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EXCHANGE NO ROBBERY

Next month's Norwich Union International Championships — in effect the 52nd English Open — could well be the last to be staged at the Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton. "Dear old Sussex by the Sea" does not have the same appeal to visitors from abroad as it does in England where tradition dies hard.

But having regard to the magnificence of stadiums in other parts of the world and to those located even closer in Cardiff, Edinburgh and Guernsey, there is likely to be strong opposition within Europe to our major championship again being included in the Norwich Union Grand Prix should the venue remain unchanged.

No-one can deny the attraction of Brighton as a convivial resort and many the times the Dome has thundered to the applause of enthralled spectators. But the Corn Exchange can no longer be given serious consideration with its limitations especially from a spectator point of view — or, indeed, lack of it!

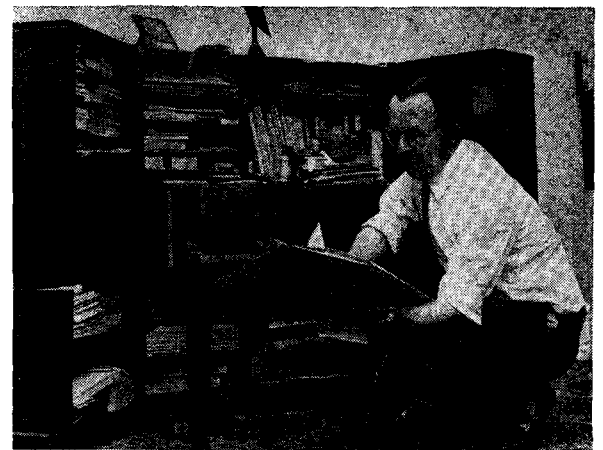
There are better venues, perhaps not located in such pleasant surroundings, but if we are to compete on the international front and rightly expect a top class entry from abroad then the Corn Exchange must be exchanged though it will be a sad departure from the Dome.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by THE EDITOR



Desmond Douglas, England's match winner at Preston against Federal Germany.
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DOUGLAS CLINCHES VICTORY

Beating both Jochen Leiss and Engelbert Hugging in Preston's magnificent Guild Hall on Nov. 8, in the **Super Division of the European League**, Desmond Douglas got England home 4-3 against Federal Germany after the Warwickshire left-hander had succeeded, with Linda Howard, in the mixed and Jill Hammersley had made heavy weather of putting down the threat posed by Kirsten Kruger in the women's singles.

It will be recalled that it was Miss Kruger who, in the 11th European Championships in Duisburg, last March, humbled the English champion 15 and 14 in the women's team event but the opposition's ploy in playing "horses for courses" on Lancashire soil did not come off although Mrs. Hammersley's win was far from convincing yet vital in the final analysis.

Nicky Jarvis, the English No. 2 on the night, failed to spark and he, like the spectators, was most disappointed moreso in the men's doubles won by Leiss and Peter Stellwag. But the locals had their money's worth in the final dramatic set which could not have been stage-managed better for it was won 25-23 in the third by Douglas whose bearded opponent Hugging gave his all and had the opportunity of winning the match for his country but for the ice-cool Douglas whose temperament remained steadfast.

Individual scores:-

N. Jarvis lost to E. Hugging -21, -15;
 D. Douglas bt J. Leiss 10, 13;
 J. Hammersley bt K. Kruger 20, -17, 17;
 Douglas/Jarvis lost to Leiss/P. Stellwag -11, -19;
 Douglas/L. Howard bt Stellwag/U. Hirschmuller -9, 18, 15;
 Jarvis lost to Leiss -19, -9;
 Douglas bt Hugging -16, 16, 23.

Meantime in Cherson, Hungary maintained their winning ways with a 6-1 win over the Soviet Union whose only success was obtained in the mixed doubles when Valery Shevchenko and Valentina Popova beat Tibor Klampar and Zsuzsa Olah. Gabor Gergely and Klampar carried all before them in the singles as did Miss Olah who had a most convincing win over Miss Popova.

Scores:-

V. Shevchenko lost to G. Gergely -13, -10;
 I. Minkevich lost to T. Klampar -7, -18;
 V. Popova lost to Z. Olah -18, -14;
 M. Kreeris/ Shevchenko lost to Gergely/Klampar 10, -14, -16;
 Shevchenko/Popova bt Klampar/Olah 20, 13;
 Shevchenko lost to Klampar -16, -11;
 Minkevich lost to Gergely -14, 19, -13.

Czechoslovakia, also unbeaten, travelled to Chateauroux to inflict a 5-2 win over France whose Jacques Secretin lost to both Jindrich Pansky and Milan Orlovski as indeed did Patrick Birocheau. It was only in the two doubles sets that France met with success in a sad night for them.

Scores:-

J. Secretin lost to J. Pansky -15, 13, -18;
 P. Birocheau lost to M. Orlovski -17, -20;
 C. Bergeret lost to I. Uhlíkova -15, -6;
 Secretin/Birocheau bt Orlovski/Pansky 15, 18;
 Secretin/Bergeret bt Orlovski/Uhlíkova 6, 13;
 Secretin lost to Orlovski -18, -10;
 Birocheau lost to Pansky -14, -13.

Sweden put themselves back into contention with a 5-2 win over Yugoslavia in Nossjo on Nov. 8 with Stellan Bengtsson winning both his singles and the mixed, with Eva Stromvall. Ann-Christin Hellman accounted for Erzabet Palatinus, the fifth Swedish win coming in the men's doubles from Ulf Thorsell and Lars Franklin.

Scores:-

S. Bengtsson bt A. Stipanovic 14, 14;
 U. Thorsell lost to Z. Kalinic -21, -15;
 A.C. Hellman bt E. Palatinus 15, 8;
 Thorsell/L. Franklin bt Stipanovic/Kalinic 19, 17;
 Bengtsson/E. Stromvall bt Stipanovic/Palatinus 14, -10, 25;
 Bengtsson bt Kalinic 14, 13;
 Thorsell lost to Stipanovic -17, 20, -13.

SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	3	3	0	16	5	3
Czechoslovakia	3	3	0	14	7	3
Sweden	3	2	1	12	9	2
England	3	2	1	10	11	2
France	3	1	2	10	11	1
Yugoslavia	3	1	2	9	12	1
Federal Germany	3	0	3	8	13	0
Soviet Union	3	0	3	5	16	0

England are next at home to Czechoslovakia, on Dec. 5 at Batley, and on Dec. 7 the other Super Division fixtures are:- Hungary v France, Soviet



Peter Stellwag brought in for the two doubles sets against England at Preston and surprise finalist in the French Open in Paris.

Photo by Tony Ross, Hessele.

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	3	3	0	21	0	3
Italy	3	3	0	12	9	3
Bulgaria	3	2	1	13	8	2
Netherlands	3	1	2	11	10	1
Greece	3	1	2	8	13	1
Austria	3	1	2	8	13	1
Luxembourg	3	1	2	6	15	1
Ireland	3	0	3	5	16	0

TURKEY AHEAD

In Division 2 Turkey remain as the only undefeated team following their 5-2 success over Spain in Vich (Barcelona) on Nov. 8. It was only after the Turks had taken a 5-0 lead that Spain came into the picture winning the last two men's singles.

Scores:-

J. M. Pales lost to V. Aleksandridis -22, -18;
 J. Feliu lost to O. Cimen -18, -19;
 M. Sanahuja lost to K. Poyrazoglu 14, -19, 14;
 Pales/J. Lupon lost to Aleksandridis/Cimen -19, -14;
 Lupon/P. Lupon lost to Cimen/Poyrazoglu -10, 10, -18;
 Pales bt Cimen -12, 15, 18;
 Feliu bt Aleksandridis 17, -10, 18.

In the only other match Finland accounted for Belgium 5-2 in Helsinki where, for the visitors, Marie-France Germiot beat Sonja Grefberg and the 'old man' Norbert van der Walle and Miss Germiot succeeded in the mixed. Jukka Ikonen and Martti Autio took care of v.d. Walle and Lambert Belien in the men's singles and doubles.

Scores:-

J. Ikonen bt L. Belien 7, 19;
 M. Autio bt N. v.d. Walle 10, -17, 14;
 S. Grefberg lost to M-F. Germiot -10, -9;
 Ikonen/Autio bt Belien/v.d. Walle 18, 11;
 Autio/Grefberg lost to v.d. Walle/Germiot -13, 19, -18;
 Ikonen bt v.d. Walle 7, 12;
 Autio bt Belien 6, -21, 12.

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	2	2	0	10	4	2
Finland	2	1	1	7	7	1
Belgium	2	1	1	6	8	1
Scotland	1	0	1	3	4	0
Spain	1	0	1	2	5	0

EUROPE CLUB CUP

Drawn away to Varbergs BTK of Sweden in the

both Andre Hartmann and Camille Putz in a truly remarkable result for the Dutch team who only succeeded in winning the women's singles, the men's doubles and Anne Vlieg accounting for Putz to level the match score at 1-1.

Scores:-

B. v.d. Helm lost to A. Hartmann -20, 16, -18;
 A. Vlieg bt C. Putz 19, 15;
 B. Vriesekoop bt C. Risch 14, 16;
 Vlieg/H. Gootzen bt Hartmann/Putz 17, 20;
 Gootzen/Vriesekoop lost to Putz/Risch 17, -14, -17;
 v.d. Helm lost to Putz -20, -20;
 Vlieg lost to Hartmann -19, -18.

Union v Sweden and Federal Germany v Yugoslavia.

POLAND 100%

In Division 1 Poland brought off their third successive 7-0 win when defeating Austria by such a score in Wroclaw on Nov. 8, only two of the seven sets going into a deciding game. Stefan Dryszel dropped a game to Franz Proglhof as did Stanislav Fraczyk and Jolanta Szatko to Gunter Muller and Brigitte Gropper in the mixed.

Scores:-

S. Fraczyk bt E. Amplatz 11, 11;
 S. Dryszel bt F. Proglhof 20, -18, 17;
 J. Szatko bt B. Gropper 10, 12;
 Dryszel/R. Czochanski bt Amplatz/G. Muller 19, 20;
 Fraczyk/Szatko bt Muller/Gropper 10, -18, 13;
 Fraczyk bt Proglhof 11, 6;
 Dryszel bt Amplatz 18, 12.

Italy are also undefeated in this division but it was only by a 4-3 margin that they beat Ireland the "wooden spoonists" in Bolzano on Nov. 7. Stefano Bosi and Massimo Constantini both accounted for Jim Langan and Colum Slevin but all rested on the outcome of the final set in which Bosi, after losing the first game to Langan, came up trumps in the next two.

Scores:-

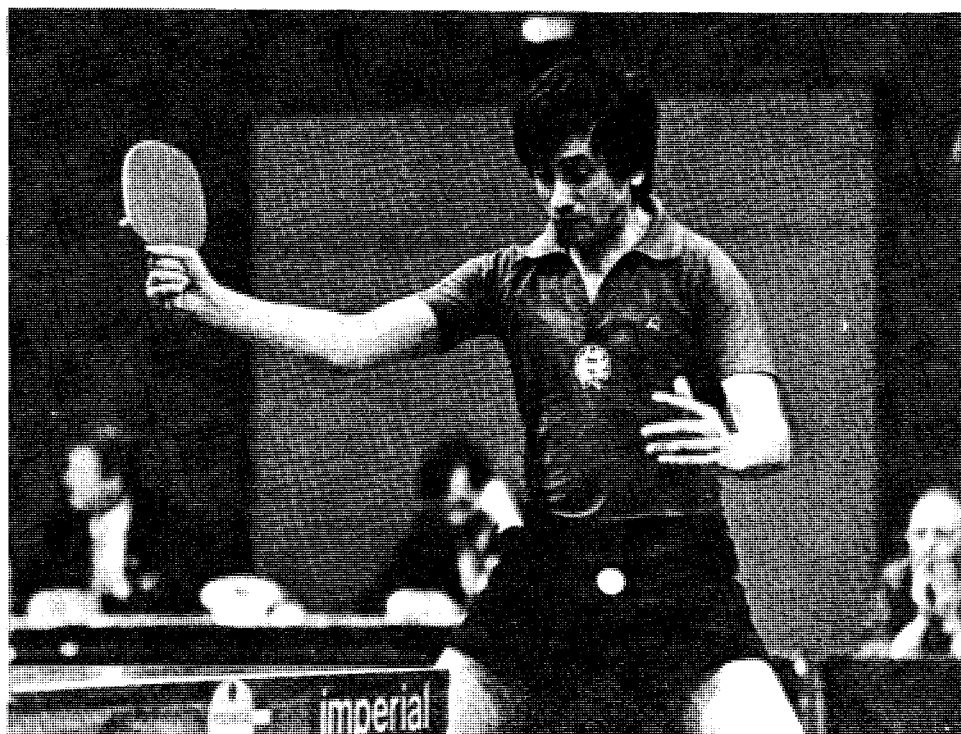
S. Bosi bt J. Langan -19, 11, 13;
 M. Costantini bt C. Slevin 18, 21;
 S. Milic lost to K. Senior -7, -14;
 Bosi/R. Giontella lost to Langan/Slevin -16, 19, -19;
 Giontella/Milic lost to Langan/Senior -8, 17, -4;
 Bosi bt Slevin 9, 16;
 Constantini bt Langan -19, 18, 18.

Bulgaria, away to Greece in Athens, won 6-1 the home win coming in the first set when Konstantin Priftis beat Stefan Stefanov.

Scores:-

K. Priftis bt S. Stefanov 11, 18;
 E. Diakakis lost to I. Stojanov -12, -16;
 L. Skrivanov lost to D. Gergelcheva -3, -8;
 Priftis/Diakakis lost to Stefanov/Stojanov -12, 18, -15;
 Priftis/Ioannidoy lost to Stojanov/Gergelcheva -18, -12;
 Priftis lost to Stojanov -11, -15;
 Diakakis lost to Stefanov -13, -11.

Netherlands, last season's demotees from the Super Division, crashed at home in Heerenveen 3-4 to Luxembourg with Bert van der Helm losing to



Hungary's Tibor Klampar having his best season ever with wins in the French and Yugoslavian Open championships as well as registering five out of six wins in the Super Division of the European League.

Photo by Karola Kiesslich, Hamburg.

women's section of the European Club Cup of Champions, Ormesby conceded the tie when the Federal German Bundesliga rules prevented the English champions from employing the services of Carole Knight now contracted to VSC Donauworth in the Republic. Second round results otherwise were:-

Statisztika Budapest (Hungary) 5	Atus Judenburg (Austria) 1
Kaiserburg (GFR) 5	Tempo-Team (Holland) 3
Pochtenetz-Sofia (Bulgaria) 5	AS Cabpurg (France) 1
Proleter Coka (Yugoslavia) 5	Palette Stave (Belgium) 1
CS Arad (Rumania) 5	Capip Dommeldange (Luxembourg) 0
31 Epitok (Hungary) 5	RKS Motor Lublin (Poland) 1

Men's Team Round 2:

Sparta Praha (Czecho) 5	Club 7 a 9 (Spain) 0
Havirov TTC (Czecho) 5	Raiffeisen Langenlois (Austria) 0
Kremlin Bicetre (France) 5	DT Remich (Luxembourg) 0

FRENCH AFFAIRS

by Jean Devys

Jacques Secretin (CSA Kremlin Bicetre) and Claude Bergeret (ASPTT Anney) again came out tops in the 2nd Journee des Individuals 78/79 played in the Salle Omnisports, Dinan on Oct. 28/29. As in the 1st Journee, both Secretin and Patrick Birocheau (AS Messine Paris) won their respective groups without loss the former winning the final 18, 8, -14, 18.

In the semis Secretin beat Christian Martin (ASPTT Paris) 18, 18, 15 and Birocheau accounted for Patrick Gernot (ACS Fontenay) 7, 16, 21. Bruno Parietti (EM Vesoul) came fifth and Rene Hatem (CSA Kremlin Bicetre) sixth. Martin beat Gernot -18, 9, 22, 20 for third place.

Miss Bergeret had an unblemished record in her group as did Nadine Daviaud (ASPTT Nantes). In the semis Miss Bergeret beat Michele Gourmelon (VGA St Maur) 12, -13, 8, 8 and Nadine accounted for Brigitte Thiriet (ASPTT Paris) 19, 19, -15, 17. Miss Bergeret won the final encounter -17, 8, 15, 13, third place going to Miss Thiriet who beat Gourmelon -8, 16, 10, 19. Beatrice Abgrall (AL Bruz) finished fifth and Sophie Plombin (AS Cabourg) sixth.

After five rounds of the team championships CSA Kremlin Bicetre and AS Messine, Paris share the lead with 15 points in the men's section with ASPTT Anney having a one point lead over AS Cabourg in the women's.

36th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the withdrawal of China's option to stage the 1981 World Championships, Yugoslavia have intimated to the ITTF that they are prepared to take over and run the championships in a stadium yet to be built in Novi Sad! To be named the Stadt Halle the proposed site covers 20 hectares and the main indoor stadium will measure 70 x 45 metres wherein 20 tables can be comfortably accommodated as well as 7,000 spectators. The hall is due for completion in February, 1981 and such is the enthusiasm of the Yugoslavs that the target will be achieved and such an assurance will be given.

26th French Open Championships

MAJOR TITLES FOR HUNGARY

Hungary's Tibor Klampar and Zsuzsa Olah were the winners of the singles titles in the 26th French Open played in the Stade Pierre de Coubertin, Paris over the weekend of Nov. 10-12, and again, in the women's doubles event, it was Judit Magos and Gabriella Szabo of Hungary who claimed the final victory.

France came into their own in the men's doubles won by Jacques Secretin and Patrick Birocheau, the mixed title going to Milan Orlovski and Iлона Uhlíkova of Czechoslovakia who, in the final, beat England's Desmond Douglas and Melody Ludi.

The men's team event went to France whose Secretin and Christian Martin beat Federal Germany's Engelbert Hugging and Jochen Leiss 3-1, the women's title going to Maria Alexandru and Eva Ferenczi of Rumania, 3-1 winners over France's Claude Bergeret and Brigitte Thiriet.

But England came in for a Bronze medal in the men's team, as losing semi-finalists to the ultimate winners, after beating Poland (3-1) and Sweden's Stellan Bengtsson and Ulf Thorsell by the same margin, Paul Day being the unlucky one to lose on both occasions to Andrzej Grubba and Bengtsson. England's sole victory in the semis was by Douglas over Martin, the Warwickshire left-hander going down to Secretin 19, -20, -16.

England's two teams in the women's event reached the quarter-finals, Carole Knight and Anita Stevenson being beaten 3-1 by the French first string, and Melody Ludi and Karen Witt losing 0-3 to Rumania. Carole, in the first team match, beat Thiriet.

Represented only by Douglas and Day in the men's singles the spotlight was very much on the former whose exploits at Duisburg are still being talked about. But after wins over Camille Putz

(Luxembourg) (11, -19, 15, 11) and Hugging (14, -25, 18, 13) Des let slip a 2-0 lead over Klampar losing the next three -14, -13, -9. Day lost in the first round to the beaten finalist Peter Stellwag of Federal Germany, who won 14, 11, 14.

As a pair in the men's doubles Douglas and Day began with a straight games win over Thomas Busin and Jurek Barcikowski of Switzerland and then suffered the indignity of losing to the host nation's Patrick Reverse and Franck Vinitiski who won -11, 17, 19 and 9.

Only in the mixed did Douglas, paired with Melody Ludi, gain any real momentum in reaching the final having, en route, despatched Peter Joe and Miss Hsu of Canada, Jindrich Pansky (Czecho) and Liana Mihut (Rumania), Janos Takacs and Gabriella Szabo (Hungary) and, in the semis, Martin and Thiriet of France.

Anita Stevenson, paired with Alain Cruchaudet of France, bowed out in the preliminary round to Pansky/Mihut but, Carole Knight, also paired with a Frenchman — Jacques Helaine of Amiens — beat Rene Hatem and Sylvie Freulard of France in Rd. 1 losing to Secretin/Bergeret in the next. Day partnered by Karen Witt reached the quarters, losing to Orlovski/Uhlíkova in straight games, after beating Reverse/Sophie Plombin (France) and Sweden's Ulf Carlsson and Anneli Hernvall in the previous rounds.

In the women's doubles Melody Ludi and Karen Witt were initially called on to play Beatrice Abgrall and Patricia Germain of France who they beat 14, 14 and 18, but then lost to Federal Germany's Monika Kneip-Stumpe and Wiebke Hendriksen, but narrowly -23, -18, -20. Carole Knight and Anita Stevenson did not have it easy in beating Claire Boudry and Nicole Pilliere of France and were then dismissed by Hungary's Magos/Szabo 15, 18, -16, 9.

Of the 'big noises' in the singles events Gabor Gergely, the European champion, was beaten by Stellwag 15, -13, 18, -16, 11 in Rd. 3 and former world champion Bengtsson fell to the same German player who really excelled in this tournament. Magos, the European women's singles champion, was beaten by the redoubtable Maria Alexandru whose compatriot Mihut fell to Szabo.

Results:-

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Stellwag (GFR) bt S. Bengtsson (SWE)

-10, -12, 20, 14, 23;

M. Orlovski (CZE) bt J. Leiss (GFR)

21, -19, 14, 19;

T. Klampar (HUN) bt D. Douglas (ENG)

-17, -18, 14, 13, 9;

J. Secretin (FRA) bt J. Dvoracek (CZE) 20, 12, 14.

Semi-finals:

Stellwag bt Orlovski 22, -16, 13, -13, 11;

Klampar bt Secretin 16, 8, 19.

Final:

KLAMPAR bt Stellwag 16, 12, 16.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Alexandru (RUM) bt J. Magos (HUN)

12, 21, 13;

I. Uhlíkova (CZE) bt W. Hendriksen (GFR)

-9, 13, -18, 6, 13;

G. Szabo (HUN) bt B. Silhanova (CZE) 18, 20, 15;

S. Olah (HUN) bt A.C. Hellman (SWE) 16, 18, 15.

Semi-finals:

Uhlíkova bt Alexandru 10, 11, 20;

Olah bt Szabo -17, 13, 9, 20.

Final:

OLAH bt Uhlíkova 21, 14, -8, 21.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

G. Gergely (HUN) /Orlovski bt T. Kreisz (HUN) / C. Martin (FRA) -11, 17, 18, 19;

P. Birocheau (FRA) /Secretin bt Klampar /J.

Takacs (HUN) 15, -13, 16, 17.

Final:

BIROCHEAU /SECRETIN bt Gergely /Orlovski 13, 17, 16.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Magos /Szabo bt Hellman /M. Lindblad (SWE)

18, -14, 10, -17, 9;

Alexandru /L. Mihut (RUM) bt Silanova /Uhlíkova

-7, -14, 14, 16, 18.

Final:

MAGOS /SZABO bt Alexandru /Mihut

-14, -11, 17, 14.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Douglas /M. Ludi (ENG) bt Martin /B. Thiriet

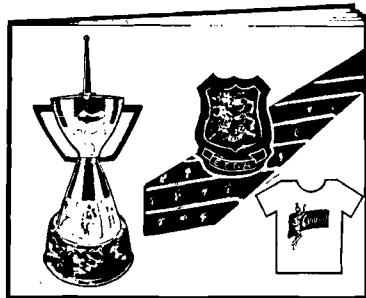
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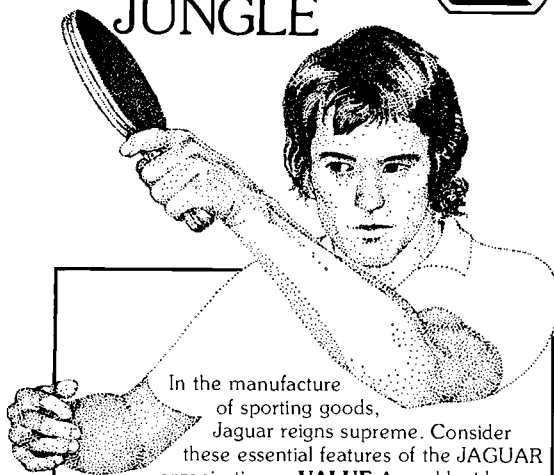
Orlowski/Uhlikova bt Secretin/C. Bergeret (FRA) -11, 14, -19, 14, 20.

Final:
ORLOWSKI/UHLIKOVA bt Douglas/Ludi 9, 12, -14, 7.

Men's Team Round 1:
Hungary I 3 Switzerland II 0
France II 3 Spain 1
Federal Germany I 3 France III 2
Czechoslovakia 3 Canada 0
France I w.o. Nigeria scr

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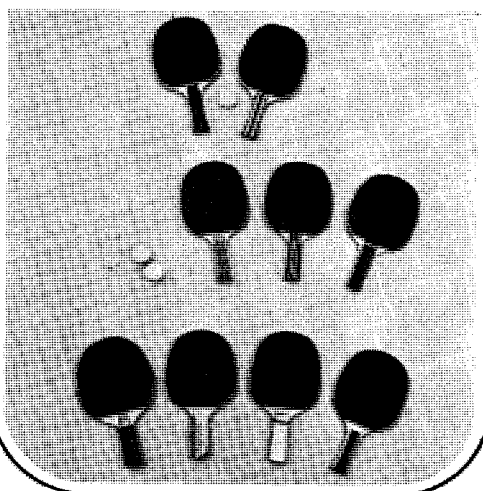
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Hungary II 3 Federal Germany II 2
Sweden I 3 France IV 0

England 3 Poland 1
Day lost to Grubba -11, -15;
Douglas bt Jakubowicz 11, 12;
Day/Douglas bt Grubba/Jakubowicz -12, 14, 20;
Douglas bt Grubba 17, 21.

Round 2:
Hungary I 3 France II 0
Federal Germany I 3 Czechoslovakia 1
France I 3 Hungary II 2

England 3 Sweden I 1
Douglas bt Thorsell 11, 10;
Day lost to Bengtsson -17, -15;
Day/Douglas bt Bengtsson/Thorsell 18, 20;
Douglas bt Bengtsson 17, 18.

Semi-finals:
Federal Germany I 3 Hungary I 0

France I 3 **England 1**
Martin lost to Douglas -15, -9;
Secretin bt Day -17, 5, 7;
Martin/Secretin bt Day/Douglas 13, 12;
Secretin bt Douglas -19, 20, 16.

Final:
FRANCE 3 Federal Germany I 1
Secretin lost to Hugging -14, -13;
Martin bt Leiss 24, 18;
Martin/Secretin bt Hugging/Leiss 16, 17;
Secretin bt Leiss 17, 12.

Women's Team Preliminary Round:
England II 3 France III 0
K. Witt bt Plombin 10, 11;
M. Ludi bt Abgrall 10, 14;
Ludi/Witt bt Abgrall/Plombin 17, 14.

Round 1:
Hungary I 3 Spain 0
Sweden I 3 France IV 0
France I 3 Switzerland 0

England I 3 Luxembourg 0
C. Knight bt Deltour 16, 13;
A. Stevenson bt Risch 10, 15;
Knight/Stevenson bt Deltour/Risch -15, 13, 14.
Rumania 3 Hungary II 2

England II 3 Federal Germany 2
Ludi lost to Kneip-Stumpe -15, -17;
Witt bt Hendriksen 11, 13;
Ludi/Witt bt Hendriksen/Kneip-Stumpe 18, 21;
Witt bt Kneip-Stumpe 13, 19.

Sweden II 3 France II 1
Czechoslovakia 3 Canada 0

Round 2:
Sweden I 3 Hungary I 0
France I 3 **England I 1**
Bergeret bt Stevenson 11, 14;
Thiriet lost to Knight -19, -18;
Bergeret/Thiriet bt Knight/Stevenson -16, 14, 12;
Bergeret bt Knight 9, 11.

Rumania 3 **England II 0**
Alexandru bt Ludi 10, 12;

Ferenczi bt Witt 16, 17;
Alexandru/Ferenczi bt Ludi/Witt 9, 14.
Czechoslovakia 3 Sweden II 2

Semi-finals:
France I 3 Sweden I 1
Rumania 3 Czechoslovakia 0

Final:
RUMANIA 3 France I 1
Alexandru bt Thiriet 10, 12;
Ferenczi lost to Bergeret -18, 19, -15;
Alexandru/Ferenczi bt Bergeret/Thiriet 17, 19;
Alexandru bt Bergeret 10, 6.

MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Hungary	3	½	3½	7
France	2	1	3½	6½
Czechoslovakia	1	1½	3	5½
Rumania	1	1	1	3
Federal Germany	—	2	—	2
England	—	1	1	2
Sweden	—	—	2	2

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Former Scottish international Brian Kean, now coach of the Lancashire T.T.A., in festive mood on duty with the "Table Toppers" which group also comprises John Hilton and Phil Bowen who together make an excellent cabaret turn.

8th INTERNATIONAL CLUB HARD RUBBER BAT OPEN

Once again this popular event takes place at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre. The date is Jan. 14, 1979 with the closing date on Jan. 4. Entries will be accepted on plain paper with the appropriate fees which are Singles 80p and Doubles 40p. Singles events include Consolation for 1st round losers and all three doubles events will be held. The E.T.T.A. fee is 10p per person. Do not forget to put your own name and address on your entry which should be sent to L. F. Landry, 29 Ravenshaw Street, London NW6 1NP.

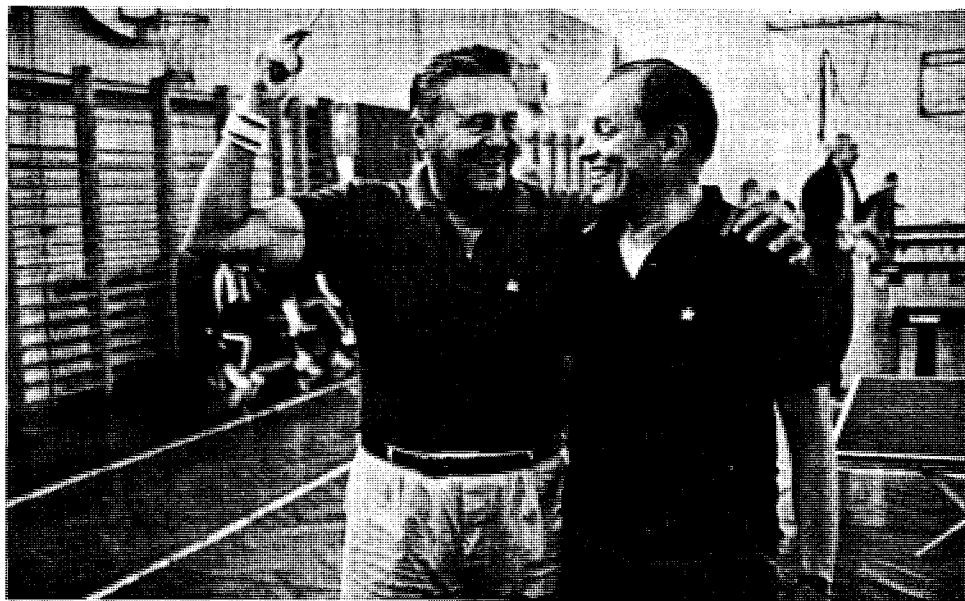
ON THE MOVE

The following changes of address are noted by the International Table Tennis Club of England in their latest Bulletin:-

Desmond Douglas, 83 Andrews Gardens, Handsworth, Birmingham 21.

Alan Fletcher, 68 Roosevelt House, Charlemont Farm Estate, West Bromwich, West Midlands.

The 16th A.G.M. of the Club will be held about 12 noon on Sunday, Jan. 14/79 at the Barnet T.T. Centre.



Former Yugoslav ace Zarko Dolinar (left) pictured at a veterans' tournament with Mihovila Kapetanic, the current President of the Yugoslavian T.T.A.

COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by Tony Darbyshire

CLOSE CONTEST

By the end of October some 70 matches had been played of the Midland League programme. Already there are signs that some of the divisions, in all sections, will be closely contested, whilst others have a clear leader after only two or three matches.

Bristol head the Men's Div. 1 with Chris Sewell so far unbeaten. Leicester "A" with Grahame Hall, Philip Smith and David Gannon defeated Nottingham "A" 6-4 and Derby "A" 6-4. Birmingham "A" having drawn 5-5 with Bristol are probably glad to have what may prove to be their hardest match behind them so early in the season. Lester Bertie, the Birmingham No. 1 junior, gave a very good account of himself in such exalted company and should benefit from the experience of playing at this level. Chesterfield beat Nottingham "A" 8-2 with Martin Kinsella, Steve Mills and Neil Marples only being stretched by Alan Croome. Hinckley "A" narrowly lost to Birmingham "B" 4-6. Barry Hayward in fine form here and was only extended by Maurice Newman, having beaten Paul Randell and John Illife in straight games.

In the Men's Div. 2 Wolves "A" have made a crisp start to regain their place in the first Division beating Leicester "B", Coventry "A" and Gloucester "A" 7-3, 10-0 and 8-2 respectively. Some excellent table tennis was seen in their match against Gloucester (William Dawe, Mark Owen and Martyn Lane) with Andrew Rich getting the better of a very sharp Owen by intelligent play and clever use of modern rubber technology! Owen managed to win his other two sets against the other two Andrews, Bellingham and Dixon. David Harvey for Cheltenham "A" has won all six of his sets so far in straight games but despite his form could not stop his side from a narrow defeat 4-6 to Gloucester "A". Clive Alcock for Oxford gained two victories against Derby "B" and Cheltenham "A" but was on the losing side in both matches, twice going down 3-7. Brian Mayfield for Leicester "B" was not extended by any of the Potteries players in their 6-4 win. Despite six of their sets against Derby "B" going to 3, Walsall "A" went down 0-10. They also lost 3-7 to Coventry "A" and will find it very hard to stay up at this level.

In the Men's Div. 3 Shrewsbury "A" (Malcolm Green, Nigel Thomas and Mike Beaman) show that they mean to put the Shropshire county town on the map by overwhelming Hinckley "B" and Coventry "B" 10-0. Their "B" team however lost to Hinckley "B" 2-8. Coventry "B" also went down 1-9 to Leicester "C" and languish at the foot of the table after the first two matches. West Bromwich defeated Hinckley "B" and Bromsgrove 8-2 and 6-4 with Richard Coley undefeated for them. Potteries "B" (Paul Barnett, Greg Hallam and Joe Deakin) played well in defeating Leamington 8-2. Leicester "C" also won their match against Leamington 8-2. All of Leamington's 4 sets so far have been won by John Fuller.

UNDEFEATED

Wolverhampton "B" (Steve Dunning, Sid Hodgetts and Keith Fellows) have started well by beating Nuneaton 10-0 and Nottingham 8-2. Fellows and Dunning are so far undefeated in either singles or doubles. Cheltenham "B", with Roy Fowler and Don Sweeney winning 3 each, beat Lichfield 9-1. Tony Davies won the odd set for Lichfield. Tamworth lost to Chesterfield "B" 2-8 and Lichfield 4-6 with Andrew Bache winning 2 against Lichfield, but losing easily to Derrick Marples, the Chesterfield lynchpin, who has registered 6 wins out of six. However, with Ian Morley and Graham Lynch only winning 1 set

each Chesterfield could only draw 5-5 with Cheltenham "B". The loss of that point might have been saved if Ian Morley could have reversed his narrow defeat -19 in the third against Clive Little. Both Chesterfield and Cheltenham "B" look like they will be in the promotion race at the end of the season. Loughborough lost 1-9 to Nottingham "B" but won 8-2 against Nuneaton where Peter Angrave and Peter Tiwari were undefeated.

On to the Vets Divisions. Nottingham "A" certainly have strength in depth using 5 players in their first 3 matches and only dropping 4 sets. Ron Bolton has won 8 out of 9 and will no doubt be a little irritated if his loss to Roy Thomas (Coventry "A") -19, 8, -19, is his only blemish at the season's end. Leicester and Coventry "A" have both won one and drawn one but Leicester (Phil Overend, Bryan Hall and Charlie Jacques) could not get the better of their own encounter with Coventry "A" taking the match 6-4. Gloucester drew with Cheltenham 5-5 but went down 3-7 to Birmingham. Oxford beat West Bromwich 7-3 whilst West Bromwich suffered a further loss to Nottingham "A" 1-9. Leamington also lost easily to Nottingham "A" 0-10.

Div. 2 of the Vets is so far controlled by Oxford "B" who have won both their matches 7-3 against Nuneaton and Coventry "B", and their probable challengers, Stratford, who have beaten Worcester 7-3 and Derby 10-0. Walsall drew with Coventry "B" 5-5.

ONLY DRAW

Junior Div. 1 looks wide open with no side having a clear lead after a couple of matches. Birmingham "A" beat Leicester "A" 10-0 but could only draw 5-5 in their encounter with Gloucester. Gloucester beat a weakened Chesterfield 8-2. Shrewsbury, fielding a side without their junior and men's No. 1 Malcolm Green, could only reflect that they will only be gaining experience for their younger players at this level when going down to a stronger Chesterfield side 0-10. A better result when playing an equally young Leicester "A" team of 7-3 will perhaps give them a confidence boost. Derby "A" with Robert Allbutt only extended by Anthony Devitt gave them a 6-4 win against Wolverhampton "A", whose side is weakened by Bellingham and Dixon playing for their Men's "A" team. Chesterfield also beat Wolverhampton "A" 6-4 with Steve Young winning his 3 although he had a splendid match against Peter Dawes and only just managed to secure victory. Coventry "A" defeated Cheltenham 7-3. A little sad to report that the Coventry boys' habit of chattering in the middle of games and of applauding any point which their team won with a net or an edge spoilt an otherwise well-contested match. Let's hope they behave more sensibly when they have read my comments. Indeed let's hope all youngsters reading this will realise that although winning is important, winning at all costs by fair means or foul only brings the game into disrepute.

Birmingham "B" beat Coventry "B" 7-3 and Coventry "C" 9-1 in Junior Div. 2. Coventry "B" also went down to both Nottingham "A" and "B" by 10-0. Walsall, with Jill Harris, entering a predominantly boys' world, won her 3 against Nuneaton in an overall victory of 8-2. Coventry "C" fared little better when playing the two Nottingham teams but did reduce the margin of defeat to 3-7 to the "B" team and 1-9 to the "A" team. Nottingham "A" also overwhelmed Leamington 10-0. Their four youngsters, Neagina Singh, Mark Pearson, Robert Watson and Andrew Phillips, are undefeated in singles and have dropped only one set in three matches!

Junior Div. 3 contains 3 undefeated sides — Oxford "A" with two wins over Derby "B" (6-4) and Derby "C" (9-1); Wolverhampton "B" also have two wins against Worcester (6-4) and Derby "C" (8-2) and West Bromwich who have beaten a much weakened Mansfield team by 8-2. West Bromwich look very strong for this division and will take some stopping.

TEAM TO WATCH

Stroud are possibly the team to watch in Div. 4. I will be very surprised if Andrew Golding is far off a 100% record at the end of this season after helping Stroud to two easy victories, against Worcester "B" (10-0), and newcomers Market Drayton by the same margin. Adrian Dixon, younger brother of Andrew, is playing for Lichfield with David Hanney and Christopher Hunt.

They managed an 8-2 win over Leamington "B"

Very little to report on the Women's division so far, but I can take the opportunity to correct my (deliberate) mistake in the October article. Did anyone spot it? The mistake was, of course, that Market Drayton, our newest recruits, also have a women's team as well as a junior team. I hope my apologies are accepted. Unfortunately they were a little overwhelmed by Birmingham "B" and went down 0-10 without winning a game. Never mind it's early days yet. Let's hope Alison Bayliss, Colette Soan and Alison Barker all gain some experience from competing at this level and get better as they go through the season. Birmingham "A" beat their own "B" team 9-1. Derby (Linda Holmes, Marilyn Deakin and Anne Fearnough) took on Julie Revill, Julie Want and Karen Rogers of Leicester and did well to get a 5-5 draw. Highlight here was the Holmes - Rogers match which Karen managed to win 19 in the third! Linda also lost to Julie Revill in the third. Hard luck Linda.

With luck the next article should contain two league tables. Keep watching this space.

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

MIXED FORTUNES

It is pleasing to see so many players (mainly Juniors) making the effort to compete in outside tournaments, and even better to report that they are performing with great credit. This is how they will be noticed if their aim is National Ranking — and I am sure that it is.

Ivan Smith reached the semi-final of the Newbury U-12's before losing to the eventual winner. Paul Jackson reached the last 16 of the Middlesex U-15's but then understandably went out to John Souter. With Carl Preen of Hampshire he also reached the quarter-finals of the doubles, but then had to scratch in order that Carl could catch his ferry to the Isle of Wight. Also at Middlesex Kate Harris (paired with Evonne Hall, Leics.) lost in the U-15 doubles final 20-22 in the third and she also reached the semi-final of the consolation singles. Nice to see one of our girls getting some reward from her travels.

Malcolm Green and Nigel Thomas took part in the 'North of England' at Manchester — their first open as Seniors — and could be well satisfied with their results, Malcolm losing to England No. 2 John Hilton -16, 17, -16 in the last 16 and Nigel narrowly losing in the third to another International Tony Clayton (Yorks.) Malcolm and Kevin Beadsley (Yorks.) also got to the doubles quarter-finals. At Aberdare, Malcolm and Nigel reached the semi-finals of the men's doubles before losing in the third to the Welsh Nos. 1 and 2 Alan Griffiths and Graham Davies.

Our Midland League teams have so far met with mixed fortunes.

In the Senior Third Division the 'A' team of Green, Thomas and Mike Beaman have carried all before them with 10-0 victories over the newly-promoted teams Hinckley 'B' and Coventry 'B'. If it was possible to field this team all season I have little doubt they would be promoted, but other calls on our top players will put some pressure on the reserve strength which most unfortunately is depleted by 'premature retirements' or 'lack of interest in representative table tennis' by some of our more experienced players. The 'B' team in the same Division is therefore largely experimental. Under the captaincy of Tony Smith, and fielding a team consisting of Tony, Nicky Roberts and Geoff Lupton (respectively ranked Nos. 2 and 3 Juniors), they lost 2-8 to the same Hinckley side in their only match so far. There is little doubt about the boys ability, but more application is needed.

In the Junior First Division we have thrown Cadets Ivan Smith and Paul Jackson in at the deep end with Tony Cheetham in support. The hope is that the experience gained will benefit not only the boys themselves, but Shrewsbury and the County in general. They found out what it is going to be like when losing 0-10 to an experienced Chesterfield side, but very creditably recovered the following week to beat Leicester 7-3 with all the

boys winning 2 singles. Bob Wilson has agreed to be non-playing captain once again, and I am sure they will benefit as much from his guidance as did the team which won promotion under him in the 1975/76 season. However it will not be easy, and retaining their present league status must be the first consideration.

On the County scene we did not have the best of starts to the season.

The 'youthful' First Seniors on their second Division baptism did reasonably well, for despite losing 3-7 away to Leicestershire they managed in doing so to take as many sets from the home team as they lost all last term. Green beat Chris Rogers and both Thomas and Mark Pugh beat David Gannon. There was some excellent table tennis played in a sporting manner. Leicestershire look very much a Premier Division outfit to me.

The Second Seniors lost 1-9 at home to Nottingham with Hugh Dalton winning the only set — and ironically he was the reserve in the absence of Graham Cheetham. As the score suggests Notts. were far too strong, but we can only hope that our players have learned something from the experience.

To partly compensate for these two defeats the Second Juniors made a most impressive start especially for so young a team, Clwyd II being comprehensively beaten 9-1. The boys are the same three who I mentioned earlier as representing Shrewsbury in the Midland League and they were ably assisted by Linda Degg and Janet Siddle. Only the boys' doubles was lost. In fairness to Clwyd it should be pointed out that they also have a policy of using U-15's in their second team but this does not detract from a first class effort by our youngsters, some making their county debuts.

Since the County ranking lists were issued I have been notified of the Telford Association's lists and the top places are as follows:-

Men	Women
1 D. Jenkins	1 T. Powell
2 M. Jones	2 J. Seager
3 T. Horobin	3=A. Lowe
4 T. Jones	3=J. Siddle
5 D. Elkin	
Boys	Girls
1 G. Cooper	1 Powell
2 J. Allman	2=Lowe
3 M. Tuft	2=Siddle
4 N. Charnley	4 J. Ballard
5 J. Dyson	5 J. Wakely
Cadets	Cadet Girls
1 Allman	1 Lowe
2 Tuft	2 Ballard
3 J. Rae	3 Wakely
4 C. Wilson	4 H. Bardsley
5 M. Hinton	5 S. Horne

The Association is grateful to the following for sponsorship, both new and renewed, as follows:-

Trustee Savings Bank - £120 for Junior I Team.
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C. and W. Walker Limited, Gas Engineers, Midland Iron Works, Donnington - £75 for the Telford Closed Tournament on Nov. 12, 1978.

Fletcher Contractors, Shrewsbury Limited - £5 donation to the County Association.

Any more offers will be thankfully received and faithfully applied!

Finally best wishes for a speedy recovery to County Treasurer Dora Jackson (wife of Paddy our County Coach) who has been in hospital for some weeks — on traction most of the time — in efforts to 'straighten out' some back trouble. As a fellow back sufferer she has my heartfelt sympathy — get well soon.

DORSET NOTES

by Martin Abbott

EXCELLENT START

Dorset made an excellent start to the new County Championships season remaining unbeaten by another county. The senior first team travelled to Surrey to play their second team and won 6-4.

Once again the women, Janet New and Joyce Coop, proved invincible and won their three sets comfortably. Trevor Abbott picked up the remaining Set.

The second team have already played two matches, the first at home to Somerset II which they won 8-2 with Rachel Mackriell, making her Dorset county debut, Jason and Cherry Creasey all remaining unbeaten. Micky Doyle and Howard Davies each won a singles.

Their second match was away to Glamorgan's third side where they won 6-4. Howard "Taffy" Davies, back in his homeland, was on top form winning his two singles with the remaining sets being won by Jason Creasey and Rachel Mackriell plus both doubles.

The first shock of the season occurred when Dorset's two veteran sides met and the second team came out on top by 6-3 with Dave Woodcock and Ron Fairhall staying unbeaten for the seconds. John Dale and Joyce Coop won the three sets for the firsts.

Dorset players also had a good day in the Hampshire Closed held at Southampton on Nov. 5! Sarah Gilson was Dorset's outstanding player reaching three finals winning two — the women's singles and, with Rachel Mackriell, the women's doubles. Her only defeat of the day was in the mixed final where, partnered by Jason Creasey, they were beaten by another Dorset pair Trevor Smith and Joyce Coop.

SURREY NOTES

by Ted Simpkin

SAD NEWS

The Croydon and District League received sad news recently with the death of Margaret Stanbridge, who had for many years acted as their Match Secretary.

This league is now organised into 59 teams in 5 divisions and has 3 new clubs in, Goodcrest, Old Town and Sun Alliance. Last season's winners of Div. 1, now named Hartley Down, have magnificent new premises built by their captain, and League Chairman, Emil Emeccz.

Near neighbours, the Croydon Business Houses League, which has a very efficient and informative Newssheet, is this season organised into 7 divisions with a total of 71 teams, and is lucky enough to have league tables distributed after only three matches have been played.

The Reigate and Redhill League have held their enterprising Hard Bat tournament in which last season's losing finalist, K. Fogwell, took the premier title from surprise runner-up M. Neale. In the Intermediate P. Williams was again pipped in the final, this time by R. Punter. The Consolation final saw M. Williams beat P. Vacza at 17 in the third.

Deeper into the County, the Dorking League continue to headline their bad news, and following a season in which several matches were played well into the cricket season, this season shows the deplorable position of only six matches having been played in the first division at the end of the opening two weeks. This, to an outsider, appears to be a case where severe tightening of rules needs to be applied. Fortunately for the league officials this sort of indiscipline does not appear to affect the lower divisions.

News of the County Closed Championships in the next issue.

Ranking lists:-

Men
1 Max Crimmins
2 David Welsman
3 David Hannah
4 Stephen Boxall
5 Stephen Holloway
6 Alan Watson
7 Terry Haley
8 Connie Warren
9 Glenn Baker
10 Mark Oakley
11 David Harding
12 Gordon Chapman
13 John Chamberlain
14 Brian Garroway

- 15 Adrian Higgs
- 16 Gary Stewart
- 17 Terry Smith
- 18 Bill Holder
- 19 Paul Smith
- 20 Peter Brennan

Women

- 1 Linda Howard
- 2 Lorraine Garbet
- 3 Nicola Hayward
- 4 Jayne Mitchell
- 5 Avril McMahan
- 6 Sarah Cresswell
- 7 Jenny Webster
- 8 Susan Walker
- 9 Kerry Merritt
- 10 Kim Merritt

Boys

- 1 Holloway
- 2 Baker
- 3 Oakley
- 4 Peter Bruntnell
- 5 Norman Hamilton
- 6 Stephen Woodgate
- 7 Paul Holloway
- 8 Graham Russell
- 9 Steven Baggott
- 10 Peter Simmonds
- 11 Andrew Crammond
- 12 Marcus Maure

Girls

- 1 Garbet
- 2 Cresswell
- 3 McMahan
- 4 Kerry Merritt
- 5 Claire Gibbs
- 6 Sally Conway
- 7 Michele Bland
- 8 Michele Hams
- 9 Nicola Teague
- 10 Delia Jenkins

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

JOHN SAVES "WHITEWASH"

Norfolk started their County Championship in earnest on Saturday, Oct. 21, when all four teams were in action. Their Senior I, in Div. 2 East, came up against the very strong opposition of Essex II (Les Eadie, Leon Smith, Kevin Calder, Gill Locke and Elaine Sayer) and it was no surprise that Norfolk (Doug Bennett, Mick Musson, John Turner, Wendy Hogg and Sue Allen) went down, but it was disappointing that the home team did not show more fight in the early stages, and that, although Wendy lost only after several deuces in the third to Gill Locke, one had to wait till the last tie for John Turner to overcome Leon Smith and save a "whitewash".

However, the Senior II (Trevor Bunn, Steven Howlett, David Smith, Margaret Hales and Miss S. Hazell) gave us cause to hope with an excellent 6-4 away victory against Huntingdonshire. It was Bunn, who won both his singles and the men's doubles with Howlett, whom we have chiefly to thank, and Smith, making his senior county debut, won one singles, whilst Margaret Hales was an impressive winner against Barbara Pace 16, 4. A good start in Div. 3 East!

As for our two Junior teams, sponsored this season by the Trustee Savings Bank of East Anglia, they both went down 3-7. Junior I, in Div. 3 South East, lost to a strong Suffolk side at Ipswich. David Unwin failed to score in the singles, but won the boys' doubles with Andrew Buckingham, who had had a win against Anthony Booth. No. 3 Paul Ninham, overcame Julian Hall, but our two girls, Sue Browne and Zoe Nicholls, were both unlucky.

Junior II (Richard and Martyn Stevenson, Roger Margetson, Ann Bowers and Sarah Bignell) considering their age, did better than expected against Leicestershire at May and Baker's canteen in Norwich. Margetson, of Yarmouth, won one singles and lost the other in the third, in a fine debut. Another good debut performance came from Sarah Bignell, also from Yarmouth, who won her singles and also the girls' doubles with Ann Bowers. This match was in Div. 3 East, Junior.

Congratulations to Mrs. Linda Nelson on
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Alexandra Palace, Nov. 4/5, 1978

by ALAN SHEPHERD

PALMER-TYPE CHARGE

Like most tournaments in this day and age, the main worry of the Organisers was that our sponsorship would be insufficient. Fortunately ours did not let us down and we must extend our most grateful thanks to Fairview Estates, John Jaques Limited, Ascot Sports, and last but very much not least, the London Borough of Haringey. Without their generous assistance financial and otherwise, our tournament would not have taken place.

Early on Tournament Secretary Allan How reported a huge entry of 469, well up on last year, and that most of the top players had entered. We even had two of the games "expatriates" namely Jill Hammersley and Jimmy Walker, of the Bundesliga!

Saturday morning and most of Saturday saw group play in progress — in the Men's Singles there were 78 groups of 4 to play through! Eventually these were disposed of, and the tournament proper began, leaving behind only the disappointed group losers, who included some distinguished names, such as Alan Griffiths, Welsh No. 1.

In the hubbub of Sunday afternoon the Men's Singles was reduced to its last eight. John Dabin, the Kent defender, was starting an Arnold Palmer-type charge and caused the biggest shock so far when ousting John Hilton in the quarters. David Tan, our ex-Wilmott Cup star, who now purports to be attached to the Southwark League, had a good run to this stage, but then went out to Alan Fletcher. Graham Sandley having been forced to withdraw with an injury, Paul Guttormsen having scratched earlier on, David Jemmett not having entered, Andy Barden having either disappeared or emigrated to Soham (Cams) and more mundanely Colin Wilson having actually played but lost, the Middlesex challenge was reduced to that of Mark Mitchell. North Middlesex League, however, in the persons of Bob Potton and Pete McQueen had two more contenders, but of these only McQueen survived. He beat Mark in a long battle while Bob succumbed to Walker, who he usually beats.

Dabin proceeded to beat Fletcher two-straight in the semis while Walker beat McQueen similarly. The final was disappointing in that "needle" crept in when a good deciding game seemed on the cards. Dabin took the first game chopping Walker's big forehands immaculately but in the second Walker hit through the defence almost contemptuously. At 9-7 in the third to Walker, Dabin "killed" an attempted Walker drop shot, running down the side of the court as he did so, only to see Walker block the ball back on to an empty table. Here there was an exchange of verbals, Dabin apparently thinking that Walker had acted unfairly in some way which was only visible to him. From then on the game deteriorated, and Dabin having drawn level, he drew away to beat a Walker who had almost stopped bothering. This was all very sad, and ended even more unfortunately when Jimmy failed to come up onto the stage to receive his cheque.

There is not a lot to say about the Women's Singles except that Jill Hammersley won it easily as everybody expected. Our "Angie" (Miss A. Mitchell) was her semi-final victim and Karen Witt her opponent in a fairly one-sided final. Alison Gordon lost to Karen in the semi.

Two North Middlesex League players fought out the Girls' Singles final, namely Mandy Reeves (Edmonton) and Helen Williams (Ellenborough) but it was the Edmonton player who came out on top.

In the absence of Sandley our main hope for the Boys' Singles was Colin Wilson (Ellenborough) but he was a quarter final victim of John Souter (East Finchley). At the same stage "Costas" Papantoniou (also East Finchley) lost to Sam Harmer. Souter went on to annex the title with fine wins over Andrew Bellingham and David Barr.

I cannot conclude without a reference to the

magnificent Men's Doubles triumph by a pair one-half of which belongs to North Middlesex League i.e. Wilson. Partnered by Barr, Colin had two marvellous wins.

Results:-

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Dabin (K) bt J. Hilton (La) 16, 18;
 A. Fletcher (Y) bt D. Tan (Mi) -19, 9, 9;
 P. McQueen (Cv) bt M. Mitchell (Mi) 21, -11, 18;
 J. Walker (Cv) bt R. Potton (E) 23, -15, 15.

Semi-finals:

Dabin bt Fletcher 15, 19;
 Walker bt McQueen 15, 13.

Final:

DABIN bt Walker 16, -5, 14.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Hammersley (Bu) bt E. Foulds (E) 9, 7;
 A. Mitchell (Mi) bt L. Radford (E) 20, -9, 16;
 K. Witt (Bk) bt M. Reeves (Mi) 10, 9;
 A. Gordon (Bk) bt E. Bolton (K) 11, 12.

Semi-finals:

Hammersley bt Mitchell 13, 12;
 Witt bt Gordon 9, -15, 16.

Final:

HAMMERSLEY bt Witt 14, 10.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

C. Sewell (Av)/Walker bt K. Jackson-(E)/Mitchell -18, 18, 18;
 D. Barr (Bk)/C. Wilson (Mi) bt N. Eckersley (Ch)/Fletcher -14, 19, 18.

