Li Kuang Tsu.

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'TOP TABLE'

by TONY GUBBA

A new sports series is about to be unveiled on the nation's television screens, and it marks another important milestone in the fortunes of table tennis.

As the sport of snooker gained popularity and new audiences through the BBC 2 series "Pot Black", then so too can table tennis hope to profit through the arrival of "Top Table".

That's the title of the new sports series which is to be launched on BBC 2 at 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 2nd.

In seven half-hour weekly programmes the new series will follow the progress of eight top table tennis players as they compete for £1,200 in prize money and a very handsome Norwich Union Silver Trophy.

Every rally and every incident has already taken place in front of the television cameras and is now video-recorded at the BBC Centre in Wood Lane, London. The two or three hundred people who were privileged to sit in the audience at the Top Rank Suit in Birmingham whilst the programmes were recorded during two days in November have all been sworn to secrecy. If you want to enjoy some wonderful table tennis then make a regular date. Thursday, nights 9 p.m. BBC 2.

The competition was broken down into two groups of four players, with everyone playing everyone else in their group to decide a final league table. The winners of each group then played the runners-up of the other group to make two semi-finals.

The players who took part were Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia, Jochen Leiss of Federal Germany, Desmond Douglas of England, Li Kuang Tsu the Commonwealth Champion from Hong Kong, Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia, Peter Stellwag of Federal Germany, Zoran Kosanovic of Yugoslavia, and Denis Neale of England.

It isn't giving anything away if I tell you that the first four programmes contain the preliminary league matches, with programmes five and six devoted to the two semi-finals and the seventh programme reserved for the final itself.

I can tell you too the more detailed format of those opening four programmes.

Programme 1: features Desmond Douglas against Dragutin Surbek.

Programme 2: features Milan Orlowski against Zoran Kosanovic and also Kosanovic against Peter Stellwag.

Programme 3: features Jochen Leiss against Douglas and Orlowski and Denis Neale.

Programme 4: features Surbek against Leiss.

After that you'll have to wait and see, but I can promise you some very enjoyable table tennis.

It's rather prophetic that the new series should be recorded in Birmingham — which was, of course, the location of the Table Tennis World Championships last year. The success of the BBC television coverage of those 34th championships has already been the subject of a previous article in 'Table Tennis News' and it's not a mistake to think that the post-mortems which followed the 30-odd hours of table tennis on BBC screens has subsequently given birth to this new series.

The brief for our producer Johnny Watherston was to make an interesting and exciting series, and such has been the reaction to the content of the seven programmes that hopes in unofficial quarters are high that "Top Table" might well be repeated next year, and who knows, might even become a permanent fixture.

PARAPLEGIC INTERNATIONAL

by TED INGE
Coach & Team Manager

You may have heard of the Paraplegic Sports movement, which was started way back in 1948, at the famous spinal injuries unit at Stoke Mandeville hospital, and has since developed into a great International sports movement for wheelchair athletes, who, stage their own Olympiad every fourth year, as in able-bodied sport. They also stage their own Internationals at the Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium for the disabled every year in July. These Internationals, of course, cover all sports that the wheelchair athletes can compete in, Table Tennis being one of them, and they have always been staged within the confines of the Stadium.

I have seen some very fine International matches played at these games, and the standard of play has been to a very high order indeed. Knowing how dedicated they all are, and how hard they train, I have often felt that they could do with more recognition in the world of 'sport', and not

on the feature pages or programmes of press and T.V. Recognising, also, their standard of play, I have long felt that this could be offered to the public as a spectacle well worth paying money to see. With this in mind I am staging an International match between Great Britain and the Netherlands, to be held in Gravesend, Kent on Saturday, 4th March, 1978.

Paraplegic table tennis is divided into different classes according to the degree of disability, but this match is open to all classes, i.e. it will be staged on standard alone. All 8 players from both countries (4 from each) competed in the last Olympiad for the disabled in Toronto. The British team includes a former Olympic champion in Miss Carol Bryant, who plays in the Croyden league, Carol won her title in Heidelberg in 1972 and only just lost in the semi-final in Toronto in 1976 to the eventual Winner Miss Irene Schmidt, the No. 1 Dutch girl who is also playing in this match.

Our second lady is Miss Janet Swann from Newcastle, who plays in a local league in the North East. Janet brought back a bronze medal from Toronto in her class. Our two men players are Neil McDonald, a Scotsman residing in Garston, Herts., who has represented Great Britain on many occasions, and plays in the league in the Watford area, and Derek Riches from Sheffield a player who has also represented Great Britain on many occasions. Derek plays in the Pontefract league with the able-bodied.

Our two men brought back a bronze medal in the team event at Toronto, although neither fared in the medals in their singles events. The Dutch team is a very strong one indeed, a country very strong in paraplegic sport. The No. 1 lady, as I have mentioned, is the current Olympic champion, and to support her they have the Silver medalist from Toronto, it being an all-Dutch Final Miss Gerda Becker. So you see, our girls will have tough opposition in the match. The two Dutch men are, Gradi Uittenboogaardt and Wek van der Leur, two very experienced Dutch Internationals. A close and exciting match is envisaged.

The match is being actively supported by a group of Table Tennis enthusiasts in the Gravesend area, including Mr. Frank Ballard, who is Chairman of the Development committee in Kent, the Rev. Brian Curtis, from the Kent Youth Service and Director of the Northfleet Sports and Youth Centre, where the match is to be held, and Mr. & Mrs. Roy Pugh. Roy is a well known local coach in the area and serves on the Development committee in the County. Offers of sponsorship from several well known sports goods firms have been received, and donations from local firms and businesses are being sought to enable us to produce a souvenir programme. The match is being staged by myself and those mentioned above, who form the organising committee, on behalf of the British Paraplegic Sports Society, to whom all profits from the match will go. The match will commence at 7 p.m. and admission, by programme, will cost 30p.

Letter to the Editor

FIRMER CONTROL

I play regularly in the Ilford Table Tennis League, which proudly boasts 'top grade Sportsmanship' at all levels. Recently I went to watch England play China at Picketts Lock Sports Centre. But, although I have great respect for the Chinese team's unique achievements in World table tennis, watching from our seats in the crowd, it was very obvious that the Chinese were being coached from the bench 'during play'. Hand Signals, to indicate change of service, verbal exchanges when near the sidelines, etc. All illegal at any grade of table tennis. Even in the World Championships, we noticed the same problem from many Countries.

In major International events, could not a special Judge with the complete knowledge of both teams involved keep a much firmer control of the problem?

30 Belvedere Road,
Leyton, London E10.

VIC ELSTON.

Duisburg Select

by The Editor

Apart from enthusiasts in Cheshire getting hot under the collar at what has come to be regarded as the annual practice of leaving out Susan Lisle when choosing teams for the World and European Championships, few will take issue with the selectors' choice for the 11th European Championships to be played in Duisburg, Federal Germany, from March 10-19.

Des Douglas and Paul Day are obvious choices, as is the rejuvenated Nicky Jarvis, despite his lower English ranking (for domestic tournament seeding purposes) than his Cleveland colleagues Denis Neale and Germany domiciled Jimmy Walker. Final places go to John Hilton, aged 30 but with an awkward style to combat, and to Maxwell Crimmins, the up-and-coming Surrey boy, in preference to Andy Barden of Middlesex whose loss of form this season has been lamentable.

Jill Hammersley, as the European singles and doubles title holder, with Linda Howard, form the backbone of England's women's quartet but much will be expected from Carole Knight who performed so creditably in the Norwich Union International Championships at Brighton. Fourth place is taken by Karen Witt, the Reading school-girl and reigning English Junior champion. The non-playing captains are Peter Simpson (men) and Bryan Merrett (women).

CUMBRIA COMMENT

by JOHN TAYLOR

KIRKPATRICK UNBEATEN

Inter-League champions Carlisle took their second win in this season's competition with a comfortable 9-3 success over Westmorland. County No. 4, David Kirkpatrick was unbeaten for Carlisle with Ron Wilson taking the honours for Westmorland by gaining wins over Stewart O'Neil and John Willis.

The visitors' third win came with a doubles success for Charles Usher and Bob Gale over O'Neil and Willis. With only two matches remaining against Whitehaven and Barrow, following the withdrawal of Workington from the league, Carlisle have already established themselves as favourites for this season's title. The inclusion of County No. 1, Jennifer Pachul, has made their team even stronger than of late when they were always at the top or thereabouts.

Jennifer is now living and working in the Carlisle area and is engaged to the former Carlisle and County No. 1 John Willis.

After leading the Furness Masters Table Tennis Championship most of the season an untimely shoulder injury has given Alan Fay (Vickers Sports Club) only an outside chance of taking the title with only one round of matches to be played. Fay crashed 0-3 to Alan Manson (St. Patrick's) following the injury and a 3-0 win for Fay's V.S.C. teammate Stan Halesworth over Peter Buxton (Glaxo) has made him the new favourite with one remaining match against Manson.

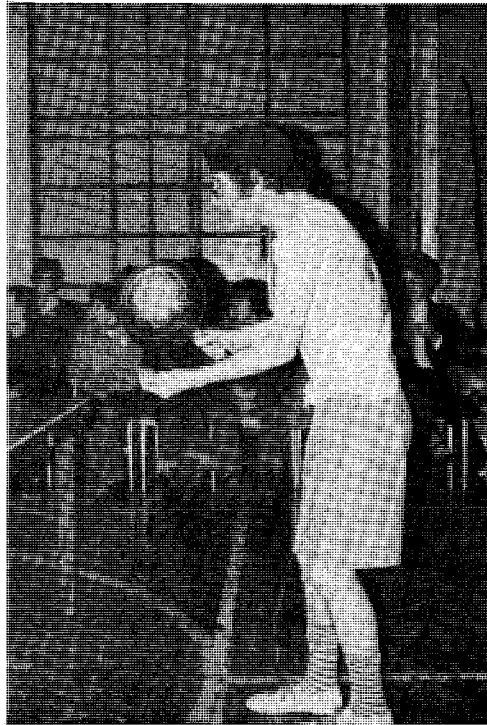
Halesworth is two points clear at the top of the table from Bill Robinson (Majestics) who is one point ahead of Fay. The latter two meet in their last match but both must rely on Manson beating Halesworth to give either of them a chance. Neil Honeyman (Majestics) has made sure of fourth place in the table and a place in the top four play-off, which follows the league programme, with a 3-1 win over Eddie O'Hara (St. Patrick's).

TABLE

	P	W	L	P
Stan Halesworth	8	7	1	29
Bill Robinson	8	7	1	27
Alan Fay	8	6	2	26
Neil Honeyman	9	6	3	26
Alan Manson	8	5	3	21
Peter Buxton	9	5	4	20
Eddie O'Hara	9	4	5	19
Mike Jackson	8	3	5	15
Brian Sharp	8	1	7	11
Alan Turner	9	0	9	5

An excellent mixture of top class table tennis

and comedy was served up by the "Table Toppers", presented by Millom School T.T.C. at the school just before Christmas. The Toppers, comprising the England No. 6 John Hilton, former Scottish international Brian Kean, E.T.T.A. 3-Star Coach Harold Myers and Lancashire's Phil Bowen provided over one and a half hours of non-stop entertainment which gave a welcome break from the routine of league table tennis, entertainment which appealed to players and non-players alike. Not surprising the Toppers' offer of £100 for an local player who could beat one of their own players still stands, although Gail Smith went close by reaching 19 against Phil Bowen in a not too serious game where rule bending was the norm rather than the exception. The photograph shows Brian Kean in a typical pose with weapon in hand.



ANGLO-CHINESE INTERNATIONALS

ONE WAY TRAFFIC — ALMOST

China beat England easily in both the men's and women's matches at Eston Leisure Centre, Middlesbrough on Jan. 6. The men won 7-2 and the women by a similar scoreline, underlined their in-depth strength which is the envy of the rest of the world.

Among the men, England's only success apart from the doubles was Nicky Jarvis's victory over Chen Hsin-hua. Jarvis appears fully recovered from last season's back injury, for it was only by the narrowest of margins that he lost the first set to Teng Yi, aged 15, the Chinese junior champion. He won the doubles in partnership with Paul Day.

Jill Hammersley was England's most successful woman player, winning her opening singles encounter against Wei Li-chieh and sharing a doubles victory with Linda Howard.

Scores:-

Men

N. Jarvis lost to Teng Yi -11, 16, -21;
M. Crimmins lost to Chen Hsin-hua 14, -18, -13;
J. Hilton lost to Li Chen-shih -14, -12;
P. Day lost to Wang Hui-yuan -15, -18;
Day/Jarvis bt Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan -21, 19, 17;
Jarvis bt Chen Hsin-hua 8, 10;
Crimmins lost to Teng Yi -11, -12;
Hilton lost to Wang Hui-yuan -16, -20;

Day lost to Li Chen-shih -13, -11.

Women

M. Ludi lost to Yu Chin-chia -12, -18;
L. Howard lost to Ho Tse-ping -13, -8;
C. Knight lost to Chu Hsiang-yun -14, -11;
J. Hammersley bt Wei Li-chieh -19, 17, 14;
Hammersley/Howard bt Ho Tse-ping/
Yu Chin-chia 17, -16, 16;
Ludi lost to Ho Tse-ping -10, -12;
Howard lost to Yu Chin-chia 15, -13, -11;
Knight lost to Wei Li-chieh -12, -9;
Hammersley lost to Chu Hsiang-yun 20, -15, -12.

Bob Potton (Essex) and Jill Hammersley were the only singles winners when England again were crushed by China at Picketts Lock, Edmonton on Jan. 11. China won the men's match 8-1 and the women's 7-2 to follow up their wins at Eston.

Potton, making his first home international appearance, scored the best win of his career when he beat Teng Yi. Potton, aged 20, slowed the game down effectively and counter-hit at exactly the right moment to avenge a previous defeat by the same player when England toured China last October.

Jill Hammersley needed three games to score her singles success against Ho Tse-ping and she teamed up with Linda Howard to win the doubles for a second time.

Scores:-

Men

P. Day lost to Li Chen-shih -16, -17;
D. Douglas lost to Wang Hui-yuan -15, 19, -18;
R. Potton bt Teng Yi -6, 17, 12;
M. Crimmins lost to Chen Hsin-hua -15, 23, -14;
Day/Potton lost to Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan -11, -19;
Douglas lost to Li Chen-shih -15, -15;
Day lost to Wang Hui-yuan -15, -17;
Crimmins lost to Teng Yi 10, -11, -12;
Potton lost to Chen Hsin-hua -15, -15.

Women

J. Hammersley lost to Yu Chin-chia -15, -17;
C. Knight lost to Ho Tse-ping -16, -15;
L. Howard lost to Wei Li-chieh -8, -10;
K. Witt lost to Chu Hsiang-yun 19, -14, -15;
Hammersley/Howard bt Ho Tse-ping/
Wei Li-chieh 19, 18;
Hammersley bt Ho Tse-ping 19, -16, 15;
Knight lost to Yu Chin-chia -14, -14;
Howard lost to Chu Hsiang-yun -10, -13;
Witt lost to Wei Li-chieh -7, -14;



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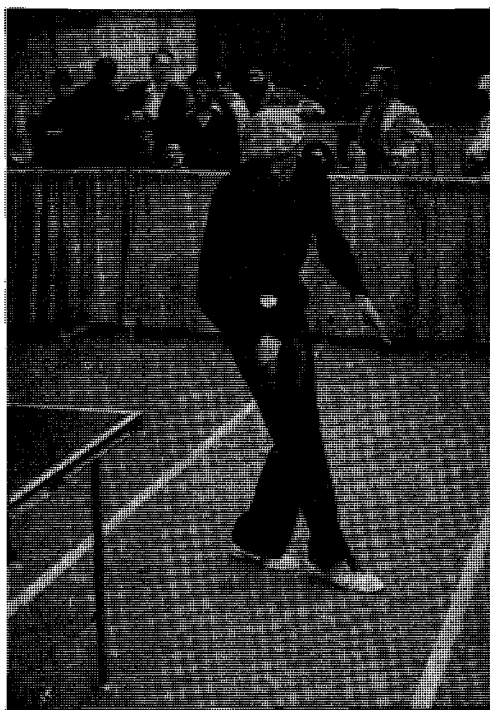
by MALCOLM ANDERSON

The final results of the 2nd annual U.S. Closed staged at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada on Dec. 16-19, 1977 were not too surprising — Danny Seemiller and In Sook Bhushan both had triple wins — but there were some surprises in the earlier rounds.

Men's Singles — The first major upset happened in the 16ths, when previously unknown Craig Manoogian beat top junior Eric Boggan 18, -11, -14, 19, 20. The real shocker occurred in the 8ths, where Rutledge Barry beat No. 2 seed Charlie Wuvanich 24, 11, 12. Charlie had just returned from Japan where he'd had surgery on his playing shoulder, followed by recuperation and training — Charlie had beaten Danny Seemiller in the Yasaka Open a few weeks earlier, so young Rutledge may have decided the tournament! In the Quarters, Dan Seemiller beat Chu Chi Chan 3-0; Mike Bush beat Ray Guillen in 4 tough games; Barry beat Dean Galardi (who earlier beat Ricky Seemiller) 3-0; and D. J. Lee beat the POWERFUL (6ft. 5in., 240lb.) Manoogian, 19, -14, -11, 13, 19! Manoogian didn't hold his lead in the 5th — all he needs is experience — Semis — Seemiller beat Bush 14, 12, 11, and Lee beat Barry 15, 12, 9. In the final Seemiller beat Lee 12, 10, 13.

Women's Singles — Quarters — In Sook Bhushan beat our National Collegiate Champion, Sheila O'Dougherty, 13, 8, 10; Judy Bochenski beat Angelita Sistrunk (who brought along her 4-month-old daughter, Suca) 12, 17, 22; Alice Green beat Kasia Dawidowicz 9, -18, -18, 6 and 19, under the expedite rule, and He-ja Lee beat Tyra Parkins 5, 5, 12. Semis — Bhushan beat Bochenski 13, 10, 13 and Lee beat Green 14, 18, 21. Bhushan beat Lee in the final, 15, 21 and 21, with the expedite rule coming in at 18-all in the second game.

The **Men's Doubles** was won by the Seemiller brothers over Wuvanich and Chan, -18, 17, 19, -16, 13. In **Women's Doubles** Bhushan and Dawidowicz beat Lee and Bochenski 22, 12, 18. **Mixed Doubles** was won by Dan Seemiller and Bhushan over the Lees in straight games.



Marty Reisman.

Photo by Malcolm Anderson.

In **Boys' Under-17**, Quang Bui beat defending champion Scott Boggan 21, 16, -19, -17, 8, then lost to Jim Lane in 4 games in the Semis. Eric Boggan beat Rutledge Barry 3-straight in the semis, then beat Lane 3-1 in the final. Eric also won the **Boys' U-15**, beating Quang Bui in the final.

Kasia Dawidowicz easily won the **Girls' U-17**, beating Debra Payotelis 3-0 in the final. The **Girls' U-15** was won by Cheryl Dadian, who beat Hanna Butler 3-0 in the final.

In **Boys' U-13**, Brandon Olsson beat Sean O'Neill 3-0 in the final; O'Neill won the **Boys' U-11**, beating Scott Butler 3-0.

In **Senior's (over 40)** George Brathwaite beat Bernie Bukiet 12, 14, -20, 13. The **Esquires (over 50)** was won by Chuck Burns over Harry Des-Champs, 9, 9, 8. Burns also won the **Senior Esquires (over 60)**, beating Bill Hornyak 19, 16, -14, 16. The **Veteran's (over 70)** was won by C. H. McCallester.

