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## UNEASY COMPROMISE

Inevitably it would seem that sport and politics cannot be set apart and this was again evident in North Korea when both South Korea — for reasons which were constantly thrust down the throat in Pyongyang — and Israel were refused entry visas.

Despite a strong condemnation from a sizeable block of mainly European countries, not one went to the extreme of pulling out and so the championships proceeded just as they did in Calcutta back in 1975 when South Africa and Israel were refused entry into India.

No host Association, with the best intentions in the world, can operate contrary to its government's dictates and much as this contravenes the Rules of the I.T.T.F. one cannot but agree with the compromise of accepting what is considered best for the most.

And so it was in North Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, where it was patently obvious, despite prior promises, that there was no way that players from the Republic of Korea (the South) would be admitted as a separate entity. Re-unification was the constant theme and nothing short of that could have resolved the impasse when it came to the crunch.

Israel presented a different problem — one of security — although without any great outward show one was always aware that Big Brother was sufficiently in the background to create apprehension in a country whose way of life is far remote from that of Western Europe.

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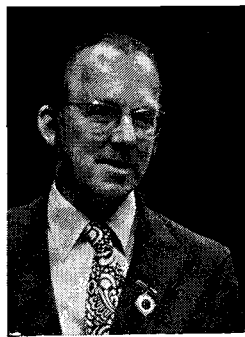
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# 35th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## MAGYAR MAGIC IN PYONGYANG

by George R. Yates

### ROLL OF HONOUR

**SWAYTHLING CUP**  
(Men's Team)  
HUNGARY

**ST. BRIDE VASE**  
(Men's Singles)  
SEIJI ONO  
(Japan)

**IRAN CUP**  
(Men's Doubles)  
ANTON STIPANCIC and  
DRAGUTIN SURBEK  
(Yugoslavia)

**MARCEL CORBILLON CUP**  
(Women's Team)  
CHINA

**G. GEIST PRIZE**  
(Women's Singles)  
GE XINAI  
(China)

**W. J. POPE TROPHY**  
(Women's Doubles)  
ZHANG DEYING and  
ZHANG LI  
(China)

**HEYDUSEK PRIZE**  
(Mixed Doubles)  
LIANG GELIANG and GE XINAI  
(China)

It was back in 1952, in Bombay, that Hungary last won the Swaythling Cup when represented by Josef Koczian, Ferenc Sido and Kalman Szepesi — they beat England's Richard Bergmann, Johnny Leach and Aubrey Simon 5-4 in the final — but that protracted gap was well and truly bridged in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang on April 30, 1979 when Tibor Klampar, Gabor Gergely and Istvan Jonyer added the world men's team title to that of Europe which they won last season at England's expense in Duisburg.

Two victories over China, the first in the initial group matches by 5-2, and the second by 5 sets to 1 in the final, did the trick with a 5-1 success over Japan sandwiched between. At last Asian dominance was smashed and doubly so for in that first encounter in the group, two wins each for Klampar and Jonyer with a solo from Gergely brought triumph and, in the final, a repeat performance from Klampar, together with two from Gergely and one from Jonyer, burst the balloon.

But, in the counterpart women's event for the Marcel Corbillon Cup, it was still the People's Republic of China who, in winning the trophy for the third successive time, still reigned supreme. Their final victory, after eight successive 3-0 victories in the group matches, and another such win over the U.S.S.R. in the cross-over encounter, was against the host nation who succeeded only in taking one set when the defending women's singles champion, Pak Yung Sun beat Ge Xinai in the opener.

Never to be forgotten in the final of the men's singles was the first time retirement of a finalist when, suffering from a torn thigh ligament, China's Guo Yuehau — he lost to Mitsuru Kohno of Japan in the Birmingham final — threw in the towel after repeated stoppages affording victory to Japan's left-handed No. 2 player Seiji Ono.

China's Ge Xinai, recovering from her team's only set loss in the Corbillon Cup matches, was a comfortable winner of the women's singles event her final victim being North Korea's Li Song Suk whose compatriot, and defending title holder, Pak Yung Sun had fallen foul of Tong Ling one of four Chinese to contest the quarter-finals.

Europe came into their own again in the men's

doubles with Yugoslavia's Dragutin Surbek and Anton Stipancic beating Klampar and Jonyer of Hungary in a 3-straight final. But for the two remaining events it was all China with Zhang Deying and Zhang Li winning the women's doubles and Liang Geliang and Ge Xinai relieving Jacques Secretin and Claude Bergeret of France of their mixed title in the semis and going on to beat their compatriots Li Zhenshi and Yan Guli in the final.

### MEN'S TEAM EVENT

In equating with their tenth position obtained in Birmingham, England could and should have done better but for a disastrous result against Denmark which was lost 2-5 and afforded the Danes only their second win of their seven initial encounters.

But, firstly, it was Sweden who provided the opposition spearheaded by their former world champion Stellan Bengtsson but lacking the services of Ulf Thorsell, conqueror of Desmond Douglas in the Stiga Welsh Open, who had been left behind for reasons one could only speculate on.