Final:

BARR/WILSON bt Sewell/Walker -8, 19, 19.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Gordon/M. Smith (Bk) bt Mitchell/H. Williams (Mi) 16, 21;
 Hammersley/Reeves bt H. Gore (Av)/Radford 9, -19, 12.

Final:

GORDON/SMITH bt Hammersley/Reeves -12, 16, 15.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Hilton/Hammersley bt T. Dowsett (E)/Gordon -15, 15, 12;
 Eckersley/Witt bt Potton/Mitchell 17, 15.

Final:

HILTON/HAMMERSLEY bt Eckersley/Witt 9, 12.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Souter (Mi) bt Wilson 18, -19, 22;
 A. Bellingham (St) bt S. Holloway (Sy) -15, 13, 24;
 Barr bt G. Gillett (Sx) 12, 10;
 S. Harmer (Bd) bt C. Papantoniou (Mi) 16, -17, 11.

Semi-finals:

Souter bt Bellingham 10, -19, 12;
 Barr bt Harmer 14, 20.

Final:

SOUTER bt Barr 18, 18.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Smith bt S. Cresswell (Sy) 17, 18;
 Reeves bt L. Broomhead (Y) 18, 12;
 Williams bt Bolton 19, -21, 21;
 Gordon bt L. Garbet (Sy) -15, 22, 16.

Semi-finals:

Reeves bt Smith 17, 18;
 Williams bt Gordon 19, 18.

Final:

REEVES bt Williams 16, 18.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

M. Lissen (E) bt F. Lockwood (E) 11, 12;
 G. Chapman (Sy) bt D. Smith (Mi) 19, 17.

Final:

LISSEN bt Chapman 13, 19.

CANCELLED

The South of England 2-Star Open scheduled to have been run over the weekend of Feb. 3/4 at Woking has been cancelled by Organising Secretary Trevor Channing due to circumstances beyond his control. The time scale of organisation by the sub-committee is one of the major factors but linked with many others making it impossible to stage a successful tournament.

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by ALAN HYDES

Roy Evans the I.T.T.F. President kindly invited me to conduct an I.T.T.F. Coaching Seminar for Coaches in the Caribbean from Oct. 6/15. This was held in the J. F. Kennedy Hall at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad. This was to be my third coaching assignment for the I.T.T.F. as I had conducted 2 previous seminars for coaches in the Middle East in 1976 and 1977. The choice of me as a coach had significance to the fact that I have studied Table Tennis Coaching on a Winston Churchill Scholarship in China and Japan.

Victor Cowan the Caribbean President warmly welcomed me at Trinidad Airport on the arrival of my flight which took me via Barbados and Georgetown, Guyana. The seminar was held in first class conditions at the University and had over 25 coaches in attendance at each session. Eight brand new Dunlop Championships tables were used for the Coaching Seminar. The course was conducted each day during my stay for a minimum of 4 hours and table tennis films were shown and literature was distributed during the course.

My course took the coaches through the formative development stage in developing a pupils technique and up to the advance stage. The response from the coaches was a total commitment to the course and a determined approach to propagating table tennis in the Caribbean. Generous and kind hospitality was provided by the Caribbean Table Tennis Federation provided graciously by the President Victor Cowan.

The I.T.T.F. President Roy Evans O.B.E. is creating the facility for knowledge of table tennis coaching to be available to countries which are, as yet, not leaders in the world table tennis.

I feel certain that the I.T.T.F. have made progress in this policy by the coaching seminar which was carried out in the Caribbean. In conclusion I think I should mention something quite unconnected with the coaching. This was an incident which happened on the afternoon of my final day in Trinidad. I was swimming in the Atlantic Ocean with Herman Roop Dass and his family when suddenly a shark appeared less than 40 yards from where we were swimming. Needless to say we swam hastily in retreat and fortunately reached the shore safely.

ON THE COACHING FRONT

DONALD PARKER, E.T.T.A. NATIONAL COACH NORTH
WITH MORE ON PERIODISATION

The topic of periodisation demands a thorough examination and therefore to appreciate fully this article it would be advisable to read articles 1 and 2 in the previous two publications of this magazine.

The longest phase of the annual cycle is the preparation phase which again is further divided into two phases (1). Phase 1 occupies four months in a single periodised year while in a double periodised year it occupies 2-2½ months to be reintroduced after the first competition period for a further 1½-2 months.

The main aim is to increase the performers ability to accept a high intensity of loading. Physical training is more general in nature and the performer is working at the endurance end of his sport development. Technical limitations are worked on and the correct techniques grooved in.

Phase 2 follows when the physical training becomes more specific and technique is rehearsed in the competitive situation. This phase lasts two months according to Matveyev when single periodisation is used and six weeks in double periodisation. It runs directly into the competition period and its aim is to unite the component parts of training into an harmonious whole. This phase might be viewed as "training for competition".

The main task of the competition phase is to develop as fully as possible, and stabilise, competition performance. This will enable the performer to produce an optional performance in key competitions. However it is clear that a performer cannot be expected to produce maximum performance in every competition throughout this period, due to psychological and physiological stresses (2).

Consequently the competition period itself is divided into three distinct phases. These might be thought of as a preliminary competition phase, a special competition phase and a main competition phase. Bearing this in mind it is not unusual to find world class performers declining the honour of international representation in fixtures which are important to the international athletics prestige, or any other sports prestige, of a country, in pursuit of optimal performance in other major championships.

Following the competition phase is the recuperatory or rest phase. Should a performer commence the Preparation phase without a full recovery from the previous competitive phase, the effect of future loading will be extremely limited. Adaption problems would quickly arise, a risk of injuring would occur and the disappointment of poor progress in training would have effects reaching into the next competition period.

While technical schooling may be introduced, the emphasis should be on physical and emotional relaxation involving leisure pursuits. On no account should this period be passive. Matveyev also wrote on smaller periods, macro-cycles, mezo-cycles, and micro-cycles handy units to sub-divide training for a year in advance and compare the training of several sports along the lines of general training theory.

The training unit is a single practice session in pursuit of a training objective. The micro-cycle is a group of units organised in such a way that optimal training value can be obtained from each unit. Moreover, the micro-cycle may be one week, as this helps the fitting of training units into the general framework of social routine.

The macro-cycle is the sum of all the units required to bring the status of training areas to that level dictated by the objectives of the macro-cycle. They are obviously closely regulated by the competition programme during the competition period, but extend over 4-6 weeks during the preparation.

Next month's article will relate this theory to planning an international or indeed a county player's training programme.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DETAILS REQUIRED

We are trying to complete our records and in particular those relating to county matches prior to season 1958-59 in the case of senior teams and season 1964-65 in the case of junior teams. We have already tried the County Championships Administrator but apparently his records go back only to 1964.

If anyone has scorecards of matches involving Leicestershire prior to 1958-59 or Leicestershire juniors prior to 1964-65, we would be grateful if we could have copies of them or borrow them. We will be happy to pay copying and postage charges, and any original material lent to us will be returned.

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When he says to the players, don't do as I do, do as I say, he can be replaced with a tape recording.

As a Coach you should be able to teach and demonstrate a sound game first. A Coach's personal choice of rubber is for his own performance, and need not be suitable, or the choice of the young players.

It could be discussed and used by top players as an experiment, but not, at the expense of a sound game.

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If the young player has the ability but is not dedicated, and will not give the time to attend and improve, he really isn't the player on which to spend the time and money.

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logically sound, Fit and willing to train to become even better.

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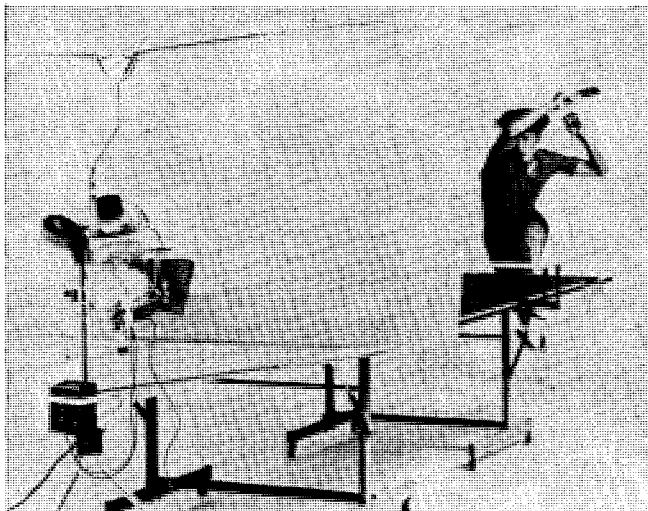
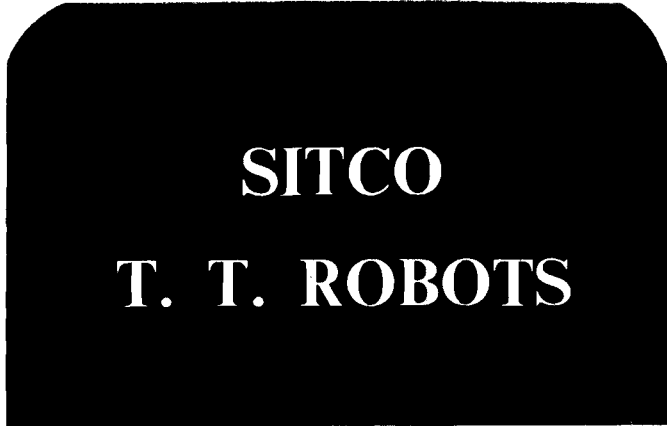
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Guernsey is always called "the charming Channel Isle" not only for its scenery, its shops, its sea-port, and its cuisine, but also because of the warmth and the sincerity of its people.

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YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

FIRST YORK CENTURION

Joe Suchecki has become the first player to represent York 100 times in the Yorkshire League. Born in Cornwall of Polish parents Joe started to play in York at the age of 18, at first for West Yorkshire but after two years for Bootham Conservatives, his club ever since. Joe has never won the York men's singles title, though he had three chances of doing so in 1973 when he led John Turner 20-17 in the third game of the final, only to lose. Joe's clubmate Paul Cameron is not far behind with 90 appearances. Two other York players making names for themselves are Maureen Gott and Tony Sanderson (14), having made their first appearances for the Yorkshire senior and junior second teams respectively.

Leicestershire's Chris Rogers, now at Sheffield University, is a powerful new reinforcement for Sheffield's Yorkshire League side, which can call on two other county players — Steve Mills (Yorkshire) and Martin Kinsella (Derbyshire), and must be favourites to retain the Yorkshire League Division 1 title, won for the first time by a Sheffield team last season since 1960/61. Rogers made his debut by winning three in an 8-2 away win over Hull, for whom beaten Yorkshire Closed finalist Joe Naser salvaged two with wins over Mills and defender Trevor Williams. Hull's Yorkshire second teamer Mike Harrison had no success.

In Junior Division 1, a remarkable 6-3 away win by Sheffield II over Junior champions Bradford was afterwards amended to read 5-4 in favour of Bradford, as the Sheffield team included Lesley Broomhead, who was ranked No. 1 and thus could only represent the first team. The girls' singles and mixed doubles, won by Sheffield on the table, were therefore awarded to Bradford. One result which stood was a win by Sheffield's Neil Bailey over county No. 1 junior Adrian Hill.

Yorkshire's two junior teams have almost completely new looks this season, Adrian Hill and Sally Midgley being the only two players with any significant county match experience. Making their junior county debuts so far this season have been Sean Madden (Hull), Mark Illingsworth (Barnsley), Roger Palfreeman (Bradford), Ian Duxbury (Leeds), David Illingsworth (Barnsley), Tony Sanderson (York), Lesley Broomhead (Sheffield), Tracy Robertshaw (Bradford), Angela Lutkin (Hull), Julie Speight (Doncaster) and Melanie Seaton (Doncaster).

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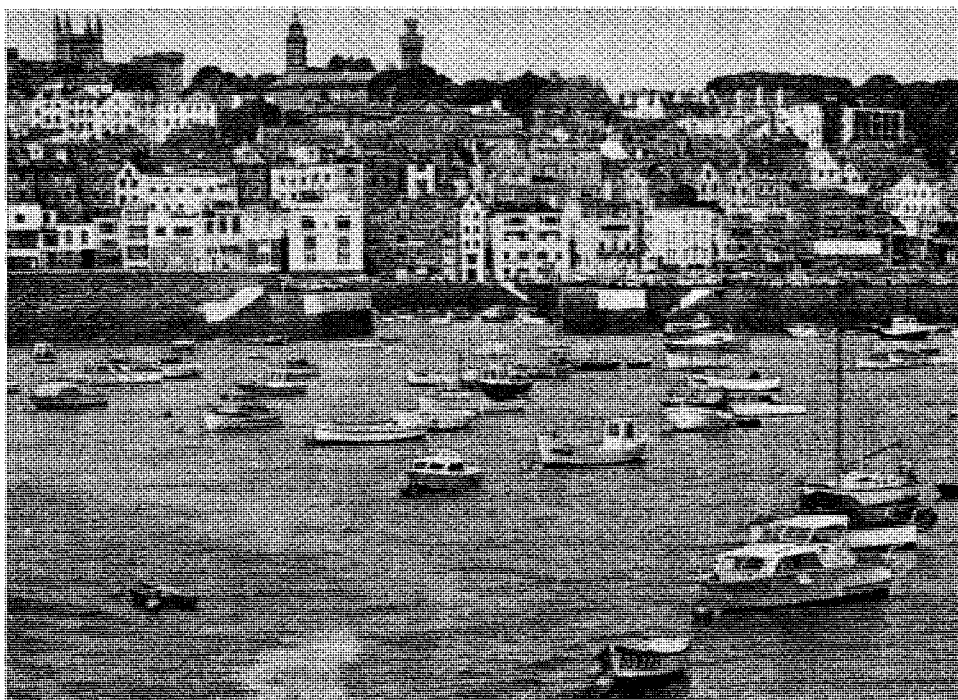
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SCOTTISH NEWS



by DENIS GEORGE

THE TOURNAMENT SCENE

Edinburgh's Keith Rodger, top Junior last season, has quickly established himself as No. 3 ranked senior in his first season amongst the men by reaching the finals of 3 tournaments, losing 2 to Richard Yule No. 1 and John McNee No. 2 and winning the other when the former did not compete.

David McIlroy of Glasgow is firmly at the top amongst the Junior Boys, with Edinburgh's Norman Lovie at No. 2, having won all 5 tournaments to date.

Form amongst the ladies has been erratic since Carole Dalrymple broke her leg, Mabel Neish of Dundee has won 2 and Patrice Fleming 1 with former No. 1 — Grace McKay — suffering a total eclipse.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND OPEN, ABERDEEN 21 Oct., 1978

Men's Singles Semi-finals:
A. McCulloch bt N. Lovie 17, 15
K. Rodger bt J. Graham 13, 10
Final:
RODGER bt McCulloch 16, 16.

Women's Singles Final:
M. NEISH bt K. Hammond -19, 19, 6.
Junior Singles Semi-finals:
D. McIlroy bt A. Davidson 7, 14
N. Lovie bt P. Matthew 18, -10, 18
Final:
McILROY bt Lovie -18, 8, 21.
Open Doubles Final:
A. MATTHEW/J. MOIR bt McIlroy/Rodger
16, -13, 14.
Open Cadet Singles Final:
D. FLETCHER bt M. Adams 15, 15.

MIDLANDS OPEN, DUNDEE 4 Nov., 1978

Men's Singles Semi-finals:
J. McNee bt A. McCulloch 17, 15
K. Rodger bt J. Moir 22, 12
Final:
McNEE bt Rodger 17, 12.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:
P. Fleming bt K. Mackay 12, 8
G. McKay bt M. Neish 22, 16
Final:
FLEMING bt McKay -17, 21, 8.
Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
D. McIlroy bt D. Morrice 13, 12
D. Campbell bt N. Lovie -17, 20, 19
Final:
McILROY bt Campbell 19, 13.

Girls' Singles Final:
K. HAMMOND bt A. Bennett 10, 12.
Cadet Boys' Singles Final:
D. FLETCHER bt M. McMaster 11, 19.
Cadet Girls' Singles:
Group Winner: A. BENNETT.

Men's Doubles Final:
McILROY/RODGER bt C. Brown/McCulloch
15, 19.

Mixed Doubles Final:
D. RYLATT/NEISH bt A. Colliar/Fleming
-11, 11, 16.

Women's Doubles Final:
McKAY/FLEMING bt Neish/D. Quin 10, 19.

EAST OF SCOTLAND OPEN, EDINBURGH 12 Nov., 1978

Open Singles Semi-finals:
R. Yule bt A. McCulloch 14, 12
K. Rodger bt D. Hannah -14, 18, 19
Final:
YULE bt Rodger -16, 16, 9.
Women's Singles Semi-finals:
P. Fleming bt I. Ferguson 11, 16
M. Neish bt J. Smith 15, 10
Final:
NEISH bt Fleming 18, 20.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
D. McIlroy bt J. Broe 8, 17
D. Campbell bt P. Matthew 17, -21, 16
Final:
McILROY bt Campbell 12, 16.

Girls' Singles Final:
L. ERINSON (Norway) bt K. Hammond 9, 12.
Open Cadet Singles Semi-finals:
D. Fletcher bt G. Nixon 12, 13
I. O'Neill bt M. Crawford 16, 17
Final:
FLETCHER bt O'Neill 15, -19, 14.
Veterans' Singles Final:
R. KERR bt J. Mitchell 15, 13.

S.T.T.A. RANKING LIST

Men

- 1 Richard YULE (Ab)
- 2 John McNEE (Lv)
- 3 Keith RODGER (Ed)
- 4 John MOIR (Ab)
- 5 Archie McCULLOCH (WS)
- 6 Jim GRAHAM (Lk)
- 7 John WILSON (WS)
- 8 John PROCTOR (Ab)
- 9 Ram BHALLA (WS)
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- 2 Kirstie HAMMOND (St)
- 3 Hilary CALDER (St)
- 4 Aileen BENNETT (St)

Cadet Girls

- 1 Aileen BENNETT (St)

Cadet Boys

- 1 David FLETCHER (WS)
- 2 Martin CRAWFORD (St)
- 3 Ian O'NEILL (Lk)
- 4 Ian McKINLEY (Ed)
- 5 M. ADAMS (Ab)
- 6 G. NIXON (St)

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

CLARK OUTSTANDING

There were mixed fortunes for the three County teams in their first matches of the season on Oct. 21. The first team, as expected, lost 2-8 to Yorkshire II at Bradford, but Andrew Clark performed outstandingly to win both his singles against Mike Harrison and Tony Bottomley, and Kit Cheung was unfortunate to lose in two desperately close games against Maureen Gott.

However, there was jubilation in the home camp at Byker Community Centre when the second and junior teams achieved a 6-4 "double" over Cumbria and over Cumbria II juniors. In the senior match, Nancy Kirsop — making her first County appearance for five years — and Lily Aust were undefeated in both singles and doubles, while Malcolm McMaster won two singles, and Peter Whiteman one.

John Burke was outstanding in the junior match, winning both his singles and the doubles with Henderson Yeung, who also took one singles, as did Philip Kolvin. The other set was gained by Susan Norris and Christine Burke — the latter making her County debut — the girls' doubles, and both girls only just lost their singles by the narrowest of margins.

The next County fixtures were scheduled for Nov. 25, with the first and second teams entertaining Lancashire and Lancs II at Byker and the juniors travelling to Consett to play Durham in the table tennis equivalent of the local "derby".

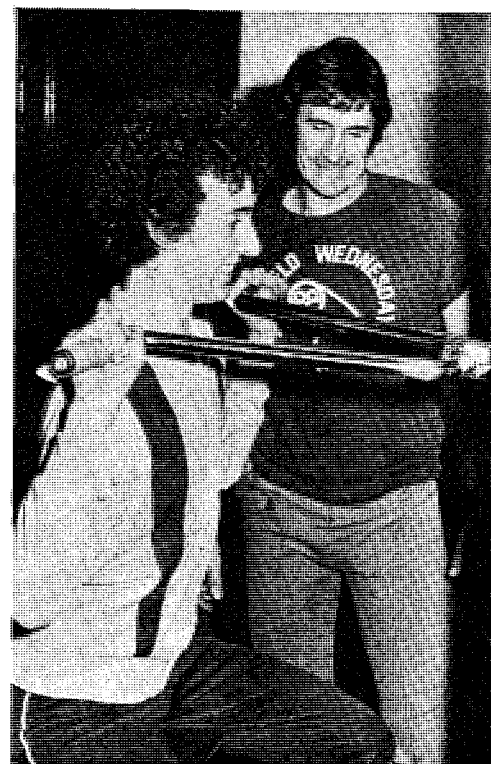
A full bus load of players and officials travelled to Meadowbank on Nov. 12 to take part in the East of Scotland Open. Andrew Clark, partnered by Keith Paxton of Cleveland, reached the semi-final of the men's doubles, while Susan Norris and Valerie Elsdon were both losing semi-finalists in the girls' singles. Alan Jones (who had a good victory over Paxton in the previous round to reach this stage), Kit Cheung and Andrew Drapkin all reached the last eight of the men's, women's and cadet singles respectively, while Frank Mitchinson and Whiteman (men's singles) and Bernard Clark (boys' singles) appeared in the last 16 of their events.

The Northumberland League have been drawn against the Tyneside Summer League in an early round of the Carter Cup, and this match was due to be played on Nov. 18 at Gosforth. The chosen Northumberland team was Burke, Kolvin and Neil McMaster, who plays in his first representative match; while the Tyneside S.L. side were due to field Durham County junior Nigel Jobling, plus the Washington pair Dave Godbold and Cliff Olsson. The Wilmott Cup and Rose Bowl teams both have home matches against Ormesby with dates yet to be arranged.

Ashington Leisure Centre are to stage their first Closed tournament on Dec. 9, and it is hoped that as many players as possible from the Northumberland schools and Tyneside Summer League will enter and thus help to make this inaugural venture a success. Events will include men's, women's and a Div. 3 and 4 mixed singles, plus boys' and girls' U-17 and U-11 singles, and men's doubles.

The latest Newcastle Schools League tables show that the Royal Grammar School still lead both the Senior and Intermediate divisions with maximum points from eight and seven matches respectively. Heaton and Gosforth are both unbeaten in the Girls' Division after six matches.

GETTING TO GRIPS . . .



Submitted by John Hatfield, the Hon. Gen. Sec. of the Sheffield and District T.T.A. the picture shows Sheffield player and Yorkshire No. 3 Steven Mills training in the new multi-gym at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough ground under the watchful eye of the football club's assistant manager/trainer, Tony Toms.

Fitness expert Toms has written several books on training methods and exercises and is now preparing a special schedule to suit the requirements of Mills' game. Known for training methods in several other sports — he trains the Kent C.C.C. team — this is the first time Toms has been involved with table tennis.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

POST CARDS WANTED

For over 20 years I have been building a stamp collection relating solely to the Table Tennis theme. During those years I have also occasionally come across picture postcards on the same subject. Until about 18 months ago these were all in the comparatively modern era (from 1952 to date). Now I have discovered that when "ping pong" swept the country as a craze during the period 1901 to 1904 the game was commemorated by the issue of some 50 postcards and to date I have managed to acquire about 30 of them.

To obtain these old cards I am in the process of scouring the world via other collectors and picture postcard dealers. I do this by means of a brochure which I produce. It occurred to me that readers of Table Tennis News might be able to help especially with regard to modern cards. I am wondering if any of your readers might be in possession of such cards and, if so, I would be delighted to hear from them.

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Welsh Corner

H. ROY EVANS

DOUBLE FOR GRIFFITHS

Alan Griffiths took the first two tournament titles in Wales this season, English international Chris Sewell being his final victim in both Aberdare and Swansea Open events.

At Aberdare, Abergavenny's Johnny Mansfield made one of his several "come backs" and with good effect, too, for he disposed of Tony Isaac, and Graham Davies before bowing out to Alan in the semi-final.

George Evans was Sewell's semi-final victim, but most improved Welsh performance came from Newport junior Brian Jeanes, who beat English ranked Malcolm Green, then Brian Everson before going out to Sewell. Alan beat Chris two-straight in the final.

There was some fine play in the Junior boys' event, both David Kenefick and Mark Thomas taking Paul Whiting to 23-25 in the third before the latter beat Kevin Satchell in the final.

There was no joy in the women's events which saw all titles go across the border, but the men's doubles provided Griffiths and Davies with a 22-20 in the third win over Evans and Robert Bishop who had had a good run.

At Swansea the Saturday junior and cadet play saw Welsh players very much to the fore. True, there was a junior ranking event on for the English top players, but too often in the past we have surrendered titles to lower ranked English players. Not this time. Mark Thomas took the junior title, and it was a pity that Brian Jeanes, who had played well to reach the final only seemed to get into the game against Mark when it was too late in the second game.

Mark had a splendid game against Simon Heaps in the quarters of the mens' singles, but lack of experience took its toll. Simon then lost to Sewell in the semi-final, after the latter had beaten Bishop.

Alan had had a hard fight to overcome Evans, who played so well that he seemed almost unlucky to lose 18 in the third. George had certainly looked in very good form to dispose of Davies after the latter had taken the first game in the quarters. Paul Randell had had a good run to reach the quarters, but Alan beat him fairly comfortably.

So it was Alan versus Chris again. This time it was neck-and-neck in the first game, with Alan just getting home 23-21. But the Welsh man was well on top in the second, and so took his second title at the Bristol player's expense.

Stephanie Jones took the women's event with a convincing win over Kim Wheatley, more convincing than her semi-final victory over Helen Gore. Kim had had some revenge for a previous defeat by beating Cathryn Jones two-straight in an easy semi.

Cathryn won the girls' event, but it was touch-and-go against Susan Jones who is showing much

improvement, running Cathryn to 20-all in the third.

The scratch pairing of David Welsman and Nigel Thomas played well to reach the final, and gave a good account of themselves before losing to Alan and Graham in the final. Sewell and Helen Gore took the Mixed with a good win over Bishop and Stephanie Jones, an unusual experience for Bob, who seems to specialise in Mixed titles.

Cathryn and Susan Jones had a good win over Stephanie Jones and Helen Gore in the women's, a repeat of their success in the girls' doubles against Sue Powell and Pauline Townsend. Sue Powell just lost to Stephanie Hadley in the cadet girls.

Mark Thomas and Mark Byles took the junior boys' with a comfortable win over Jeanes and Kenefick, but cadet Andrew Jones and his sister Cathryn beat Anthony Davies and Susan Jones in the junior mixed. It was Andrew again in the cadet singles in which he beat Higgins of Birmingham.

There were three extra events — an Under-12 for boys and girls, and an "intermediate" for seniors not long out of junior class. The latter produced a consolation for Sewell, who beat Jeffrey Morgan very easily after the latter had won a fine match against Nigel Thomas. Sewell beat Greg Powell in his semi.

The boys' U-12 was won by Weatherby of Manchester, beating John Hook of Swindon, and the girls' by Swansea's Jayne Sully, who beat Sarah New also of Swindon.

The Welsh visit to Finland brought failure and success. We had beaten Finland on two previous occasions and having what would seem to be a stronger side now, we didn't expect defeat. But defeat it was, to the tune of 5-2, and nobody exactly covered himself with glory. Griffiths beat Finnish Champion Jokinen in the opening set, and it looked as if we were on the way to another win. But Davies went down to Autio, whom he usually beats, and David Welsman could make little of the chopper Ikonen. But it still didn't look serious when Alan faced Autio. But Alan was tentative and the Finn was in exuberant form, and we went further down. David pulled us back with a good win over Jokinen, but Graham couldn't deal with Ikonen, and David's final loss to Autio sealed our fate.

Ironically, in the tournament the next day, we eliminated all the Finns — Welsman met and defeated Davies in the semi-final, and Alan won his semi to meet Welsman in the Final. Welsman won in three games, the third being very decisive. So we lost the match, but took the honours in the tournament!

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So we all return when Autumn comes
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In this — another season.

With acknowledgement to Ronald S. Jones and the Wirral Horn.