The **Hard Rubber** event brought the flamboyant Marty Reisman out of retirement. Reisman, a former English Cup winner, refuses to play with sponge. Wearing his usual long sleeves, long pants and beret, Reisman beat U.S. International Ray Guillen in 4 games in the semis, under the expedite rule, and later commented "I've never played under the rule before". In the other semi, defending champion Franz Hurmann beat Houshang Bozorgzadeh. In the final, Reisman spotted his opponent at least 20 years and the first two games and almost pulled it out; Hurmann won it 15, 11, -21, 18.

LINCOLNSHIRE JUNIOR 2-STAR OPEN

GILLIAN ON HOME GROUND

by Joan Robinson

The Lincolnshire 2-Star Junior Open was held at North Kesteven Sports Centre, North Hykeham on Sunday, Jan. 8. There were 179 entrants playing 371 sets in 12 hours continuous play, a mammoth piece of organisation, and the Lincs. Committee and Helpers are to be congratulated on their efforts in getting the Tournament finished right on schedule. The popularity of this event is shown by the Organisers having to reject well over 100 entries.

Gillian Galloway playing on home ground had a good day, winning the Girls' U-14 Singles against Lynn Fennah and then partnering Miss Fennah to a win in the U-17 Girls' Doubles over Mandy Wallis and J. Revill, who had put out the No. 1 seeds Linda Holmes and Anne Fearnough. Gillian also reached the semi-final of the Girls' U-17 Singles, losing to the eventual winner Linda Holmes.

The main event, the Boys' U-17 Singles which had attracted 103 players, produced a few surprises. Seeded players John Weatherby and Eddie Wilkes both went out before the fourth round. Weatherby lost in the third round to 'Costas' Papantoniou 19, 18, who in turn lost to Sam Harmer. Wilkes went out in the 2nd round to Nigel Thomas 19, 19, who went on to reach the semi-final beating Doubles winner Skylet Andrew 15, -19, 17. Unfortunately on this occasion Thomas was no match for fellow Shrewsbury ranked player Malcolm Green losing 7, 4. Green took the final beating the No. 2 seed Desmond Charlery.

The Boys' U-14 Singles was won by Stuart Palmer but not without a struggle, a close 19 in the third against S. Madden in the semis followed by another third gamer in the final with Paul Rainford. Palmer and Rainford had already played each other earlier in the day in the third round of the Boys' U-17, when Palmer had won -18, 16, 17. In the final of the Boys' U-14 Rainford looked set to reverse that defeat by taking the first game easily at 9, but Palmer came back to take the next two with some fine play, 19, 17.

In the Boys' U-12 B. Collingwood won an exciting final against local boy Stuart Worrell, and

L. Bellinger took the Girls' U-12 title with a comfortable win over L. Goldsmith.

Results:-

U-17 Boys Singles

Semi-finals:

M. Green (Sp) bt N. Thomas (Sp) 7, 4;
D. Charlery (E) bt S. Harmer (Bd) 19, 18.

Final:

GREEN bt Charlery 17, 17.

U-14 Boys' Singles

Semi-finals:

P. Rainford (La) bt M. Devitt (St) 14, 17;
S. Palmer (Sk) bt S. Madden (Y) 14, -16, 19.

Final:

PALMER bt Rainford -9, 19, 17.

U-12 Boys' Singles

Semi-finals:

S. Worrell (Li) bt J. Bradbury (Mi) 19, 4;
B. Collingwood (Mi) bt K. Weatherby (Ch) 11, 9.

Final:

COLLINGWOOD bt Worrell -10, 12, 18.

U-17 Girls' Singles

Semi-finals:

L. Holmes (Dy) bt G. Galloway (Li) 15, 19;
M. Reeves (Mi) bt M. Wallis (Np) 11, -18, 12.

Final:

HOLMES bt Reeves 17, 8.

U-14 Girls' Singles

Semi-finals:

Galloway bt J. Bellinger (Bd) 11, 16;
L. Fennah (Ch) bt M. Ringrose (Hu) 15, 7.

Final:

GALLOWAY bt Fennah 10, -17, 7.

U-12 Girls' Singles

Semi-finals:

L. Bellinger (Bd) bt A. Judd (Ca) 14, 7.
L. Goldsmith (Mi) bt F. Elliot (St) -15, 15, 20.

Final:

BELLINGER bt Goldsmith 6, 10.

Boys' Doubles

Semi-finals:

D. Bennett/D. Smith bt R. and J. Weatherby
-13, 11, 15.

Charlery/S. Andrew bt Harmer/E. Wilkes 20, 15.

Final:

CHARLERY/ANDREW bt Bennett/Smith 16, 19.

Girls' Doubles

Semi-finals:

J. Revill/Wallis bt Holmes/A. Fearnough 20, 9;
Galloway/Fennah bt Reeves/J. Dimmock 17, 19.

Final:

GALLOWAY/FENNAH bt Revill/Wallis 16, 15.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED

The 46th Liverpool Closed Championships, sponsored by the Trebor Group, was held at Kirkby Sports Centre on Sunday, Jan. 15/78. A record entry was received, the men's singles attracting 168 competitors and play was on nineteen tables with a 9 a.m. start.

Mark Thomas of Llandudno was the star attraction winning the men's and boys' singles and sharing the men's doubles title with Greg Powell, also of Llandudno. The only successful title defender was Mrs. Suzanne Alexander (nee Manning) who retained the women's singles crown for the second successive year.

Results:-

M.S. Semi-finals:

Mark Thomas bt Ron Brotherton 13, 15;
Clive Strettle bt Greg Powell 15, 16.

Final:

Thomas bt Strettle 13, 19.

W.S. Final:

Suzanne Alexander bt Barbara Kirkman 16, 10.

M.D. Final:

Powell/Thomas bt Brian Davey/Keith Williams
17, 11.

W.D. Final:

Alexander/Kirkman bt Muriel Cox/Mabel Neary
13, 11.

V.S. Final:

Dave Ferguson bt Norman Chaloner 11, 14.

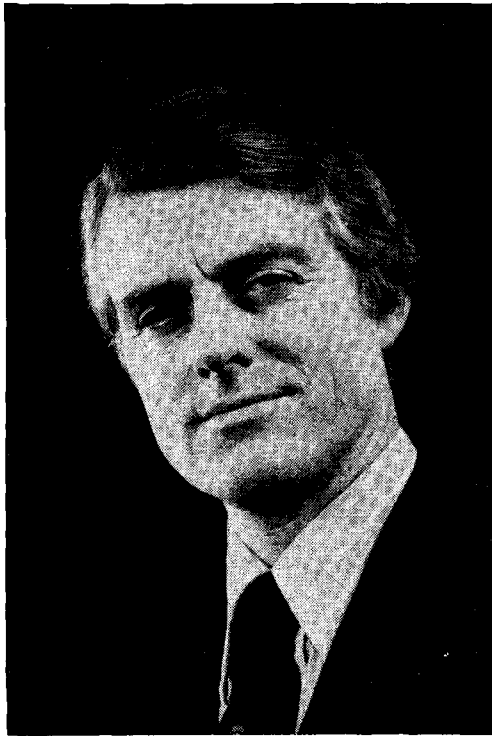
B.S. Final:

Thomas bt Graeme Black 10, 17.

G.S. Final:

Heather Stirrup bt Jacqueline Wilson 15, 12.

KEY APPOINTMENTS IN DUNLOP SPORTS COMPANY



RONALD LOWE

Two new senior appointments have been announced in Dunlop.

Ronald Lowe, 49, formerly managing director of Gola Sports, has been appointed general manager of Dunlop Sports Company. This new appointment will include responsibility for Litesome Sportswear Limited and for Scottish-based golf club manufacturers, John Letters and Company Limited.

An economics graduate of Bristol University, he qualified as an Associate of the Textiles Institute before joining Courtaulds in 1953. He later moved to E. Gomme Ltd. as marketing manager of G-Plan furniture before being appointed a director of shoe manufacturers G. B. Britton and Sons.

Lancashire born, Ronald Lowe was educated at Bolton School. He is an enthusiastic spectator of all sports and is an active squash player. He is married with six children.

David Sealey, formerly marketing director of Dunlop Sports Company, will take up a new appointment as projects manager in Dunlop's International Sports Group. In this position he will be responsible for diversification, new business opportunities and marketing research services. He will continue to represent the Company in its relationships with sports associations and official bodies.

Letter to the Editor

COMPUTERISATION THE ANSWER

The development of rating systems is crucial for all kinds of purposes in table tennis, but the failure of recent correspondents (November, December 1977) is to recognise that one particular rating system may be appropriate for a particular purpose but not for others. As an example, in the Lancashire and Morecambe Table Tennis League we are experimenting with the use of the American-type rating system. Clearly this system tends to favour players who play and win

regularly and who avoid surprise upset results against much lower ranked opponents. However, it will not favour 'prima donna' players who appear for clubs rather spasmodically. We hope that the introduction of the individual rating system will encourage interest for the second half of the season, particularly in the divisions where issues of team promotions and relegations are virtually settled already.

Incidentally we recognise that the American-type system requires the considerable administrative effort which Tony Ross mentions (December 1977). Surely, though, the routine processing of this type of information is exactly what a computer is good at. We are tackling ways of computerising the calculations to overcome this difficulty. With the greater use of computers at schools, polytechnics and universities, perhaps the E.T.T.A. and local leagues could set up joint projects which would demonstrate the use of computers to students in a practical exercise and thereby also produce rating lists.

Tony Ross (December 1977) talks of looking at U.S., Swedish, French and German rating systems. Is it not time that the E.T.T.A. set up an expert committee to produce a booklet outlining the strengths and weaknesses of the various schemes and suggesting various applications to local leagues as well as to tournaments?

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Championships next month.

Junior International

England are to play a junior international match against the Netherlands at British Aerospace Dynamics Group, Lostock Factory, Bolton on Saturday, March 4 (7 p.m.)

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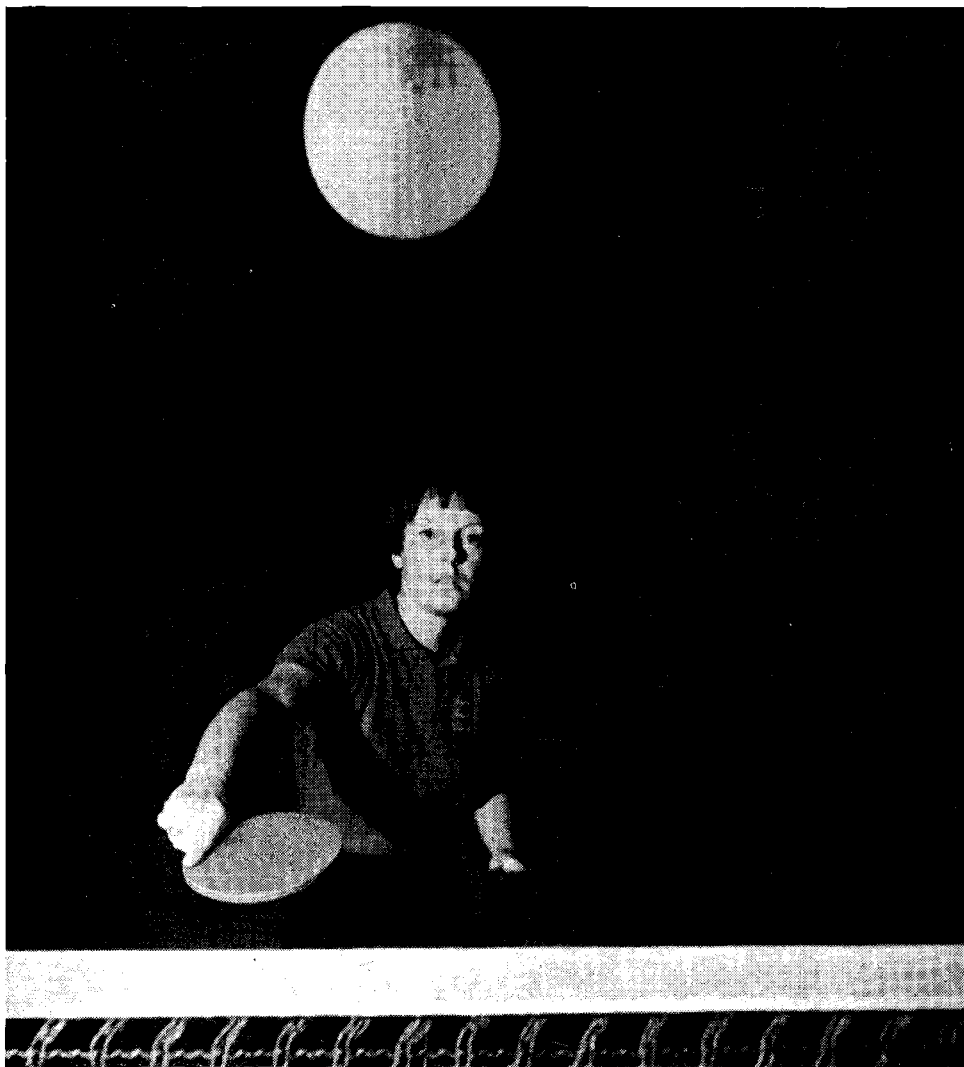
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TOP 12 WIN FOR JILL

Wins over Ursula Hirschmuller (GFR), Erzebet Palatinus (YUG), Ilona Uhlikova (CZE), Bettine Vriesekoop (NET), Gabriella Szabo (HUN), Judit Magos (HUN), and Blanka Silhanova (CZE) took England's Jill Hammersley to her first ever success in the European Table Tennis Union's Top 12 Tournament in Prague despite losses to Valentina Popova (USS), Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) and Claude Bergeret (FRA). The event was run over the period Jan. 27-29/'78. Sweden's Ann-Christin Hellman, after four sets, was forced to withdraw when unwell.

Gabor Gergely (HUN) was the winner of the men's section with eight wins and one loss — to Milan Orlovski (CZE).

Finishing Positions

Men	W	L
1. Gabor Gergely (Hun)	8	1
2. M. Orlovski (Cze)	7	2
3. S. Bengtsson (Swe)	7	2
4. W. Lieck (GFR)	5	4
5. I. Jonyer (Hun)	5	4
6. J. Secretin (Fra)	5	4
7. D. Surbek (Yug)	4	5
8. C. Martin (Fr)	2	7
9. A. Strokotov (USS)	2	7
10. J. Kunz (Cze)	0	10

England's Desmond Douglas, suffering from a neck strain, was a non-starter as was Ulf Thirsell of Sweden.

Women	W	L
1. J. Hammersley (Eng)	7	3
2. B. Vriesekoop (NET)	7	3
3. V. Popova (USS)	7	3
4. I. Uhlikova (Cze)	6	4

5. G. Szabu (Hun)	5	5
6. B. Kishazi (Hun)	5	5
7. U. Hirschmuller (GFR)	5	5
8. J. Magos (Hun)	4	6
9. B. Silhanova (Cze)	4	6
10. C. Bergeret (Fra)	4	6
11. E. Palatinus (Yug)	1	10

Jill's results:-
lost to Popova -18, 10, -15;
bt Hirschmuller 11, 18;
bt Palatinus 17, 15;
bt Uhlikova 21, 13;
bt Vriesekoop 13, 18;
bt Szabo -19, 14, 15;
bt Magos 13, -10, 17;
lost to Kishazi 16, -22, -18;
bt Silhanova 15, 14;
lost to Bergeret 8, -19, -12.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS FIXTURES March 1978

Premier Division	
Mar. 11—Cleveland v Glamorgan	
Middlesex v Berkshire	
Surrey v Essex	
Warwickshire v Yorkshire	
2nd South	
Mar. 11—Dorset v Surrey II	
Hampshire v Middlesex II — Redbridge School, Southampton, 6.30.	
Sussex v Kent	
2nd North	
Mar. 11—Cleveland II v Northumberland	
Yorkshire II v Lancashire — Huddersfield Y.M.C.A., 7.00.	
2nd Midland	
Mar. 11—Leicestershire v Derbyshire — Loughborough Sports Centre, 7.15.	
Northamptonshire v Staffordshire	
Mar. 12—Bedfordshire v Warwickshire II	
2nd East	
Mar. 11—Buckinghamshire v Suffolk	
Essex II v Hertfordshire	
Norfolk v Cambridgeshire	
2nd West	
Mar. 11—Avon v Gwent	
Somerset v Glamorgan II — Westland Helicopters, Weston-super-Mare. Worcestershire v Devon.	

3rd South	
Mar. 11—Kent II v Sussex II	
Oxfordshire v Essex III	
3rd North	
Mar. 11—Cumbria v Durham II — Millom School, 2.30.	
Northumberland II v Lincolnshire	
Mar. 26—Lancashire II v Nottinghamshire	
3rd Midland	
Mar. 4—Worcestershire II v Herefordshire	
Mar. 11—Cheshire II v Clwyd	
Staffordshire v Shropshire	
3rd East	
Mar. 11—Cambridgeshire II v Bedfordshire II	
Huntingdonshire v Northamptonshire II	
Norfolk v Leicestershire II	
3rd West	
Mar. 11—Avon II v Berkshire II	
Cornwall v Dorset II	
Glamorgan III v Gloucestershire	
Junior Premier	
Mar. 11—Berkshire v Middlesex	
Cleveland v Devon	
Surrey v Essex	
Yorkshire v Lancashire — Huddersfield Y.M.C.A., 2.30.	
Junior 2nd South	
Mar. 11—Essex II v Wiltshire — Mid-Essex Transport Ltd., Maldon, 2.30.	
Hampshire v Surrey II — Redbridge School, Southampton, 2.30.	
Middlesex II v Sussex	
Junior 2nd North	
Mar. 11—Clwyd v Yorkshire II	
Derbyshire v Cleveland II — Rolls Royce RS Ground, Derby, 2.30.	
Junior 2nd Midland	
Mar. 11—Hertfordshire v Warwickshire — Braughing T.T.C., 2.30.	
Northamptonshire v Buckinghamshire	
Shropshire v Leicestershire — Silhouette Ltd., Shrewsbury, 3.00.	
Junior 3rd South	
Mar. 11—Dorset v Berkshire II	
Essex III v Kent II — Mid Essex Transport Ltd., Maldon, 2.30.	
Mar. 12—Buckinghamshire II v Hampshire II	
Junior 3rd North	
Mar. 11—Northumberland v Lincolnshire	
Nottinghamshire v Cleveland III	
Junior 3rd Midland	
Mar. 11—Oxfordshire v Worcestershire	
Staffordshire II v Shropshire II — Woodfield S. & S.C., Penn, 5.30.	
Junior 3rd East	
Mar. 4—Suffolk v Hertfordshire II — The Dome, Defoe Road, Ipswich, 3.00.	
Mar. 11—Lincolnshire II v Bedfordshire	
Junior 3rd West	
Mar. 4—Avon v Wiltshire II — Mayfield T.T.C., Bath, 3.00.	
Mar. 11—Gwent v Avon	
Somerset v Glamorgan — Westland Helicopters, Weston-super-Mare.	
Mar. 12—Wiltshire II v Cornwall	
Veteran South	
Mar. 11—Kent v Oxfordshire — Milton Barracks, Gravesend, 7.00.	
Sussex v Hampshire II	
Veteran Midland	
Mar. 11—Cheshire v Nottinghamshire	
Leicestershire v Worcestershire — Knighton Park T.T.C., Leicester, 7.15.	
Veteran East	
Mar. 11—Suffolk v Essex II	
Veteran West	
Mar. 11—Avon v Dorset	
Hampshire v Dorset II	

MANCHESTER CLOSED ... ALL CHANGE

All seven titles in the closed championships of the Manchester and District T.T. League changed hands at Stretford Sports Centre on Sunday, Jan. 29. Last season the "stars" could not compete as they were playing in the World Championships qualifying event on Teesside.