In going down 2-5 England's only winner was Douglas with victories over Ulf Carlsson and the fledgling Mikael Appelgren. Both Nicky Jarvis and John Hilton went under to Bengtsson, as did Douglas, Jarvis also losing to Carlsson and Hilton to Appelgren but desperately -22, 19, -21.

More positive play against the Russians in the second match brought a 5-2 win with three wins for Douglas, against Valeri Shevchenko, Igor Solopov and Bagrat Burnazian, and solos for Hilton, against Burnazian, and by Jarvis over Solopov.

Then followed the disaster of the season when Denmark inflicted that 5-2 reverse which should have had England's trio of Douglas, Jarvis and Paul Day hanging their heads in shame. Not so much Douglas who had stemmed the tide with wins over Palle Rud and Johnny Hansen but finally succumbed to the bearded and bespectacled Claus Pedersen after double defeats for Jarvis and Day. Morale was extremely low after the encounter.

But all credit to the fighting qualities of the

team who, doubtless after a blasting from n.p.c. Peter Simpson, came back with a vengeance to blast Australia 5-0 which had Paul Pinkewich, Steve Knapp and Robert Tuckett shaking their heads in disbelief with only two of the five sets going into a deciding game.

Next came an encounter with Japan which was lost 3-5 but not in any abject way for Douglas had wins over Hiroyuki Abe and Ono with a narrow loss to the defensive wiles of Norio Takashima. Hilton too, despite losses to Ono and Takashima, played well and succeeded in beating Abe 22, 22 leaving Jarvis without success although he did take Ono to three.

The penultimate match in the group was against the Commonwealth champions, Hong Kong, who were beaten 5-1 with Hilton going down to the Commonwealth men's singles champion Vong Iu Veng who lost to both Douglas and Jarvis.

Finally it was Czechoslovakia, who won 5-2, that gave England their fifth placing in the group and a second stage target for positions 9 to 12. In the Czech match Hilton had a notable success against Josef Dvoracek followed by a win for Douglas over Jindrich Pansky giving England a 2-0 lead. But from then on it was the Czechs who took command with Orłowski winning his three to which Dvoracek, in beating Douglas, and Pansky, in beating Day, decisively augmented.

A nail-biting penultimate encounter against Federal Germany kept England in with a chance of finishing 9th. In winning 5-3 Douglas, after wins over Jochen Leiss and Peter Stellweg, secured the win with a final victory over the lank-haired Engelbert Huing.

It was a set reminiscent of that at Preston's Guild Hall, in the European League, and again it was Douglas who, after walking the tightrope, regained his balance to win 24-22 in the third. Prior to Hilton had succeeded against Leiss and Jarvis showed commendable spirit in bettering Huing.

Came the final encounter, against Yugoslavia, for positions 9 and 10 but with Douglas complaining of a foot injury and benched prospects were virtually nil against the might of Surbek, Stipanovic and Zoran Kalinic.

And so it was proved with the Yugoslavs winning 5-0, two sets only requiring a third game decider when Hilton took the second game against Stipanovic and the Lancastrian winning the first against Kalinic.

So position-wise it was a case of even-Steven even allowing for the absence of South Korea from the initial groupings but there were countries who fared worse. Take for example Sweden who dropped from third to eighth and Federal Germany down from fifth to eleventh, teams managed by Kjell and Christer Johansson!

But to Hungary's Zolten Berczik the honours. Since 1970, he has been in charge of the national team that has won three world championship titles and eleven European titles. His assistant, coach Laszlo Volper of the Budapest-based Central Sports School, is also to be congratulated.

### WOMEN'S TEAM EVENT

After finishing seventh in Birmingham it was a much changed England women's side that did battle in Pyongyang with Karen Witt and Anita Stevenson replacing Linda Howard and Carole Knight to team up with Jill Hammersley.

First encounter was against Federal Germany and Karen's baptism under fire was against the pocket battleship Ursula Hirschmuller who saw off the Berkshire girl in straight games. Jill restored the balance with a convincing win over Kirsten Kruger but Jill and Anita failed to hit it off in the doubles and it was back to square one.

**Jill equated the match score in beating Hirschmuller 2-straight leaving Karen with the task of accounting for Kruger. This she did in splendid fashion and the first hurdle was successfully negotiated.**

The next opposition to be encountered was provided by Czechoslovakia whose Dana Dubinova lost the opening set to Jill. This was countered when Ilona Uhlíkova brushed aside Karen who, together with her new doubles partner, Anita,



Scenes from the Opening Ceremony in the 20,000 seater Pyongyang Gymnasium.

failed to take advantage of an opening game win over Blanka Silhanova and Uhlíkova.

Jill had a spectacular 21-5 opening win against Uhlíkova, lapsed in the second -10, but came up trumps in the decider, 13. Thus was the stage set for Karen to beat Dubinova for victory but not so on this occasion for the Czech girl remained ice-cool throughout the two games needed for overall victory.

In taking on the United States in the third match it was, in reality, England versus South Korea for the Americans had In-Sook Bhushan and He-Ja Lee to further their cause, both being South Koreans by birth.