(County Notes continued)

becoming a County Umpire and for acting so efficiently as referee in the Norfolk v Essex II match at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. Now that Mrs. Nelson is County Umpires' Organiser, we hope that other umpires will come forward to provide us with a good rota for county matches.

The Yarmouth and Lowestoft Alliance held their first tournament of the season, starting with a testing all-play-all, from which Neville Graver, our County Secretary, emerged to beat Wes Haydock in the semi-finals, but he lost the final to Mick Broughton, who had previously beaten Mike Archer.

A new County ranking list has been issued for the Seniors. It now reads:- **Men:** 1 D. Bennett (N), 2 C. Bensley (N), 3 R. Thornton (N), 4 M. Musson (N), 5 S. Howlett (W), 6 M. Broughton (Y), 7 T. Blunn (D), 8 J. Turner (D), 9 D. Smith (D), 10 P. Durrant (Y). **Women:** 1 W. Hogg (N), 2 J. Browne (N), 3 M. Hales (N), 4 S. Allen (Y), 5 J. Dixon (N), 6 P. Ribbans (Y), 7 S. Hazell (D), 8 R. Hogg (N), 9 G. Houseago (D), 10. H. Pearce (N).

Key:

D—Dereham, N—Norwich, W—Wymondham, Y—Yarmouth.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

GEOFF SETS UP WIN

A double by Geoff Davies, his first for the County, set up Cambridgeshire for a 6-4 win in their opening County Championships match against Suffolk at Ipswich. Keith Richardson won the opening set against Soham club mate Mick Palmer and then Davies consolidated the good start by beating Suffolk's promising Junior, Julian Hall, 22-20 in the third game of a thrilling set. Mick Harper, however, could not match John Kitchener and with Suffolk taking both doubles, Cambridgeshire trailed 2-3. It was Davies again who put Cambs. back on terms by beating Palmer with ease and Valerie Scripps then gave them the lead with a straight games win over Debbie Wootton. Richardson, however, lost to Kitchener in straight games after narrowly conceding the first at 20 but Joanne Palmer and Harper saw Cambs. home with two narrowly-contested singles wins over Sue Welham and Hall respectively.

Cambs. II completed a double over Suffolk by the same score. This was mainly a two-man affair with Brian Richardson and Chris Brewer both winning two singles and also combining to take the doubles. Anthea Rudd on her County debut, completed the scoring for Cambridgeshire.

The Juniors suffered a double defeat at the hands of powerful Warwickshire teams at Coventry, the first team losing 2-8 and the second 3-7. The first team were handicapped by the late withdrawal of No. 1 girl Jane Hunter, leaving the girls section inexperienced. The boys tried hard to restore the balance but only Robert Swift's win over Bertie and Andy Wither's over Cockrill, were successful. The second team trailed 0-6 at one stage but never gave up trying and picked up three late singles from Michael Jackman, Alison Edge and Tracy Fisher.

Soham I, as expected, beat Press I in the top match of Div. I in the Cambs League and take over as new leaders. County Champion Keith Richardson won his three singles and Mick Palmer took revenge over Cambs. No. 3 Davies for his defeat in the Suffolk v Cambs. match. Palmer, however, was beaten by Brewer the Cambs. second team player. Soham III gained their first win in the 1st division by beating N.C.I. II 6-4 with the Palmer brothers, Stuart and Steve, winning all six between them. Swavesey keep their place at the top of Div. II with an 8-2 win over Melbourn, but Haverhill are only a point behind with a game in hand following their 6-4 win over Fisons.

Fisons II, Torchbearers II and St. George's II all kept their unbeaten records in 3A but Ely Fire Service crashed to their first defeat, losing 0-10 to University III. After recent setbacks, all the top four teams in Div. IIIB won but Police keep top position having playing more matches than their rivals. Saffrons I won their fifth consecutive match in Div. IVA by thrashing Telephones V

10-0 but second placed Impington V lost their in beating Fisons III 10-0 in 4B and now go first match when beaten 6-4 by Wesley III.

Haverhill II notched their 38th set out of 40 ahead of L.P.A. who drew with Shire Hall after Ivor Newman had won a vital ninth set against Tony Brochie. Three wins for Dennis Chamberlin helped Wesley IV dispose of their closest rivals Torchbearers IV whom they beat 7-3 in a Div. VA match. Wesley are now the only unbeaten team in this division. Wesley V, however, were beaten for the first time in VB by losing to Eastern Electricity. Press IV and Swavesey III kept their 100% records with wins over Swaston II and Hauxton respectively.

Keith Ramsbottom and Eric Harris have played together for Great Ouse River Authority for 22 years while the "youngster" in the team, Norman Levitt, has been with them 12 years. All these years they have played mainly in the lower divisions of the Cambridge League with little success but now they have finally had their hour of glory. Playing for the Authority's second team they beat N.C.I. I 5-4 in the first round of the Handicap K.O. Trophy. Harris was the hero of three wins including the vital ninth set against Steve Andrews when the scores were level while Ramsbottom picked up the other two, losing only to John Thurston. The Cambs. League Knock-Out Handicap Trophy is now in full swing and by the time these notes are in print the second round will have been played. It will be remembered that Soham I were successful last season in the final against Wesley IV. Will they be successful again and can another Wesley team reach the Final?

Cambridgeshire's "Under-14" team had an easy 9-1 win over Northamptonshire in their opening match of the season at Impington Village College. Jamie Frost and Julian Wheel won both their singles and Amanda Judd and Tracy Fisher were also successful in their singles. Cambs. also won the Boys' and Girls' Doubles when Frost and Wheel and Judd and Fisher teamed up.

In the Wisbech League the March team Palminos are now the leaders and recently beat the champions Tydd 7-3. Wisbech beat Northampton 8-2 in the Men's Section of the S.E.M. League Div. I. The Junior side, however, have had no luck at all, going down 3-7 to Dunstable and 1-9 to March. The East Anglian Junior team beat Ipswich 7-3 with young Frost collecting a fine maximum. Wisbech Juniors beat St. Neots 5-4 in the Carter Cup 1st Round and in the second round they will meet either Cheshunt or Lowestoft.

In another S.E.M. League match Cambridge defeated St. Neots 8-2 in the Veterans' section and have made a good start in their bid to retain the title.

The present state of teams in the 1st Division of the Cambs. League is that University Press and Soham are at the top of the table although Soham have a far better average and so far have not dropped a point. I cannot see any team overtaking them at this stage and once again they will be hot favourites for the title.

Junior coaching is still proceeding at the Cambridge Sports Hall and Proficiency Awards have been presented to 7 Boys although the Gold Award will be the hardest to obtain. There is still a dearth of girls in this coaching sphere but it is hoped that an improvement will be seen in the near future so that we shall be able to see Bromfield Trophy aspirants.

S.E. MIDLANDS NOTES

by Leslie Constable

Only one or two matches have so far been played in the S.E.M. League and Ely head the Men's Division with Milton Keynes and so a repeat of last season's form looks like pending. Northampton head the Ladies' Section with two clear wins and beat Bedford 10-0 in one of their matches. Wellingborough too have made a good start. Kettering have made a good start in the Junior Section with 9-1 victories over Wellingborough and Wisbech. Northampton too made a good start with a 10-0 win over Bedford. Cambridge have made a good start in the Veterans' Section by beating North Herts, Daventry and St. Neots so that they look very much like retaining their title.

AVON NOTES

by Robert Oldfield

DISAPPOINTING START

'Disappointing' could be the word to describe Avon's fortunes in the first fixtures of the new County Championships season.

Avon II (Tony Brown, Ray Sewell, John Higgs, Jill Luckwell, Muriel Hooker) made little progress against a strong Gwent team, Tony saving the "whitewash". Also playing away on Oct. 21, Avon Vets (Mike Baker, Ken Watts, Keith Howse, June Watts) overwhelmed Oxfordshire with a 7-2 victory. Should the Vets continue in such a fashion the match against Hampshire scheduled for March 11, could well be the deciding factor in the division.

The home teams, playing at Mayfield, Bath, had poor returns in matches which they could have reasonably expected to win. Avon I (Chris Sewell, Martyn Smith, Lloyd Stewart, Helen Gore, Helen Pogmore, Linda Porter) owed their point from Worcestershire, to Sewell and Smith who each contributed two singles and then combined to win the doubles. Unfortunately no sets from the women despite being a game and 20-14 up in the doubles but Helen Gore will soon become accustomed to table tennis — West Country style. A good day for Martyn Smith — Avon's No. 1 Junior — who finished two matches with only one defeat against his name. In the earlier Junior match, Avon (Martyn Smith, Andy Creed, Nick Baldwin, Rebecca Russe, Geraldine Sandford, Tina Shortman) also gained just the one point after Phil Riley's late arrival had weakened the team.

In Inter-town representation there have been good results for the Bristol team in the Midland League — despite the loss of Tony Clayton to Carlisle. Sewell has been well supported by Wiltshire's Kevin Satchell and Somerset's Brian Reeves. Results so far: Bristol 5 Birmingham 'A' 5, Bristol 5 Hinckley 5, Bristol 8 Derby 2. Meanwhile, in the Cotswold Ladies' League, Bristol drew 5-5 with Oxford 'A' and a similar result occurred when Bath visited Cheltenham.

Apart from the league and county games, Avon, still a relatively undeveloped county as far as table tennis is concerned, are taking steps to remedy this in the long term under the enthusiastic eye of coaching secretary, Mike Lewis. On Nov. 6, four of Avon's coaches were assessed for the One-Star Diploma award by Jack Carrington and Bryan Merrett. Pat Archdale continues to play an active role in umpiring and refereeing circles and Bristol was the venue for a Regional Umpires' Conference on Nov. 19.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Doug Moss

CONFIDENCE IN JEREMY

The County Team Trials provided something of a surprise when Jeremy Duffield (age 13), the County Junior Champion and a nationally marked cadet, emerged as the top player. Bob Brown was also successful after a season out of County team play. The selectors placed their confidence in Jeremy by playing him in the first County Championships match against Avon.

The match was played at Bath and it again proved to me that the best conditions for table tennis are in the old-type Church Hall with the solid oak block floor and concentrated lighting (10 conical shades were provided at Bath). The Worcestershire team staged some good recoveries to secure a draw, which was satisfactory bearing in mind that Chris Sewell was the Avon No. 1. Janet Hunt and Andrea Jones lost the first game of the women's doubles at "deuce" and were 14-20 down in the second! They fought back to win at "deuce" and then romp home in the decider. With the match score at 5-3 to Avon, Worcestershire again came back and Brown took the last singles, after losing the first game, to secure the draw.

The Worcs. women contributed 3 events with Andrea Jones being devastating in her singles. Duffield played spiritedly but having to play Sewell on his debut for the County 1st team was quite a task! The County II, introducing Trevor Washington (Dudley) beat Oxfords, 8-2 and the Juniors

drew with Staffs. What we considered a strong Veterans' team including Beryl Shammon, Mervyn Wood, Ron Butterton and Barry White visited Clwyd and lost 2-7! Wood won a singles and, with Beryl Shammon, took the mixed.

My comments on coaching in Worcestershire, quite rightly, brought a reaction from Kidderminster, who were not mentioned. However, the success of Duffield in the County Trials helps reflect the emergence of Kidderminster as an area introducing a number of promising young players onto the County scene. West Bromwich-based E.T.T.A. Diploma Coach, Ian Knights, has been organising Sunday sessions at the Youth Centre there since 1973 enthusiastically assisted over that period by several local players but notably E.T.T.A. Club Coaches Clive Stott and Geoff Kershaw.

This team of coaches has instructed many youngsters in the demands of league play and been responsible for providing the county with several junior players over the years. In addition to Jeremy, Staffs, Premier League Junior, Stuart Richards, who represented Kidderminster in the County League last season, also received his initial coaching at the centre. He continues to attend weekly sessions with two promising Under-14 players, ten-year-old Murray Jewkes and Staff's, John Ford, who came sixth in the recent Region U-14 competition held at Washwood Heath School, Birmingham.

There are indications too that the progress of Helen Jones from Kidderminster and Hayley Barker of Bewdley will soon be catching the attention of the County selectors.

The new competition for Juniors in the County has been arranged. It is to be a club team competition which is to be played at Christopher Whitehead School in early January. On the junior front Nicky Fenn (Malvern), who recently played his first game for the County Junior team, also made his debut in Division I of the Worcester League. It was a promising start to win 2 of his 3 singles events against Stourport Wesleyans.

The County Team K.O. Competition is under way with nearly 30 teams. This includes some teams from Herefordshire, who are accepted into the Worcs. competition. The handicaps range up to Rec. 270 and with teams known as "Outcasts", "Roamers", "Lions", "Dynamos" and even "Unpredictables" (!) there could be some surprising results. Although the Scratch Team competition has less entries it includes teams from Hereford, Ledbury, Malvern, Kidderminster, Evesham and Worcester.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE NOTES

by David Deller

TREBLE FOR SAYWELL

Highlight of the County's November calendar was the County closed tournament which was again played over the weekend of the 18/19th at St. Neots T.T. Centre. There were many upsets spread through the various events with few top seeds actually accomplishing victory. Len Saywell finished the weekend's top scorer with the veterans' title along with two doubles gains.

In the men's singles numerous times winner "Gus" Albon (St. Neots) was in great form and came from low in the seedings to win in style. His final opponent Ken Green, who turns out in the County's veterans' colours, had little answer on this occasion to Albon's play going down -14, -9. In the semis Albon had done a similar demolition job on young Mark Fisher whilst Green had overhauled fellow veteran Ray Fisher of Peterborough. In a fine competition the lone disappointment must have been the entry size for this event which continues to dwindle at each successive tournament.

The women's singles gave Sylvia Upton of Peterborough her first County title. At the last hurdle she beat Belinda Chamberlain -13, 15, 18 in one of the best finals of the day. County players Barbara Pace and Melanie Ringrose had taken early exits at the hands of Shelly Holland and young Alison Hillard respectively.

Saywell and Eddy Haslop won the men's doubles whilst the former teamed up with Barbara Pace

(St. Neots) to lift the mixed crown at the final expense of Sid Burgess and Belinda Chamberlain. The women's doubles gave the Peterborough duo of Pip Baker and Shelly Holland the title with Barbara Pace and Pat Gale their final victims.

The veterans' title saw Saywell complete his hat-trick, winning the competition at his first outing. The Paul Charlton Memorial Trophy was also won at the first try by Mark Fisher of St. Ives who outplayed clubmate Alan Smith in the final of this event which is for male U-21's. In the boys' singles Graham Dale of Peterborough defeated Philip Cole, the latter having beaten Gregg Baker, the No. 1 seed, earlier in the competition.

The girls' event also saw the top seed beaten when Melanie Ringrose went down to the fast improving Alison Hillard. Alison in turn found the steady controlled play of St. Neots clubmate Sandra Randall too much at the final stage. Sandra's sister made it a family double by taking the cadet title whilst Philip Cole won the corresponding boys' event. Finally congratulations to the organiser Mr. Bill Walker who kept things running smoothly throughout.

CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

JUNIORS 100%

The County's senior side travelled to Newcastle for the first County Championships fixtures against Northumberland II and were just pipped with a 6-4 result going against them. Alan Manson and Jimmy Cummings were both making their debuts for the County and although Manson lost the first set -18, 19, -15 against the home No. 2 M. McMaster, Cumbria went in front with good wins from Cummings 12, -20, 19 over the No. 3 D. Armstrong, and Chris Reed over the Northumberland No. 1 P. Whiteman 14, -14, 11.

Defeat in the women's doubles for Jennifer Willis and Carol Tyson (Carlisle and Millom) squared the match once again but a men's doubles win for Manson and Reed restored the Cumbria lead to 3-2. The team slipped from this point however and with Cummings and Manson both losing their other singles and Jennifer and Carol both losing theirs Northumberland had the necessary six sets for victory. Reed took the final set for Cumbria with a 14, 20 win over Armstrong and so preserved his own unbeaten record.

The Junior first team have made a very good start to the season and they have a 100% record with three wins already in the bag. Their first, over Clwyd, must have been the most pleasing as the team reversed last season's 8-2 defeat by the Welsh side at Millom. The win was in fact closer than the scoreline suggests with six of the sets going to a decider and five of those deciders going Cumbria's way. Full marks therefore to Diccon Gray, Ian Reed, Andrew Pachul, Gail Smith and Janet Sephton (all Millom) who all showed how well they could come back from being behind.

Diccon, Ian and Janet all remained unbeaten with Andrew and Gail just losing one singles each. Their second win, against Shropshire, was a comfortable 8-2 home success and apart from one defeat again for Andrew it was only the girls who were caused any real trouble. Gail and Janet took the girls' doubles 18, -15, 14 and following this Gail won her singles 14, -18, 19 against the visitors' T. Powell while Janet lost hers 18, -16, -17 against J. Cheetham. Diccon and Ian were both outstanding in this match and each set in which the two were involved was won in straight games. The following day the team visited Nottingham and once again the boys were outstanding all remaining unbeaten in a 7-3 win. Gail came the closest to a win for the girls but lost in the decider to Notts Pauline Cameron.

The Junior second team visited Newcastle for their first match and with Steven Dixon unavailable through illness it was a weakened side just pipped 4-6 by Northumberland. David Archer (Kendal) and David Round (Millom) both won a singles against H. Yeung and P. Kolvin respectively, and both took the home No. 1 J. Burke to a decider with Archer coming the closest to another win.

Bella Gray and Pam Bickerdike (both Millom)

won their singles after earlier losing the doubles which seemed to be well within their grasp and therefore, on the whole, a fairly close match. Tim Pachul (Millom) stepped into the side at the last minute and after a nervous start he made a good effort in his second singles against Yeung, only losing 19 and 19.

REVISED RANKINGS

Following the first round of County matches the selection committee announced a revised Men's ranking list which came into effect on Nov. 1. The changes made involved three of the top four players and Chris Reed has moved up from No. 3 to No. 1 spot with the former No. 1 Manson dropping down to No. 4 Cummings has moved up from No. 4 to No. 3. The full list reads:-
1 Chris Reed (M) 2 Diccon Gray (M) 3 Jimmy Cummings (W) 4 Alan Manson (B) 5 Ian Reed (M) 6 Andrew Pachul (M) 7 Eddie O'Hara (B) 8 Bill Robinson (B) 9 Neil Honeyman (B) and 10 Alec Craib (C).

Key:-

B—Barrow, C—Carlisle, M—Millom, W—Whitehaven.

COUNTY CLOSED CHAMPS

This season's Cumbria Closed Championships are to be held at Whitehaven Sports Centre on Sunday, Feb. 4, 1979 commencing at 9 a.m. As many competitors will remember last season's "closed" did not finish until about 11.30 p.m. and so this season a few changes are to be implemented which will hopefully help solve the problem. The number of tables in use is to go up to 16, the starting time is slightly earlier and the separate events are to be scheduled differently with the Juniors opening the proceedings instead of the traditional men's singles. The event is to be sponsored jointly for £100 by Cumbria Schools T.T.A. and Hamblings Frozen Foods of Whitehaven.

COACHING

National Coach, Donald Parker has already made a number of journeys to the area, Barrow, Millom and Kendal in particular and the Barrow coaches (1-Star and Club) were very pleased with the session he attended at Thorncliffe School, Barrow. There seems to be plenty of activity in the Barrow-Ulverston area, where, to mention a few, Eddie O'Hara, Mike Yardley and Colin Davies are very busy. Best of luck also to Eddie and Mike who in recent weeks, along with Eric Tyson, have been attending a course run by Harold Myers at Bolton and are hoping to improve their qualifications to 2-Star, 1-Star and Club respectively.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

1200 TEAMS

After the World Championships in Birmingham, Middlesex, together with many other counties I am sure, found that there was a considerable increase in the number of teams taking part in League competitions. The increase amounted to 10% last season and it is pleasing to note that the enthusiasm has not subsided and only the odd team has dropped out. The total number in Middlesex Leagues, including the Middlesex Schools League, amounts to over 1200 this season and we hope that all will enjoy their competitive table tennis.

Although it was decided that the Premier Division should not be played over 2 week-ends like the Junior Premier Division, some of the Counties involved decided to get together and play off some of their matches over the week-end of Oct. 21/22. Middlesex acted as hosts at Ellenborough Club and did well to beat Yorkshire 6-3 and Warwickshire 8-1. Unfortunately the match against Cheshire just did not go our way and we lost 4-5. Will this be a case of "so near and yet so far" in our ambition to win the Premier Division again?

We have been spending a lot of time in the last month preparing for the Middlesex 3-Star Open, and it looks like being a bumper entry. So much so that the Referee, Geoff James, has provisionally booked the balcony to the Hall at Picketts Lock in case we need an over-flow. I hope to have a report in next month's Table Tennis News.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Dave Foulser

MIXED FORTUNES

Our County teams met with mixed success in the opening matches of the season, both having won promotion last season. The juniors travelled to High Wycombe where they were beaten 8-2 by Buckinghamshire. As Cathy Robb and Vanessa Cruwys are no longer juniors we had anticipated that our girls might struggle in a higher division but strangely enough it was left to our girls to obtain the only sets when Julie Philips won her singles and then teamed up with Jackie Cox to take the doubles. The home team included ranked juniors Sam Harmer and Paul Bradbury in their team, and although three of the boys' singles went to three, our lads did not manage to win any of them.

On the same day, I travelled to Exeter with the seniors to play Devon who, fortunately for us, did not include Chester Barnes in their team. The men saw us off to a great start by winning one singles each to give us a 3-0 lead. Devon then fought back to be 2-4 down when Vanessa Cruwys went on to play her singles. At that stage, Cathy Robb, Dave Harvey, Martin Lane and Bill Dawe all still had a singles to play and it looked to be a comfortable victory for our County. Vanessa's opponent was a very competent defender who beat her in the first with Vanessa attempting to play her normal attacking game. That failed and despite a series of long pushing rallies near the end she was not able to retrieve the situation. During the break Vanessa was advised to try and prolong the second game for 15 minutes to bring the expedite rule into operation, and after 14 minutes the score stood at 19-11 when Vanessa suddenly produced two fine forehand kills from nowhere to take the game. The third and final game was a repeat of the second with both players pushing long and hard and expedite was introduced at 23-23 which enabled Vanessa to come out on top 25-23. This was the pluckiest performance I have seen by a Gloucestershire senior for a considerable time, and its importance became more prominent as Cathy, Martin and Bill all lost their singles leaving it to Dave Harvey to sweep aside his opponent in straight games to give us a 6-4 victory.

Gloucester City men's team played two more matches recently beating Cheltenham 6-4 and losing 2-8 to Wolverhampton. The latter defeat was their first in two years with Lane and Dawe both losing all three. Mark Owen saved the "whitewash" winning two. Against Cheltenham Mark and Bill both beat Steve Moreman and Roy Fowler, Martin beat Roy and Mark and Martin took the doubles. Harvey was again "man of the match" winning all three. Gloucester juniors made the long trip to Chesterfield and won 8-2 with Daren Griffin and Derek Morgan unbeaten. Mike Owens surprisingly lost two. Gloucester Ladies, newly promoted to Div. 1 of the Cotswold Ladies' League found themselves trailing 1-5 after a disastrous start against Evesham but after a great fightback reduced the deficit to 4-5 but Linda Reid won the last set to clinch victory for Evesham, and to retain her 100% record. For Gloucester Leslie Hawkins won two including a good win over Mandy Mytton 10 in the third, supported by one win each from Shelly Creighton and Barbara Davis.

Gloucester men then travelled to Walsall and won 10-0 with Owen, Lane and Dawe all winning three whilst the Veterans lost 3-7 to Birmingham away. Pete Wood won two and combined with Les Allen to take the doubles. Les and Glynn Marriott each lost three due to their being unable to cope with those of the opposition who used anti-loop rubber.

Cheltenham Ladies 'A' opened their campaign by beating Oxford 8-2 with Cathy Robb and Vanessa Cruwys each scoring maximums. Jan Foulser won one and was unlucky not to beat Eleanor Hughes going down close in the third. This was followed by an away draw at Bath with Cathy again winning three but not without a struggle being taken to three by Linda Porter and former Gloucestershire County Senior Shirley O'Brien. Jan Foulser again won one and lost 21-23 in the third to O'Brien. Due to the unavailability of Vanessa Cruwys, and also the three 'B' team

players, Jackie Cox played at short notice and won a valuable set to get Cheltenham the draw. Cheltenham 'B' lost 3-7 at home to Oxford 'B' for whom Gladys Loft won three. Rosemary Bayley won two for the home team and Julie Bearcroft one.

Stroud Ladies managed a creditable home draw with Evesham thanks to Jean Golding winning two and only losing 22-24, 21-23 to the still unbeaten Linda Reid. Louise Willsher made a return to representative table tennis and won one as did Sylvia Giles.

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

REMARKABLE YOUNG LADIES

The exploits of our squad of remarkable young ladies continue to make national table tennis news. Congratulations to both Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith on their selection for the Yugoslavian Open, and to Karen Witt for another senior international honour in Paris. Honours for our top five girls continue to pile up, for success seems to breed success. Our No. 5 ranked player Jill Purslow looks set to break through to a higher grade by reason of a fine 1st round Humberside win over England No. 3 Linda Howard, and in the same tournament Mandy defeated club team mate Karen Witt and clearly showed that the gap between the two is narrowing. Alison had another major success in carrying off the Sussex 2-Star Open — her wins over two higher ranked England players must have caught the National Selection Committee eyes.

In the Maidenhead junior trials Iain Fullerton recorded six victories out of six which has taken him to fourth place in our county juniors list. This bright performance resulted in selection for the junior second team for the visit to Oxford. The match finished with honours even but Simon Coulson, another of the promising Maidenhead squad, made an impressive debut with two very useful wins. The excellent set of talent now blossoming at Maidenhead is due to the dedication and expertise of Hugh Bartholomew and his helpers who are at last reaping a rich reward for years of very hard work. Reading has been the top town in this area for a long time but there is a serious challenge to their supremacy from their friendly rivals just along the river. Reading should be warned now that the balance of power in Berkshire could soon move east.

The first local tournament took place at Bracknell recently. Sixty-four players took part in the Ken Fellingham Grouping tournament. The final positions were:-

- 1 B. Halliday
- 2 D. Gilham
- 3 G. Outrim
- 4 J. Spencer
- 5 I. Schwartz
- 6 S. Everard

Dave Gilham who has been on the fringe of a Berks ranking for some time has registered for Hampshire and now qualifies for their county side.

While on the subject of rankings, the committee have made several revisions to the list published last month. Simon Heaps and Jim Stokes are now playing again and they take the Nos. 4 and 10 spots respectively. In the girls list Alison Burke and Tarryn Wallis move to 5 and 6 and Linda Green and Susan Kilford come in at 9 and 10 with Julie Andrews moving to No. 11.

The Berkshire Committee have noted that the County Notes Supplement is used to voice opinions as to National Policy, therefore we feel justified in reiterating our position as to the dates on which County Championship matches are held. We do not agree with the recommendation from the E.T.T.A. Management Committee — we feel very strongly that the public and players in Berkshire should be given the opportunity of seeing their representatives in action three or four times a season. Our sport deserves, and desperately needs, support "at the turnstiles". We are trying hard to encourage families and friends to come along on a Saturday night to support our first team. Yes, we know it's hard work and sometimes an uphill

struggle, but the alternative is the loss of our star matches. We know County matches take a deal of organisation but we accept the challenge — we are not interested in what seems to us the lazy administration man's charter.

We have discussed the arguments for and against the proposal in detail but we can state quite categorically that whatever the eventual outcome is, Berkshire will not withdraw from the County Championships but will remain loyal to the organisation that has given our players and supporters a great deal of pleasure.

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

INTENT ON RETENTION

Exmouth, returning to the Western Counties League after a short absence, had a hard fight on their hands against Poole who were strengthened by the inclusion of Trevor Smith, the former Bournemouth player.

After Martin Abbott and Smith had succeeded in winning their opening sets, Exmouth pulled out all the stops to take the next five to ensure themselves of the points. Both Paul Stone and P. Sheppard accounted for Abbott and a luckless Creasey. Smith and Abbott shared the losers' four sets.