Results:-	
M.S. semi-finals:	
N. Eckersley bt P. Bowen 13, 14;	
B. Kean bt P. D'Arcy 10, 17.	
Final:	
Eckersley bt Kean 18, 7.	
W.S. semi-finals:	
S. Lisle bt D. Schofield 13, 12;	
M. Leigh bt A. Sweeney 14, 16.	
Final:	
Lisle bt Leigh 6, 12.	
J.S. semi-finals:	
J. Weatherby bt R. MacFarlane 13, 15;	
R. Freely bt T. Malkin 13, 19.	
Final:	
Weatherby bt Freely 17, -14, 16.	
V.S. Final:	
D. Schofield bt D'Arcy 19, 15.	
M.D. Final:	
R. Hampson/Schofield bt J. Weatherby/ R. Weatherby 14, 11.	
W.D. Final:	
Leigh/Lisle bt Schofield/J. Stanford 17, 17.	
X.D. Final:	
K. Forshaw/Stanford bt A. Boasman/Schofield -19, 22, 17.	

County Notes

Supplement

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SCENE

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

HEALTHY POSITION

At the time of going to Press, Cambs. had not played any further fixtures in the County Championships. As I shall be on holiday in Germany for three weeks I shall not be reporting on matches played in the mid-January until the next issue. At present Cambs. are in a healthy position in the Eastern Division and both the other teams have performed creditably.

Although Paul Day has not had great success in his recent International matches I am sure that he will be very successful when he performs in County matches enabling Cambs. to keep up their good form.

It is not often that teams who trail 1-4 pull back to win, but this happened twice in a Cambs. League fixture; both matches involving Impington teams playing against divisional leaders. In Div. II the Impington first team had University I reeling, but urged on by skipper John Firth, who won three singles and the doubles with Collins, University took the last five sets to snatch both points and retain their top position.

In Div. IIIA, leaders St. George's I met second-placed Impington II and with "Mick" Runswick disposing of both "Lofty" and Bernard Adams the saints were soon in command. It was Brian Judd who inspired the Impington revival, going on a fine "maximum" and with both Adams' beating Mick Friday and Alf. Styan respectively Impington went on to win 6-4 and so inflict the first defeat of the season on St. George's. This win took Impington into first place, one point above St. George's.

The once mighty Y.M.C.A. teams are still perilously placed at the bottom of Div. I and it looks as if they will both be relegated. Meanwhile the mighty Soham team march on and I fear that it will need a near miracle to dislodge them — New Chesterton Institute being the only serious challengers.

Two more first division teams were knocked out of the Cambs. League K.O. Handicap Trophy which had reached the third round and it could well be that two teams from the lower divisions will meet in the final, as happened last season. University Press without their Wisbech players, Davies and Brewer, and facing a 22 handicap went down 5-1 to St. George's VI from Div. VB with Tony Littlechild's win over Nodes their sole success. St. Ives facing a similar handicap, were beaten 5-4 by Wesley IV.

Les Wooding won all his sets for St. Ives but Sid. Burgess was beaten by David Bryant (the Wesley Reserve) and, after defeating Rod Bryant, Burgess also went down to Mark Freeman which enabled the Wesleyans to get home by the odd set. Howard Mallett II are hoping to emulate their first team who reached the final last season and they reached the last 16 by beating Div. IVA leaders Ely Fire Service by the odd set in nine. In an exciting match Howard Mallett were trailing 2-4 but fought back well with P. George winning the final set against the redoubtable Dennis Pluck.

Cambs. League Handicap - 3rd Round Results

Telephone IV 4 Torchbearers III 5
St. George's VI 5 University Press I 1
St. Ives 4 Wesley IV 5
St. George's III 7 Impington III 2
Impington IV 8 Howard Mallett III 1
G.O.R.D. I 3 St. George's IV 6
Netherhall 2 Saffron Walden III 3
Howard Mallett II 5 Ely Fire Service 4

Cambs. Umpires Secretary, Pat O'Bryne, is having a purge of all qualified Cambs. Umpires.

As the situation regarding Umpires is acute it is necessary that Pat should have a rota of all those who will be available for County matches at whatever venue. The League staging a County fixture should be responsible for supplying the Umpires for that match and I am sure that this system would be the answer to an "Umpires' Secretary's prayer" and so avoid matches being umpired by one or two "willing horses" — as is happening at the moment. So all Umpires pull your weight and "set the boat on an even keel!"

As I write these notes the Ely League Championships are in full swing and I hope that they will be very successful as I am sure they will with many prominent players in action. I have just learnt that Pat O'Bryne has reached the final of the Veterans' Singles and will play John Ashman who coached Paul Day to great success.

The Soham Club have three of six players who are still unbeaten in the Cambridge League. In Div. I Keith Richardson and Mick Palmer (Soham I) have yet to taste defeat while Brian Jones (Soham IV) heads the Div. II list with a clean sheet. In Div. IIIB Paul Jolley of Wesley and Tony Rayner of Herbert Robinson are both unbeaten. The sixth player with an unblemished record is J. Sykes of Telephones VI in Div. VA.

Divisional Averages are as follows:-

Div. I

K. Richardson and M. Palmer - 100%
B. Richardson - 95%
G. Davies - 93%
J. Thurston - 91%

Div. II

B. Jones - 100%
P. Zivtins - 87%
A. White - 81%
J. Firth - 80%

Div. IIIA

D. Dye - 90%
C. Cushen - 83%
J. Puddick - 79%
M. Friday - 77%

Div. IIIB

P. Jolley and A. Rayner - 100%
P. Newman - 92%
P. Suchocki - 87%

Div. IVA

R. Crabtree - 93%
M. Jackson and D. Pluck - 91%
P. Ransome and A. Spilman - 86%

Div. IVB

G. Wylde and E. Pigden - 88%
C. Adams and G. Newman - 83%

Div. VA

J. Sykes - 100%
M. Roberts - 92%
A. Garner - 91%
E. Cumpsty - 83%

Div. VB

A. Spack - 95%
G. Banks - 87%
M. Mann - 85%

CHESHIRE CHAT

by DICK TURNER

CHAMPIONSHIP FORM

January was a hectic month for Cheshire. The opening of the Cheshire Closed on Jan. 14 corresponded with the close of the "English Open". The following weekend on Saturday, Jan. 21, Cheshire and Lancashire met in their vital County Championship Match, following a Cheshire versus Yorkshire Junior match. And on the Sunday, there took place the Final of the Junior Rankings. So there's plenty of news for Cheshire readers who sadly in the past have often read **Table Tennis News** from cover to cover seeking the non-existent Cheshire Notes.

But where do we start — England, Inter-County, or County, or even League, as the Stockport Closed also took place in January — on the 8th. Let's start on a personal note and congratulate John Hilton, ex-Cheshire, who took a day off from table tennis on Jan. 28 to marry the charming Chris Hancock; an interesting match and a good win for both John and Chris.

Jan. 15 was an unfortunate choice of date for the Senior Events of the Closed Championships. Nigel Eckersley, Dave Constance, Sue Lisle, Derek Schofield and Pete D'Arcy had all been involved

in the "English Open". Derek undoubtedly liked the Brighton air as he had the honour to become the first ever to win the English Open Veteran's Singles for the third time, having made it two wins last year. It was an All-Cheshire Final, Derek beating the 'youthful' Pete D'Arcy. So Jan. 14 was a great day for Cheshire. Derek had bolstered himself up the weekend before taking three Stockport titles in the Closed Championships, including a Men's Singles victory over Ross McFarlane, Cheshire's No. 1 Junior.

Nigel also enjoyed glory in the English Open, reaching the quarter-finals of the Men's Doubles, partnered by a Yugoslav, and being runner-up in the Consolation Singles, losing at deuce and 19 to the Dutch No. 1. En-route, Nigel had beaten the Dutch No. 6 and the French No. 5 and 6. In the Men's Singles, Nigel had fallen to a 'Chinese Chopper'. When the chips are down, the Chinese are undoubtedly a cut above the rest. We mustn't forget Sue who played for England 2 in the Team Competition (England were defeated by Yugoslavia), and Dave Constance, who only just lost to a leading Czech player.

Constance alone of the Cheshire 'English' managed to get back in time to play in the Cheshire Closed on Sunday, Jan. 15. But John McNee, Cheshire's No. 4, was also down at Brighton competing for Scotland. It was as well that John and Dave got back in time from Brighton for what a great semi-final they staged in the Men's Singles, John winning with a net point at 24-22, following 16-21 and 21-23. The holder of the title, Brian Johns, currently Cheshire's No. 3 defeated Mark Hankey, last year's No. 1 Junior in the other Semi-Final, 18, 19. In the Quarter-Final, Mark had a great climb back against the devastating attacking play of Paul Collins to win in three. Mark showed both against Paul and Brian that he should be a strong challenger for next year's title. But Jan. 15 was to be a great day for Scotland as McNee followed his Semi-Final victory over Cheshire's No. 2 with a 17, 20, hard-fought win over Johns. Well done John!

The other Senior results were:-

W.S.: Di Johnson bt Doreen Schofield 9, 16.
M.D.: Constance/Hankey bt Collins/Terry Taylor 19, 17.
W.D.: Schofield/Johnson bt Lyn Fennah/Ann Hepple 10, 18.
X.D.: Constance/Janet Deakin bt Derek Abbott/Schofield 18, 17.
V.S.: Terry Donlon bt Peter Jones -16, 19, 15.

Tony Taylor, ranked No. 5, did well to reach the Youth's Singles Final, defeating Cheshire's No. 1 Junior Ross McFarlane en route. In the Final, he lost -11, -18 to John Weatherby. McFarlane, last year's Youth's title holder won the Junior Singles title in defeating Ron Weatherby 22, 17. The other Junior Final results were:-
Cadets: Peter Flint bt Lyn Fennah 15, 18.
G.S.: Deakin bt Fennah -18, 16, 11.
J.D.: Ron and Ian Weatherby bt Tony Taylor/Tony Worthington 17, -18, 21.

When Benny Casofsky, one of England's great old stagers back in 'Victor Barna' days, came to present the Senior Trophies, there was a little embarrassment as only two of the five trophies were available, the others not having been handed in from last and the previous years. The Committee will be grateful for the return of the other three, particularly the Mixed Doubles Trophy which was last competed for in December 1973. So look inside your sideboards ladies and gentlemen please for the valuable trophy that our Chairman Lou Moran so kindly presented.

Now we come to Jan. 21, the next eventful day. Cheshire had a good afternoon when the Juniors withstood the challenge of Yorkshire to win 6-4. And in the evening, the Senior 2nd team were well recompensed for their travel to Herefordshire, whom they defeated 8-2. Congratulations to Pete D'Arcy, who won all his matches in his first outing for Cheshire this season. But what a spectacle in the evening! Over 300 spectators made their way to I.C.I., Hyde from all parts of Cheshire and Lancashire for the 'match of the day' — Cheshire v Lancashire in Div. 2 North. The result of this match would probably determine which of the two counties would return to the 'Premier' fold next season. The atmosphere was electric; the table tennis terrific. And George Yates, Deputy

Chairman of the E.T.T.A. and Editor of **Table Tennis News** did an excellent job as master of ceremonies.

Donald Parker put Lancashire ahead in a three game win over Constance. The accuracy of Donald's long distance and high return lobs was uncanny, as was his away-from-the-table hitting. Eckersley and Hilton fought their normal exciting battle with fortunes swinging backwards and forwards, until Nigel finally clinched the match at deuce in the third. Phil Bowen then beat Brian Johns, but the Women's Doubles went to Cheshire whose 14-year-old Lyn Fennah was admirably supported by England's Sue Lisle. An unexpected men's doubles win by Eckersley and Johns over Parker and Hilton put Cheshire back in front, but Sue Alexander gave Lancashire back its edge when defeating Doreen Schofield. Eckersley could not contain Parker and Lancashire were on their way. But after Sue Lisle had her expected easy victory over Wendy Shaw, Cheshire took a surprising 5-4 lead when Johns, after losing the first, looped and hit tremendously to take the second and third games off Hilton to consolidate his last year's Cheshire Closed Men's Singles Final win against John. It now remained for Constance to give a professional competent performance to defeat Bowen and win the match 6-4 for Cheshire. The crowd responded heartily to what had been a marvellous match and a great advertisement for table tennis.

On Sunday, Jan. 22, sixteen under-17 boys, some of whom came through preliminary trials on the Saturday, contested a round robin to determine Cheshire's Top Ten Juniors. After a hectic two days, Karen Tonge, the County's Coaching Secretary announced the list as:-

1. Ross McFarlane
2. John Weatherby
3. Ron Weatherby
4. Ian Weatherby
5. Tony Taylor
6. Terry Turner
7. Tony Worthington
8. Peter Flint
9. David Carlisle
10. David Eden

The three top ranked girls are:-

1. Janet Deakin
2. Lyn Fennah
3. Debbie McGuire

All will take part in regular training sessions over the coming months.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by PHILIP REID

GANNON DOMINATES

The experiment of playing the 'Leicestershire Closed' and the 'Leicester Closed' on successive days at the same venue proved largely successful although entries for the 'Leicester Closed' were rather disappointing. There was nothing disappointing about the event for David Gannon — the 16-year-old completely dominated the picture. Without top players Paul Randell, Chris Rogers and Maurice Newman, it was an ideal opportunity for Gannon to justify his recent promotion to No. 4 on the County Ranking List and how well he did it! The Men's Singles, Intermediate Singles, Junior Singles all went to the up-and-coming star and he also reached the final of the Men's Doubles. A new face on the local scene is that of Christine Iacopi who won the Women's Singles and is obviously going to be a useful addition to the county ranking list.

Randell won the Leicestershire Closed Men's Singles for the eighth time on the trot — an astonishing record — but his main opponent, Rogers — whose recent results against Randell have suggested a change could well have been in the offing — was away at Teesside. This was the only event of the ten Gannon entered, in the two days, in which he failed to reach the final. Phil Cawser gave a competent display in beating him in the quarters. A surprise but deserved finalist was the Loughborough defender Brian Mayfield. Both Newman and John Iliffe fell victim to the fine defensive skills of Mayfield, although Randell's all-round game proved too strong for him in the final.

One title did go to Mayfield however — the

Veterans' Singles. A very sprightly 40-year-old, he won the title without ever really looking in serious trouble, although all his games took a long time! As expected Eileen Shaler took the Women's Singles and was successful in the Women's Doubles with her final opponent, Sue Edwards. The only time Mrs. Shaler failed to win was in the final of the Mixed where, with Randell, the pair failed to hold out the Iliffe attack, backed up with some good play by Sue Edwards.

The Intermediate and Junior Singles both went to Gannon and he gained another title — the Men's Doubles — with Grahame Hall, the highlight being their victory over top seeds Randell and Iliffe in the semi-final. The vastly-improved Yvonne Hall found herself in three finals. Whilst she lost in the Cadets Singles, to holder Paul Brindley, with Simon Hall (her brother) as partner she was more successful in the Junior Doubles where they beat Gannon and Burrows in the final. Yvonne also won the Girls' Singles when she beat clubmate Helen Swierczek in the final.

Leicester Women look likely to win the Midland League title with a 100% record so far, Karen Rogers, of course, is the outstanding player but there is little doubt her play and help is proving a great advantage to Julie Reville and Yvonne Hall. Leicester Juniors will be thankful for their 9-1 win over Coventry 'B' with maximums from Gannon and Simon Hall. Similarly the Veterans had a good 7-3 win over Nottingham 'B' with Charlie Jacques, Phil Overend and Bryan Hall taking two.

In the Leicester League, Knighton Park seem to have sealed the first division championship in which Chris Rogers is still unbeaten. Further down the league, Mowmacre Boys Club's Adam Howells is shortly to move to Swansea which will weaken them considerably but fortunately Andy Hunting and Guy Senescall are showing improvement and the club have no shortage of players.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by PAULINE JACKSON

REVISED RANKINGS

Following League and tournament performances, and further information, regarding availability for matches, revised senior rankings have been agreed as follows (previous rankings in brackets):-

Men 1. Andrew Clark (1); 2. Peter Whiteman (4); 3. Frank Mitchinson (2); 4. Malcolm McMaster (6); 5. Fred Short (5); 6. Chris Shepherd (3); 7. Alan Jones (7); 8. Bill Dial (8); Arnold Warents (10); 10. Frank Buck (A); 11. Eddie Thomas (11); 12. Tom Peel (9); 13. Peter Gorman (12); 14. Glenn McCardle (A).

Group A (alphabetical order):- Bob Dodds; Dave Lucas; Ray Neal; Steve Robinson; Walter Rossiter. **Women** 1. Kit Cheung (2); 2. Pauline Jackson (3); 3. Julie Hobson (4); 4. Lily Aust (5); 5. Joan Harland (8); 6. Susan Norris (9); 7. Allison Brown (10). Valerie Smith (1) and Christine Joyce (7) are omitted owing to lack of information, and Joan Leslie (6) has indicated that she is not now available for regular play.

Both the Junior Boys' and Girls' ranking lists remain unchanged. Unfortunately, the weekend of Jan. 21/22 proved to be disastrous for all three Northumberland County teams, with the first team losing 0-10 to Yorkshire II, the second team going down 2-8 against Nottinghamshire, and the juniors finally surrendering their unbeaten record to Notts juniors by 1-9. The only sets won were by John Burke in the junior match, and two well-taken singles by Alan Jones — who had only come into the second team as a late replacement for Fred Short.

All the Northumberland League representative teams are now out of the Cup competitions. The junior boys' team suffered a narrow 4-5 defeat to Barrow in the Carter Cup, with John Anderson, winning two sets, and John Burke and Henderson Yeung one each. Both the Wilmott Cup team (Clark, Whiteman and Mitchinson) and the Rose Bowl team (Kit Cheung, Pauline Jackson and Lily Aust) were eliminated as expected by Ormesby.

In the Wilmott Cup match, Andrew Clark turned on a magnificent performance to beat Peter McQueen, Tony Martin and Keith Paxton in their

own back yard, but unfortunately the team still lost 3-6 despite his splendid effort. Maximums from Angela Tierney and June Williams saw Ormesby through in the Rose Bowl match although reserve Jane Woodcock lost all her games to make the final score 3-6.

In the National Club competition, the Tyneside Summer League winners Eldon Square, represented by Clark, Mitchinson and Steve Robinson, defeated a Carlisle team in the first round. Their next match will be — inevitably — against Ormesby.

As mentioned in the January issue, our Norwegian friends from Bergen were visitors to this country during the period Jan. 12-16. The North Sea Cup match on the Friday evening featured six team events, and our representatives were:-

Men I: A. Clarke, P. Whiteman, F. Mitchinson.
Men II: M. McMaster, C. Shepherd, D. Armstrong.
Women: K. Cheung, P. Jackson, J. Hobson.
Boys: J. Burke, J. Anderson, P. Kolvin.
Girls: S. Norris, C. Tweddle, C. Morton.
Cadets: B. Clarke, N. McMaster, J. Brumby.

Bergen retained the North Sea Cup by convincingly winning the women's, junior boys', junior girls' and Cadet events, but Northumberland were successful in the men's first and second team events, and thus regained the Walter Kaufmann Trophy.

The Norwegians also swept the board in the invitation tournament the next day, their most outstanding player being A. Haukanes, who as well as winning the men's singles event was also a finalist in the boys' singles. Unfortunately, the latter event was not played, as we had reached the end of the time allocated to us at Eldon Square Recreation Centre for this tournament.

While we are grateful for having this venue at our disposal, there have been occasions when our planned schedules have had to be somewhat restricted. The tournament finals results were:-

M.S.: A. Haukanes (B) bt F. Mitchinson (N) 13, 18.
W.S.: G. Hundven (B) bt L. Aust (N) 17, 17.
B.S.: Haukanes v E. Johannesen (B) - not played.
G.S.: L. Erentsen (B) bt M. Monsen (B) 23, -10, 12.
C.S.: R. Berg (B) bt O. Saevig (B) 17, -18, 9.
Key: (B) - Bergen, (N) - Northumberland.

Our thanks go to our main sponsors for these events, namely H. Samuel (Jewellers) Ltd., who donated an excellent trophy for the men's singles winner; to the North-Eastern Co-operative Society; and to all other firms who took an advertisement in the planned programme.

SURREY NOTES

by TED SIMPKIN

LOYALISTS ALL!

Time was when there was keen rivalry between the various leagues in Surrey, and for many years there were several hard-fought competitions, at all levels, in which the best players of each organisation could test their prowess against their opposite numbers. Now the Council's endeavours, led by Jack Wardle from the Reigate League, have resulted this year in four entries for the Inter-League competition and thirteen for the individual club knock-out. The loyalists in the first event come from Thames Valley, Croydon Business Houses, Byfleet, and Leatherhead. Favourites for the club title are the holders, Graham Spicer with, possibly, Rosehill as the likeliest challenger.

Jim Teal, of the resoundingly named Croydon Business Houses League, tells me that this year his organisation will, for the second successive year, after a gap of thirty, be playing in a match against his town's "twin", Arnhem, and that this time they will be travelling to Holland. This is a league with ideas — the formation of a Summer League, a profit of about £50 on a Christmas Draw, bringing in a Veterans' event to the Annual Tournament — added to the six divisions in the normal winter's evenings out.

Guildford has held its annual Handicap Pairs Tournament, the brain child of the indefatigable Trevor Channing. This is run concurrently with the Handicap Singles Competition for the Allison Trophy over a weekend in the Sports Hall at

Surrey University (situated in Guildford and not, as an entrant in the Supermind event on BBC suggested, at Hastings!). 166 entered at £1 each and because of the first round group system all were guaranteed at least six games. There were many close results — this contributor and his partner were edged out by 243-242, all organised to be light hearted affairs, and the final was won by Steve Smith and Andrew Alton of the Bramley club over Peter Williams of Aftermath and Roy Windebank of St. Luke's with a margin of nine points. The Allison Trophy, presented in honour of the late Miss Doreen Allison, went, after a series of very heavy handicappings nobly overcome, to young Mark Oakley, who beat young Gavin Kemp 26-21, 26-22 in the final.

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by ALAN CAVELL

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Malcolm Green, Shropshire's top ranked player, became the first Shropshire player to win an E.T.T.A. national title when he and Kevin Beasley from Yorkshire won the boys' doubles title at the Wayfarers English Junior Closed Championships. The achievement was richly deserved as Malcolm is a talented and dedicated player.

The men's ranking list issued in January followed the predicted pattern. M. Green retains the top position whilst junior N. Thomas replaces C. Roberts in second place; junior M. Pugh moves up from fifth to third place. The time and money spent on coaching during recent years has produced from the current juniors the three top players in the County; there are also other young talented players working within the coaching programme.

Congratulations to Paddy Jackson on becoming the first Shropshire coach to attain 2-star diploma status. His efforts in the coaching field and the time he has spent taking local players to national tournaments has contributed much to the high level of play now being shown by Shropshire juniors.

The decision to base the West Midlands Centre of Excellence at Lilleshall Hall will stimulate local interest in top level table tennis; that Paddy Jackson has been invited to be one of the resident coaches there is a source of much satisfaction to all concerned with the promotion of table tennis within the County.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by K. J. MORAN

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAURICE GOLDSTEIN, O.B.E.

The Secretary of Warwickshire T.T. Association, Birmingham T.T. Association, President of the Birmingham Schools T.T. Association and also, by the way, President of the E.T.T.A., received the award of the O.B.E. in the New Years Honours List.

For his services to table tennis for over 45 years including the 1938 World Championships, in which he also played, and last year's great event in his home town of Birmingham this award is much-deserved and will no doubt find a place of honour among the raffle tickets, committee minutes, International pennants and old pipes in Maurice's "office" in Blenheim Road.

From a man who has devoted his life to table tennis to a young man with, it would seem, a very short memory. While we all wish Desmond Douglas well in his efforts to profit from his undoubted ability, surely he could play for his country when he is available. Not so long ago the clubfolk of Warwickshire generously supported a fund to help his training programme for the World Championships didn't they?

Good news of Allen Bury whose sudden illness was reported in last month's issue. Allen is now up and about, walking with the aid of a stick and talking about his return to action.

Now — have the local associations all collapsed or don't they read T.T. News. The response to my appeal for news and views has been underwhelming. Come on! Out there let's hear from you.

WESTERN LEAGUE NEWS by GROVE MOTLOW

CHAMPS DOWN AGAIN

Defending champions Poole were again defeated when beaten 5-4 by Bournemouth at Merton on Dec. 22. Chris Pickard did most damage in recording a maximum return with one set each from Neville Thorley and Trevor Smith. Martin Abbott and John Robinson shared the visitors' four sets.

Prior to, away to Bristol on Dec. 11, Bournemouth were beaten 6-3 Lloyd Stewart cracking the whip with a treble supported by Martyn Smith (2) and Gordon Mildred (1). Young Smith, a junior accounted for Thornley and Alan Terry but bowed out to his namesake Trevor -12, -14. Trevor Smith also beat Mildred as did Thorley leaving Terry with a knapsack.

On Jan. 7 however Bournemouth hit the jackpot again when, against Weston away, they triumphed 7-2 with both Trevor Smith and Roger Lee unbeaten and Cyril Bush chipping in with a solo against John Crabtree having previously lost to both John Hartry and Graham Green.

Weston, on Dec. 17, had beaten Newport 6-3 with veteran Roger Morris winning three, Green (2) and Crabtree a solo. Newport's wins were shared by Terry Roden, Graham Sell and Tony Watkins.

Bristol, at home to Plymouth on Jan. 8, won 8-1 the whitewash being saved in the very last set when Frank Hatton beat Mildred 14, 19. It saved the Devonshire violets from shrinking! Both Martin Smith and Stewart claimed maximums Mildred accounting for Keith James and John Kelly.

A feature of the Weston v Newport match was the opening set between Crabtree and Roden which the former won 11, -17, 19 the last two sets being on expedite. But how about the set between Abbott and Trevor Smith, in the Bournemouth/Poole match, won by Abbott 22-20, 25-23.

GWENT OPEN

Entries for the Gwent Open, to be played at Cwmbran Sports Stadium on April 8 close to Mr. Grove Motlow of 29 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Gwent, NPT 8NX on March 25. The seven events are: M.S., W.S., M.D., W.D., X.D., G.S. and B.S. Ring for a form 'Phone Newport 71964.

SUSSEX NOTES

by JOHN WOODFORD

ROGER YET AGAIN

JUST HOW LONG can Roger Chandler continue to dominate the Sussex scene and win the county closed title? After another 14-hour 16-table marathon at Brighton Corn Exchange on Jan. 15 the Norwich Union International Championships were followed by yet another astounding performance by Chandler who cruised easily through the day to win his twelfth crown.

It was all so easy. Despite the fact that Chandler had played in only a couple of Wilmott cup matches since announcing his semi-retirement in September, he came through via Glyn Hydes, Graham Gillett, Stephen Moore and in the semi-final swept past John Proffitt 19, 7.

In a tough bottom half, Gerald Pugh raised his game, taking out all comers that included his Crawley rivals Phil Smith and Keith Horton and then a rampant Chris Wells 18, 21. Earlier, Wells hatched the biggest shock by removing the No. 2 seed Andy Wellman (Berkshire) -24, 18, 10.

So, at the very end of the day, it was left to Pugh to try and dethrone champion Chandler who looked as fresh as if he had just walked in the hall! But, it was the dreaded anti-climax, Pugh could find no answer to the streams of top-spin drives, going down 12, 10.

If Chandler continues to play this tournament, I see no reason at all why he cannot win it at least another three times, his approach is so cool, calculated and professional.

Meanwhile the power of the young players coming up continues to increase; there are three separate groups, firstly John Clarke, Pugh and Phil Smith all very difficult players to beat in Div. 2 (South); secondly, the three brilliant juniors at the

top of the Sussex junior rankings, Gillett, Moore and Malcolm Francis and finally the three Sussex University students Wellman, Proffitt and Cosmo Graham, heading as a team for the championship of the Brighton premier division. But the king still reigns.

Julie Reading (Eastbourne), formerly the Hampshire champion has now added the Sussex title to her achievements with a double rearguard action in an exciting Sussex final, winning -16, 19, 19 against Carol Hewett (Crawley) who will never forget the match as long as she continues to play table tennis.

Carol provided better ball control, superior ball placement, more accurate counter-hitting but still lost! She led 17-10 in the second game but incredibly crumbled as the Chelsea College girl threw in everything in a desperate attempt not to be the losing finalist for the second year running. The Press contingent were just rising to talk to the new champion Mrs. Hewett! In the final game Carol was once more in the driving seat in the last stages leading 19-17, but again Miss Reading, snapped up four points in a row with her big hits that earlier had so often found the floor or the net, proving that in this game, you can still win by scoring 58 points when your opponent took 49!

Major shock in the women's events was the eclipse of recently married Diane Griggs who has yet to recapture her form of last season. She was crushed by Carol Hewett in the semi-finals, lost again the women's doubles with Angela Mock against Miss Reading and Linda Budd and lost the mixed final with Sam Ogundipe to Chandler and Miss Budd.

Quick look at the zone finalist survivors in the national team competitions — Brighton in the Wilmott after whipping Southend; Eastbourne slammed Crawley in the Rose Bowl and Hastings boys returned in triumph from Tonbridge — the Hastings boys are really from Bexhill, of course. In each case, it would seem that a couple of ranked players will be needed to remove all three Sussex teams.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. PENNY

The Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Alliance League held their championships at Yarmouth Power Station on Sunday, Dec. 18. A heavy programme left the fittest tired, the unfit exhausted. The singles event was divided into two sections with the top two players in each qualifying for the semi-finals.

In Section A, Neville Graver (No. 1 seed) and Mick Broughton qualified, but not without strong opposition from Philip Harris, and Graver lost one match to Wes Haydock. In Section B, Russell King (No. 2 seed) finished top but the other seed, John Turner just lost his semi-final place to young Mike Archer. The first semi saw Graver beat King in straight games. The other resulted in Broughton ousting Archer. In the final, Graver defeated Broughton two straight. Turner and Broughton had consolation by winning the doubles from King and Harris.

The North Norfolk League at the half way mark shows the following positions after a maximum of seven matches:- Dereham, Lynn, March, Wisbech, 9 points each with March two matches in hand. These are followed by Cromer 7 points, Wymondham 5, Thetford 2 and Fakenham (played 6) 2 points.

In the Carter Cup, Norwich Juniors have done extremely well to enter the zone final for the second season running. They achieved this by a glorious 6-3 victory, with Douglas Bennett and David Smith both unbeaten, over March away. In the zone final Norwich will meet Bury St. Edmund's.

The Norfolk Senior Closed Championships at the Corn Exchange, King's Lynn, take place just after my deadline for this issue. Top seed is the holder, Chris. Bensley, with Bob Thornton No. 2 and Douglas Bennett No. 3, but Mick Musson cannot be disregarded. In the Women's Singles it seems to be between the holder, Jeanne Browne, and fast-improving Wendy Hogg.

We deeply regret having to report the death of Mr. Meadows, President of Wymondham League. An Obituary appears separately.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by TONY ROSS

RECORD ATTENDANCE

The attendance at the Premier Division match against Essex at Batley Sports Centre was the highest recorded for a home county match for many years, and the Dewsbury League and their secretary, Bevan Walker, are to be congratulated on the response they obtained from local fans to back up the sponsorship which was necessary to stage the match. Over 300 people attended and saw Yorkshire win by a rather surprising margin of 8-1, our visitors appearing to be somewhat overawed by the home support until the match had been decided. Earlier, the junior first team had also restricted Essex successes to 1 set only in the Junior Premier Division match played at the Prince Philip Centre, Leeds, a fact which will help our sets average should Middlesex slip up in their remaining matches in this division.

The senior second team trounced Northumberland 10-0 in Newcastle, but the junior second team went down to their second defeat of the season 4-6 away to Cheshire. Hull's Tracy Wenn (14), the county's No. 1 cadet girl, made her county debut in this match but fell to Janet Deakin. Factors contributing to the defeat were the losses sustained by the boys who may be expected to be in the junior first team next season and this must be a matter of concern for both selectors and coaches.

In new ranking lists issued in January, Bradford's Sally Midgley has moved up to take the top spot in the girls' list. All of the other No. 1 positions are unchanged. Stephen Tracey (York), a former Irish international, and Tony Bottomley (Halifax) are newcomers to the men's list at the expense of Alan Summerscales (Doncaster) and Brian Metcalfe (Leeds). Sean Madden (Hull), the No. 1 cadet boy, is included for the first time in the under-17 boys' list, Neil Hillerby (Leeds) being omitted. Positions in the previous lists issued in September, 1977, are shown in brackets.

Men

1. Alan Hydes (Ba) (1), 2. Tony Clayton (Hu) (2), 3. Kevin Beadsley (Ha) (4), 4. Alan Fletcher (Hu) (3), 5. Andrew Metcalfe (Le) (5), 6. Steven Mills (Sh) (6), 7. Michael Harrison (Hu) (8), 8. Clem Lo (Br) (7), 9. Stephen Kosmowsky (Br) (13), 10. Robert Shutt (Br) (15), 11. Stephen Tracey (Yo) (-), 12. Tony Bottomley (Ha) (-), 13. Michael Stephenson (Br) (10), 14. Jim Yeats (Br) (12), 15. Joe Naser (Hu) (9).

Women

1. Melody Ludi (Br) (1), 2. Sally Midgley (Br) (4), 3. Linda Hryszko (Br) (3), 4. Helen Shields (Br) (5), 5. Julie McLean (Hu) (2), 6. Carole Grayson (Hu) (6), 7. Maureen Gott (Yo) (8), 8. Jane Guanaria (Le) (7), 9. Cathy Haworth (Le) (9).

Boys

1. Beadsley (1), 2. Bottomley (3), 3. Naser (2), 4. Adrian Hill (Br) (5), 5. Neil Harris (Br) (7), 6. Paul Sanderson (Le) (4), 7. Andrew Leather (Sh) (6), 8. David Ryan (Sh) (8), 9. Paul Makinson (Br) (13), 10. David Gee (Le) (9), 11. Trevor Fletcher (Le) (10), 12. Neil Barley (Hu) (11), 13. Ricky Burrett (Hu) (14), 14. David Roseman (Le) (15), 15. Sean Madden (Hu) (-).

Girls

1. Midgley (2), 2. Hryszko (1), 3. Guanaria (3), 4. Haworth (4), 5. Margaret Sergeant (Sh) (5), 6. Tracy Wenn (Hu) (9), 7. Angela Hudson (Hu) (6), 8. Angela Lutkin (Hu) (7), 9. Dawn Partridge (Br) (10), 10. Julie Todd (Br) (8).

Key:- Ba—Barnsley, Br—Bradford, Ha—Halifax, Hu—Hull, Le—Leeds, Sh—Sheffield, Yo—York.

One or two sharp-eyed TV watchers might have noticed the appearance of Sheffield's Steve Mills on Yorkshire TV's tea-time "Calendar" programme and the similarly timed BBC TV's "Look North". Viewers were shown Steve practising against a fantastic new-fangled piece of machinery Kevin Beadsley also appeared on Yorkshire TV following his boys' singles win in the Wayfarer's English Junior Closed.

Starting in February, a regular Wednesday night 15-minute spot on table tennis has been arranged on Radio Leeds. The probable format will be local league news from West Yorkshire, county and national news, and a weekly guest interview. County Development Officer Richard Scruton will

present the programme, with county selector/coach Jim Yeats acting as deputy.

In the Wilmott Cup, Yorkshire's sole survivors are Bradford, who defeated Leeds by the surprising margin of 5-0 and take on Preston in the next round. Hull were 5-1 victors away at Carlisle in the Rose Bowl and are next likely to face Ormesby. Bradford's women won 5-2 at Liverpool and next encounter Stockport, who were 5-0 winners in Leeds. The Halifax Carter Cup team progressed to the zone final at the expense of Salford and Eccles, the score being 6-3. Their opponents will be Leeds, who were 5-3 winners over Hull. Bradford again triumphed over Leeds in the National Club Championships, when Leeds Y.M.C.A. went down 4-5 to Bradford's Unity T.T.C.

In Wakefield, a sponsored table tennis marathon was organised by the Youth Coaching School on 4th February in order to raise funds to send a local 7-year-old boy to the United States for specialist treatment for brain damage.

AVON NOTES

by MIKE HAWKINS

NEW RANKINGS

In recent issues I have reported items with a touch of overseas success, now I report on the happenings within our ever popular and ambitious county of Avon. Bob House, a local Bath farmer whose brother, David, many will remember as an England player — he is currently county match secretary — with county coach Mike Lewis, as keen and ambitious as ever, came up with the following new rankings:-

Men

1. C. Sewell (Br), 2. J. Musselwhite (Ba), 3. G. Mildred (Br), 4. R. Oldfield (Ba), 5. A. Brown (Br), 6. L. Stewart (Br), 7. M. Smith (Br), 8. M. Baker (MN), 9. R. Sewell (Br), 10. K. House (Br), 11. B. Brady (Br), 12. J. Morris (Br), 13. J. Higgs (Ba), and 14. P. Day (Br).

Women

1. A. Seager (Ba), 2. L. Porter (Ba), 3. G. Harris (Br), 4. H. Pogmore (Br), 5. M. Hooker (Br), 6. C. Rowe (Br), 7. J. Watts (Br), 8. J. Quarry (Ba), 9. D. Vowles (Br), and 10. B. Dickason (W).

Boys

1. Martin Smith (Br), 2. P. Riley (Br), 3. Matthew Smith (Ba), 4. R. Wolfe (Br), 5. N. Baldwin (Br), 6. C. Harris (Br), 7. K. Morris (Br), 8. G. Totterdell (Br), 9. M. Trtoman (Ba), and 10. S. Wilkins (Br).

Girls

1. C. Rowe (Br), 2. G. Sandford (Br), 3. A. Laidler (M), 4. J. Cooper (Br), 5. J. Parker (Br), 6. D. Mogg (Br), 7. T. Shortman (Br), and 8. P. Riley (Br).

Key:- Ba—Bath, Br—Bristol, M—Mendip, MN—Midsomer Norton, W—Weston-super-Mare.

In the Avon Club Team competition, in its second season, Totterdown Y.M.C.A. defeated last season's runners-up, Oldfield Park Baptists 7-2, whilst newcomers, Mayfield, eased to next round with a win (8-1) over Page Club, to join holders Failand who had a bye. The draw for the next round resulted:-

Twerton St. Michael's "C" v Mayfield

Failand v Fry's

Totterdown Y.M.C.A. v Dunkerton

Twerton St. Michael's "B" v Bristol Deaf

Ties are to be played by Feb. 27/78.