Plymouth would appear intent on retaining their championship title judging by the way they disposed of Weston 8-1 at home. Plymouth's up-and-coming youngsters Paul Whiting and Mike Shearman had little difficulty in beating Joe Garland, Ray Philpott and Gerald Green, the latter saving the "whitewash" by beating Mike Short.

It is pleasing to note that the ever popular secretary of Weston, Ray Philpott, known for his penholder grip and devastating attacking strokes, is still playing after many, many years of loyal and faithful service to Weston Y.M.C.A. Long may this dedication to both secretarial and playing duties continue Ray. There are many players who have "hung" up their bats and called it a day who have nowhere near the service you have shown to your league.

Anno Domini does not seem to have had much effect upon you and you can still give the younger players a run for their money.

It is with regret that I have to report that Bournemouth have reluctantly had to withdraw from the League but hope to return next season. Finally seasonal greetings to you all.

DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Malcolm Allsop

MIXED FORTUNES

Derbyshire teams started the season with mixed fortunes in the opening County fixtures, with only the first team gaining both points at Northampton to cheer the selectors' weekend.

Three players made their 1st team debut, Linda Holmes, Martin Kinsella and David Rayner, teaming up with the ever-dependable partnership of Maurice, and wife Jackie, Billington. Only the men's doubles went to Northamptonshire in a 9-1 win; and with Ivor Warner challenging for a place in the remaining matches, the team will be kept on its' toes — a welcome competition for places.

Terry Curran made his Derbyshire debut for the 2nd team away to Lancashire, where a slip-up in the women's order reduced a 6-4 win on the table to a 5-5 draw. Derrick Marples made his usual steady dependable performance.

The Juniors were disappointing at home in a 3-7 defeat, although we must not take anything away from the Lancashire team who played extremely well under the able-captaincy of Brian Kean. Paul Wilson and Stephen Young won a singles each and combined to win the boys' doubles, but Robert Albutt, Andrea Mason and Dawn Padley failed to play up to their Trials performances although the girls have a number of years as juniors in which to improve upon their debuts.

For the first time the Derbyshire Closed Championships are abandoning their end-of-season date, and will be played on Jan. 7 at the excellent venue of recent seasons, Alfreton Sports Centre, and it is hoped that the recent decline in entries will be reversed.

The Chesterfield League has an increased number of teams this season resulting in an extra Division, and the standard continues to improve with Leicestershire's Chris Rogers now studying at Sheffield University, joining Steve Mills, Kevin Beardsley, Alan Croome and all the leading Derbyshire players competing in the Chesterfield first division, surely one of the best standards in the Country.

The "Table Toppers" visited Belper Sports Centre in November where the interest was high and a return to Derby is expected early in the new year. The Belper Sports Centre stages the top home European League match of the season in February with the visit of Hungary and a full house can be expected to cheer the England team.

There is a lack of information for these notes from the local Leagues, who are requested to let me have any information for inclusion.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

DEBUT

Leicestershire's four county teams did pretty well as expected in their opening encounters. The first team beat a youthful and sporting Shropshire team 7-3, the 2nd team lost 2-8 to Cheshire, the Juniors won 7-3 against Cambridgeshire II whilst the Veterans got off to an 8-1 win.

David Gannon, making his debut for the first team did not play up to his usual standard and looked nervous, but he will have another chance to show his skills against Derbyshire. Ironically, the deposed Maurice Newman turned in an excellent performance for the 2nd team, winning one, narrowly losing the other and being successful in the Men's Doubles — the extent of Leicestershire's wins. The Juniors should do well in this division and Yvonne Hall in particular should have no difficulty in winning most of her games at this level.

The Veterans appear to have had a new lease of life with the arrival of Brian Mayfield. His own infectious enthusiasm has proved contagious and the team were cock-a-hoop after their win over Hunts. The Veterans' keenest supporter, Mike Jackson of Cambridgeshire has declared himself available for all their matches this season, home and away. Mike comes up at his own expense and umpires most of the sets. No wonder skipper Bryan Hall is pleased and appreciative of Mike's efforts!

Leicester duly won the Cadets section of the Inter-Towns league with Yvonne Hall and Simon Griew both winning 12 out of 12 and Mathew Wells taking 10 out of 12. Runners-up were Hinckley.

In the Midland League the Men's first team did well to beat Nottingham 6-4 although Alan Croome proved sound enough to win all three. The Men's 2nd team will be pleased with their start having beaten both Potteries (6-4) and Derby II (7-3). Against Potteries the amazing Mayfield turned it on again winning all three, with Leicester recovering from 2-4 down. Against Derby it was Phil Cawser who emerged unbeaten. The Men's 3rd team could only manage a 6-4 win against Hinckley II. The all-left handers team of Steven White, Colin Truman and Steven Day all won two but none could get the better of Alan Philpott. Incidentally the fourth member of the Leicester third team is Vince Solanky... another left-hander. The Juniors will be in for a hard season as defeats by Shrewsbury (3-7) and Birmingham (0-10) will show. However with Trevor Kerslake and Griew showing great promise all is not lost. The Veterans were just able to beat Cheltenham (6-4) with Charlie Jacques and Phil Overend both winning two.

In the Leicester League 1st division Great Glen Y.C. and Barwell Liberals are leading with Gary Alden and Paul Randell jointly topping the averages. Jones and Shipman, expected to challenge strongly for the title have already dropped five

points and appear to be out of the hunt. Steve Kenney's team, Broomleys are leading Div. 2 but Steve lost his 100% record to Trevor Kerslake who went on to record a brilliant maximum for Rolls Royce and in so doing took the first point off Broomleys this season. Bob Craven-Griffiths leads Magpie/Outlook who look likely to top the third division and it is difficult to imagine who can topple Great Glen from top place in Div. 4. After all their team of Kevin Hall, Johnny Aston and Brian Bodycote looks, to say the least, more than useful.

Whether Loughborough top Div. 5 will probably depend on how often Paul Brindley and Graham Johnson can turn out. Both have 100% records but Paul has missed one match and Glenn two. Loughborough failed to win any of three matches in which either player was missing. Very open is Div. 6 where three teams have all lost one match. Topping the averages is Ralph Clements (Telephone Area) — just proves you can't keep a good 'un down!! Blaby Boys' Club look likely to top Divisions 7 and 16, with Dave Taylor and Pete Mortimer leading their respective divisional averages. Most of the divisions are very close with Goons (Div. 8), Broomleys (9), Post Office (10), L.U.C.A. (11), Thurnby/Northwood (12), Camber International (13), Cavendish Press (14), Follisain Wycliffe (15), Leicester Photo-Litho (17), Hearts of Oak (18) and South Leicester Valuation Office (19) leading. What is surprising — and an indication of the closeness of the divisions — is the fact that apart from the two Loughborough players in Div. 5, there are only five players still 100% — S. Thomas (L.U.C.A.), Frank Burns (Leicester Photo-Litho - Div. 14), P. Mortimer (Blaby Boys Club) and B. Raja (Marston Radiators) both Div. 16 and A. Robertson (S. Leics. Valuation Office)

The Hinckley Loop — looking very professional with a new front cover supplied by Automatic Valve Systems — is again proving popular. Topping Div. One at the moment are Leisure Centre Wightmans 'A' with Baz Grant leading E.M.E.B. 'A' in the 2nd Division. Bentley Engineering should win Div. 3 whilst E.M.E.B. 'E' and Lutterworth Upper School 'C' are making the early running in Div. 4. In the Junior Division Earl Shilton 'D' and Westfield 'C' are fighting it out.

Hinckley have had some good results in the Midland League. The first team returned from Bristol with a point, despite three wins from Chris Sewell, Hinckley however failed to get a point from Birmingham 'B' despite two wins from both Randell and Newman. Whilst Hinckley 2nd team lost 10-0 to a very strong Shrewsbury 'A', they beat Shrewsbury 'B' 8-2 with Philpott and Stu Haines both being unbeaten. Against West Bromwich the team lost 8-2, Philpott taking both Hinckley's sets.

The Rose Johnson Bowl has got off to a good start with many close matches, the closest being that between Cavendish Press I and Leicester Electricity II. The final score? Cavendish Press 286, Electricity 287. The most astonishing individual performance though surely came from Alan Mould (Spinney Hill). Against St. Andrew's Youth Club he won each of his four games 21-1, a record of consistency unequalled in the history of the competition.

NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

STERNER COMPETITION

Competition in the County League will be much sterner this season if the results from the early fixtures turn out to be a true guide to future matches.

TSB sponsorship has certainly had the effect of attracting the County's top players, even if the same cannot be said about the quality of the venues so far selected. However Northampton and Wellingborough have not let such minor considerations deter them, as they march on towards Mar. 25, when they meet in what could well prove the match which will decide whether, or not, Northampton complete a hat-trick of title successes.

In the first series of matches, Northampton and Kettering gained the anticipated 9-2 victories over Towcester and Daventry respectively, with Northampton's Ray Kingston and Tim Forster, and

Kettering's John Palmer, Anne Wallis and Ken Nicoll all undefeated.

Then in the first of the major confrontations, Northampton again got the better of Kettering, with Northampton's Steve Lyon, Keith Jones and Romano Gallo claiming all the points in their sides 7-4 win, while for Kettering Anne Wallis and Ken Nicoll were again unbeaten. However it was Wellingborough's complete annihilation of Daventry which set the league alight, with Gary Alden, Dave Marsh, Brian Dangerfield, Mandy Wallis, now restored to the Wellingborough side, and Richard Galkowski never in any danger, as they reeled off game after game, to win by eleven rubbers to nil.

League Table:-

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Northampton	2	2	0	0	16
Kettering	2	1	0	1	13
Wellingborough	1	1	0	0	11
Towcester	1	0	0	1	2
Daventry	2	0	0	2	2

Daventry has gained greater success in the S.E.M. League, and with their reserves led by Belinda Clapp and Owen Bishop, gaining 8-2 successes over St. Neots and Hunts Central, they must again be favourites to take the title, in a much reduced division. However a different situation is apparent in the Men's section, where after two 9-1 defeats, relegation is a distinct possibility. Meanwhile the Daventry Veterans steer a middle of the table course, with a fine win over R.A.F., thanks to a maximum from John Aspinall and two wins each from Cliff Bull and Peter Edwards, a narrow loss to Bedford despite doubles from George Tsow and Aspinall, and a considerable defeat to title holders Cambridge.

The second series of County Championship matches has just taken place with the only facts to emerge, somewhat uninspiring ones. As expected the Firsts went down to Staffordshire, although the 8-2 margin rather flattered the North Midlands, but not the match star Tony Isaac, who fully deserved his convincing wins. For Northants Alden and Connie Bane each won once, while Marsh and Margaret Maltby were unlucky not to add to the tally.

The Seconds had a scintillating encounter with Oxfordshire, with the visitors to the Burton Latimer Recreation Centre taking the last two matches to salvage a draw. Team Captain Gallo led Northants from the front, and his personal contribution, both as a player, and a leader, was enhanced, as he went through the match in fine style to coax additional wins from Keith Nicoll and the Women's Doubles pairing of Christine Price and Dorothy Marsh.

In the TSB Juniors match with Glamorgan, it was the spirited performance of the Welsh side that caught the eye, as they fought back from losing positions against some intermediate Northants play. Although Ken Nicoll lost decisively in his first singles against David Chan, he was still by far the best and most determined of the Northants side, and his absorbing battle with the talented 13-years-old Andrew Jones put to shame much of what had gone before. Nicoll blocked the most punishing of Jones' attacking drives, engineered ideal openings, and finished off many points with his own brand of attacking shots to win most capably, a game of the highest calibre.

Jane Wallis made her debut in this fixture as a late replacement for Joanne Cutler, and although she failed to win, she showed enough promise and endeavour to enable her to benefit greatly from the example set by Ken Nicoll, and to emulate and follow in the footsteps of her cousins Anne and Mandy.

After the disappointment of this match, it was refreshing to visit North Herts on the following day for a Veterans match, which was fought out for more than four hours in the best of competitive spirit. Even in defeat, that great competitor Derek Harris, together with his colleagues, was not disheartened, but was soon discussing ways of raising standards at all levels. Perhaps many juniors could benefit appreciably from some compulsory viewing of veteran encounters, as most still have a lot to learn if they are to enjoy the coming financial boom.

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THAT COACHING HOLIDAY

I bow to nobody in my admiration of my good friend Alan Ransome, whose work in and for table tennis is famous. I was thus most interested to read the article written by an unknown scribe telling us everything about the Course run by Alan's firm Messrs. Tees Sport. I was also delighted to see the picture on the front cover which Alan apparently allowed to be printed, and to study the Tees Sport catalogue which seems to fall out of nearly every publication you pick up these days. However, I was just a little less than pleased to be confronted by two further essays about Tees Sport and their Holidays, embellished by additional photographs and advertising matter. Using up over 10% of the available pages to boost a commercial organisation does seem to be overdoing it. Surely I am not alone in thinking this? *

As I am writing to you I hope you will not mind me referring to John Woodford's piece on press coverage. I think he is completely missing the point. My question at the A.G.M. related to the complete absence in the Daily Telegraph of any details (apart from the match results) of the Wilmott Cup Final, our premier national inter-league competition. John says that there is no way that the "Telegraph" will accept more than the results even if Desmond Douglas is playing. What he does not explain is why they will accept many column inches of coverage of such major events as the Under-11 age group badminton championships, and plenty of similar items? Perhaps the 10-year-old badminton players are of more interest to the "Telegraph" readers than Desmond. Finally I would like John to get my affiliations correct. I am proud to be a member of the Essex Committee and have nothing whatsoever to do with Middlesex. However I do happen to be Non-Playing Captain of the North Middlesex League representative teams, which include players from Essex, Herts, Bucks, Norway — yes and some from Middlesex.

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* He who pays the piper calls the tune and the magazine was increased to 44 pages to accommodate the additional advertising.
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SOLD SHORT

I read with great interest Trevor Channing's letter in your last issue, with his plea for help in becoming a table tennis administrator.

I think that Trevor has sold himself very short in that to my certain knowledge he has been an administrator by virtue of his great help as assistant organiser of our Norwich Union Championships at Woking.

I would like to pay public tribute to the tremendous amount of work which Trevor has put in on our Championships, work that was not only efficient, but always done with great exuberance, courtesy and humour. There is a very great deal of commonsense in the questions which were posed in his letter. I look forward to reading other answers to him.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Joachim Junger of 7332 Eisligen Fils, Yorckstrasse 2, Federal Germany is interested in making contact with an English club with a view to exchange visits. His club are wanting to come to England in May of next year, with a return in Germany later in the summer.

The German club is located near Stuttgart, Herr Junger being their President with a good knowledge of the English language. He is aged 22 as are most of his members.

What's on and where

December

- 15/17—Polish Open, Poznamor, Warsaw.
- 16/17—English Junior Closed Championships Sponsored by CLUB (Soft Drinks) at R. Sanford Sports Centre, Leicester Polytechnic, Western Boulevard, Leicester (Finals 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17/78).
- 28/30—Stiga-Club National Youth Training Scheme, St. Peter's School and the University, York.
- 30—County Championships (3).

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- 6/7—Lincolnshire Junior 2-Star Open (Lincoln).
- 7—Winton 1-Star Open (Bournemouth).
- 10/13—NORWICH UNION INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Dome and Corn Exchange, Brighton. Finals on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 13/79.
- 14—International Club Hard Rubber Bat Open, Barnet T.T.C. Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet, Herts. From 9.30 a.m. Finals at 7.30 p.m.

- 17—Sweden v England — European League, Super Division.
- 20/21—Cleveland 3-Star Open, Thornaby Pavilion, Teesside.
- 20/21—E.S.T.T.A. Team Championships — Area Finals.
- 21—Edinburgh 2-Star Open (Meadowbank).
- 21—Glamorgan Open (Cardiff).
- 27—National Council Meeting (London).
- 27—Pontefract 1-Star Open (Pontefract, Yorks).
- 27—West of Scotland 1-Star Open (Glasgow).
- 27/28—Kent 2-Star Open (Folkestone).
- 27/28—Cotswold Junior 'Select' (Gloucester).
- 27/29—Czechoslovak Open (Usti nad Labem).

TWINS FOR VIOLETTA

Canada's former champion, Violetta Nesukaitis, now Mrs. Turcinovic, gave birth to twin boys — Carlo and Julio — on Nov. 1/78. Both tipped the scales at 4½ lbs, one being ½ in. longer than his 17in. brother when born. Congratulations to the Turcinovics.

Merry Christmas from the TEES SPORT team!

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Favourites beaten as Junior Ranking Tournament proves a success

by ALAN RANSOME

The Butterfly Cleveland Junior National Ranking Tournament played at Thornaby Pavilion on Nov. 11/12 has set the pattern for the future. Taking the place of the old English Trials and Assessments this system, based on group play initially followed by a knock-out tournament, gives more players opportunities as well as giving the Selectors more results to rank from.

The Junior boys' singles was won by Colin Wilson of Middlesex, beating Graham Sandley in straight games in the final and Costas Papantoniou in the semis.

Sandley, favourite from the outset, overcame Berkshire's David Barr 19 in the decider in the other semi-final, but was unable to find the form that he has shown in the recent senior tournament against Wilson in the final.

Yorkshire's Sally Midgely turned in an excellent performance, to win the Girls' Event. She beat her three main rivals for the England No. 1 position, Helen Williams of Middlesex, Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith of Berkshire, to take the title. Her semi-final and final performances against Miss Gordon and Miss Smith were particularly impressive; she won without the loss of a game.

In the Cadet Boys', Andrew Dixon, the favourite from Staffordshire, after beating Carl Prean, Isle of Wight, narrowly in the quarter-finals, was beaten in the semi by Adrian Moore of Sussex, very easily. Moore went on to win the event, beating Garry Lambert of Devon in straight games in the final.

Cheryl Creasey of Dorset was a popular winner of the Cadet Girls' event. Beating both Jackie and Lisa Bellinger to reach the final, she scored a good victory over Jean Parker of Lancs.

This championship, recommended in the Junior Policy Document of last season, proved extremely popular from every viewpoint and the fact that the event finished in the early evening gave the vast majority of the participants the opportunity to arrive home at a reasonable hour.

Provided the general format is adhered to, this type of event will become a regular in the Tournament Calendar.

The prizes were presented by Councillor Jim Thatchell, the Chairman of Cleveland County Council. The County Council co-sponsored the event with Mileta, the main Butterfly Agents for the United Kingdom, with the English Table Tennis Association themselves making a useful financial contribution.

Results:-
Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
 D. Barr (Bk) bt G. Gillett (Sx) 15, 16;
 G. Sandley (Mi) bt A. Bellingham (St) 13, 17;
 C. Wilson (Mi) bt K. Satchell (Wi) 9, 15;
 C. Papantoniou (Mi) bt D. Charlery (E) 13, 19.
Semi-finals:
 Sandley bt Barr 12, -16, 19;
 Wilson bt Papantoniou 19, 20.
Final:
 WILSON bt Sandley 14, 21.
Girls Singles Quarter-finals:
 M. Smith (Bk) bt H. Williams (Mi) 17, 15;
 L. Garbet (Sy) bt M. Reeves (Mi) -15, 18, 17;
 S. Midgley (Y) bt E. Bolton (W) 11, 8;
 A. Gordon (Bk) bt G. Pritchard (Dv) 11, 15.
Semi-finals:
 Smith bt Garbet 14, 19;
 Midgley bt Gordon 15, 16.
Final:
 MIDGLEY bt Smith 17, 19.

Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
 A. Dixon (St) bt C. Prean (Ha) 19, -13, 16;
 A. Moore (Sx) bt B. Collingwood (Mi) 14, 10;
 G. Lambert (Dv) bt D. Sharpe (Bd) -18, 15, 16;
 E. Gorniak (Mi) bt J. Duffield (Wo) -12, 10, 17.
Semi-finals:
 Moore bt Dixon 11, 10;
 Lambert bt Gorniak 12, 18.
Final:
 MOORE bt Lambert 7, 18.

Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
 J. Parker (La) bt H. Bardwell (He) -19, 10, 15;
 L. Broomhead (Y) bt J. Ryalls (Y) -21, 16, 10;
 C. Creasey (Do) bt J. Bellinger (Bd) 17, 19;
 L. Bellinger (Bd) bt J. Myers (La) 13, 12.
Semi-finals:
 Parker bt Broomhead 17, 17;
 Creasey bt Bellinger 12, 12.
Final:
 CREASEY bt Parker 15, 17.

GROUP RESULTS

Boys
 Group 1
 G. Gillett (Sx) 10-1
 C. Wilson (Mi) 10-1
 P. Whiting (Dv) 9-2
 S. Harmer (Bd) 8-3
 G. Baker (Sv) 7-4
 S. Palmer (Sk) 5-6
 M. Illingworth (Y) 4-7
 J. Creasey (Do) 4-7
 I. Attridge (E) 3-8
 P. Wilson (Dy) 3-8
 P. Colvin (K) 2-9
 D. Morgan (Gs) 1-10

Group 2
 D. Charlery (E) 11-0
 G. Sandley (Mi) 10-1
 P. Rainford (La) 8-3
 S. Moore (Sx) 8-3
 P. Bradbury (Bu) 6-5
 J. Hall (Sk) 6-5
 P. Hindle (Cv) 5-6
 M. Les (Mi) 4-7
 S. Madden (Y) 3-8
 R. Palefreeman (Y) 3-8
 K. Chamberlain (K) 1-10
 A. Cockrill (Wa) 1-10

Group 3
 K. Satchell (Wi) 9-2
 D. Barr (Bk) 9-2
 S. Holloway (Sy) 9-2
 M. Smith (Av) 8-3
 D. Hughes (Cv) 6-5
 L. Bertie (Wa) 6-5
 M. Oakley (Sy) 5-6
 P. Brownlow (He) 4-7
 R. Swift (Ca) 4-7
 M. Owens (Hr) 3-8
 I. Haines (Bu) 2-9
 T. Sanderson (Y) 1-10

Group 4
 A. Bellingham (St) 11-0
 C. Papantoniou (Mi) 10-1
 S. Andrew (E) 8-3
 P. Puddock (Sx) 7-4
 D. Gray (Cu) 5-6
 A. Borowczyk (Dv) 5-6
 P. Stratton (Mi) 5-6
 A. Hill (Y) 4-7
 D. Gloster (Bk) 4-7
 A. Withers (Sk) 4-7
 K. Green (Cv) 3-8
 S. Brunskill (Cv) 0-11

Girls
 Group 1
 M. Smith (Bk) 7-0
 E. Bolton (K) 6-1
 C. Butler (Dv) 4-3
 J. Revill (Le) 4-3
 S. Cain (St) 4-3
 A. Lutkin (Y) 2-5
 S. James (Co) 1-6
 E. Hughes (Ox) 0-7

Group 2
 A. Gordon (Bk) 7-0
 L. Garbet (Sy) 6-1
 C. Maisey (Wi) 4-3
 P. Cameron (Ng) 4-3
 J. Deakin (Ch) 3-4
 A. Hudson (Y) 2-5
 T. Robertshaw (Y) 1-6
 J. Harris (St) 1-6

Group 3
 S. Midgley (Y) 7-0
 H. Williams (Mi) 6-1
 L. Fennah (Ch) 5-2
 C. Scowcroft (La) 4-3
 T. Powell (Sp) 3-4
 C. Belcher (Ox) 2-5
 A. Burke (Bk) 1-6
 J. Todd (Y) 0-7

Group 4
 M. Reeves (Mi) 7-0
 G. Pritchard (Dv) 6-1
 G. Grundy (La) 5-2
 S. Gilson (Do) 3-4
 J. Speight (Y) 3-4
 G. Sharpe (Li) 2-5
 L. Tyler (Mi) 2-5
 B. Gray (Cu) 0-7

Cadet Boys
 Group 1
 A. Dixon (St) 5-0
 D. Sharpe (Bd) 4-1
 D. Illingsworth (Y) 3-2
 J. Chan (Cv) 2-3
 I. Fullerton (Bk) 1-4
 S. Worrall (Li) 0-5

Group 2
 J. Duffield (Wo) 5-0
 B. Collingwood (Mi) 3-2
 J. Sparks (E) 3-2
 S. Dixon (Cu) 2-3
 M. Mercer (La) 2-3
 J. Frost (Ca) 0-5

Group 3
 G. Lambert (Dv) 5-0
 C. Prean (Ha) 4-1
 R. Namdjon (K) 3-2
 D. Griffin (Gs) 2-3
 L. Taylor (Cv) 1-4
 P. Jackson (Sp) 0-5

Group 4
 A. Moore (Sx) 5-0
 E. Gorniak (Mi) 4-1
 C. Bryan (Li) 2-3
 A. Devitt (St) 2-3
 A. Longhurst (K) 1-4
 S. McBean (Wi) 1-4

Cadet Girls
 Group 1
 H. Bardwell (He) 5-0
 C. Creasey (Do) 4-1
 M. Seaton (Y) 3-2
 M. Denbow (Ox) 2-3
 V. Bellingham (St) 1-4
 M. Hams (Sy) 0-5

Group 2
 L. Bellinger (Bd) 5-0
 L. Broomhead (Y) 4-1
 N. Hamilton (Bu) 2-3
 J. Woodcock (Cv) 1-4
 F. Elliott (St) 0-5
 L. Goldsmith (Mi) 3-2

Group 3
 J. Bellinger (Bd) 5-0
 J. Parker (La) 4-1
 L. Crawford (E) 2-3
 J. Windle (Ox) 2-3
 A. Lowe (Sp) 1-4
 J. Evans (Y) 1-4

Group 4
 J. Ryalls (Y) 4-1
 J. Myers (La) 4-1
 S. Cresswell (Sy) 4-1
 Y. Hall (Le) 2-3
 R. Hunter (Nk) 1-4
 L. Harman (Do) 0-5

11th SOUTHEND OPEN

TWO-IN-A-ROW FOR DABIN
 by Mike Watts

John Dabin and Lesley Radford were the stars at the 11th Southend Open held over the weekend of Nov. 11/12 at Park Sports Centre, Rayleigh. Dabin went one better than last year to add a second title in consecutive weeks when he beat Bob Potton in the Men's Singles final; the previous weekend he had been successful in the North Middlesex Open. Lesley Radford, so many times a winner at this Tournament, claimed the treble, and one was left to wonder whether a Women's Singles title has ever been won with so much ease as Lesley cruised through with opponents only reaching double figures in one game.

The Men's Singles on paper looked wide open with all eight seeds comfortably reaching their allocated places in the quarters, and only Ian Horsham dropping a game en route this to Alan Fletcher. Then came the first shock as Kenny Jackson, the eighth seed, matching top seed and holder Max Crimmins point for point before finally clinching victory to thunderous applause at 23-21 in the third. Dabin survived a major crisis losing the second game easily to Nigel Eckersley, but his steadiness saw him through in the third. Potton reversed his recent County Championship loss to David Constance although Constance only had himself to blame leading comfortably in the first, and then losing all concentration in the second. The final place went to Mark Mitchell after a hard fought two games with Horsham. The first semi was disappointing with Jackson unable to master the variation in Dabin's defensive game. However things livened up in the second with some sparkling rallies from Potton and Mitchell with Potton just edging home in two very close games. In the final Potton tried everything he knew to wear down Dabin, but to no avail, and Dabin became the new worthy Men's Singles holder.

The Women's Singles produced a handful of shocks. Mrs. Jane Glassock (nee Livesey) married only two weeks previously, showed that her new life style is suiting her as she swept aside Gill Locke, then sensationally second seed Angela Mitchell, and finally Susan Dove to reach her first ever Women's Singles final at Southend. Unfortunately the final proved to be too much of an occasion for her as Lesley Radford swept to a big win. In the other matches young Essex girl Julie Askem still a Junior caused a major upset ousting fourth seed Elaine Foulds, as did Elaine Sayer in taking out third seed Linda Barrow.