On the league front Fry's "A" are the clear leaders in the Bath and Dist. Assn. and their team of Yorkshire county star Tony Clayton, the younger Wiltshire player Kevin Satchell, with Avon veteran Michael Baker look certain to win the championship.

Norton Sports "A" lead the premier division of the Mendip League, Martin Rummery, Bob Good and ex-Hampshire star and stalwart Phil Edwards look like taking the honours. But last season's champions Dunkerton (George Hill, Andy Marquiss, Roger Campbell and Paul Hewitt) will press them hard with Litteray "A" of Frome also a force to be reckoned with. Their team of Paul Sherrin, ex Wilts player Alan Maidment and Mike Snaith will try hard to edge Dunkerton out of the title race.

This month starts the season of closed championships with a full week's programme at Homestead Hall, Combe Park for the Bath closed. Bristol are also due to run their event this month with Frome taking a late March date.

In the late round of County matches Avon's senior team travelled to meet Wiltshire, the leaders, in Div. 2 West at Swindon. When the Avon party arrived the room was ice-cold, the two ends had a white background and the floor was slippery. However, conditions apart, Avon felt disappointed in losing 4-6 after great wins by Sewell over Terry Bruce (7, 9) and by Linda Porter over Gwen Hazell. Linda also teamed up with Andrea Seager, now living in Hampshire, for a good win over Gwen Hazell and Wendy Parker.

The men's doubles was the 'crunch' set when two points were scored the "wrong way" by the home umpire which proved vital when the set swung Wiltshire's way in the third again Sewell and Gordon "Ginger" Mildred.

Avon II entertained old friends Cornwall at Bristol's fine Totterdown Y.M.C.A. Although the attendance was low we were treated to a close well-fought match with the score never more than a set apart until the eighth when Bob Oldfield's win put Avon 5-3 ahead in this Div. 3 West encounter.

Martin Smith's win over R. Bunt made sure of victory for Avon who ran out 6-4 winners. It was a good day for Martin who won both singles and shared a doubles success with Lloyd Stewart. Helen Pogmore, our welcome French import, continued her run of successes by beating Mrs. Mayer and combined well with Jill Harris to win the doubles. Nice to see Pat Archdale and her team of umpires.

In the Vets West Division, Avon trounced Dorset II's 9-0 away from home with only two sets needing a deciding game. As the captain said "We played much too tight for them". It gives the team of Mike Baker, Keith House, Ken and June Watts a glimmer of the title in their first season . . . well done.

Obituaries

Mr. JOHN WILLIAM MEADOWS, President of Wymondham League, Norfolk, and a former President of Norfolk County Table Tennis Association from 1962 to 1964 and again from 1971 to 1973, died tragically in a car accident just before Christmas. He was 71.

A former managing director of the Norvic Shoe Company children's division, he was also a former Norfolk county councillor and former chairman of the old Wymondham Urban District Council.

The whole Meadows family — Mr. Meadows, his wife, when she was alive, and their two sons, both leading players — have for many years been synonymous with Table Tennis in Wymondham. To Peter and Roger and other members of the family we express our deepest sympathy.

J. S. P.

L.C.T. BULPORT

Leslie Bulport was admitted to St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey on December 22, 1977, and after an operation, passed away on January 10, 1978, aged 66 years.

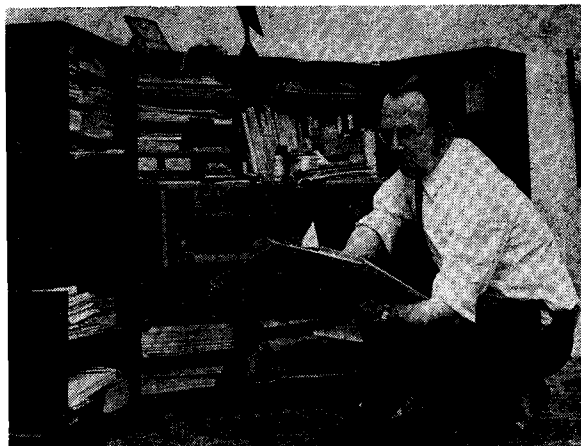
Leslie had been connected with Table Tennis both as a player and an official for many years. He was for some years a member of the Referee's Committee of the English Open Championships and was Referee of numerous other Tournaments including the Sussex "Closed", a committee member of the London Table Tennis Federation, and was for 25 years the Hon. Secretary of the Table Tennis Section of the London Business Houses Sports Association before being elected a Vice-President of the newly formed London Business Houses Table Tennis League.

The funeral was at St. John's Crematorium, Woking on January 18 and the sincere condolences of all his friends in Table Tennis are offered to his widow Jean.

F. E. C.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by THE EDITOR



DELAY AND DEFEAT

Held up for 24 hours by fog at Heathrow Airport, England's fixture, in the **Super Division** of the **European League**, away to Czechoslovakia in Usti Nad Orlici, took place a day later than fixture and resulted in a 6-1 home win the 'white-wash' being prevented by John Hilton who, on debut, scored a last set success over Josef Dvoracek, replacing Jaroslav Kunz.

Prior to, apart from Desmond Douglas taking Dvoracek to a third game decider, it had been a romp with Milan Orlowski very much in the driving seat being successful in all the four sets in which he was engaged. Ilona Uhlakova had a straight games win over Jill Hammersley and the famed mixed doubles combination of Douglas and Linda Howard were also obliterated in the Czech avalanche.

Scores:-

M. Orlowski bt J. Hilton 9, 15;
J. Dvoracek bt D. Douglas -19, 18, 18;
I. Uhlakova bt J. Hammersley 16, 15;

Orlowski/Pansky bt Douglas/N. Jarvis 12, 10;
Orlowski/Uhlakova bt Douglas/L. Howard 13, 17;
Orlowski bt Douglas 16, 19;
Dvoracek lost to Hilton -18, 19, -17.

The Soviet Union with a 6-1 win over Yugoslavia took over the leadership of the division with Anatoli Strokotov starring in a similar role to Orlowski accounting for both Josef Juhas and Zoran Kosanovic as well as sharing doubles successes with Sarkis Sarkhojan and Valentina Popova.

Scores:-

A. Strokotov bt J. Juhas 18, 16;
S. Sarkhojan bt Z. Kosanovic 15, -18, 19;
V. Popova bt G. Perkucin 20, 16;
Strokotov/Sarkhojan bt Kosanovic/Kurtis 18, 19;
Strokotov/Popova bt Kosanovic/Perkucin 18, 17;
Strokotov bt Kosanovic 16, 16;
Sarkhojan lost to Juhas 12, -15, -15.

Up in Lycksele, Sweden after Lars Franklin had given them the best of starts by beating Christian Martin, were devastated by the French

reply in winning the remaining six sets with Stellan Bengtsson crashing to singles defeat to both Jacques Secretin and Martin and in two doubles engagements.

Scores:-

L. Franklin bt C. Martin 19, -19, 16;
S. Bengtsson lost to J. Secretin -15, 9, -14;
A. C. Hellman lost to C. Bergeret -15, 19, -16;
Bengtsson/Franklin lost to Secretin/P. Birocheau -14, 17, -12;
Bengtsson/Hellman lost to Secretin/Bergeret -10, -9;
Franklin lost to Secretin -13, -9;
Bengtsson lost to Martin 16, -15, -12.

Still without a win, the Netherlands in Helmond, made a stirring fight of it before Hungary ran out 4-3 winners, the visitors' former world champion, Istvan Jonyer, being beaten both by Bert van der Helm and Nico van Slobbe. The other Dutch win came from the evermore threatening Bettine Vriesekoop who needed but two games to account for Gabriella Szabo.

Scores:-

B. v.d. Helm bt I. Jonyer 20, -19, 16;
N. v. Slobbe lost to T. Klampar -11, -6;
B. Vriesekoop bt G. Szabo 15, 16;
v.d. Helm/v. Slobbe lost to Jonyer/Klampar 13, -14, -16;
v. Slobbe/Vriesekoop lost to Klampar/Szabo -16, 17, -16;
v.d. Helm lost to Klampar -8, -18;
v. Slobbe bt Jonyer -19, 18, 18.

SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Soviet Union	5	4	1	22	13	4
Hungary	5	4	1	19	16	4
France	5	3	2	22	13	3
Sweden	5	3	2	20	15	3
Czechoslovakia	5	2	3	20	15	2
England	5	2	3	14	21	?
Yugoslavia	5	2	3	12	23	2
Netherlands	5	0	5	11	24	0

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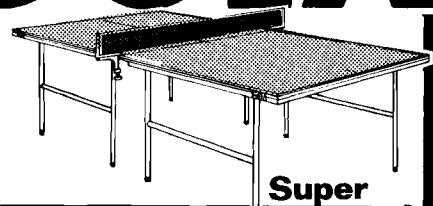
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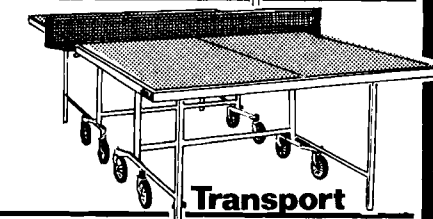
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DIVISION ONE

Federal Germany faltered for only the second time this season in allowing Greece to level matters 1-1 in Datteln on Jan. 19 when, in the second set, Constantinos Priftis beat Ralf Wosik 17 in the third. But thereafter it was all plain sailing to a 6-1 victory.

Results:-

E. Huing bt E. Diakakis 10, 8;
 R. Wosik lost to C. Priftis 7, -15, -17;
 U. Hirschmuller bt M. Louca 9, 3;
 H. J. Nolten/Wosik bt Priftis/N. Kostopoulos 17, 14;
 Wosik/Hirschmuller bt Kostopoulos/Louca 8, 12;
 Huing bt Priftis 8, 15;
 Wosik bt Diakakis 16, 16.

Second placed Poland, like Federal Germany, maintained their unbeaten record in beating Bulgaria 5-2 in Golarsk the decisive lead coming in the penultimate set when Andrzej Grubba beat Borzydat Genchev.

Scores:-

A. Grubba bt I. Stojanov 18, 19;
 L. Kucharski bt B. Genchev 20, 19;
 W. Sirkora lost to A. Rangelova -12, -17;
 Dryszel/Kucharski bt Genchev/Stojanov 12, 13;
 Kucharski/J. Szafko lost to Stojanov/Rangelova 18, -13, -20.
 Grubba bt Genchev 14, 12;
 Kucharski bt Stojanov 9, -18, 12.

Ireland, with Jim Langan restored to the exclusion of Colm Slevin, were just pipped 4-3 by Luxembourg in Remich and remain pointless at the foot of the table.

Results:-

A. Hartmann lost to J. Langan -14, -19;
 C. Putz bt K. Keane 17, 11;
 J. Dom lost to K. Senior -9, -14;
 Hartmann/Putz bt Keane/Langan -27, 15, 12;
 Hartmann/Dom lost to Langan/Senior -19, -8;
 Hartmann bt Keane 12, 12;
 Putz bt Langan 13, -12, 16.

In a middle-of-the-table encounter in St. Niklaas, Austria defeated Belgium 6-1 the only home success coming from Marie-France Germait who beat Dolores Fetter.

Scores:-

N. v.d. Walle lost to E. Amplatz -10, -8;
 D. Nassaux lost to G. Muller -19, -20;
 M-F. Germait bt D. Fetter 14, -15, 8;
 v.d. Walle/Nassaux lost to Amplatz/Muller -16, -7;
 v.d. Walle/Germait lost to Muller/Fetter -16, -18;
 v.d. Walle lost to Muller -15, -16;
 Nassaux lost to Amplatz -16, -19.

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Federal Germany	5	5	0	33	2	5
Poland	5	5	0	29	6	5
Bulgaria	5	3	2	22	10	3
Greece	5	2	3	14	21	2
Austria	5	2	3	13	22	2
Luxembourg	5	2	3	10	25	2
Belgium	5	1	4	8	27	1
Ireland	5	0	5	8	24	0

DIVISION TWO

Apart from Scotland's 5-2 win over Spain (reported elsewhere in this issue) the only other match in Division 2 afforded Italy their third successive win albeit by the narrow margin of 4-3 in Lucerne without having the services of Stefano Bosi, their No. 1.

Scores:-

T. Busin bt G. Bisi -20, 18, 21;
 J. Barcikowski lost to R. Giontella -21, -18;
 R. Wyder bt S. Milic 18, 13;
 Busin/Barcikowski lost to Giontella/Mahoni -17, -13;
 Busin/Wyder lost to Bisi/Milic -12, 13, -13;
 Busin lost to Giontella -17, -13;
 Barcikowski bt Bisi 14, 18.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Italy	3	3	0	15	6	3
Finland	3	2	1	14	7	2
Scotland	3	2	1	12	9	2
Spain	3	1	2	7	14	1
Switzerland	4	0	4	8	20	0

As a prelude to the Stiga Welsh Open Championships in Cardiff (Feb. 3/5) Turkey won the Division 3 play-off and are now all set to replace Switzerland in Div. 2 next season.

Vasil Aleksandridis, Oktay Cimen and Mesdames Kadriye Poyrazoglu and Hulya Tomsuk

carried the Turks to success with Norway the runners-up and Wales third.

Results:-

Turkey bt Malta 7-0; bt Guernsey 7-0; bt Jersey 6-1; bt Wales 6-1, bt Norway 5-2.
 Norway bt Jersey 7-0; bt Wales 4-3; bt Malta 7-0; bt Guernsey 7-0.
 Wales bt Malta 7-0; bt Jersey 7-0; bt Guernsey 7-0.
 Guernsey bt Malta 6-1; bt Jersey 4-3.
 Jersey bt Malta 6-1.

Welsh Results

v Malta (won 7-0)
 Evans bt A. Anastasi 8, 11;
 R. B.shop bt M. Cini 13, 6;
 Coulthard bt M. Pullicino 19, 16;
 Bishop/Evans bt Anastasi/Cini 11, 12;
 Evans/Coulthard bt Anastasi/Pullicino 17, -16, 10;
 Bishop bt Anastasi 11, 15;
 Evans bt Cini 10, 12.

v Norway (lost 3-4)

Davies lost to H. Meland -19, -16;
 Evans lost to P. Guttormsen -10, -13;
 Coulthard lost to G. Hundveen -12, -19;
 Davies/Evans bt Guttormsen/J. Grahlmadsen -17, 19, 21;
 Evans/Coulthard lost to Guttormsen/Hundveen -25, -13;
 Evans bt Meland 12, 18;
 Davies bt Guttormsen -20, 13, 10.

v Jersey (won 7-0)

Evans bt F. Bourgeard 14, 14;
 Bishop bt M. Sunier 16, 6;
 Coulthard bt C. Abraham 19, 19;
 Bishop/Evans bt Bourgeard/Sunier 16, -17, 17;
 Evans/Coulthard bt Bourgeard/Abraham 6, 16;
 Bishop bt Bourgeard 15, -19, 19;
 Evans bt Sunier 6, 5.

v Guernsey (won 7-0)

Bishop bt M. Pipet 10, 16;
 Evans bt D. Rihoy 12, 6;
 Wheatley bt K. Herquin -17, 17, 18;
 Bishop/Evans bt M. James/Pipet 13, 14;
 Bishop/Coulthard bt Rihoy/A. Lesbirel 10, 11;
 Evans bt Pipet 11, 9;
 Bishop bt Rihoy 14, 7.

v Turkey (lost 1-6)

G. Davies bt O. Cimen 13, 10;
 G. Evans lost to V. Aleksandridis -17, 16, -16;
 K. Wheatley lost to K. Poyrazoglu -16, -7;
 Davies/Evans lost to Aleksandridis/Cimen -13, 14, -17;
 Davies/D. Coulthard lost to Cimen/Poyrazoglu -10, 11, -18;
 Davies lost to Aleksandridis 19, -13, -15;
 Evans lost to Cimen -16, -14.

In the Channel Isles battle (without the flowers) Guernsey beat their local rivals Jersey 4-3. Scores after a Guernsey 3-0 lead had been equated were:-

M. Pipet bt M. Sunier 15, 14;
 M. James bt F. Bourgeard -18, 17, 18;
 K. Herquin bt P. Soper -13, 21, 20;
 Pipet/D. Rihoy lost to Bourgeard/Sunier -13, 18, -21;
 James/Herquin lost to Bourgeard/Soper 17, -17, -13;
 Pipet lost to Bourgeard -11, -13;
 James bt Sunier 12, 10.

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Turkey	5	5	0	31	4	5
Norway	5	4	1	27	8	4
Wales	5	3	2	25	10	3
Guernsey	5	2	3	10	25	2
Jersey	5	1	4	10	25	1
Malta	5	0	5	2	23	0

EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

In the semi-final of the Europe Club Cup of Champions (men's section) the holders, Sparta Praha of Czechoslovakia, defeated Federal Germany's SSV Reutlingen 5-1 as a follow-up to beating Holland's Tempo Team in the quarters when Bert van der Helm and Rene Hijne got the better of Pavel Ovcarik.

Ovcarik was also a loser against SSV Reutlingen when beaten by Peter Stallweg. The scores in Prague were:-

J. Kunz bt H. Schluter 12, 12;
 P. Ovcarik lost to P. Stellweg -18, 11, -17;

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M. Orłowski bt P. Engel 20, 14;
Kunz bt Stellwag 5, 20;
Orłowski bt Schluter 19, -19, 12;
Ovcarik bt Engel -14, 15, 21.

Bp Spartacus of Hungary triumphed 5-1 over Havirov TTC of Czechoslovakia in the other semi-final. The final is due to be played on Feb. 18/78.

NATIONAL DEUTSCHE MEISTERSCHAFTEN '78

In the Federal German national championships, played in Lubeck, Engelbert Hugging of the TTC Simex Julich club won the men's singles title with a final victory over Klaus Schmittinger of Eintracht Frankfurt.

Weibke Hendriksen (TTVg WRW Kleve) came back into her own by taking the women's singles title beating Ursula Hirschmuller (DSC Kaiserberg) in the final. Jochen Leiss and Peter Engel were the winners of the men's doubles, the counterpart women's event being won by Weibke Hendriksen and Monica Kneip-Stumpe. Wilfried Lieck and Miss Hendriksen (triple champion) fought off the challenge of Leiss and Kneip-Stumpe in the final of the mixed.

Results:-

M.S. Quarter-finals:

Stellwag bt Wosik -15, 19, 21, -21, 18;
Schmittinger bt Leiss 18, 18, 17;
Fritz bt Nolten 21, -14, 6, -17, 16;
Hugging bt Lieck -14, 16, 18, -19, 12.

Semi-finals:

Schmittinger bt Stellwag -16, 20, 18, -17, 16;
Hugging bt Fritz 12, 15, 17.

Final:

HUGING bt Schmittinger 16, 15, 12.

W.S. Quarter-finals:

Hirschmuller bt Kruger 17, 13, 13;
Simon bt Trupkovic 8, 10, 13;
Wetzel bt Kneip-Stumpe -14, 18, 17, 17;
Hendriksen bt Boening 15, 12, 12.

Semi-finals:

Hirschmuller bt Simon 16, 10, -18, 19;
Hendriksen bt Wetzel 12, -22, -20, 16, 14.

Final:

HENDRIKSEN bt Hirschmuller 19, 10, -18, 17.

M.D.: Final:

Leiss/Engel bt Nolten/Wosik 18, -18, 10, 10.

W.D. Final:

Hendriksen/Kneip-Stumpe bt Simon/Stork 12, 14, -20, 15.