The Men's Doubles ran strictly to form with only Les Eadie and Kevin Caldon falling before the quarters. In the semis Horsham and Jackson overcame Eckersley and Fletcher, whilst Potton and Joe Kennedy beat David Newman and Leon Smith. The final winners were Potton and Kennedy with a two-straight win over Horsham and Jackson.

The Women's Doubles went to the favourites Lesley Radford and Angela Mitchell who never dropped a game throughout, their final opponents being Elaine Foulds and Gillian Locke. The Mixed also ran true to form with Horsham and Lesley Radford winning through in the final against Potton and Angela Mitchell.

The two Junior Singles suffered badly from the holding of the Junior Ranking Tournament in Cleveland, which took out the cream of the normally good entry. Nevertheless the total entry was still good, and the Dowsett family from Essex preferring to support a local event came and conquered. Julie winning the Girl's Singles from County colleague Kim Mudge and Terry holding off a very spirited challenge from young Tony Stark from Middlesex who I predict we shall hear a lot of in the next few years.

Finally the Veterans' saw two new names filling the final places when Henry Buist and Don Smith fought their way through, and then produced an excellent final won finally by Buist. Smith in particular gained three excellent scalps en route in D'Arcy, Battrick and Lockwood whilst Buist put out favourite and top seed Laurie Fountain.

EAST OF ENGLAND 2-STAR

Mick Brown of High Street, Eagle, Lincoln ('Phone: Swinderby 291) has taken over as Tournament Secretary of the East of England 2-Star Open scheduled to be played on Sunday, March 11/79 at Scunthorpe. Mick replaces Mrs. Joan Robinson as shown in the E.T.T.A. Tournament Diary.

The Tournament attracted 250 entries and ran smoothly, and to time, throughout. Thanks must go especially to players and officials from the League who contributed the required money to hold the event, after the Tournament had originally been cancelled due to the lack of a sponsor. The finals were well attended, and present was Councillor and Mrs. D. Ives Chairman of the Rochford and District Council.

Final Results:-

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Jackson (E) bt M. Crimmins (Sy) 16, -16, 21
 J. Dabin (K) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 15, -11, 13
 R. Potton (E) bt D. Constance (Ch) 20, 13
 M. Mitchell (Mi) bt I. Horsham (E) 19, 18.

Semi-finals:

Dabin bt Jackson 12, 15
 Potton bt Mitchell 19, 19.

Final:

DABIN bt Potton 19, 16.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

L. Radford (E) bt E. Sayer (E) 7, 6
 J. Glassock (E) bt S. Dove (Mi) 14, 7.

Final:

RADFORD bt Glassock 8, 9.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Horsham/Jackson bt Eckersley/A. Fletcher 19, 13
 Potton/J. Kennedy bt D. Newman/L. Smith 17, -20, 15.

Final:

POTTON/KENNEDY bt Horsham/Jackson 17, 20.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Radford/A. Mitchell bt L. Barrow/J. Dowsett 11, 22
 E. Foulds/G. Locke bt Sayer/Glassock 12, -22, 10.

Final:

RADFORD/MITCHELL bt Foulds/Locke 16, 15.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Potton/Mitchell bt Mitchell/S. Sandley 14, 23
 Horsham/Radford bt Newman/Barrow 11, 17.

Final:

HORSHAM/RADFORD bt Potton/Mitchell 17, 8.

Veterans' Semi-finals:

H. Buist (K) bt L. Fountain (E) 19, 18
 D. Smith (Mi) bt P. D'Arcy (Ch) 13, 18.

Final:

BUIST bt Smith.

Boys' Singles Final:

T. DOWSETT (E) bt A. Stark (Mi) 14, 18.

Girls' Singles Final:

DOWSETT (E) bt K. Mudge (E) 18, 12.

'Halex' Midland Counties Open

50th ANNIVERSARY

by John Herbert

The 'Midland Open' held on Nov. 18/19 at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall, was the 50th to be staged by the Birmingham and District T.T.A. Despite the absence of Jill Hammersley, Linda Howard, Paul Day, John Hilton and Nicky Jarvis who were playing for England in Yugoslavia the Championships attracted a very large entry which included nearly every other ranked player in the County. Local interest was fired by the appearance of England's No. 1, and local boy, Desmond Douglas and his old rival Denis Neale. Des, as expected, had no difficulty in carrying off the Men's Singles title but, Carole Knight, who looked favourite for the Women's Singles, came unstuck very early on. She was knocked out in the second round by young Mandy Smith from Reading in

two-straight (14, 16). Mandy eventually went on to face Anita Stevenson in the semis but lost -12, -13.

The Women's Singles final was the best seen in these championships for many years. In a hard hitting game Anita took the first game off Karen Witt 23-21 but Karen fought back to take the next two 13 and 16. It was magnificent stuff which won prolonged applause.

In the Men's Singles Neale showed that he meant business fairly early on by putting out Nigel Eckersley 17, 17. Denis went on to defeat team mate Jimmy Walker -14, 15, 15, in the semis. Another player who was destined for a semi-final place was local boy Doug Johnson. The best game of the quarter-final round was between Doug and Max Crimmins. Encouraged by a large local crowd Doug took the first 21-18 but Max hit his way through Doug's defence to take the second at 17. In the third Doug tightened up his game and defended magnificently. His final return, taken while leaning back against the barrier, was unbelievable. It took Max so much by surprise that he missed what looked to be an easy kill and at 21-11 Doug had earned the right to face Des in the other semi-final. The 'battle' of the local lads turned out to be no more than a friendly tussle. Des is so sharp these days that he hardly needs to get into top gear. It was no disgrace that Doug could only win 19 points in the two games.

A couple of years ago when Des and Denis, almost inevitably, met in the Men's Singles final few would have been bold enough to forecast the result. Denis produced patches of his old form with some great angled shots but Des looked almost nonchalant as he won in two straight, 12, 15. Not a great final but, Des had proved beyond doubt that he deserved the magnificent Victor Barna Trophy which had been presented to him at the Golden Anniversary Buffet and Disco the night before by Tom Blunn, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., for the most notable performance over the year by an English player.

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Results:-

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Douglas (Wa) bt A. Clayton (Y) 7, 10;
D. Johnson (Wa) bt M. Crimmins (Sy) 18, -17, 11;
D. Neale (Cv) bt C. Rogers (Le) 16, 19;
J. Walker (Cv) bt J. Dabin (K) 8, 18.

Semi-finals:

Douglas bt Johnson 8, 11;
Neale bt Walker -14, 16, 14.

Final:

DOUGLAS bt Neale 12, 15.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Smith (Bk) bt S. Lisle (Ch) 16, 12;
A. Stevenson (Le) bt S. Midgley (Y) 10, -18, 8;
K. Witt (Bk) bt M. Reeves (Mi) 11, 10;
S. Hunt (Li) bt K. Rogers (Le) 6, 18.

Semi-finals:

Stevenson bt Smith 12, 13;
Witt bt Hunt 9, 13.

Final:

WITT bt Stevenson -21, 13, 16.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Douglas/Walker bt N. Eckersley (Ch)/A. Fletcher (Y) 18, 19;
Crimmins/D. Wells (Mi) bt R. Jermyn (He)/F. Nilam (Bd) 17, 12.

Final:

DOUGLAS/WALKER bt Crimmins/Wells 11, 18.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

C. Knight (Cv)/Stevenson bt L. Barrow (E)/A. Mitchell (Mi) 18, -22, 12;
M. Ludi (Y)/Witt bt C. Creasey (Do)/J. Williams (Cv) 13, 10.

Final:

LUDI/WITT bt Knight/Stevenson 20, -20, 16.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Douglas/Stevenson bt Eckersley/Witt 14, 11;
M. Johns (Ch)/Ludi bt R. Potton (E)/Mitchell 21, 10.

Final:

JOHNS/LUDI bt Douglas/Stevenson 19, 18.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Wilson (Mi) bt D. Charlery (E) -14, 19, 14;
S. Harmer (Bu) bt A. Bellingham (St) 19, 11;
D. Barr (Bk) bt I. Reed (Cu) 14, 18;
M. Thomas (Wal) bt M. Brogan (Mi) 12, 11.

Semi-finals:

Harmer bt Wilson -27, 15, 20;
Barr bt Thomas -8, 10, 13.

Final:

BARR bt Harmer 14, 17.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Smith bt L. Degg (Sp) 7, 7;
Midgley bt J. Grundy (La) 9, 24;
H. Williams (Mi) bt C. Jones (Wal) 16, 18;
A. Gordon (Bk) bt C. Maisey (Wi) 9, 13.

Semi-finals:

Midgley bt Smith 17, 17;
Gordon bt Williams -11, 18, 20.

Final:

GORDON bt Midgley 16, 19.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

B. Jeanes (Wal)/Thomas bt Barr/Wilson -16, 17, 16;
S. Andrew (E)/Charlery bt K. Chamberlain/P. Colvin (K) 14, 14.

Final:

ANDREW/CHARLERY bt Jeanes/Thomas 18, 12.

Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Gordon/Smith bt Grundy/Maisey -12, 9, 19;
Creasey/Williams bt L. Broomhead (Y)/J. Deakin (Ch) 19, 19.

Final:

CREASEY/WILLIAMS bt Gordon/Smith 19, -14, 15.

Instructors give advice and help organise the many sporting events which are held there.

The 'residents' participate in the local leagues and I have not heard of any adverse comment regarding their sporting attitudes or hospitality, so I am very surprised to hear that some of the visiting officials considered the atmosphere unsuitable. They certainly did not convey this feeling to the Staffordshire Officials who so excellently organised the event.

Reference the comment made concerning the possible objection of parents of the juniors attending the play-off, I would like to assure them that in this day and age of teenage hooliganism, their children were certainly in better surroundings during this weekend than attending a Football League match at which there is so much violence and obscene shouting.

Finally, I would like to invite Mr. Woodford to see for himself the conditions and feel the atmosphere, an ideal opportunity would be the Wolverhampton Associations Finals night on February the 21st, 1979, perhaps he would contact me and let me know whether or not he will accept the invitation.

M. F. LEACH,
Hon. Secretary,

Wolverhampton and District T.T.A.

18 Cannon Road,
Wombourne,
West Midlands.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VARYING GRADES

On behalf of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Association I would like to protest most strongly at the remarks made by John Woodford in the October issue of 'Table Tennis News'.

The comments he made regarding the venue for this season were in extremely bad taste as he obviously does not know that there are varying grades of prisons ranging from the Open to the High Security type.

The prison at which the play off was held is low security and houses prisoners who are first offenders and men who are convicted of non-violent offences.

The prison is one of the newest in the country and the sports facilities are second to none. In fact the conditions for playing table tennis are of National Standard. Many other local sporting organisations use the facilities by kind permission of the Governor and the Physical Education

PING COMMENTARY

by JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent
"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"

Doing it their way!

So now table tennis is in the fortunate situation of having two world series grand prix. We really ought to be thankful that there are individuals around prepared to invest £100,000 in our sport, but it seems in this case, doing things their way.

Barry Meisel's plan, so we are told, include things like tables with blue surfaces instead of green, and even bigger tables — what I call American nonsense. As most of us know there is no way that the I.T.T.F. are likely to approve such radical changes.

In fact, I cannot imagine the world's top players wishing to experiment with larger tables because the affect on their performance when they return to the conventional table could be catastrophic.

I am not surprised the E.T.T.A. are playing "cat and mouse" with Mr. Meisel. Larger tables and proposals of that nature means in my view that the Meisel plan lacks credibility, so does hoping to fill the Albert Hall — we couldn't even do that when the Chinese and Japanese have been here. We all know how difficult it is to get large crowds to any table tennis event in or near to London.

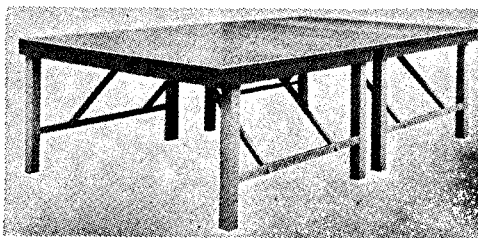
Making contact with top players on the other side of the world as an individual is not impossible but it must present major problems to a potential organiser. I can only wish him luck, for he is certainly going to need it!

NATIONAL TRAINER

Luxembourg are seeking to appoint a National Trainer to commence duties on Sept. 1/79. Questionnaires are available from the E.T.T.A. office, in Hastings, but as these are in either French or German it would seem that any likely candidate should have a basic knowledge of these two languages if contemplating working in Luxembourg.

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SCANDINAVIAN OPEN FIVE TITLES FOR CHINA IN NORRKOPING

Missing out on the men's team title, won by Hungary, and the men's doubles taken by the Hungarian-Czech combination of **Gabor Gergely** and **Milan Orlowski**, China reigned supreme in the other five events in the Himmelstalundshallen over the period Nov. 23-26 in the Scandinavian Open Championships.

China's women, with a series of 3-straight wins over Poland, Czechoslovakia, USSR and Hungary, easily won the women's team event with the men's and women's singles going to **Li Chen-shih** and **Tung Ling**. Again in the women's doubles it was all China in the final with **Li Ming** and **Yen Kuei-li** the winners and **Huang Liang** with **Tung Ling** annexing the mixed.

England's big two, **Desmond Douglas** and **Jill Hammersley**, carried the flag to a certain extent especially with wins over **Zsuzsa Olah** of Hungary (13, 7, -20, 12), **Myung Sook Shin** of Korea Republic (-18, 11, 6, 13) and, in the quarters, **Ilona Uhlíkova** of Czechoslovakia (7, 12, -17, 14).

But it was at this stage that **Jill** came unstuck having her gallop well and truly stopped by the bespectacled **Ke Hsin-ai** of China (16, 17, 9). **Douglas** began his run by beating Sweden's **Ake Liljegren** (14, -16, 19, 3), then Korea Republic's **Dong Won Jho** (14, 17, 16).

Then it was a repeat of the all-important European League encounter with Federal Germany's bearded **Engelbert Hucing** with the latter gaining revenge by winning 17, -8, 16, -12, 18. In this star-studded men's singles event **Nicky Jarvis**, after beating **Dal-Joon Lee** of the USA (13, 17, -14, 15), lost to the top seed **Huang Liang** (-18, -18, -16). Both **John Hilton** and **Donald Parker** took their departure in the first round, **Hilton** seen off 13, 8 and 12 by **Dragutin Surbek** of Yugoslavia and **Parker** by Sweden's **Ulf Thorsell** (16, 15, 13).

Tibor Klampar's attempt to gain a hat-trick of successes, following the French and Yugoslavian Opens, came unstuck in the quarters when the Hungarian was beaten by **Huang Liang** and it was at this stage also that Europe's other representatives, **Stellan Bengtsson**, **Orlowski** and **Hucing** also came to grief.

In the counterpart women's event, apart from **Mrs. Hammersley**, **Linda Howard** suffered a first round defeat by **Anneli Hernvall** of Sweden whilst **Carole Knight** failed to get through her preliminary meeting with **Kyung Ae Lee** of Korea R. when beaten 19, -20, -15, 20 and 10.

In the women's doubles, **Jill** and **Linda** lost in the second round to **Claude Bergeret** and **Brigitte Thiriet** of France after an initial victory over **Jolanta Szatko** and **Malgorzata Urbanska** of Poland. **Carole**, initially paired with Ireland's **Karen Senior** — an absentee — was switched to partner **Ha-Ja Lee**, wife of **Dal-Joon** but, after beating **Gina Hundven** and **Rigmor Sorensen** of Norway, they succumbed to **Tae Ok Choi** and **Kyung Sook Shin** of Korea R. in the preliminaries.

Douglas and **Jarvis**, our top pair in the men's doubles had an opening round victory over **Jens Fellke** and **Tommy Andersson** of the Angby SK Swedish club, and were then well and truly 'carted' by **Li-Chen-shih** and **Huang Liang** of China (8, 18 and 13). **Hilton** and **Parker** failed to survive their first round meeting with **Hucing** and **Wilfried Lieck** of Federal Germany but only narrowly going down 15, 18, -17, -15, -20! Nor did it do the Germans much good either for they were subsequently

beaten by **Lars Franklin** and **Thorsell** of Sweden.

In the mixed doubles **Douglas** and **Linda** prospered to the semi-finals with wins over **Bengtsson** and **Eva Stromvall** of Sweden (14, -13, 13, 12), **Tommy Andersson/Birgitta Radberg**, also of Sweden, (-19, 16, -20, 12, 16) and then, in the quarters, **Lu Chi-wei** and **Yen Kuei-li** of China (17, 11, 15). In the penultimate round it was China's **Huang Liang** and **Tung Ling** who triumphed (17, 10, 17). **Hilton**, paired with **Jill**, lost to the Chinese **Shih Chih-hao** and **Ke Hsin-ai** (-13, -13, -17).

Parker, paired with **Kristina Nilsson** of Sweden, beat Norway's **Jorgen Gierloff** and **Gina Hundven** (7, 18, 8) to emerge from the preliminaries only to lose in the first round to **Christian Martin** and **Miss Thiriet** of France (-18, -22, -17). **Jarvis** also had a Swedish partner in **Helen Lindvall** but they lost in the preliminaries to **Stanislav Fraczyk** and **Miss Szatko** (-12, -18, 9, -20), the Polish pair still failing to reach the first round.

Results:-

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

Huang Liang (CHN) bt **T. Klampar** (HUN) 14, 17, 16, 14;
Shih Chih-hao (CHN) bt **S. Bengtsson** (SWE) 21, 14, 19;
Lu Chi-wei (CHN) bt **M. Orlowski** (CZE)

14, 16, -14, -15, 18;
Li Chen-shih (CHN) bt **E. Hucing** (GFR) 16, 11, 10.

Semi-finals:

Huang Liang bt **Shih Chih-hao** -19, 12, 18, 11;
Li Chen-shih bt **Lu Chi-wei** 14, 15, 17.

Final:

LI CHEN-SHIH bt **Huang Liang** 17, -17, 15, 18.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

Ke Hsin-ai (CHN) bt **G. Szabo** (HUN) 11, 13, 12;
J. Hammersley (ENG) bt **I. Uhlíkova** (CZE) 7, 12, -17, 14;
A.C. Hellman (SWE) bt **Yen Kuei-li** (CHN)

20, -14, 20, -14, 19;
Tung Ling (CHN) bt **J. Magos** (HUN) 22, 16, 8.

Semi-finals:

Ke Hsin-ai bt **Hammersley** 16, 17, 9;
Tung Ling bt **Hellman** 11, 14, 8.

Final:

TUNG LING bt **Ke Hsin-ai** 15, 11, 15.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Li Chen-shih/Huang Liang bt **Z. Kalinic/Z. Kosanovic**

(YUG) 15, -15, 14, 18;
G. Gergely (HUN)/**Orlowski** bt **Lu Chi-wei/Shih Chih-hao**

Final:

GERGELY/ORLOWSKI bt **Li Chen-shih/Huang Liang**

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Ke Hsin-ai/Tung Ling bt **L. Bukshutova/V. Popova** (USS)

Final:

LI MING (CHN)/**Yen Kuei-li** bt **Hellman/M. Lindblad**

Final:

LI MING/YEN KUEI-LI bt **Ke Hsin-ai/Tung Ling**

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Li Chen-shih/Li Ming bt **Gergely/Magos** -10, 6, 21, -16, 13;
Huang Liang/Tung Ling bt **D. Douglas/L. Howard** (ENG)

Final:

HUANG LIANG/TUNG LING bt **Li Chen-shih/Li Ming**

Final:

14, 17, 16.

Men's Team

Preliminary Round

USSR 3 Finland 1
Sweden II 3 Nigeria 0

Round 1

China w.o. USA scr
Denmark 3 France 1
Czechoslovakia 3 Sweden II 2
Hungary 3 Norway 0
Federal Germany 3 Korea R 2
Yugoslavia 3 Japan 0

England 3 USSR 1

D. Douglas bt **I. Minkevich** -18, 9, 8;
J. Hilton lost to **V. Schevchenko** -15, 18, -11;
Douglas/N. Jarvis bt **M. Kreeris/Shevchenko** 19, 16;
Douglas bt **Shevchenko** 20, 11.

Sweden I 3 Poland 0

Quarter-finals:

China 3 Denmark 1
Hungary 3 Czechoslovakia 1
Yugoslavia 3 Federal Germany 2

Sweden I 3 England 1

S. Bengtsson bt **Hilton** 17, 19;
U. Carlsson lost to **Douglas** -12, 17, -16;
Bengtsson/Carlsson bt **Douglas/Jarvis** 11, 19;
Bengtsson bt **Douglas** 15, 19.

Semi-finals:

Hungary 3 China 0
T. Klampar bt **Lu Chi-wei** -9, 17, 17;
G. Gergely bt **Li Chen-shih** 19, 8;
Gergely/Klampar bt **Li Chen-shih/Lu Chi-wei** 17, -20, 15.

Sweden I 3 Yugoslavia 2

S. Bengtsson bt **Z. Kosanovic** 15, 11;
U. Carlsson lost to **A. Stipanovic** 20, -21, -24;
Bengtsson/Carlsson lost to **Stipanovic/D. Surbek** 12, -14, -19;
Bengtsson bt **Stipanovic** 17, 12;
Carlsson bt **Kosanovic** -16, 17, 17.

Final:

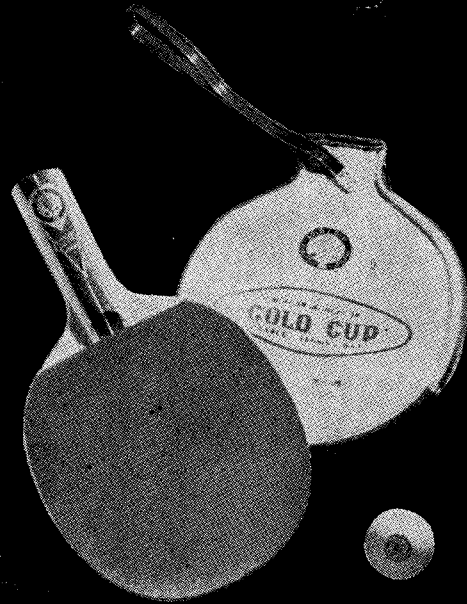
HUNGARY 3 Sweden I 0
Klampar bt **Thorsell** 18, 16;
Gergely bt **Bengtsson** 15, -17, 16;
Gergely/Klampar bt **Bengtsson/Carlsson** 27, 18.

Women's Team

Preliminary Round

Czechoslovakia 3 Nigeria 0

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Round 1

China 3 Poland 0
Czechoslovakia w.o. USA scr

England 3 Sweden II 1

J. Hammersley bt A. Hernvall 8, 10;
L. Howard lost to E. Stromvall -21, 22, -20;
Hammersley/Howard bt Hernvall/Stromvall 11, 15;
Hammersley bt Stromvall 18, 5.

USSR 3 Denmark 0

Hungary 3 Finland 0
Federal Germany 3 France 0
Sweden I 3 Norway 0

Yugoslavia w.o. Korea R scr

Quarter-finals:

China 3 Czechoslovakia 0

USSR 3 England 2

V. Popova bt Howard 9, 9;
L. Bakshutova/Popova lost to Hammersley/Howard -19, -21;
Popova lost to Hammersley 19, -11, -15;
Bakshutova bt Howard -18, 10, 14.

Hungary 3 Federal Germany 0

Sweden I 3 Yugoslavia 0

Semi-finals:

China 3 USSR 0

Tung Ling bt Bakshutova 12, 16;

Ke Hsin-ai bt Popova 7, 15;

Ke Hsin-ai/Tung Ling bt Bakshutova /Popova 13, 16.

Hungary 3 Sweden I 0

Z. Olah bt A.C. Hellman -16, 14, 9;

J. Magos bt M. Lindblad -18, 11, 10;

Magos/Szabo bt Hellman/Lindblad 17, 18.

Final:

CHINA 3 Hungary 0

Tung Ling bt Magos 11, 12;

Ke Hsin-ai bt Szabo 7, 19;

Ke Hsin-ai/Li Ming bt Magos/Szabo 17, 15.

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Results:-

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

T. Klampar (HUN) bt Shih Chih-hao (CHN)

-13, 16, 17, -10, 12;

M. Orlovski (CZE) bt G. Gergely (HUN) 12, -21, 9, 18.

Final:

KLAMPAR bt Orlovski -22, 16, 19, -17, 12.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

Ke Hsin-ai (CHN) bt Yen Kuei-li (CHN) 3-0;

Tung Ling (CHN) bt A.C. Hellman (SWE) 3-1.

Final:

TUNG LING bt Ke Hsin-ai 16, 13, 8.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Klampar/Kriston (HU) bt S. Bengtsson/U. Carlsson (SWE)

-17, 14, 18, 14;

Gergely/Orlovski bt Huang Liang/Li Chen-shih (CHN)

-14, 16, 19, 19.

Final:

KLAMPAR/KRISTON bt Gergely/Orlovski

-12, 23, 19, 19.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Ke Hsin-ai/Tung Ling bt E. Palatinus/G. Perkucin (YUG)

3-2;

Li Ming (CHN)/Yen Kuei-li bt C. Bergeret/N. Daviaud

(FRA) 3-0.

Final:

LI MING/YEN KUEI-LI bt Ke Hsin-ai/Tung Ling

-15, 6, 6, 11.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Li Chen-shih/Li Ming bt Shih Chih-hao/Ke Hsin-ai 2-0;

Huang Liang/Tung Ling bt A. Stipanovic (YUG)/Palatinus

2-0.

Final:

HUANG LIANG/TUNG LING bt Li Chen-shih/Li Ming

-17, 11, 14.

YUGOSLAVIAN OPEN

YET ANOTHER TITLE FOR TIBOR

Following up his win in the French Open in Paris, Hungary's **Tibor Klampar** still had the bit between his teeth when, in the 23rd Yugoslavian Open played in Borovo over the period Nov. 16-19, he again triumphed in the men's singles event taking over the title from the host country's Dragutin Surbek.

But it was the latter, with his compatriot Anton Stipanovic, who stopped China's hat-trick bid in the men's team event, the coup-de-grace being administered by Surbek who got Yugoslavia home 3-1 when he beat no less a personage than Li Chen-shih 19 and 7.

Klampar claimed his second title of the championships when, with Istvan Jonyer's replacement, Kriston, the men's doubles was captured. But players from the People's Republic of China came into their own in all the other events winning the women's team, women's singles and doubles as well as the mixed, the latter individual events being all-Chinese finals.

England's four men made a sorry showing in their singles only John Hilton reaching the third round following a win over Ivan Minkevich of the Soviet Union after a first round bye. He was subsequently beaten by Zoran Kosanovic of the host nation. Paul Day lost to Yugoslavia's Dejan Kukin and Nicky Jarvis fell to Takahiro Kondo of Japan who won -17, 16, 17, -20, 13. Kenny Jackson crashed at the first hurdle to Atanda Musa of Nigeria.

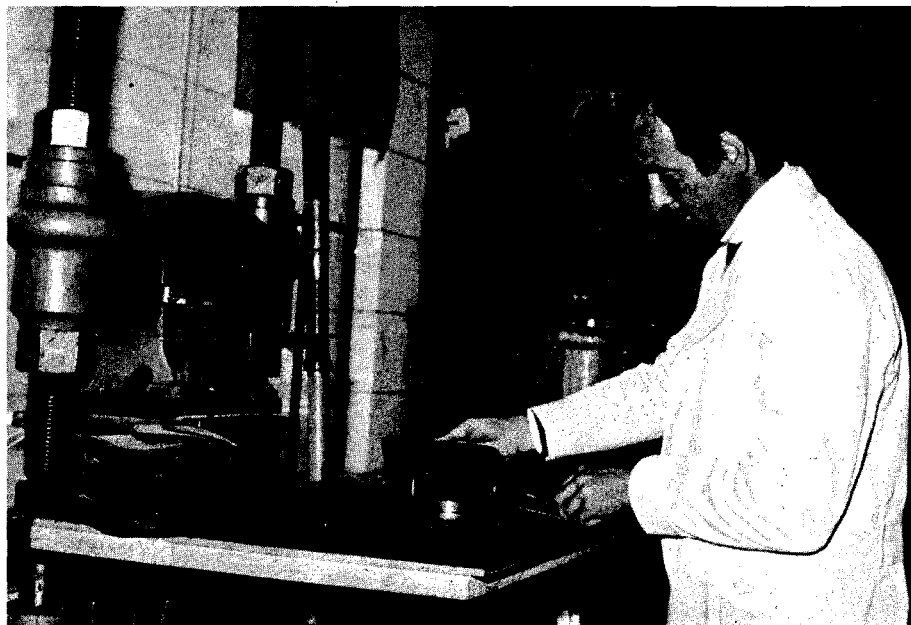
Defending champion Surbek was ousted by Gabor Gergely, the European champion, who, in turn, was beaten by Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia. Only one European reached the semi-finals of the women's singles and that was Ann-Christin Hellman of Sweden who fell to the eventual winner Tung Ling of China.