X.D. Final:

Lieck/Hendriksen bt Leiss/Kneip-Stumpe 13, 9, -16, 18.

FRENCH AFFAIR (Jean Devys)

In a classification tournament played in Chateaux (Jan. 21/22) Jacques Secretin and Claude Bergeret carried all before them to come out tops.

Results:-

Men

Pool A

Patrick Birocheau 7-0, Jean-Luc Roques 6-1,
Rene Hatem 5-2, Thierry Roesch 3-4,
Rgis Canor 3-4, Patrick Renverse 2-5,
Vincent Purkart 2-5, Jean-Claude Paty 0-7.

Pool B

Jacques Secretin 7-0, Christian Martin 6-1,
Frank Vinitzki 5-2, Jean-Denis Constant 3-4,
Bruno Parietti 3-4, Jean-Claude Decret 2-7,
Philippe Molodzoff 2-7, Philippe Girard 0-7.

Semi-finals:

Birocheau bt Martin 15, 14, 15;
Secretin bt Roques 14, 14, 23.

Final:

SECRETIN bt Birocheau 13, 14, 21.

Women

Pool A

Claude Bergeret 7-0, Nadine Daviaud 6-1,
Michele Gourmelon 5-2, Corinne Germain 4-3,
Nicole Pilliere 3-4, Pascale Donne 2-5,
Beatrice Abgrall 1-6, Meriah-Th. Hauteville 0-7.

Pool B

Brigitte Thiriet 7-0, Yveline Lecler 5-2,
Sophie Plombin 4-3, Annie Landeau 4-3,
Sophie Javerlhac 3-4, Michele Leroy 2-5,
Martine Epailly 2-5, Patricia Germain 1-6.

Semi-finals:

Bergeret bt Lecler 16, 18, 10;
Thiriet bt Daviaud 10, 23, -19, 15.

Final:

BERGERET bt Thiriet 9, 15, 16.

ESSEX NOTES

by GEOFF NEWMAN

RAMPANT TYKES

Our Senior and Junior Premier teams made the long trip to Yorkshire last month and both were well and truly crushed by the rampant Tykes. The senior side could score only one win, Bob Potton stopping the 'whitewash' with a victory over Tony Clayton. This apart the only other crumb of comfort was a fighting display by Lesley Radford against Melody Ludi, Lesley just going down -19 in the third.

The match itself was well staged and played before a large partisan crowd. Our seniors will have to improve on this performance in the remaining matches or relegation worries could be with us again. As in the senior match our Junior Premier side just couldn't match Yorkshire on their own turf and once again we managed just one solitary success, Kenny Jackson scoring over Joe Naser.

For the rest it was mainly one-way traffic with Essex on the receiving end. Jackson's return clash with Kevin Beadsley was perhaps the pick of the sets but the Yorkshire boy always had matters well in hand.

The senior second team entertained Cambs. and in an entertaining match were deserved 6-4 winners. Highlight of the evening was the Paul Day — Stuart Gibbs clash. Stuart, who always brings his own brand of magic to county matches, really ought to have defeated the England No. 2 leading 20-17 in the third. But to the Cambridgeshire boy's credit he wouldn't give in and just pipped our Stuart 22-20 at the post.

Les Eadie and Leon Smith both gave very competent displays and notched a singles win apiece. Our girls, Shelagh Hession and Linda Barrow, were our strength being far superior to their Cambs. counterparts. The senior third team at last got off the ground and Bucks. II were repulsed 9-1.

Our only setback was a narrow defeat for Andy Bawden making a welcome return to the county scene after a bad back injury. Peter Hunt, Jeff Drew, Jane Livesey and Gill Locke all kept a clean sheet. Against Surrey II our junior second team gained a good 7-3 win with Tony Penny and Skylet Andrew both coming through unscathed in



Les Eadie (Essex Senior II) on form against Cambridgeshire.

their singles but surprisingly dropping their doubles.

Second team debutant Terry Dowsett had one excellent win and only went down by the narrowest of margins in his other set. Our girls' pairing of Kay Telyer and Kim Mudge succumbed in the doubles but both won their singles. The veterans' first team had little trouble with Hants. II winning by the maximum result.

The next big event in our calendar will be our Closed Championships which are being held on Mar. 4 (Juniors) and Mar. 5 (Seniors). These championships are being held at St. Chad's School, Tilbury and with generous support from Barclays Bank all looks set for a fine tournament. Organiser Vic Russell and his band of helpers are hoping for a record entry and there seems little doubt that all nine Halex tables will be put to good use from 9 a.m. Saturday morning until the finale on the Sunday evening.

Ron Gore and his followers always aiming to bolster the talents of the young Essex players are having a lot of success with their Tuesday evening Youth Squad sessions at Wickford, and have already followed this up with another junior squad session on Fridays. In order to keep these efforts on the boil an Essex C.T.T.A. Development Fund 100 Club has been formed and anyone who wishes to support this very worthwhile venture should contact Ron Gore at 2 Vista Road, Wickford, Essex. You never know you might be a lucky winner.

Finally belated congratulations to Kenny Jackson on an excellent performance in the Wayfarers English Junior Closed at Loughborough. Kenny annexed the mixed doubles title with Karen Witt (Berks.) and was runner-up in the boys' singles and boys' doubles when partnered by Tony O'Connor of Lancashire.



SUSSEX TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION Diane Gard from Eastbourne was married at Eastbourne Town Hall on December 16th to Mr. Peter Griggs. Mrs. Griggs is the leading Sussex player for several years although currently ranked No. 2. She is also the spearhead of Eastbourne's Rose Bowl with Julie Reading and Linda Budd.

HARD TO SWALLOW

14-year-old Heather Murphy, when larking about at a community centre near her home in Galashiels, Nr. Edinburgh, swallowed a table tennis ball and had to go to hospital to have it removed. She said "I'll certainly be more careful in future. But I won't stop playing table tennis".

REVISED RANKINGS

On January 31/78 the National Selection Committee issued revised ranking lists for senior, junior and cadet (under-14) players. In the men's list, there are some significant changes, with Maxwell Crimmins of Surrey reaping the benefit of some good wins in English tournaments by rising to No. 3. In the reverse direction, the poor form shown by Denis Neale has resulted in him dropping down to No. 9, his lowest ranking for many years.

Jill Hammersley's magnificent win in the European Top 12 event tipped the scales in her favour over Carole Knight to retain the No. 1 position for the difference in performance within England of these two is small, although latterly Carole has assumed the ascendancy.

The junior list is the first to be issued since September of last year when only the results of the summer Assessment Camps were known and the finalists at the Wayfarer English Junior Closed Championships firmly establish themselves at the top whilst David Barr of Berkshire has been unable to maintain his early season form.

The first cadet list of the season was not easy to compile because of the scarcity of events in this age group at the tournaments held to date. John Souter of Middlesex was a unanimous choice for No. 1 boy cadet, but the margin between Gillian Galloway (Lincs) and Helen Williams (Middx) was almost negligible.

The selectors will no doubt be watching with interest the results of two tournaments this month; the Reading Junior 'Select' on Feb. 11/12 for juniors and cadets, and the Norwich Union English Championships at Woking from Feb. 16/18.

New rankings (previous positions in brackets):-

Men

1. Desmond Douglas (Warwicks) (1)
2. Paul Day (Cambs) (2)
3. Max Crimmins (Surrey) (8)
4. John Hilton (Lancs) (6)
5. Donald Parker (Lancs) (12)
6. Jimmy Walker (Cleveland) (4)
7. Nicky Jarvis (Cleveland) (5)
8. Nigel Eckersley (Cheshire) (9)

9. Denis Neale (Cleveland) (3)
10. Douglas Johnson (Warwicks) (16)
11. Robert Potton (Essex) (10)
12. Andrew Barden (Middx) (7)
13. John Dabin (Kent) (13)
14. Mark Mitchell (Middx) (18)
15. Peter McQueen (Cleveland) (—)
16. Chris Rogers (Leics) (—)
17. David Tan (Middx) (14)
18. Ian Horshaw (Essex) (11)
19. Chris Sewell (Avon) (15)
20. Martin Shuttle (Surrey) (17)

David Constance of Cheshire, previously at No. 19, and Robert Wiley (Cleveland) (20) are the two players omitted from the previous list.

Women

1. Jill Hammersley (Bucks) (1)
2. Carole Knight (Cleveland) (2)
3. Linda Howard (Surrey) (3)
4. Karen Witt (Berks) (6)
5. Anita Stevenson (Leics) (8)
6. Melody Ludi (Yorks) (7)
7. Karen Rogers (Leics) (4)
8. Susan Lisle (Cheshire) (4)
9. Angela Mitchell (Middx) (9)
10. Angela Tierney (Cleveland) (10)
11. Lesley Radford (Essex) (11)
12. Shelagh Hession (Essex) (12)
13. Suzanne Hunt (Lincs) (13)
14. Mandy Smith (Berks) (14)
15. Alison Gordon (Berks) (15)
16. June Williams (Cleveland) (16)

Boys

1. Kevin Beadsley (Yorks) (1A)
2. Kenneth Jackson (Essex) (2)
3. Graham Sandley (Middx) (2)
4. Malcolm Green (Salop) (3A)
5. David Barr (Berks) (1)
6. Bryn Tyler (Middx) (12)
7. Anthony O'Connor (Lancs) (4)
8. John Souter (Middx) (5)
9. Joseph Naser (Yorks) (6)
10. Stuart Kimm (Essex) (8)
11. Graham Gillett (Sussex) (10)
12. Paul Whiting (Devon) (16)
13. Anthony Bottomley (Yorks) (—)
14. Colin Wilson (Middx) (6A)
15. Mark Owen (Hereford) (7)
16. Desmond Charlery (Essex) (9)

Group A (alphabetical order)

- Andrew Bellingham (Staffs)
- Diccon Gray (Cumbria)
- Sam Harmer (Bucks)
- Adrian Hill (Yorks)
- Stephen Holloway (Surrey)
- David Hughes (Cleveland)
- Robert Johnson (Berks)
- Michael Laird (Cleveland)
- Mark Murphy (Cleveland)
- Mark Oakley (Surrey)
- Anthony Penny (Essex)
- Ian Plummer (Cleveland)
- Kevin Satchell (Wilts)
- Michael Shearman (Devon)
- John Weatherby (Cheshire)
- Eddie Wilkes (Staffs)
- Stephen Yallop (Derbys)

Girls

1. Karen Witt (Berks)
2. Angela Tierney (Cleveland) (4)
3. Alison Gordon (Berks) (2)
4. Mandy Smith (Berks) (3)
5. Sally Midgley (Yorks) (9)
6. Linda Hryszko (Yorks) (5)
7. Jill Purslow (Berks) (6)
8. Helen Robinson (Cleveland) (13)
9. Mandy Reeves (Middx) (7A)
10. Linda Holmes (Derbys) (4A)
11. Helen Williams (Middx) (8)
12. Mandy Wallis (Northants) (—)
13. Rachel McKriell (Warwicks) (14)
14. Gina Pritchard (Devon) (7)
15. Gillian Galloway (Lincs) (10)
16. Julie Dowsett (Essex) (—)

Group A (alphabetical order)

- Elaine Bolton (Kent)
- Yvette Brown (Essex)
- Shirley Cain (Staffs)
- Carol Colegate (Kent)
- Sarah Cresswell (Surrey)
- Lynne Fennah (Cheshire)
- Lorraine Garbet (Surrey)
- Sarah Gilson (Dorset)
- Nicola Hayward (Surrey)
- Claire Maisey (Wilts)
- Lesley Taylor (Berks)

Cadet Boys

1. John Souter (Middx)
2. Paul Rainford (Lancs)
3. Mark Oakley (Surrey)
4. Stephen Palmer (Suffolk)
5. David Pilling (Middx)
6. Andrew Dixon (Staffs)
7. Roger Palfreeman (Yorks)
8. Adrian Moore (Sussex)
9. Philip Bradbury (Bucks)
10. Graham Russell (Surrey)
11. Jeremy Duffield (Hereford)
12. Ian Attridge (Essex)

Cadet Girls

1. Gillian Galloway (Lincs)
2. Helen Williams (Middx)
3. Gina Pritchard (Devon)
4. Lynne Fennah (Cheshire)
5. Sarah Cresswell (Surrey)
6. Lorraine Garbet (Surrey)
7. Cheryl Creasey (Dorset)
8. Carol Butler (Devon)
9. Pauline Townsend (Wilts)
10. Jackie Bellinger (Beds)
11. Lisa Bellinger (Beds)
12. Debbie Taylor (Essex)

STIGA WELSH OPEN

England's **Desmond Douglas** won fame absolute when, in Cardiff on Feb. 4, he triumphed -19, 20, 10 and 16 over Yang Chuan-ning of China to win the men's singles title after accounting for Wang Chien-chiang of China -11, 17, 11, 12 in the semis.

A second title was added when, **Douglas** with **Linda Howard**, the mixed doubles title was also taken -15, 19, -9, 17 and 19 over world-ranked Liang Ke-liang and Chang Li of China.

Chang Li was the winner of the women's singles beating her compatriot Li Ming; the men's doubles went to **Liang Ke-liang** and **Wang Chien-chiang** and the women's doubles to **Yen Kua-li** and **Li Ming**. **China** took the men's team event title and **Korea DPR** the women's event without Pak Yung Sun who was present but suffering from 'flu. A full report and results will appear in the March issue.

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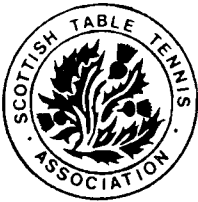
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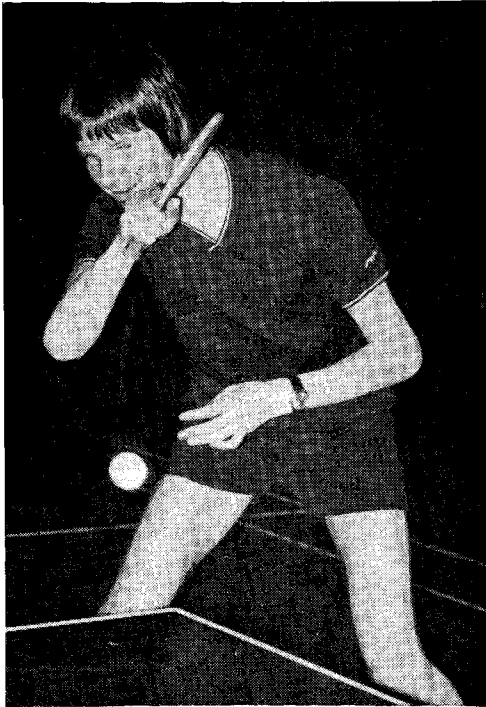


by DENIS GEORGE

INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITION 1978

After the celebrations of Christmas and Hogmanay Scottish players got down to serious table tennis with this season's INTER-LEAGUE Competition at the Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh, on Jan. 15.

Men: For the first time the Mens' event was played in two divisions, the split being in accordance with the final placings in the 1977 competition. In Division I the top three teams all suffered one defeat; EDINBURGH to ABERDEEN 3-5, LANARK to EDINBURGH 1-5 and ABERDEEN to LANARK 4-5, whilst the holders WEST OF SCOTLAND lost to LANARK 2-5, EDINBURGH 1-5 and ABERDEEN 4-5. EDINBURGH (P. Loi, A. Majid, K. Rodger and R. Kerr) took the title on games average. Best player was John Moir (Aberdeen) who won 9 out of 11 games.



JOHN MOIR (Aberdeen)

Photo by L. Hamilton

Division II was won by the newly affiliated FIFE League by games average from RENFREWSHIRE, who affiliated last year.

DIVISION I

	P	W	L	F	A	P
EDINBURGH	4	3	1	18	-	8
ABERDEEN	4	3	1	19	-	13
LANARKSHIRE	4	3	1	16	-	12
WEST OF SCOTLAND	4	1	3	12	-	16
DUNDEE	4	0	4	4	-	20

DIVISION II

	P	W	L	F	A	P
FIFE	4	3	1	18	-	12
RENFREWSHIRE	4	3	1	17	-	12
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE	4	2	2	18	-	12
AYRSHIRE	4	2	2	14	-	16
PERTHSHIRE	4	0	4	5	-	20

Women: With top ladies Grace McKay (Edinburgh) indisposed and Patrice Fleming (West of Scotland) and Carole Dalrymple (Stirling) on the

way back from Brighton, the group was won by DUNDEE for whom Mabel Neish was undefeated. **Final placings:** 1. DUNDEE, 2. EDINBURGH, 3. WEST OF SCOTLAND, 4. STIRLING.

Juniors: The three groups were won by WEST OF SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH and STIRLING. EDINBURGH beat STIRLING 5-2 in the sole semi-final but lost 1-5 to WEST OF SCOTLAND in the Final; David McIlroy was unbeaten throughout for the WEST.

Cadets: This was a new event, introduced to foster the interest of the large number of Cadet players regularly entering our Open Tournaments. The two groups were won by WEST OF SCOTLAND and LANARKSHIRE. In the cross-over semi-finals WEST OF SCOTLAND beat WEST DUNBARTON 3-1 and EDINBURGH beat LANARKSHIRE 3-0. WEST OF SCOTLAND went on to win the FINAL against EDINBURGH 3-0.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE Division 2

After our 'Fiasco in Finland' before Christmas, when flight delays en route to Helsinki separated our team from their kit for 24 hours, necessitated the re-scheduling of the match, a change of venue and minimal pre-match practice — the result a 2-5 defeat, we went into the match with SPAIN determined to restore our confidence. The match was played at the new Lasswade High Centre, near Edinburgh, on Jan. 21 under the auspices of the Midlothian District Council. Richard Yule, in spite of rising from a sick bed only an hour before going to the table, got us off to a good start defeating Jose Lupton 2-0. John McNee then faced 14-year-old European Cadet Finalist — Jose-Maria Pales and was soon 0-7 down, however he got back into the game to level at 13-all before losing 20-22. From 11-all in the second, John suddenly 'put it all together' to race away, winning 21-12, followed by 21-9 in the third as the youngster lost his 'form'. Grace McKay followed with a competent 2-0 defeat of Pilar Lupton to put Scotland 3-0 up. When Yule and McNee led 15-6 in the second game of the Men's Doubles, having won the first at 19, it looked as if we were set for a winning 4-0 lead. But a momentary relaxation allowed Lupon and Pales to seize the initiative which try as they might the Scots could not regain; the Spaniards, incredibly, won 21-18 and the third 21-16. The Mixed Doubles were also lost 0-2 and it was left to Yule to defeat Pales, followed by John McNee taking the final set for good measure to give Scotland victory 5-2. We now look forward to ITALY in Milan on Feb. 11.

Results:-

R. Yule bt J. Lupon 15, 13;
J. McNee bt J. M. Pales -20, 12, 9;
G. McKay bt P. Lupon 14, 15;
Yule/McNee lost to Lupon/Pales 19, -18, -16,
McNee/Fleming lost to Lupon/Lupon -27, -12;
R. Yule bt J. M. Pales 20, 9;
J. McNee bt J. Lupon 19, 14.
SCOTLAND 5 SPAIN 2.

MEADOWBANK OPEN:

Sunday, 22 January, 1978

The Spanish team stopped over to participate in this major tournament of the Scottish T.T. Calendar, but the indisposed Yule had to withdraw. Eric Sutherland defeated Lupon 2-1 in the 1/4-finals but lost to Salvador Moles 0-2 in the semi-finals. McNee was in sparkling form, he won a fast hard-hitting game against Pales in the semi-finals and went on to beat Salvador Moles 2-0 in the final.

In the Womens' Singles Grace McKay surprisingly lost 1-2 to Mabel Neish who went on to beat Spanish No. 2 Pilar Gargallo in the semi-finals, however Pilar Lupon took the title with wins over Carole Dalrymple 2-1, Patrice Fleming 2-0 and Mabel Neish 2-0 in the final.

McNee and Sutherland took the Men's Doubles after Pales and Lupon had gone out to Charlie Brown and Ian Hay (Glasgow) in Round 2.

Young Jose-Maria Pales had a busy day winning both the OPEN CADET and JUNIOR BOYS' titles.

Results:-

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-finals:
S. Moles bt E. Sutherland 16, 19;
J. McNee bt J. M. Pales 18, 18.

Final:

McNee bt Moles 18, 10.

WOMENS SINGLES

Semi-finals:

M. Neish bt P. Gargallo 13, 15;
P. Lupon bt P. Fleming 20, 17.

Final:

Lupon bt Neish 15, 10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Final:

McNee/Sutherland bt R. Kerr/R. Bhalla 15, 16.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final:

Moles/Fleming bt J. Lupon/P. Lupon -13, 17, 15.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Final:

C. Dalrymple/S. Jenkins (Durham) bt P. Kerr/Neish 20, 16.

JUNIOR BOYS' SINGLES

Final:

Pales bt D. McIlroy 20, -8, 18.

JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES

Final:

Dalrymple bt E. Robb 10, 9.

OPEN CADET SINGLES

Final:

Pales bt D. Campbell 13, 11.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - DUISBURG

The Scottish team will be:-

R. Yule, E. Sutherland, J. McNee, J. Moir, G. McKay, P. Fleming and C. Dalrymple.

PING COMMENTARY

by JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent
"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"

ALTHOUGH I say it myself and Alan Ransome would never agree, the Brighton Dome is the best venue available in this country for the staged sections of the Norwich Union International Championships.

True, when the crowds increase on the first two days at Brighton there is congestion in parts of the Corn Exchange, but the combination of the two halls and the plusher atmosphere of the Dome adds much to the tournament and is much better than any sports centre I have seen round the country.

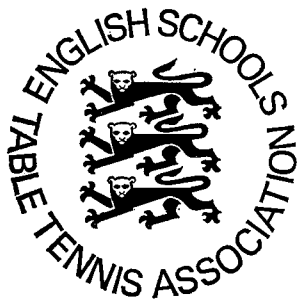
Thornaby is certainly a fine venue and there are another half dozen from Bolton to Gloucester that are very acceptable, but when it comes to the staged matches and the finals, the snug seating and the carpeting in the Dome combine to make a setting that no stadium can match.

It was of course, unfortunate that we were unable to attract a team from Sweden and that several other prominent European associations did not send their star players like Surbek, Strokotov and Secretin. But at least, it was fortunate that the Chinese and Japanese teams were there.

Another slice of good fortune was the superb men's singles final between Le Chen-shih and the brilliant schoolboy Teng Yi. I am told from many quarters that those watching on television were thrilled almost to the extent of the great clash between Strokotov and Secretin not long ago.

At least until after the semi-finals, the England fans had quite a lot to cheer about. It was noticeable that the more the England players played the Asians the more confident they became. England champion Carole Knight was happy with her play at Brighton and even happier when she collected the well-deserved £200 for the best show by an England player, although Desmond Douglas cannot have been far behind at the final reckoning.

At the last European championships in Prague two years ago, England women did well, taking the women's singles (Jill Hammersley) and the women's doubles (Jill and Linda Howard). In Duisburg next month the girls will be defending their European titles and in addition there can be no doubt that Desmond Douglas and Carole Knight have improved immensely to a point where they both stand very good chances in the singles championships.



by DAVID LOMAS

If £1,000 can be conjured up from somewhere then there is every possibility that the E.S.T.T.A. will be able to send a party of nine players and three officials to the World School Games in Ankara, Turkey, on July 18-24 of this year.

The three main sports in the "Gymnasiade" will be Athletics, Gymnastics and Swimming but for the first time table tennis will be included. It is not known whether table tennis will be included in future years but this is an opportunity not to be missed. A definite decision has to be given to the National Council for Schools Sports (which is making arrangements) by early March but as I say there is the problem of finance and that is an ever-present obstacle to development.

Even should it not prove possible to go to Turkey there is plenty for the leading players to look forward to for the Executive Council at their January meeting gave their approval for the Stiga Schools' International Championships (which take place at Bradford on July 15/16, 1978) to involve up to six teams.

Wales and Ireland will definitely be sending teams, Scotland have expressed an interest in re-joining the fold and there are strong hopes of Continental opposition which should really give the English players something to think about for it has been obvious to all that in past encounters very few of the English players were extended. But this year a new dimension could be added. Need-

less to say the selectors will be talent spotting at the National School Team Championship Finals at Lea Green, Derbyshire on Saturday, March 11th and the Stiga English Schools Individual Championships at Luton on April 29th.

And talking of the Team Championships it is pleasing to be able to report another record entry but disappointing that "blackspots" remain in Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, East Sussex, Gloucestershire and the Isle of Wight, all of which were not represented in this year's competition.

The Area Finals took place at twelve venues throughout the country on Jan. 21/22 and by the time these notes appear in print the Regional Finals should have taken place at Leeds, Swindon and Orpington (Feb. 19). I leave forecasts to the F.A. Cup pundits but past champions Millom School (Cumbria) and Highfields School, Wolverhampton (West Midlands) will take some stopping — and the Finals wouldn't be the same without a representative from the London Borough of Newham!

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NORTHANTS NOTES

by DENNIS MILLMAN

FIRST SUCCESS

Having taken up more than my fair share of the January issue, it is perhaps poetic justice that finds me short of material for this month's article. However, no local tournaments, no information from member leagues, and no committee meetings, neither enthusiastic nor controversial, at least give the opportunity to enthuse over the County's first success at senior level, albeit a win for the Seconds, conversely rejuvenated by the return of John Palmer, who once under way, made short work of the Bedfordshire No. 1, not only taking the deciding game 21-4, but so demoralising the opposition, that a close contest eventually became a clear-cut and satisfying win, particularly for the Trustee Savings Bank, who are sponsoring the County sides throughout the season.

Valerie Feakin has again been the mainstay this season, and on this occasion she kept her unbeaten record, by taking both singles and doubles in fine style, thus encouraging her partner Margaret Maltby, to her first singles win at County level.

Phil Snelling and Keith Nicoll won the Men's Doubles, and then a singles each, but both fell to young Barby, a promising Bedfordshire junior. Palmer ended the match as he had begun it, to give Northants a splendid 8-2 success.

Another awaited return to action, saw Gary Alden in full flow at Derby, when after an early defeat, he gave a magnificent display of power hitting to overcome the powerful Derbyshire No. 1, David Yallop. Ann Wilson followed this by using some excellent tactical play to outwit a defensive opponent, in Ann's best display since joining the County, but with these successes coming after six consecutive Derbyshire wins, only Steve Lyon, with another first class performance, was able to improve on, but not completely repair, a lost cause.

On the league scene the brightest news comes from Kettering, whose Ladies have reached the fourth round of the National Rose Bowl for the first time, and who represented by Wellingborough Town, have also made progress in the National Club competition, most recently at the expense of Grantham.

The player most responsible for these excellent results has been Mandy Willis, for so long under the shadow of her elder sister Anne. Playing against a Birmingham squad that included the Warwickshire Nos. 2, 3 and 7, she took all her singles in straight games, while with sister Anne and Glennis Hooper each winning once, the match was won.

Against Grantham in the Club event, Mandy won twice but was unable to get the better of the England No. 13 Suzanne Hunt, but with Anne and Christine Price gaining three wins between them, the ninth game became unnecessary.

The same week Mandy retained her Under-17 Junior title in the South East Midlands League Junior Tournament, when with an immaculate straight games performance she completed a hat-trick of successes in this event. It became a doubly successful outing when she teamed up with the in-form Keith Nicoll to take the Mixed Doubles.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ATTENTION DIVERTED

I might have guessed that Barry Meisel, prevented by the demise of the Kent Magazine from continuing to insult Kenny Baker in its columns, might turn his attention to me. Well at least it's a change from John Woodford!

What Barry says about public appeal is quite interesting, because I was at Batley (in Yorkshire) with Essex on Jan. 21, and there was a crowd of 200/300 there, despite "Starsky and Hutch" and any other counter-attractions. So you will have to explain that one away, Barry, if you are wishing to persuade people to believe (as J. W. does) that the County Championships are dying.

Sponsorship, publicity, gimmicks, players wearing attractive clothing — marvellous! I could not agree more; let us have all of this plus television coverage of the matches. Barry, John and I think alike on this. Where we differ is that John appears to think that by shuffling around the Premier Division players and calling them Orpington Dynamos (instead of "Kent") or Harlow Hooligans (instead of "Essex") we will bring in the crowds. Why? On the other hand Barry seems to think that matters will be improved, and we will leap forward 20 years, by getting hold of NEW PLAYERS. Perhaps he will tell us all where he is going to get these from, particularly the "extreme characters". The only players I know who justify this description already play in the County Championships.

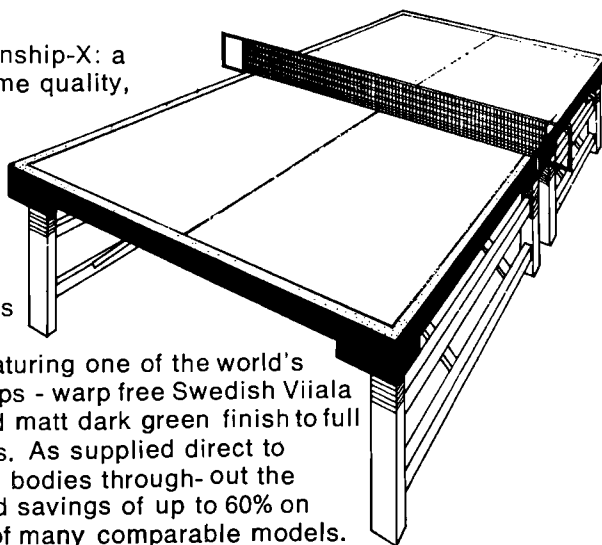
Once Barry hands his £10,000 over to Tom Blunn I feel sure that all sorts of ways can be found of revitalising the present set up to the ultimate wellbeing of the game.

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SPENSPORT

Cleveland Festival

by ALAN RANSOME

"The best one so far!" That was the comment of County Events and Promotions Officer, Bill Sykes after the success of the Cleveland Festival of Table Tennis from January 6-8.

The event began at Eston Leisure Centre, which is probably the best venue in England for a single match, with an International between England and China. Despite the withdrawal of Desmond Douglas, almost one thousand spectators came to see a first class display by the Chinese team, with only Nicky Jarvis in the Men's match and Jill Hammersley in the Womens providing any real opposition. In the end China won both matches 7-2.

Although the match itself went down very well, it does leave a serious question mark over the non-appearance of Desmond Douglas. Douglas decided that his German Club commitment a day later took priority over representing England against the current World Champions and the E.T.T.A. themselves seemed totally powerless to do anything about it. From approaches that have already been made this year it seems that more of our leading players will be playing in Germany next season, so that case in fact could well become more acute in the very near future.

Saturday at the Cleveland Open, played at Thornaby Pavilion, was mainly taken up with the Mileta Butterfly International Team Championships and here the Chinese dominated once more. They won the Men's event beating the England 1st team of Paul Day and Jarvis 3-0 in the final, with Li Chen-shih looking totally unstoppable. The best performance from an England viewpoint came in the semi-final when Jarvis and Day defeated the Chinese 2nd team 3-2 with each player winning a singles and combining to take the doubles.

The Women's team final proved to be an all-China affair with their 1st team beating the 2nd 3-1. England 1st team defeated the Japanese 2nd 3-1 in the quarter-finals and were then beaten 3-0 by China 1st in the semi, with the only possibility of an England success being Carole Knight's 17 in the 3rd defeat by Wei Li-chieh.

Also played on Saturday were the Intermediate Singles, the boys' being won by Chris Rogers who beat David Newman in the final, and the girls' by Melody Ludi defeating Karen Witt. Day, the top seed in the boy's event, was scratched from the event by Team Captain, Peter Simpson, whilst Andy Barden withdrew as a result of this withdrawal.

Another popular event was the Class 2 Singles and this was won by Essex Junior, Kenny Jackson who beat Derbyshire's David Yallop in the final.

Sunday morning saw the commencement of the main four events. In the Men's Singles the Japanese joined their oriental colleagues in the domination of the event with seven of the quarter-finalists being from the East. Early surprises saw Jimmy Walker and Jimmy Langan out to Peter McQueen; Mark Mitchell beat Jarvis; and Denis Neale went down to Suffolk's John Kitchener who was the other player in the quarters. In the quarters all three Japanese went out at the hands of the Chinese as did Kitchener to Chen Hsin-hua. In the semis Li Chen-shih beat Teng Yi comfortably whilst Wang Hui-yuan, after losing the first, was the convincing victor again Chen.

From an English viewpoint, the Women's Singles provided only one encouraging result, a victory for Karen Witt in the quarter-finals over Ho Tse-ping who had beaten Jill Hammersley a round earlier. Both Carole Knight and Linda Howard made second round exits to Japanese players although both sets were won by the narrowest of margins in the decider. Again two Chinese played out the final with Chu Hsiang-yun beating Wei Li-chieh in straight games.

The only English title game in the Women's Doubles was when Jill Hammersley and Linda Howard beat Chu and Wei in two deuces but one got the impression that even this victory was as much by Chinese design as English. The Men's Doubles saw the Datsun pair of Yamayoshi and Nagase reach the final only to be defeated narrowly by Li and Wang in the decider.

All in all the Festival was a great success and this was acknowledged by the Chairman of Cleveland County Council, Councillor A. Scott Cunningham who presented the awards at the finals and plaques to the international teams at the reception which followed.

The players from the seven nations that competed in the Championships had a thoroughly enjoyable tournament. The only possible exception being some of the leading English players who felt that the highest prize money tournament in the country had been whisked away from them by the experts from the Orient by whom they had been completely outclassed.

Cleveland 3-Star Open Results:-

Men's Singles Round 4:

Li Chen-shih (CHN) bt A. Griffiths (WAL) 12, 11;
J. Nagase (JAP) bt P. McQueen (Cv) 16, 13;
Teng Yi (CHN) bt J. Hilton (ENG) 13, 13;
T. Hasegawa (JAP) bt P. Day (ENG) 19, 19;
Wang Hui-yuan (CHN) bt K. Koyama (JAP) 14, -14, 16;
K. Nakamura (JAP) bt M. Mitchell (Mi) 16, 12;
Chen Hsin-hua (CHN) bt A. Barden (Mi) 16, 15;
J. Kitchener (Sk) bt D. Neale (Cv) -12, 14, 17.

Quarter-finals:

Li Chen-shih bt Nagase 19, 16;
Teng Yi bt Hasegawa 16, 23;
Wang Hui-yuan bt Nakamura 14, 16;
Chen Hsin-hua bt Kitchener 15, 15.

Semi-finals:

Li Chen-shih bt Teng Yi 8, 12;
Wang Hui-yuan bt Chen Hsin-hua -13, 13, 8.

Final:

LI CHEN-SHIH bt Wang Hui-yuan 16, 16.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

Chu Hsiang-yun (CHN) bt T. Takahashi (JAP) 17, 10;
Yu Chin-chia (CHN) bt J. Hoshino (JAP) 19, 12;
Wei Li-chieh (CHN) bt M. Domonkos (CAN) 15, 13;
K. Witt (Bk) bt Ho Tse-ping (CHN) -17, 16, 18.

Semi-finals:

Chu Hsiang-yun bt Yu Chin-chia 14, 21;
Wei Li-chieh bt Witt 14, 9.

Final:

CHU HSIANG-YUN bt Wei Li-chieh 20, 15.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:

Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt Kitchener/D. Tan (Mi) 10, 14;
Hasegawa/Koyama bt Barden/J. Walker (GFR) 16, 15;
Day/N. Jarvis (ENG) bt Hilton/D. Parker (La) 13, -18, 11;
Nagase/K. Yamayoshi (JAP) bt Chen Hsin-hua/Teng Yi 11, -17, 14.

Semi-finals:

Li Chen-shih/Wang Hui-yuan bt Hasegawa/Koyama 10, 14;
Nagase/Yamayoshi bt Day/Jarvis -16, 19, 18.

Final:

LI CHEN-SHIH/WANG HUI-YUAN bt Nagase/Yamayoshi -18, 16, 17.

Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:

J. Hammersley/L. Howard (ENG) bt M. Shimada (JAP)/Takahashi 11, -13, 14;
Ho Tse-ping/Yu Chin-chia bt Domonkos/C. Forgo (CAN) 12, 12;

K. Komuro/Y. Ueno (JAP) bt A. Gordon/M. Smith (Bk) 9, 16;

Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh bt M. Ludi (ENG)/Witt 12, -24, 8.

Semi-finals:

Hammersley/Howard bt Ho Tse-ping/Yu Chin-chia -17, 14, 19;

Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh bt Komuro/Ueno 15, 15.

Final:

HAMMERSLEY/HOWARD bt Chu Hsiang-yun/Wei Li-chieh 21, 22.

Intermediate Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Wilson (Mi) bt D. Wells (Mi) 21, -19, 18;
D. Newman (E) bt K. Paxton (Cv) 13, 13;
C. Rogers (Le) bt D. Barr (Bk) 13, 9;
A. Wellman (Bk) bt K. Jackson (E) 18, 19.

Semi-finals:

Newman bt Wilson 13, 20;
Rogers bt Wellman 15, 13.

Final:

ROGERS bt Newman -14, 16, 17.

Intermediate Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

Witt bt Domonkos -18, 13, 11;
A. Tierney (Cv) bt L. Hryszko (Y) 17, 19;
H. Williams (Mi) bt S. Hunt (Li) -19, 24, 18;
Ludi bt J. Williams (Cv) 16, 19.

Semi-finals:

Witt bt Tierney 16, 18;
Ludi bt Williams 19, 18.

Final:

LUDE bt Witt 17, 14.

Class 2 Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Yallop (Dy) bt A. Martin (Cv) 16, -19, 12;
P. Vickers (Dy) bt A. Isaac (St) 14, 11;
M. Kinsella (Ng) bt Gordon 15, 4;
Jackson bt A. Metcalfe (Y) 9, 14.

Semi-finals:

Yallop bt Vickers 22, 15;
Jackson bt Kinsella 18, 19.

Final:

JACKSON bt Yallop 15, 20.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt A. Williams (Cv) 11, 14;
B. O'Neill (Cv) bt K. Skipp (Cv) 22, 17.

Final:

D'ARCY bt O'Neill 8, 10.

BUTTERFLY TEAM EVENTS

Men

Round 1:

China I bt Yorkshire 3-0;
England II bt Middlesex 3-0;
Japan II bt Ireland 3-0;
Berkshire w.o. Australia;
England I bt Essex 3-0;
Lancs./Cheshire bt Cleveland 3-0;
China II bt New Zealand 3-0;
Japan I bt Wales 3-1.

Quarter-finals:

China I bt England II 3-0;
Japan II bt Berkshire 3-1;
England I bt Lancs./Cheshire 3-0;
China II bt Japan I 3-0.

Semi-finals:

China I bt Japan II 3-0;
England I bt China II 3-2.

Final:

CHINA I bt England I 3-0.