Jill Hammersley had an opening victory over Yugoslavia's Mirjam Cadez (12, 12, 13) but was then beaten by Yen Kuei-li of China who won 19, 17. Linda Howard, England's other female representative went out in the first round to Edit Urban of Hungary (-19, -18, -16) and Judit Magos of Hungary, the European champion, also suffered a first round defeat by the title winner.

In the men's doubles Day and Jarvis fell to Surbek and Stipanovic, the Hilton/Jackson combine going under to Federal Germany's Hans-Joachim Noltner and Ralf Wosik. Altogether not a very inspiring tournament for the English.

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Men's Team Round 1
 Austria I 3 Yugoslavia Jnrs 1
 Japan II 3 England II 0
 Y. Nakamura bt K. Jackson 16, 18;
 Y. Murakami bt J. Hilton 16, 20;
 Murakami/Nakamura bt Hilton/Jackson 13, 19.
 Sweden II 3 Federal Germany 2
 Poland 3 Czechoslovakia 1
 Yugoslavia II 3 France II 2
 Nigeria 3 Italy 1
 Hungary II 3 Rumania 0
 Yugoslavia I 3 Bulgaria 2
 France I 3 USSR 0
England I 3 Greece 0
 N. Jarvis bt A. Makris 13, 15;
 P. Day bt K. Priftis 12, 22;
 Day/Jarvis bt Priftis/Salatas 13, 13.
 China II 3 Turkey 0

Round 2
 China I 3 Austria 1
 Sweden II 3 Japan II 1
 Yugoslavia II 3 Poland 0
 Hungary I 3 Nigeria 0
 Hungary II 3 Sweden I 2
 Yugoslavia I 3 Austria II 0
 France I 3 England I 0
 P. Birocheau bt Jarvis 17, -18, 25;
 J. Secretin bt Day 13, 12;
 Birocheau/Secretin bt Day/Jarvis 20, -15, 19.
 China II 3 Japan I 0

Quarter-finals:
 China I 3 Sweden II 0
 Hungary I 3 Yugoslavia II 0
 Yugoslavia I 3 Hungary II 0
 China II 3 France I 0

Semi-finals:
China I 3 Hungary I 1
 Huang Liang lost to G. Gergely 11, -20, -17;
 Li Chen-shih bt T. Klampar -15, 20, 16;
 Huang Liang/Li Chen-shih bt Gergely/Klampar 14, 11;
 Huang Liang bt Klampar 15, -15, 11.
Yugoslavia I 3 China II 1
 D. Surbek bt Shih Chih-hao -15, 18, 17;
 A. Stipanec lost to Lu Chi-wei -9, -12;
 Stipanec/Surbek bt Lu Chi-wei/Shih Chih-hao -14, 11, 17;
 Surbek bt Lu Chi-wei -13, 16, 18.

Final:
YUGOSLAVIA I 3 China I 1
 Surbek bt Huang Liang 18, 16;
 Stipanec lost to Li Chen-shih -15, -16;
 Stipanec/Surbek bt Huang Liang/Li Chen-shih -17, 17, 8;
 Surbek bt Li Chen-shih 19, 7.

Women's Team Round 1
 Hungary II 3 Yugoslavia ML 2
 Yugoslavia II 3 Sweden II 2
 Italy 3 Nigeria 1

Round 2
 China I 3 Poland 0
 France 3 Hungary II 1
 Yugoslavia II 3 Czechoslovakia 1
 Rumania 3 USSR 1
England 3 Italy 0
 J. Hammersley bt P. Bevilacqua 4, 13;
 L. Howard bt S. Milic 2, 9;
 Hammersley/Howard bt Bevilacqua/Milic 8, 17.
 Yugoslavia I 3 Federal Germany 1
 China II 3 Sweden I 0
 Hungary I w.o. USA scr

Quarter-finals:
 China I 3 France 0
 Yugoslavia II 3 Rumania 0
 Yugoslavia I 3 England 2
 China II 3 Hungary I 0

Semi-finals:
China I 3 Yugoslavia II 0
 Ke Hsin-ai bt D. Fabri 12, 7;
 Tung Ling bt B. Batinic 15, 14;
 Ke Hsin-ai/Tung Ling bt Batinic/Fabri 10, -18, 14.
Yugoslavia I 3 China II 2
 E. Palatinus lost to Yen Kuei-li 17, -19, -16;
 G. Perkucin bt Li Ming 10, -11, 17;
 Palatinus/Perkucin lost to Li Ming/Yen Kuei-li -20, -19;
 Perkucin bt Yen Kuei-le -15, 18, 12;
 Palatinus bt Li Ming 17, 18.

Final:
CHINA I 3 Yugoslavia I 0
 Tung Ling bt Perkucin 16, 20;
 Ke Hsin-ai bt Palatinus 13, 12;
 Ke Hsin-ai/Tung Ling bt Palatinus/Perkucin 18, 17.

Norwich Union Trophy

KLAMPAR THE WINNER

The close of the Scandinavian Open Championships in Norrköping on Sunday, Nov. 26, marked the end of three consecutive weekends of intensive competition in the NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX and only then was it known which players had qualified for the NORWICH UNION TROPHY which began at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Bletchley Leisure Centre.

Taken in conjunction with the preceding French

and Yugoslavian Opens, the list giving the top players in the NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX then read:-

	Points
1. T. Klampar (HUN)	2400
2. M. Orlovski (CZE)	1800
3. Li Chen-shih (CHN)	1400
4. Huang Liang (CHN)	1200
=Shih Chih-hao (CHN)	1200
6. G. Gergely (HUN)	1000
=Lu Chi-wei (CHN)	1000
8. S. Bengtsson (SWE)	950
9. P. Stellwag (GFR)	800
=J. Takacs (HUN)	800
11. J. Secretin (FRA)	750
12. D. Douglas (ENG)	600
=J. Dvoracek (CZE)	600
=E. Hugging (GFR)	600

China's top pair Li Chen-shih and Huang Liang were stood down in favour of Shih Chih-hao and Lu Chi-wei and, because of injury, Stellan Bengtsson and Jacques Secretin were also withdrawn. This gave an unexpected chance for the lesser lights in Peter Stellwag, Janos Takacs and Josef Dvoracek, the latter taking over from England's Desmond Douglas who, it is reported, declined the invitation.

A sum approaching £2,000 was at stake at Bletchley and, as was to be expected, Hungary's Tibor Klampar — winner both in Paris and Borovo and a beaten quarter-finalist in Norrköping by Huang Liang — claimed the top prize of £600 and a further 500 points towards entry into the NORWICH UNION MASTERS tournament to be played at Milton Keynes over the period May 29/31 when 16 players, including the new world and reigning European champion, Gabor Gergely, will compete for the £1,000 top prize.

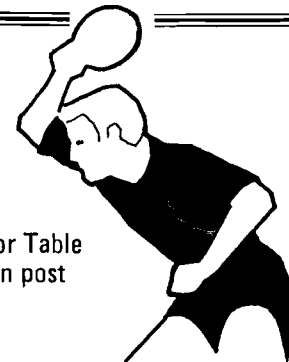
At Bletchley the European champion failed to qualify for the semi-finals when beaten 16, -15, -25 in a nail-biter against Lu Chi-wei thus affording a

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LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

Two 14-year-old Grantham boys starred in the Lincs. Closed Championships. Chris Bryan had an excellent run in the Men's singles beating No. 8 seed Steve Morley (Grimsby) in the 3rd round and then only losing to No. 2 seed Brian Allison 18 in the third at the quarter-final stage. He then combined with Simon Pullen to reach the semi-final of the Men's doubles. Simon in the Boys' singles reached the final losing to county No. 1 David Skerratt 18 in the third.

Brian Hill, county No. 1, once again won the Men's singles no-one really extending him in an event he has dominated over the last 15 years. His record of singles victories in this event will probably never be beaten and it seems likely that he will continue to win this event for some years to come.

Jean White regained the Women's singles beating Cheryl Buttery in the final. Jean also won the Mixed and Women's doubles thus completing the hat-trick for the second time in her career. Gillian Sharpe the 14-year-old Caistor girl also did well reaching 3 finals the most unexpected being the Women's doubles. She and her partner Debra Brown beat some very experienced players and must be very happy with their performance.

Results:-

M.S.: B. Hill bt B. Allison 14, 11
W.S.: J. White bt C. Buttery 19, -15, 11
B.S.: D. Skerratt bt S. Pullen -15, 17, 18
G.S.: G. Sharpe bt J. Wingad 16, 19
V.S.: M. Sheader bt P. Skerratt -15, 17, 7
M.D.: Hill/East bt Sheader/Allison -20, 9, 18
W.D.: White/Burgess bt Sharpe/Brown 9, -18, 11
X.D.: East/White bt Taylor/Sharpe -16, 13, 17

Our County teams are doing very well this season with all four teams well placed in their

divisions. The Juniors won both their matches. The first team beat Cumbria II 9-1 their only defeat being David Johnson losing to Cumbria's No. 1. The second team beat Warwickshire II by a score of 6-4. This match was not decided until the last rubber when Simon Pullen proved equal to the task and beat their No. 2 C. Higgins 2-straight.

The veterans' had a fine win against the strong Essex side. Matt Sheader played a major part in this 6-3 win, being undefeated in his 3 rubbers including a great win over Bobby Stevens. The seniors are having their best season for a long time in Div. 2 North. The match against Cleveland I resulted in a 5 all draw. This was an excellent result especially when only 1 rubber came from our ladies, Suzanne Hunt beating Angela Tierney. Each of our men won 1 singles and the other rubber came from the men's doubles.

Mick Brown of Lincoln has offered to act as tournament secretary for the East of England Tournament and so Lincs. will be able to stage this event in March. Finally on the coaching side, a group of Lincs. juniors attended the Northants squad session, the emphasis being on match play between the 2 counties. This proved to be very successful and will I hope become a regular event on our calendar.

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by LOUIS HOFFMAN

403 entries, 80 down on last year — seemingly from schools — a state of affairs which needs serious attention. But a very strong entry once again and, as last season, seeds in the men's singles falling like ninepins.

Ian Horsham, Peter McQueen, Les Eadie all fell by the wayside. John Dabin was most impressive in beating David Tan, 17 and 9, and Kenny Jackson, 15 and 16, to take him to the final. Jackson had beaten the holder, Graham Sandley, 15 and 16.

Meanwhile Mark Mitchell had been struggling -19 in the 3rd with M. Waldman; 21 in the 3rd with Mike Johns; 11 in the 3rd with Leon Smith (who had beaten Eadie); 16 in the 3rd against David Wells — to reach the final which he won at 13 in the decider. So for the third year of the G.L.C. we had a different winner which adds interest and spreads the prize money around.

Lesley Radford retained her women's singles title but was extended to three in the semis by young star Helen Williams and again in the final, won 19 in the 3rd, over Angela Mitchell. It's nice to look back at the winners of prize money in 1976 and see those names emerge as winners in a higher age group.

Helen Williams won the U-13 girls' singles in 1976 beating Lorraine Garbet. In 1978 Lorraine wins the Girls' U-15 and U-17 titles. Seniors, look out next year! Bruce Collingwood again won the U-13 boys' singles. Mark Oakley, a beaten finalist in the Boys' U-13 in 1976 won the U-15 title this year. Skylet Andrew won the Boys' U-17 and could be another Desmond.

V.I.P.'s from the G.L.C. were again very impressed by the all-round standard of play and by the logic that to reach that standard youngsters must devote their time and energy thereby keeping them off the streets and out of mischief. Alexandra Palace has again been allocated to the North Middlesex League to run the tournament in 1979 the dates being Oct. 19-21. If you haven't seen forty Jaques tables in one hall being continuously used then come and enter either the North Middlesex Open or, if eligible, the G.L.C. Closed. It's a weekend of table tennis you will enjoy. Ask those who have been.

THIRD SON

Peter Charters, Chairman of the E.T.T.A.'s Selection Committee has become the proud father of a third son, John Daniel, born at 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16/78, brother to Matthew and Benjamin. Congratulations to Judi and Peter on their hat-trick.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

COMPLAINT LODGED

Having lodged a complaint with the County Championships as to the validity of Cleveland's presence in Division 2 (North) of the Championships with their first team the outcome is awaited with some interest. Meantime the second round of county matches brought renewed problems for caretaker Match Secretary, Gordon Campbell.

The call-up of both John Hilton and Donald Parker to represent England in the Scandinavian Open gave Gordon the option of calling off the first team match against Northumberland but, with the second team also Tyneside bound, it was decided to carry on with the fixture.

As matters turned out all came well in the end for both the first and second teams won 8-2 with far different selections from those agreed upon initially. From being chosen as No. 3 man in the first team Bolton's Nigel Hallows found himself at No. 1 with Stephen Cowley (Farnworth) and David Cottrell (Blackburn) as his companions along with original selections Diane Johnson and Wendy Shaw. With Phil Bowen and John Marshall not wishing to play — the latter because of University exams — only Roy Frankland of the men was left of those initially selected for the second team.

Here again there were cry-offs with Graham Hoy (unavailable for afternoon matches because of shop duties), Ian Smith not wishing to play with his form being suspect and Phil Blake more concerned with football. So, having run out of names on the senior list, Paul Rainford was withdrawn from the junior team opposed to Clwyd to make his senior debut for the second team. This had a direct effect on the juniors who were beaten 6-4 with Tim Hatton (Rochdale) failing to make any impression on his county debut along with Philip Hoy and Stephen Scowcroft on the male side.

But all power to the females who, in the three matches, came out unscathed. Credit too for young Rainford who registered wins against Dave Armstrong and Malcolm McMaster at Byker as did Hallows, against Andrew Clark and Frank Mitchinson, and Cottrell with wins over Mitchinson and McMaster whose services were employed in both matches.

Match details:-

Northumberland v Lancashire (2-8)

F. Mitchinson lost to N. Hallows -15, -20;
M. McMaster lost to D. Cottrell -18, -7;
A. Clark bt S. Cowley 17, 19;
Miss K. Cheung/Mrs. N. Kirsop lost to Mrs. D. Johnson/Miss W. Shaw -18, -16;
Clark/McMaster bt Hallows/Cowley -18, 18, 16;
Mrs. Kirsop lost to Miss Shaw -16, -18;
Clark lost to Hallows -19, -17;
Miss Cheung lost to Mrs. Johnson -12, -11;
McMaster lost to Cowley -17, 20, -11.

Northumberland II v Lancashire II (2-8)

M. McMaster bt R. Frankland 20, 18;
D. Armstrong lost to P. Rainford 23, -13, -13;
P. Whiteman lost to S. Turner -10, -17;
Lily Aust/Judy Davies lost to Mrs. C. Hilton/Mrs. K. Wright -19, -12;
Armstrong/McMaster lost to Frankland/Turner -17, -13;
McMaster lost to Rainford -15, -19;
Davies lost to Wright -17, -12;
Whiteman bt Frankland 18, 12;
Aust lost to Hilton -12, -10;
Armstrong lost to Turner -6, -15.

Lancashire v Clwyd (4-6) Juniors

S. Scowcroft lost to M. Thomas 19, -11, -14;
T. Hatton lost to M. Byles 18, -14, -18;
P. Hoy bt A. Williams 21, 20;
Miss C. Scowcroft/Miss J. Parker bt Miss S. Bennett/Miss S. Powell 19, 9;
Scowcroft/Hatton lost to Thomas/Williams 20, -15, -15;
Scowcroft lost to Byles 5, -16, -16;
Miss J. Grundy bt Miss Powell 14, 13;
Hoy lost to Thomas -8, -9;
Miss Scowcroft bt Miss Bennett 15, 10;
Hatton lost to Williams -16, -19.

Farnworth, the reigning first division champions in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, are still unbeaten after two matches in the current campaign having seen off Liverpool (6-4) and Salford (7-3).

In the match on Merseyside David Constance had a treble with Stephen Cowley losing only to John Marshall, Constance and Cowley winning the doubles leaving Clive Heap with nought to show for his labours against Marshall, Clive Strettle and Keith Williams. But in the Salford engagement Heap had wins over Ross McFarlane and Brian Clements losing only to John Weatherby. Three wins for Cowley and a solo for Barry Elliott plus the doubles did the trick.

Manchester, with three matches played, lead the field their wins being against Salford (9-1), Liverpool (9-1) and Macclesfield (9-1). John Hilton, Phil Bowen and Mark Hankey have been the players responsible. Also unbeaten are Preston with wins over Macclesfield (8-2) and St. Helens (7-3) Donald Parker turning out against the former and Paul Rainford taking his place in the latter engagement.

Champions, Stockport, together with Manchester and Liverpool boast undefeated records in the Women's Div. 1 and similar records are held by Manchester, Salford and Rochdale in the Junior top flight.



Pictured is the memento presented to Mr. David Plowes of British Aerospace at Lostock during the occasion when Bolton entertained the Royal Pantheon club of Brussels when, in a two match affair, honours were equally divided and a good time was had by all. Sinclair van Gelder, Tristan Schwilden and Mavis van Gelder made up the Brussels first team with Louis van Gelder, Julian Rowland and Marie-France Van Paemel the second. On duty for Bolton were Nigel Hallows, Bryn Farnworth and Carolyn Scowcroft (1st) and Albert Smith, Tommy Prescott, and guest player Joy Grundy (Lytham) (2nd). In the first team clash the Belgians nosed home 4-3 but Bolton won the second team match 5-2. Both Hallows and Smith kept a clean sheet for the Boltonians.

DEVON NOTES

by Keith Ponting

MORE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE COUNTY

Once again the hardworking efforts of the County Fund Raising Officer, Adrian Wright, has paid dividends with a sponsorship agreement made

with Western Trust and Savings Limited the Plymouth based banking company. Under the terms of the agreement Western Trust will provide finance towards the County Championships match programme covering playing strip, travel, hotel and fixture expenses. They will also donate a trophy for competition within the County. Posters have also been suitably printed with a full list of fixtures and venues for display around the County.

The County Association are deeply grateful to Western Trust for their interest and we welcome their involvement with us. An event has been arranged for early December with an exhibition by our senior and junior players for disabled youngsters when representatives of Western Trust and the County will meet for a social evening and a chance to get to know one another.

The County's Junior I team has made an excellent start in their attempt to regain their place in the Premier Division of the County Championships with two fine wins over Surrey and Middlesex respectively. Superbly led by Paul Whiting, Shaun Gwynne, Gary Lambert, Gina Pritchard and Carol Butler have done us proud so far and we hope their good work will continue. The second junior team have also made an impressive start with two good away wins over Cornwall and Hampshire and Colin Bunch, Paul Giles, Paul Waldron, Julie Pritchard and Nicola Pine are all chasing for places in the first team, a good sign of the intense competition amongst our juniors.

Finally, this month I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all my table tennis friends in Devon a very happy Christmas and everything they wish themselves for 1979. The same greetings from the Devon County Association to one and all.

ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

SOUNDLY BEATEN

There were mixed fortunes for our County teams in the County Championships weekend in November. Essex II had a good win over Suffolk but the third team could only manage a draw with Sussex II. On the Junior front the 2nd team were soundly beaten by Sussex despite three wins from the girls Patricia Taylor and Julie Askem.

Essex veterans' teams were both soundly beaten the first losing 3-6 to Lincolnshire while the second team lost by the same score to Hampshire II. Veteran supremo Phyl Lauder was very disappointed with both these results and only Mike Watts the county secretary and new veteran this season gained any plaudits.

In the Suffolk match main antagonist for Essex was the stylish English international John Kitchener. He won both his singles and shared in a men's doubles success for the visitors. Leon Smith gave the Suffolk star plenty to think about and was a little unfortunate over two fast and furious games, Kitchener getting the breaks at the right phases. The very talented Les Eadie also had his chances against Kitchener but when the chips were down Les faded.

"Benny" Robertson, called into the side to replace the indisposed Kevin Caldon, worked hard for his singles success while the girls, Gill Locke and Elaine Sayer, had comfortable wins in their sets. Over in the third team match against Sussex II, the late arrival of Essex player Skylet Andrew, due to travelling problems, gave an unexpected senior debut to junior Douglas Henry.

Douglas stole the show late in the match when from 14-20 down in the third he kept his head to win 25-23 and snatch a point from the home county. Only snag now is the question of Henry's eligibility for this match as his name was not on the list of nominated reserves. Tony Penny whose stature grows with every outing and Stuart Kimm both had excellent games and won four singles sets between them. Penny had a particularly good win over Sussex defender Emil Emecz and Kimm did all that was asked of him and stuck to his game well against Phil Smith when the pressure was on.

The girls, Julie Dowsett and Jane Glassock, finished empty-handed but both had their chances in the singles. Jane, in particular, must be kicking herself for surrendering a 20-17 lead in both the second and third games against Christine Randall

in what was a tense and exciting affair. Julie was also going well against Linda Budd before those last few final points slipped away in the third game.

It's a few years since this scribe can remember a junior county match when the Essex boys failed to win a set as was the case in the Essex II v Sussex match. Gary Turner in fact was the only one that threatened Sussex's supremacy in the boys' events taking Stephen Moore to a third game. Tricia Taylor and Julie Askem kept the home county's slender hopes alive with three good wins in the girls' events.

The Fellows Cranleigh Club staged both the Sussex and the Suffolk matches and an excellent job they made of it. I was very sorry to hear of the death of Ron Carle from the Harlow League. Ron was a very active member in that area and he will be solely missed.

The Southend Open has come and gone and very successful it was, especially as without a sponsor it looked likely to be cancelled at one stage. The players, officials and friends of the league rallied round and sponsored the tournament themselves. An excellent team effort.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE RON CARLE

Past and present players in the Harlow League will be saddened by the news of the untimely death of Ron Carle at the age of 45. Ron, a former Chairman and Vice-President of the League, was an outstanding player and coach. Between 1965 and 1969 he won the men's singles title in Harlow on three occasions.

The fact that this title was won by three of his proteges during the following four years confirms his ability as a coach. In the formative years of the Harlow League, Ron was an outstanding influence and his presence will be sadly missed, particularly as it had been his intention to compete this season on a regular basis.

Derek Arnold.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by K. J. Moran

FRANK SOPER RETIRES

Some of the County affairs have got off to a slow start this season — and I have been even slower. However Brian Lloyd is now installed as Competitions Secretary and the Warwickshire League is underway. Seven teams will be in contention and perhaps the other regions will give the strong Birmingham side a run for their money. With the addition of the entries held over from last season, the total entry for the Warwickshire Cup could well be a record I am told. This competition run on a "blind" handicap system gives clubs a chance to compare their standards with other leagues in the county which is always interesting.

Due to the continuing effects of a very serious car accident of more than 12 months ago Frank Soper has been advised to relinquish all his official duties. Frank's cheerful presence, forthright opinion and bags of sweets will be solely missed at the committee meetings of both the County and the Birmingham and District Associations. Happily Frank is to continue as an Umpire and most relieved at this news is Geoff Taylor, Umpires Secretary, for he has always been able to rely on Frank to answer last-minute calls when all others have declined, not least during the past very adverse 12 months. Frank is one of the very many unsung people who make it possible for the brash young "Superloopers" to stride around at tournaments etc., thinking that being a star player is the only thing that matters. I am sure we all wish him a speedy return to health.

In line with National policy the County are concentrating more effort on the Cadet groups. Adrian Pilgrim is our leading light at present, and I will bring you progress reports as the season continues. Entry forms for the Coventry 1-Star Open are now available from Jack Elliott, 53 Watercall Avenue, Coventry. February 18, 1979 is the date of this event. I close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

FINAL SURPRISE FOR EADIE THE NEW FACE IN SUSSEX

The second major Sussex tournament the Hastings Tigers Open proved as popular as ever when 20 would-be players were turned away from an event that lasted for well over thirteen hours of non-stop play.

Les Eadie, the Essex No. 5, a new face on the Sussex scene, found himself unseeded, when he might well have been No. 1 or No. 2 but moved to the final after patiently easing out Sam Ogundipe.

Eadie who is to play in the forthcoming Sussex championships by qualifying through the Worthing league, looks as though he is set to make quite an impact in the county.

But, there was a surprise awaiting the man from Goodmayes in the final. There he found fellow semi-professional Malcolm Francis (Uckfield) set to win his first ever open title 15, -20, 10. This fine surprise result was achieved with pure dedication, clever spin and long pimples.

The tournament ended as a clean sweep for Sussex after a number of shocks in the men's singles that included a superb run to the semi-finals by Andy Meads who claimed Graham Gillett as his "best" victim.

Carol Hewett marches on towards the Sussex championships with another fine win over Diane Griggs in the "Tigers" final, an incredible display of counter-hitting 19, -18, 15.

It is some time now since Crawley has provided an exceptionally promising junior. He is 13-year-old Gary Bonner who with his schoolmaster Andy Meads in charge reached the men's doubles final but lost to Gillett and Stephen Moore.

Hopes are high in Bexhill especially that Adrian Moore who was unbeaten in the Under-14 singles at the E.T.T.A. junior assessment week-end at Thornaby, will attain the No. 1 Cadet ranking. With the money now available to help youngsters on the day, it seems pretty tough on these juniors who have to travel these sort of distances and stay in hotels without any financial help at all.

DENNIS IRONMONGER

—A tribute

Recognised as "Mister Table Tennis" and the "Uncrowned King" of Luton Table Tennis, Dennis Ironmonger has recently celebrated fifty-one years as an active member of the Luton and District Table Tennis League, fifty of which he has served on the League Committee, from which he recently retired as Chairman.

To recognise and honour this service, a presentation evening was held on November 3, at the Somerset Tavern, in Crawley Green Road, Luton. During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. Ironmonger by the new chairman, Mr. M. J. Williams. He was presented with an engraved silver tray and goblets and was also made the league's first deputy president.

Many old friends were present at the evening to reflect on old times.

During his association with Table Tennis, Dennis has contributed an enormous amount to the sport at local and county level.

As a player, Dennis was captain of the famous "Saints" who, under that name, were unbeaten in league matches for over 35 years. Surely a record. He also represented Luton in the National Team Tournament for men and boasted the proud record of not missing a match in the Wilmott Cup competition from the first time Luton entered until his retirement from playing. During this period the team reached the quarter-finals on five occasions.

The first player to be awarded his County Badge, in 1945, Dennis represented the County in every match until he retired from County play at the age of 47.

In National Tournaments he had the privilege of playing three World Champions, Victor Barna, Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach.

In 1951 there are special memories when, in a Wilmott Cup match, Dennis beat Ron Crayden who, three weeks after the defeat, was selected to represent England in Vienna.

Over 20 Bedfordshire and Luton League titles have been captured and, at one time, with his partner Doug Randall, held the doubles championships of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

On the administrative side of the business, Dennis has been a member of the Luton League Committee since the age of 16. He has held all positions on the committee with the exception of Treasurer, a position he was not able to hold as he was also an Auditor.

The chair was taken by him in 1957, a position he held until his recent retirement, having completed 50 years on the Luton Committee.

On the County scene, Dennis was a founder member of the Bedfordshire Association and in addition to his Luton League commitments, he held numerous posts at county level.

At one time he held the jobs of Chairman, Fixture Secretary, Tournament Secretary, Auditor and County Captain, simultaneously.

Table Tennis in Luton and Bedfordshire was certainly put on the map by this remarkable man who has certainly devoted his life to the sport.