Women

Round 1:

China I bt Canada 3-0;
England I bt Japan II 3-1;
China II bt England II 3-0;
Japan I bt Ireland 3-0.

Semi-finals:

China I bt England I 3-0;
China II bt Japan I 3-0.

Final:

CHINA I bt China II 3-1.

What's on and where

FEBRUARY 1978

- 10/12—Reading Junior 'Select' sponsored by Gillette.
- 11—Lancashire 2-Star Open (British Aerospace, Lostock, Bolton).
- 12—Lanarkshire 2-Star Open (Coatbridge Community Centre).
- 16/18—NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS
Woking Sports and Leisure Centre, Woking Park, Kingfield Road, Woking, Surrey.
(Finals at 1.30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18).
- 18—Strathclyde 2-Star Open (probably Springburn Sports Centre).
- 19—Coventry 1-Star and E.S.T.T.A. Regional Team Finals.
- 25—County Championships (5).

MARCH

- 4—Junior International ENGLAND v NETHERLANDS
British Aerospace Dynamics Group, Lostock Works, Bolton, Lancs. (7 p.m.).
- 4—Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Huddersfield).
- 5—Fenland 2-Star Open (Wisbech).
- 5—Lancashire 2-Star Junior Open.
Institute of Technology, Deane Road, Bolton.
Forms from G. T. H. Fackrell, 9 Clive Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Ches. (Phone Warrington 59228).
- 10/19—11th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
'Rhein-Ruhr-Hall', Duisburg, West Germany.
- 11—County Championships (6).
- 11—E.S.T.T.A. National Finals.
- 12—East of England 2-Star Open (Scunthorpe).
- 17/18—The Barclays Bank 1978 Merseyside 2-Star Open.
Kirby Sports Centre, Valley Road, Liverpool L32 4UP.
Closing date: Friday, March 3 to Mr. B. A. Leeson, 16 Avolon Road, Liverpool L12 9ER (Phone: 051-228 5028).
- 19—Middlesex Junior Authorised (South Ruislip).

MERSEY SOUND

The re-appearance of the Merseyside 2-Star Open Championships is welcomed again this season at the new venue of Kirby Sports Centre, Valley Road, Liverpool. Sponsored by Barclays Bank the tournament will be run on Friday, Mar. 17 and Saturday, Mar. 18. Entries close on Friday, Mar. 3 to Brian Leeson, 16 Avolon Rd., Liverpool L12 9ER (Phone: 051-228 5028). Prize Fund stands at £250 with £50 going to the winner of the men's singles, a title last won by Denis Neale at the Dunlop, Speke venue.

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Cleveland III 3 Durham 7

JUNIOR 3rd MIDLAND

Oxfordshire 1 Gloucestershire 9

Staffordshire II 9 Herefordshire 1

Shropshire II 3 Worcestershire 7

Worcs 6-4 win revised to 7-3 since Mark Sosnigo and Nicky Roberts played out of order — one set won by Salop which would not have otherwise been played forfeited to Worcs.

JUNIOR 3rd EAST

Cambridgeshire 8 Lincolnshire II 2

Cambridgeshire boys far superior although Simon Pullen salvaged some Lincolnshire Pride with a win over Andy Hunter. Girls of better quality with Susan Radley and Gillian Sharp had good GD win over Joanne Palmer and Jane Hunter although Linc. pair nearly squandered it in third going down from 10-3 to 17-19!

Huntingdonshire 0 Bedfordshire 10

JUNIOR 3rd WEST

Glamorgan 8 Devon II 2

Cornwall 3 Gwent 7

VETERAN SOUTH

Essex 9 Hampshire 0

Oxfordshire 5 Sussex 4

VETERAN MIDLAND

Nottinghamshire 8 Clwyd 1

E. Griffith's win over J. Ellis in opening set only set dropped by Notts so far this season.

Worcestershire 4 Cheshire 5

VETERAN EAST

Huntingdonshire 3 Middlesex 6

Suffolk 4 Hertfordshire 5

VETERAN WEST

Wiltshire 8 Dorset 1

Dorset II 0 Avon 9

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES
21/1/78**

Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	16	11	4
Surrey	3	2	0	1	16	11	4
Cleveland	3	2	0	1	15	12	4
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	15	12	4
Berkshire	4	2	0	2	19	17	4
Warwickshire	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
Essex	4	2	0	2	16	20	4
Glamorgan	4	0	0	4	12	24	0
2nd South							
Sussex	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Kent	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Surrey II	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Middlesex II	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Dorset	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Hampshire	3	0	0	3	10	20	0
Hampshire	3	0	0	3	10	20	0
2nd North							
Cheshire	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Yorkshire II	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Cleveland II	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Durham	3	0	0	3	2	28	0
Northumberland	2	0	0	2	1	19	0
2nd Midland							
Leicestershire	3	3	0	0	27	3	6
Derbyshire	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Warwickshire II	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Staffordshire	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Bedfordshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Northamptonshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
2nd East							
Essex II	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Hertfordshire	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Cambridgeshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Norfolk	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Buckinghamshire	3	0	1	2	7	23	1
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	8	12	0
2nd West							
Wiltshire	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Glamorgan II	4	4	0	0	24	16	8
Somerset	4	2	2	0	23	17	6
Devon	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Gwent	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Avon	3	0	0	3	12	18	0
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
3rd South							
Sussex II	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Hertfordshire II	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Kent II	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Essex III	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
Oxfordshire	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
Buckinghamshire II	2	0	0	2	2	18	0
3rd North							
Derbyshire II	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Lincolnshire	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Cumbria	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Lancashire II	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Nottinghamshire	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Northumberland II	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
3rd Midland							
Shropshire	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Cheshire II	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Staffordshire II	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Clwyd	3	0	2	1	13	17	2
Worcestershire II	3	0	2	1	13	17	2
Herefordshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
3rd East							
Cambridgeshire II	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Leicestershire II	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Norfolk II	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Huntingdonshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Northamptonshire II	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Bedfordshire II	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
3rd West							
Berkshire II	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Glamorgan III	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Avon II	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Dorset II	3	0	2	1	10	20	2
Cornwall	3	0	0	3	10	20	0
Junior Premier							
Middlesex	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Essex	4	3	0	1	21	19	6
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Surrey	3	1	2	0	18	12	4
Berkshire	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Lancashire	4	0	2	2	15	25	2
Cleveland	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Devon	4	0	1	3	10	30	1
Junior 2nd South							
Sussex	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Middlesex II	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Essex II	4	2	0	2	25	15	4
Surrey II	3	2	0	1	15	15	4
Kent	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Wiltshire	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Hampshire	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Junior 2nd North							
Staffordshire	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Yorkshire II	4	2	0	2	25	15	4
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Clwyd	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Cumbria	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Derbyshire	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Cleveland II	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Junior 2nd Midland							
Warwickshire	4	3	1	0	26	14	7
Herefordshire	3	2	1	0	20	8	5
Buckinghamshire	4	2	1	1	24	14	5
Shropshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Norfolk	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Leicestershire	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Northamptonshire	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Junior 3rd South							
Dorset	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Berkshire II	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Sussex II	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Essex III	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Kent II	3	1	0	2	12	15	2
Buckinghamshire II	4	0	0	4	10	27	0
Hampshire II	4	0	0	4	10	30	0
Junior 3rd North							
Nottinghamshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Durham	3	1	2	0	17	13	4
Lincolnshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Northumberland	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Cumbria II	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Cleveland III	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Junior 3rd Midland							
Gloucestershire	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Staffordshire II	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Worcestershire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Oxfordshire	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Shropshire II	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Herefordshire	3	0	1	2	6	24	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Junior 3rd East							
Cambridgeshire	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Bedfordshire	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Suffolk	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Hertfordshire II	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Lincolnshire-II	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Huntingdonshire	3	0	0	3	2	28	0
Junior 3rd West							
Gwent	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Glamorgan	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Devon II	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Cornwall	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Avon	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Wiltshire II	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
Somerset	3	0	0	3	0	30	0
Veteran South							
Essex	3	3	0	0	21	6	6
Kent	2	1	0	1	12	6	2
Oxfordshire	2	1	0	1	9	9	2
Sussex	3	1	0	2	11	16	2
Hampshire II	2	0	0	2	1	17	0
Veteran Midland							
Nottinghamshire	3	3	0	0	26	1	6
Cheshire	2	2	0	0	11	7	4
Clwyd	3	1	0	2	11	16	2
Worcestershire	2	0	0	2	4	14	0
Leicestershire	2	0	0	2	2	16	0
Veteran East							
Middlesex	3	3	0	0	19	8	6
Essex II	2	1	0	1	10	8	2
Suffolk	3	1	0	2	12	15	2
Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	7	11	2
Huntingdonshire	2	0	0	2	6	12	0
Veteran West							
Wiltshire	3	2	0	1	19	8	4
Hampshire	2	2	0	0	12	6	4
Avon	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Dorset	2	0	0	2	4	14	0
Dorset II	2	0	0	2	1	17	0

STIGA IRISH OPEN

In addition to sponsoring the Welsh Open, the Stiga Company of Sweden are sponsoring this season's Irish Open to be staged at Leisureland, Salthill, Galway over the period Jan. 20-22, 1978. Play will commence at 7 p.m. on Friday, the 20th, and at 9.30 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, the 21st and 22nd. All matches will, of course, be played on Stiga VM tables. Tournament secretary is Willie Walsh of 9 Greenfields Road, Newcastle, Galway. The balls will be Nittaku 3-star.

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FINALS

SATURDAY 18th FEB. at 1.30 p.m.

Referee: G. J. LIGHTFOOT (N.R.)

Assistant Referee: L. PILDITCH (N.R.)

Organiser: M. D. WATTS.

Assistant Organisers: T.M. CHANNING,
H. WEBB.

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County Championships Round-up

by BOB BRIDGES

CLAIM — THE NAME OF THE GAME

Car break-down delayed Suffolk stars John Kitchener and Bob Hellaby from arriving at the venue of the Suffolk-Norfolk 2nd division match on December 3rd; the start was delayed, and the match eventually abandoned, but the subsequent claim by Norfolk resulted with Norfolk being awarded the match, 10-0. Suffolk are to appeal, so the result is not included in latest tables.

Clwyd were unhappy with the playing conditions offered by Cheshire and claimed the match won 7-3 by Cheshire. The Referee did not consider the claim justified and the result stands, except that another spanner thrown in by Clwyd, that one of Cheshire's players was incorrectly dressed is still awaiting decision.

SETS SEPARATE SEVEN COUNTIES

Seven Counties are level on points at the top of the eight-team Premier Division, with Middlesex a nose-tip ahead of Surrey on games average at the top, while they are a short nose ahead of the others on sets average!

Glamorgan are rooted to the foot of the division, the only way they can retain their Premier status will be courtesy of their second team, flying high in 2nd West, with a 100% record, but in second place behind Wiltshire with a similar record. Final match of the season between Glamorgan II and Wiltshire will be decisive if both can beat Somerset in matches leading up to April.

Cheshire look to be fairly comfortably placed to return to the Premier after disposing of Lancashire (who included their recent acquisition from Cheshire, John Hilton). My remarks in last month's Table Tennis News favoured Lancashire for this division, but locally the match was regarded as very open, some rumours even said John had been planted in Lancashire so that Cheshire would win!

Apparently, Nigel Eckersley and Brian Johns had not lost to Hilton for some time, so in front of some 400 Cheshire supporters there was no way that they were going to, lose, although Nigel did his best with about five match-points against him.

PREMIER

Berkshire 2 Cleveland 7

S. Heaps lost to N. Jarvis -16, -15;
lost to P. McQueen 19, -18, -16.
D. Reeves lost to Jarvis 19, -18, -16;
bt P. Ward -18, 19, 14.

A. Wellman lost to McQueen 22, -15, -15;
bt P. Ward 12, 12.

Heaps/Wellman lost to Jarvis/McQueen 5, -20, -12.

Karen Witt lost to Carole Knight -18, -18.
Reeves/Miss Witt lost to Ward/Miss Knight -19, 11, -19.

Glamorgan 3 Middlesex 6

A. Griffiths lost to A. Barden -16, 11, -15;
lost to D. Tan -16, -18.

M. Owen lost to Barden -12, -19;
lost to M. Mitchell -10, -7.

G. Evans bt Tan 15, -18, -21;
bt Mitchell -17, 9, 18.

G. Davies/Griffiths bt Mitchell/Tan 10, -18, 16.
Debbie Coulthard lost to Angela Mitchell -11, -15.

M. Owen/Miss Coulthard lost to Barden/
Miss Mitchell -17, 19, -15.

Surrey 5 Warwickshire 4

M. Crimmins lost to D. Johnson -18, 10, -15;
bt D. Munt 18, 16.

M. Shuttle bt Johnson 15, -18, 19;
lost to B. Hayward 16, -16, -15.

D. Welsman lost to Munt -12, 20, -12;
bt Hayward 10, 13.

Crimmins/Welsman lost to Johnson/Munt -20, -12.

Linda Howard bt Rachel Mackriell 6, 9.
Shuttle/Miss Howard bt Hayward/Miss Mackriell 11, 15.

Yorkshire 8 Essex 1

A. Clayton lost to R. Potton -16, -14;

bt D. Newman 14, 6.
A. Fletcher bt Potton 16, 19;

bt D. Iszatt 19, -21, 9.
K. Beadsley bt Newman 16, -10, 14;
bt Iszatt 11, 18.

Beadsley/Fletcher bt Newman/Potton 20, 20.
Melody Ludi bt Leslie Radford -13, 16, 19.
Clayton/Miss Ludi bt Iszatt/Miss Radford 20, 17.

2nd SOUTH

Middlesex II 6 Kent 4

Sussex 6 Hampshire 4

2nd NORTH

Cheshire 6 Lancashire 4

A marathon match and very close — a real nail-biter affair of high quality table tennis fully appreciated by an enormous crowd which lent a wonderful atmosphere to the match in which ex-Cheshire John Hilton returned for visitors but ended with blank sheet!

Durham 0 Cleveland II 10

Northumberland 0 Yorkshire II 10

2nd MIDLAND

Bedfordshire 2 Staffordshire 8

Nothing much to cheer Bedfordshire these days, but Jaquie Bellinger's two-straight win over Suzanne Hunt was one of her best performances.

Derbyshire 7 Northamptonshire 3

Leicestershire 8 Warwickshire II 2

A good win for Leicestershire with Chris Rogers on form. (Ralph Gunnion can still play a bit!!).

2nd EAST

Essex II 6 Cambridgeshire 4

Stuart Gibbs went very close to beating Paul Day, who was upset by being faulted for illegal services; Leon Smith also faulted regularly.

Hertfordshire 6 Suffolk 4

Norfolk 5 Buckinghamshire 5

Buckinghamshire relying on youth to get them off the bottom with Sam Harmer and Chris Leslie helping Bucks to their first point of the season at the expense of Norfolk.

2nd WEST

Glamorgan II 6 Devon 4

Glamorgan's six successes in MS.

Wiltshire 6 Avon 4

Worcestershire 3 Somerset 7

3rd SOUTH

Oxfordshire 3 Sussex II 7

Hertfordshire II 5 Kent II 5

Kent never behind, but Becks superiority for Kent was matched by Herts women, Daphne Baines and Jane Hartwell.

Essex III 9 Buckinghamshire II 1

3rd NORTH

Derbyshire II 7 Lancashire II 3

Northumberland II 2 Nottinghamshire 8

3rd MIDLAND

Clwyd 5 Staffordshire II 5

Herefordshire 2 Cheshire II 8

Shropshire 7 Worcestershire II 3

3rd EAST

Cambridgeshire II 7 Norfolk II 3

First ever win by Cambs II over Norfolk II. Geoff Davies in great form and still unbeaten; also all three women's sets for Cambs enough to give them the points and a chance for honours for the first time in this division.

Leicestershire II 7 Huntingdonshire 3

Les Wooding (Hunts) the outstanding player, his game with David Gannon tremendous. A good win for Leicestershire.

Northamptonshire II 8 Bedfordshire II 2

A comfortable win for Northants over a somewhat experimental Beds side. John Palmer unbeaten for winners, whilst junior Stephen Barby impressive for Beds.

3rd WEST

Avon II 6 Cornwall 4

Berkshire II 5 Gloucestershire 5

Once-powerful Gloucestershire producing a revival from the depths of the Championships 3rd Division West and with a good chance of promotion. The revival in this match gave them a point after trailing 1-5!

Dorset II 5 Glamorgan III 5

JUNIOR PREMIER

Berkshire 6 Cleveland 4

D. Barr bt P. Hindle 8, 17;
bt I. Plummer 11, 11

R. Johnson bt Hindle 2, -9, 17;
lost to D. Hughes -18, -19.

D. Gloster lost to Plummer -13, -11;
lost to Hughes -20, -16.

Barr/Johnson bt Hughes/Plummer 14, -15, 18.

Alison Gordon lost to Angela Tierney 19, -15, -17.
Mandy Smith bt Helen Robinson 15, 19.

Miss Gordon/Miss Smith bt Miss Robinson/
Miss Tierney 10, 11.

Lancashire 5 Surrey 5

A typical junior match with plenty of good table tennis interspersed with errors and the whole played with enthusiasm. Tony O'Connor good value for his two singles with his set v Steve Holloway the best of the afternoon. For the second match in succession Mark Oakley showed his mettle in winning a final tight set to give his team a draw.

A. O'Connor bt S. Holloway 19, 17;
bt S. Woodgate 16, 17.

B. Carney lost to Holloway -17, -9;
lost to M. Oakley 18, -18, -17.

P. Rainford bt Woodgate -9, 7, 15;
bt Oakley 17, 18.

O'Connor/Rainford bt Holloway/Woodgate 19, 12.

Miss C. Scowcroft lost to Lorraine Garbet -16, -16.

Miss J. Grundy lost to Sarah Cresswell -19, 19, -19.

Miss J. Parker/Miss Scowcroft lost to
Miss Cresswell/Miss Garbet -8, -13.

Yorkshire 9 Essex 1

K. Beadsley bt K. Jackson 12, -19, 11;
bt S. Kimm 11, 9.

J. Naser lost to Jackson -12, -17;
bt D. Charlery 16, 17.

A. Bottomley bt S. Kimm 19, 18;
bt Charlery 17, 18.

Beadsley/Naser bt Charlery/Jackson 10, -20, 18.
Linda Hryszko bt Yvette Brown 11, 15.

Sally Midgeley bt Helen Gore 12, 20.
Miss Hryszko/Miss Midgeley bt Maxine Abbott/
Julie Dowsett 15, 19.

JUNIOR 2nd SOUTH

Kent 1 Middlesex II 9

Surrey II 3 Essex II 7

Eight sets going the full distance suggests a close match with plenty of excitement but the standard of play was disappointing with unforced errors abounding. Essex obviously made fewer errors.

Sussex 7 Hampshire 3

JUNIOR 2nd NORTH

Cleveland II 4 Clwyd 6

Cheshire 6 Yorkshire II 4

Staffordshire 7 Cumbria 3

JUNIOR 2nd MIDLAND

Buckinghamshire 9 Leicestershire 1

Norfolk 2 Hertfordshire 8

D. Smith only home player to score against a better Hertsteam.

Warwickshire 8 Shropshire 2

Shropshire's Malcolm Green only player to succeed against division's top team.

JUNIOR 3rd SOUTH

Buckinghamshire II 3 Sussex II 7

Hampshire II 3 Berkshire II 7

Kent II 2 Dorset 8

JUNIOR 3rd NORTH

Lincolnshire 5 Cumbria II 5

Northumberland 1 Nottinghamshire 9

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