Dennis Ironmonger can look back on a lifetime of success, during which he has been ably supported by his wife, Trudi, who has assisted and followed his progress all around the country.

Although retiring from the chair, his interests are still maintained in the Luton League by holding the position of Honorary Auditor and, until his latest appointment, Vice-President.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Record Entry in Junior Events
by Keith Ponting

As I start my 9th season as Secretary of the National Team Competitions Committee it is pleasing to report another all-round increase in the National Leagues Championships entry, particularly in the Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy where a record number of leagues have entered. The Rose Bowl also shows a slight increase and the only blot is a reduction in the Wilmott Cup. Birmingham, Ormesby and North Middlesex, therefore, have plenty of challengers for the trophies they won at Stroud last May and I am looking forward with the same enthusiasm to another season of interesting competition. The respective figures are as follows:-

Wilmott Cup	97 (-7)
Rose Bowl	73 (+4)
Carter Cup	102 (+11)
Bromfield Trophy	56 (+15)

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

By contrast the continued drop in the Men's event entry is most disappointing. Since reaching a peak when the event was sponsored the interest has declined considerably and this season's entry is the lowest for five years.

Men's event	76 (-10)
Women's event	15 (-1)

Since these championships were started in 1966 only three clubs have been winners, i.e. Ormesby and Soham in the Men's and Gainsford and Ormesby in the Women's, so perhaps it is time for other names to be added.

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penultimate place to the rangy Czech Dvoracek who, although winning the first game of his semi-final meeting with Klampar could not contain the Hungarian postman in the next three.

The other semi-final between Orlowski and Lu Chi-wei was also a four game affair with the Czech winning the fourth 22-20 for a final place. But it was the poker-faced Hungarian who won the event in straight games.

Individual scores:-

Group A

G. Gergely bt J. Dvoracek 18, -19, 7;
Lu Chi-wei bt P. Stellwag 10, 14;
Gergely bt Stellwag -12, 19, 16;
Dvoracek bt Lu Chi-wei 24, 19;
Lu Chi-wei bt Gergely 16, -15, 25;
Dvoracek bt Stellwag -21, 15, 12.

Group B

M. Orlowski bt Shih Chih-hao 11, 14;
T. Klampar bt J. Takacs 16, 18;
Takacs bt Orlowski -18, 19, 19;
Klampar bt Shih Chih-hao 22, 19;
Orlowski bt Klampar 15, 17;
Takacs bt Shih Chih-hao 14, 14.

Semi-finals:

Klampar bt Dvoracek -17, 14, 9, 9;
Orlowski bt Shih Chih-hao 17, 13, -18, 20.

Final:

KLAMPAR bt Orlowski 19, 18, 14.

CHINA FOR BRIGHTON

As though intent on furthering their interest in the NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX the People's Republic of China is again to be represented at the NORWICH UNION INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in Brighton (Jan. 10-13). This tournament together with Czechoslovakian and Stiga Welsh Open will complete the NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX events. Apart then from the new world champion, the other 15 contestants will be known and Milton Keynes can make plans accordingly.

TOP TABLE

Tuesday, January 9th, 1979 will start the BBC 2 Top Table series which proved so popular last season. Look in!

THE GODDARD FINANCE INVITATION

SURBEK OUSTS DOUGLAS

For the second year in succession England's Desmond Douglas was the beaten finalist in the H.R. Goddard (Finance) Invitation Tournament which moved from its first location at the Rothwell Sports Centre, Leeds to Notley Sports Centre, Braintree, Essex.

It was there, on Dec. 3, that the defending champion Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia was beaten by Douglas in the semi-final. But having beaten the Yugoslavian thunderbolt, Dragutin Surbek, in the group play, the Warwickshire left-hander found, to his cost, that one swallow does not make a summer.

And so it proved in the final despite the fact that Douglas equated the set score at 1-all after losing the first game -18. It was the Yugoslavian who surged to victory in the decider to lift the £650 first prize although Desmond could not have been dissatisfied with the runners-up award of £350.

Federal Germany's Jochen Leiss had notable group victories over both Nicky Jarvis and Orlowski but, like Douglas, failed to contain Surbek when the chips were down. Both Jarvis and Jindrich Pansky failed to win.

Scores:-

Group A

J. Leiss (GFR) bt N. Jarvis (ENG) 13, 19;
bt M. Orlowski (CZE) 17, 17.
Orlowski bt Jarvis 14, 13.

Group B

D. Douglas (ENG) bt J. Pansky (CZE) 21, 8;
bt D. Surbek (YUG) 19, 9.
Surbek bt Pansky 9, 20.

Semi-finals:

Surbek bt Leiss 20, 13;
Douglas bt Orlowski 10, 15.

Final:

SURBEK bt Douglas 18, -14, 11.

In a women's challenge match Ilona Uhlíková of Czechoslovakia beat England's Carole Knight -16, 13, 16 to win herself £100 with £50 going to Miss Knight. The tournament was televised on BBC Grandstand on Dec. 9th.

News from Ireland

Due to the fact that no suitable venue could be located in Leinster, the Stiga Irish Open returns to Leisuriland, Galway and will be played over the period Feb. 16/18, 1979.

The Irish team selected to play in the European League match against Luxembourg on Dec. 8 at Strabane was:- Jim Langan, Colm Slevin and Karen Senior. Tommy Caffrey was selected as the non-playing captain.

The Pioneer Club made their second venture into the Europe Club Cup of Champions and were drawn away to Palmeiras Lisboa of Portugal in the first round. The Pioneer team was:- Joe Hickey, Mick Rise and Pat O'Brien with Tony Martin as n.p.c.

The match was played in Lisbon before a crowd of 600 people and resulted in a home win by 5-1 with Pat O'Brien getting the Irish club off to a good start by beating Jeau Pieire 15, -15, 23. But there the Irish score remained.

Leinster beat Ulster 6-0 in the Inter-Provincial Championships final the individual scores being:- J. Langan bt F. Brown 9, 11;

bt A. Cairns 21, 18.
C. Slevin bt T. Heasley -21, 11, 8.
A. Leonard bt E. Cash 8, 17.
D. Keller bt V. Moore 16, 12.
K. Keane bt Brown -21, 12, 20.

ITALIAN OPEN

Prior to the European League match against Italy the Irish team participated in the Italian Open in Bolzano (Nov. 3/5). In the men's team event Ireland were beaten 3-2 by Austria with Langan beating Harald Koller and Langan and Slevin beating Koller and Franz Waldhausl. Langan reached the last 16 in the men's singles losing to Josef Juhas of Yugoslavia. Slevin lost to Stefano Bosi of the host nation.

IRISH RANKINGS

Men

- 1. J. Langan (—)
- 2. C. Slevin (1)
- 3. T. Caffrey (—)
- 4. D. Weir (6)
- 5. K. Keane (2)
- 6. T. Heasley (3)
- 7. S. Cairns (4)
- 8. B. Larrigan (7)

Women

- 1. A. Leonard (1)
- 2. D. Kilpatrick (2)
- 3. E. Cash (3)
- 4. M. Sheehan (5)
- 5. K. Murray (4)
- 6. D. Keller (6)
- 7. V. Moore (7)
- 8. M. McNeill (—)

Obituary

CLARE MOORE

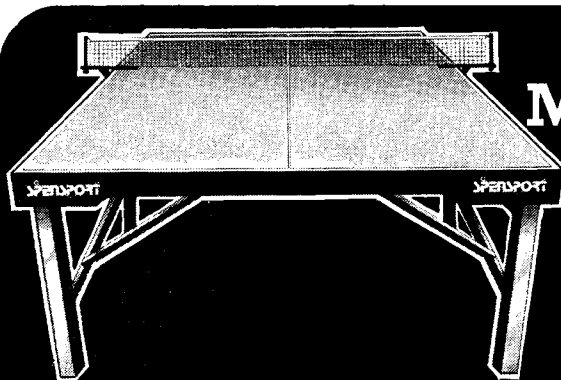
It is with deep regret that we record the recent death of Clare Moore, President of the Irish Table Tennis Association and one of its more experienced officials.

An Australian, Clare settled in Ireland at the outbreak of the 1939-45 war and served on the Ulster Branch for some years and later became a member of the Management Committee. After approximately 20 years as Honorary Secretary of the I.T.T.A. he became Chairman in 1974 and President in 1976.

He will be sadly missed by all his many friends in the Table Tennis World, and particularly by his colleagues on Management, who will be deprived of his wise counsel especially on controversial matters such as can, at times, arise in a thirty-two county organisation.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Max McNeill, Editor.
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Obituary

DR. LASZLO ORBAN

Dr Laszlo Orban, former President of the Hungarian Table Tennis Association died on 18th November, 1978 aged 66. Dr. Laszlo Orban had a Doctor title of Jurisdiction and played a big role in Hungary. He was member of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Worker Party in 1945-1951 and in 1957-1978. He was member of the Hungarian Parliament 1945-1953 and 1958-1978 and was Secretary of State for Culture 1967-1974 and Minister of Culture 1974-1977. He was President of the Hungarian Table Tennis Association from 1948-1951. This was the period of the World Championship of Budapest and successful time of the Hungarian "golden" team of Sido, Soos, etc. Dr. Orban made a very successful contribution to development of Hungarian table tennis.

WIN FOR HILTON AT BINGLEY

Lancashire's John Hilton won the 2nd North Yorkshire 2-Star Open men's singles event, over Dec. 2/3, when he beat Max Crimmins of Surrey 2-straight in the final. Sally Midgley of Yorkshire won the counterpart women's event and, for good measure, also annexed the girls' singles title. In the senior event her final victim was Melody Ludi whilst Julie Revell also succumbed to the Bradford girl. Skylet Andrew won the boys' singles title beating Sean Madden of Yorks in the final. A full report (by Richard Scruton) will appear in the January issue.

TRADE NEWS

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BIGGEST SURPRISE

India's Indu Puri created the biggest surprise in the 4th Asian table tennis championships, in Kuala Lumpur, when she defeated the world women's singles champion, Pak Yung Sun of Democratic People's Republic of Korea 19, -12, 15.

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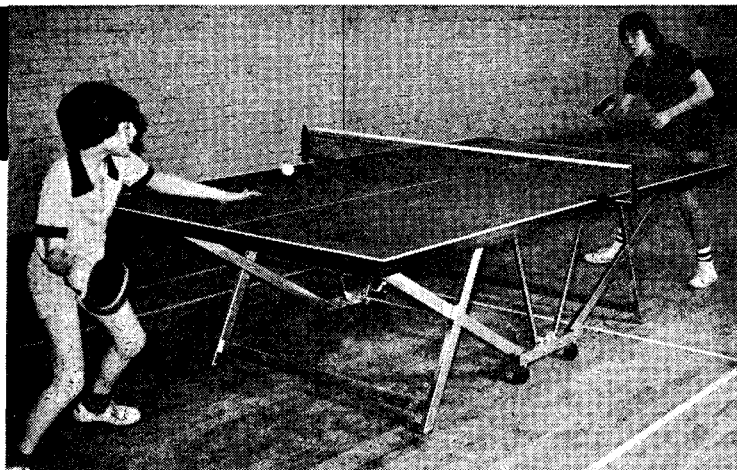
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SUMMER DAYS

Alan Hydes (left) Dunlop Sports Co.'s Table Tennis Products Manager, and his wife June, pictured at this year's Dunlop Masters Golf tournament with H. Roy Evans, President of the ITTF, and his wife Nancy, Secretary of the ETTU.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

ENGLAND BEATEN AT BATLEY

A sad England performance at Batley Sports Centre in fog-shrouded Yorkshire on Dec. 5 resulted in a 5-2 win for Czechoslovakia in the Super Division of the European League. The match was virtually won for the visitors in the second set when, after John Hilton had initially gone down to Josef Dvoracek, Desmond Douglas was outfoxed by Milan Orlowski who, in slowing the game down after losing the first end, took the next two to the delight of his compatriots.

Although Jill Hammersley pulled one back in beating Iona Uhlíkova, it was not until after Czechoslovakia had taken a 5-1 lead that England again tasted success when Douglas, in the final set, accounted for Dvoracek.

Individual scores:-

J. Hilton lost to J. Dvoracek -12, -19;
D. Douglas lost to M. Orlowski 12, -18, -18;
J. Hammersley bt I. Uhlíkova 11, 15;
P. Day/N. Jarvis lost to Orlowski/J. Pansky -13, -15;

Douglas/L. Howard lost to Orlowski/Uhlíkova -14, 19, -19;

Hilton lost to Orlowski -10, -15;
Douglas bt Dvoracek 17, 12.

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Miss J. Woodcock lost to Miss S. Cain -15, 18, -16.
Miss A. Holden/Miss Woodcock lost to Miss Cain/Miss Harris -9, -17.

Yorkshire 8 Cheshire 2
A. Hill lost to J. Weatherby -16, -21
bt A. Taylor 18, 20.

M. Illingsworth bt Weatherby 19, -18, 15
bt A. Worthington 14, 12.

R. Palmfreeman bt Taylor 9, -14, 15
bt Worthington 19, -17, 12.

Madden/Palmfreeman bt Weatherby/Worthington 14, 14.

Miss S. Midgley lost to Miss L. Fennah 17, -18, -19.
Miss L. Broomhead bt Miss J. Deakin 19, 16.
Miss Midgley/Miss Robertshaw bt Miss Deakin/
Miss Fennah 21, 16.

Junior 2nd South

Devon's 7-3 win over Middlesex II made them the only unbeaten team in the division, and favourites to win the division once more.

Devon 7 Middlesex II 3

Essex II 3 Sussex 7

Surrey II 7 Dorset 3

Junior 2nd North

Cumbria have been pushing forward with their fixtures; their eight points from four matches places them miles ahead of the remainder of the field. Diccon Gray and Ian Reed have been outstanding in contests with Shropshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire II.

Cumbria 8 Shropshire 2

Nottinghamshire 3 Cumbria 7

Cumbria 6 Yorkshire II 4

Lancashire 4 Clwyd 6

Shropshire 3 Derbyshire 7

Junior 2nd Midland

Newly promoted Glamorgan off to a good start, winning 8-2 over Northants and share top position with Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire. Other newly promoted contenders, Gloucestershire's boys were too strong for Herts who recovered from 5-2 to 5-4 before Daren Griffin clinched it for home side.

Gloucestershire 6 Hertfordshire 4

Northamptonshire 2 Glamorgan 8

Junior 3rd South

Hampshire II 4 Oxfordshire 6

Kent 8 Berkshire II 2

Sussex II 10 Buckinghamshire 0

Junior 3rd South East

Norfolk 3 Bedfordshire 7

Junior 3rd North

Cleveland II 5 Cheshire II 5

Cumbria II 1 Lincolnshire 9

Durham 7 Northumberland 3

Junior 3rd Midland

Clwyd II 3 Herefordshire 7

Worcestershire 8 Shropshire II 2

Junior 3rd East

Cambridgeshire II 5 Leicestershire 5

Huntingdonshire 9 Norfolk II 1

Lincolnshire II 6 Warwickshire II 4

Junior 3rd West

Hampshire 3 Devon II 7

Wiltshire II 2 Avon 8

Veteran South

Middlesex are going to be very hard to displace as overall Veteran Champions, especially as Alan Lindsay has strengthened them at number 1. Their opponents, Kent offered basically the same team

that played in last season's veteran Challenge but Middlesex ran home 9-0 winners.

Essex have been strengthened by some promising new Veterans this season, and one such was Mike Watts, still playing a fair game despite his administrative exploits. He won his two singles as Essex II plunged to surprise defeat at the hands of Hampshire II.

Hampshire II 6 Essex II 3

Middlesex 9 Kent 0

Sussex 5 Hertfordshire 4

Veteran Midland

Cheshire II 8 Clwyd 1

Veteran East

Saturday, November 25th was a day that Essex veteran sides will particularly want to forget — their second team lost to Hampshire seconds, and their first team, this season including the legendary Bobby Stevens crashed 3-6 to new Veterans Lincolnshire. Matt Sheader was unbeaten in his three trips to the table for Lincs. Hertfordshire II recovered from 1-4 to 4-4 against Huntingdonshire, but Hunts had the final say winning 5-4.

Essex 3 Lincolnshire 6

Huntingdonshire 5 Hertfordshire II 4

Veteran West

Avon 8 Dorset II 1

Dorset 7 Wiltshire 2

Oxfordshire 2 Hampshire 7

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cheshire	3	3	0	0	18	9	6
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	18	9	4
Surrey	2	1	0	1	10	8	2
Essex	2	1	0	1	8	10	2
Warwickshire	2	1	0	1	6	12	2
Berkshire	1	0	0	1	4	5	0
Glamorgan	1	0	0	1	3	6	0
Yorkshire	2	0	0	2	5	13	0

2nd South

Kent	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Sussex	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Surrey II	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Middlesex II	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Dorset	2	1	0	1	6	14	2
Berkshire II	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Buckinghamshire	2	0	0	2	7	13	0

2nd North

Yorkshire II	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Cleveland	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Lincolnshire	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Lancashire	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Durham	2	0	0	2	5	15	0
Northumberland	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

2nd Midland

Leicestershire	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Staffordshire	2	1	1	0	13	7	3
Warwickshire II	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Derbyshire	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Shropshire	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Northamptonshire	2	0	0	2	3	17	0

2nd East

Essex II	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Hertfordshire	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Cambridgeshire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Bedfordshire	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Norfolk	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

2nd West

Wiltshire	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Somerset	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Gloucestershire	2	1	0	1	7	13	2
Glamorgan II	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Worcestershire	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Avon	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Devon	1	0	0	1	4	6	0

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EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Super Division

Hungary 7 France 0

Soviet Union 4 Sweden 3

Federal Germany 4 Yugoslavia 3

Division One

Austria 3 Netherlands 4

Bulgaria 4 Italy 3

Division Two

Belgium 5 Spain 2

County Championships Round-up

by BOB BRIDGES

PLAYING CONDITIONS

The cold spell of weather at the end of November brought with it the usual complaints from players and officials alike. The bad conditions, undoubtedly a direct result of the cold outside and lack of heating inside, does nothing to attract one or two spectators let alone the necessary officials who must sit through two or three hours of unsolicited hell.

The problem is not limited to County Championships matches; the problem is just the same in the Church Hall of Division 6 in the local League. Next season it will extend to the National Club League, an event with so much to promise in the promotion of table tennis as a spectator sport, but only if the conditions are comfortable.

The cost of heating arenas in which matches (both County and Club League) take place is colossal but can only be an investment for the future of English Table Tennis.

Premier Division

Warwickshire breathed a sigh of relief with their 5-4 win over Berkshire at Solihull on November 25th, but after Andy Wellman had put the visitors into an early lead with a two-straight win over Derek Munt, Simon Claxton's win over Simon Heaps put Warwickshire back in the game and Berkshire never had the opportunity to take the initiative.

Glamorgan began their uphill struggle for Premier Division survival at Guildford and gained as good a result as they could have hoped for. They lost, but without Alan Griffiths, the 3-6 score-line was an improvement on last season's 1-8 defeat to Surrey.

Surrey 6 Glamorgan 3

M. Crimmins bt G. Davies 9, 17
bt J. Morgan 10, 17.

D. Welsman bt Davies 14, 10
bt G. Evans 3, 11.

S. Boxall bt Morgan 16, -15, 9
lost to Evans -7, -11.

Boxall/Crimmins lost to Morgan/Davies -7, -21.
Miss L. Garbet lost to Miss S. Jones -21, -21.

Welsman/Miss Garbet bt Evans/Miss Jones
17, -16, 25.

Warwickshire 5 Berkshire 4

D. Johnson bt A. Wellman 10, 12
bt D. Reeves 16, 11.

D. Munt lost to Wellman -18, -17
bt S. Heaps 16, 16.

S. Claxton lost to Reeves -21, 13, -11
bt Heaps 17, 16.

Johnson/Munt bt Heaps/Wellman -14, 22, 14.
Miss K. Groves lost to Miss K. Witt -11, -11.

Claxton/Miss Groves lost to Reeves/Miss Witt
-14, -12.

2nd South

Kent took a hold on the division with the 10-0 beating of Dorset, who might be aggrieved of the couple that got away, in particular the women's doubles (-24, 20, -21) and Joyce Coop's defeat by Betty Bird.

Sam Harmer made his presence felt in Buckinghamshire's match against Middlesex II, but insufficient support was forthcoming, his team succumbing for the second match running and they go to the foot of the table after losing 4-6.

Berkshire II 4 Surrey II 6

Dorset 0 Kent 10

Middlesex II 6 Buckinghamshire 4

2nd North

Yorkshire II went clear at the top of the division after their 9-1 win over Durham, with A. Gelder denying the whitewash in the final set in beating Mike Harrison. However, sharing second place with identical records are Cleveland and Lincolnshire, who also shared the ten sets in their match at North Hykeham. With never more than one set in the score throughout the match a draw looks a fair result, with M. East unbeaten in his three trips to the table. Lancashire scored their first win of the season in the 8-2 beating of Northumber-

land. The home side played well, but the Lancs. class showed through; Di Johnson and Wendy Shaw let their experience tell.

Durham 1 Yorkshire II 9

Lincolnshire 5 Cleveland 5

Northumberland 2 Lancashire 8

2nd Midland

Newly promoted Shropshire are still looking for their first win of the season, although Warwickshire II might have shared the points in a close match at Pontesbury; Malcolm Green's three wins had helped them to 4-all, but the visitors wrapped things up with wins in the last two games.

Leicestershire are not having things the way they had them last year in dropping more sets in the first two games than in the whole of last season. Nevertheless, their 8-2 win over Derbyshire was sufficient to put them top and in another position to challenge for Premier status next season. Will Paul Randell last forever? Although relegated to number two in the team, he is still wrapping up his games in two straight wins.

Derbyshire 2 Leicestershire 8

Shropshire 4 Warwickshire II 6

Staffordshire 8 Northamptonshire 2

2nd East

Essex II are, as usual, staking their claim on this division, but with John Kitchener in excellent form for Suffolk, Essex were kept down to 7-3 and now share top spot on alphabetical order with Hertfordshire who crushed Norfolk 10-0 in a very cold church hall at Goffs Oak. Norfolk were very unfortunate to see five sets go the distance and lose them. Mick Musson lost to both Firoz Nilam and Jonathan Proffitt at deuce in the third game!

Cambridgeshire, also maximum points and in third place, won 8-2 against Bedfordshire but it was not as easy as the score suggests with Beds on the wrong end of some close men's matches Barbara Hammond, as usual a stumbling block was involved in both visitors wins.

Cambridgeshire 8 Bedfordshire 2

Essex II 7 Suffolk 3

Hertfordshire 10 Norfolk 0

2nd West

Wiltshire won their second match of this campaign, but one wonders if Worcestershire might have stolen a point if they had not mutually agreed change of order. The final set was played sixth and after the seventh Wilts led 6-1. Then the home team produced a spirited revival taking the last three sets; the score might have been changed had Bob Brown met Kevin Satchell at 4-5 rather than 1-4.

Somerset took full advantage of the wide open spaces offered by Gloucestershire at the C.E.G.B.s Sport Hall, Barnwell. Their team, principally defenders, travelled home with a 9-1 win.

Glamorgan II 7 Avon 3

Gloucestershire 1 Somerset 9

Worcestershire 4 Wiltshire 6

3rd South

Essex III 5 Sussex II 5

Hertfordshire III 3 Hampshire 7

3rd North

While Lancashire II went to the top of the division with the 8-2 win over Northumberland II, Cleveland II were keeping pace with a 6-4 over Cumbria at Millom, in a close match not decided until the last game of the last set — Cleveland's ladies too strong.

Cumbria 4 Cleveland II 6

Derbyshire II 5 Cheshire II 5

Northumberland II 2 Lancashire II 8

3rd North Midlands

Clwyd 2 Cheshire II 8

Leicestershire II 9 Shropshire II 1

Nottinghamshire 5 Staffordshire II 5

3rd South Midlands

Herefordshire enjoying spell of success on top of this newly formed, and wide ranging division, after beating Bucks II 6-4 at High Wycombe.

Buckinghamshire II 4 Herefordshire 6

Northamptonshire II 5 Oxfordshire 5

3rd East

Bedfordshire II 4 Cambridgeshire II 6

Norfolk II 3 Hertfordshire II 7

Suffolk II 3 Huntingdonshire 7

3rd West

Glamorgan III 4 Dorset II 6

Cornwall 4 Glamorgan III 6

Avon II 5 Dorset II 5

Glamorgan III 3 Gwent 7

Junior Premier

It may be coincidence, or the method Staffordshire employ in junior development, but they are the first junior county for a long while to take the Junior Premier by storm in their first season. Is it their methods or has the reduced (under 16) age limit at last season's Junior Challenge any bearing?

At the Nab Wood Sports Centre, Bingley, Yorkshire, on November 25th/26th, Staffordshire won their three matches and are placed in top position, helped on by unbeaten Andrew Bellingham.

The southern portion of the Junior Premier, due to be held by Essex the same weekend was postponed, due to the selection of two Middlesex and two Berkshire players to represent England at the Yugoslav Junior Open. Berkshire, Essex, Middlesex and Surrey will play their fixtures over the weekend of February 3rd/4th.

The Junior Premier will be concluded at Nuneaton on March 31st and April 1st when all eight Counties will be competing.

Cheshire 3 Staffordshire 7

J. Weatherby lost to A. Bellingham -16, -17
lost to A. Dixon -16, -19.

A. Taylor lost to Bellingham -15, 19, -18
bt S. Richards -10, 10, 15.

A. Worthington lost to Dixon -13, 11, -16
lost to Richards -9, -15.

Weatherby/Worthington lost to Bellingham/Dixon
-14, 17, -19.

Miss L. Fennah bt Miss S. Cain 5, 9.

Miss J. Deakin bt Miss J. Harris 15, 20.

Miss Deakin/Miss Fennah lost to Miss Cain/Miss
Harris -12, -15.

Cleveland 0 Yorkshire 10

D. Hughes lost to A. Hill -17, -12

lost to S. Madden -21, 18, -17.

P. Hindle lost to Hill -9, -16

lost to M. Illingsworth 16, -10, -11.

K. Green lost to Madden -17, 10, -17

lost to Illingsworth 19, -19, -19.

Hindle/Hughes lost to Hill/Madden 18, -20, -13.

Miss J. Woodcock lost to Miss S. Midgeley -13, -11.

Miss D. Usher lost to Miss L. Broomhead -5, -4.

Miss Usher/Miss Woodcock lost to Miss

Broomhead/Miss Midgeley -7, -4.

Cheshire 8 Cleveland 2

J. Weatherby lost to D. Hughes -14, -15

bt P. Hindle 12, 13.

A. Taylor bt Hughes 19, 8

bt K. Green 15, 12.

A. Worthington bt Hindle 12, 19

lost to Green -17, 18, -11.

Weatherby/Worthington bt Hindle/Hughes 6, 12.

Miss L. Fennah bt Miss J. Woodcock 6, 7.

Miss J. Deakin bt Miss A. Holden 13, 13.

Miss Deakin/Miss Fennah bt Miss Holden/
Miss Woodcock 15, 12.

Staffordshire 6 Yorkshire 4

A. Bellingham bt A. Hill 5, 14

bt S. Madden 15, 17.

A. Dixon lost to Hill -16, -7

bt M. Illingsworth -13, 18, 14.

S. Richards bt Madden 15, 17

lost to Illingsworth -13, -15.

Bellingham/Dixon bt Hill/Madden 12, 17.

Miss S. Cain lost to Miss S. Midgeley -13, -17.

Miss J. Harris bt Miss L. Broomhead 15, -18, 15.

Miss Cain/Miss Harris lost to Miss Midgley/Miss

Robertshaw 17, -10, -20.

Cleveland 1 Staffordshire 9

D. Hughes lost to A. Bellingham -17, -14

bt A. Dixon 20, 9.

K. Green lost to Bellingham -15, -15

lost to S. Richards -14, 18, -16.

L. Taylor lost to Dixon -7, -13

lost to Richards -19, 18, -15.

Green/Taylor lost to Bellingham/Dixon -19, -15.

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