Karen was first to the table and lost, -20 in the third, to In-Sook. Jill, as ever, came to the rescue by beating He-Ja Lee but, Karen and Anita failed in the doubles only for Jill to come up trumps a second time by beating In-Sook.

**So, for the third time, a mighty weight was thrust upon the shoulders of young Karen, but let it be said those shoulders are substantial for a schoolgirl, and so it was proved as the Berkshire lass put down the challenge of Dal-Joon's wife whose only success was the middle game of three.**

Again the pattern was repeated in the fourth encounter against Yugoslavia with Karen beaten by Erzebet Palatinus in the opening set; Jill accounting for Gordana Perkucic and Palatinus sandwiching a doubles loss by Karen and Anita leaving Karen in the hot seat once more. But, as against Dubinova in the Czech match, Karen found this particular hill too steep and lost in straight games.

At last came an easy one, against Bulgaria, and in winning 3-0 Anita and Karen chalked up a doubles success their one and only in eight encounters overall.

But, in the penultimate first stage encounter, against the Soviet Union, it was back to a fifth set situation which Karen lost to Ludmilla Bakshutova to afford the Russians a 3-2 win Jill beating both Karen's victor and Valentina Popova.

Finally Korea DPR administered a 'whitewash' with Jill losing her first set of the championships to Pak Yung Sun -19, -11. So, like the men, it was for positions 9 to 12 that we were slotted with a cross-over match against Rumania for openers.

This was won 3-1 by the Rumanians with Jill providing our only win in the opening set against

Eva Ferenczi. Thereafter it was the redoubtable Maria Alexandru, still going strong, with wins over both Karen and Jill and lending a hand in the doubles, with Liana Mihut, against Karen and Anita.

**Finally, against Hong Kong, for positions 11 and 12, Anita was given her chance to make a name for herself in singles play to the exclusion of Jill. And what better than to open her account with a victory over the Commonwealth women's singles champion, Hui So Hung, 16, -8, 19!**

Sadly this was to be our only success in the match for Karen was twice beaten in singles and slid to yet another doubles defeat by Hui So Hung and Chang Siu Ying.

A look at the final placings will see Asia, with China, Korea DPR and Japan, still very much in command with Russia, surprisingly, heading the European challenge in front of Hungary's Judit Magos, Gabriella Szabo and Zsusa Olah.

The greater attention, among the minnows, must be paid to Finland whose Grefberg sisters, Monica and Sonja, improved their position from 35th to 19th, thereby gaining them first category status along with India's Indu Puri and Sailaja Salokhe.

#### UPLIFT

Indonesia and Italy achieved the same uplift in the men's event but, strangely, the Italians after such success in the team event, left for home before the individual events commenced!

**One is left to commiserate with Scotland on their total lack of success in the second category (men) whilst affording congratulations to the Welshmen who succeeded in elevating themselves from the third to the second category by winning their eight matches in most workmanlike fashion with the veteran George Evans surpassing himself.**

Undoubtedly the inclusion of David Welsman has added considerably to the Welsh strength affording backing to Alan Griffiths. But veteran George could well afford the smiles that lit up that craggy face.

#### MEN'S SINGLES

In affording Ono all due credit in reaching the final of the men's singles let it be said that he was just as disappointed as the unfortunate Guo Yuehua in the manner in which he succeeded.

But there it was, Guo did have the consolation of being named the player to receive the Richard Bergmann Award for Fair Play donated by the Swaythling Club. This was a richly deserved tribute to a player who three times limped back into the arena against all the odds and for the second time in his career had to content himself with a Silver medal instead of the seemingly miragic Gold.

Strewn in the wake of Ono's successful passage were Stefan Dryszel (Poland), Pinkewich (Australia), Stellwag (Germany FR), Huang Liang (China), Lu Yaohua (China) and, in the semis, Liang Geliang, also of China. Not a bad collection of scalps!

Czechoslovakia's Milan Orlovski was one of three main seeds not to reach the quarters when beaten in the third round by Japan's Takashima. Klampar too also failed at the same stage when ousted by Lu Yaohua of China whose compatriot, Huang Liang, lost to Ono.

Other notables to fall prematurely were Stellan Bengtsson, to Lu Yaohua, Stellwag to Ono and Lu Qiwei to the underestimated Claus Pedersen.

Of Hungary's triumphant trio in the Swaythling Cup only Gergely succeeded in reaching the quarters there to be beaten by Li Zhenshi. Jonyer lost to Liang Geliang.

But what of Douglas, England's main contender in this fearsome field? Des, located in the fourth quarter of the draw, had matters going for him in his opening two rounds against Bagrat Burnazian of the Soviet Union and Christian Martin of France both beaten in straight games.

The Birmingham left-hander then came up against the swarthy Czech, Dvoracek, who had beaten him in the team match but was on the receiving end of an opening game blasting when Des got into top gear early.

**Such pressure was not maintained in the second**

**but was sufficiently there to maintain hopes of eventual success but sadly the initiative was switched off and Des, for reasons best known to himself, capitulated to an extent that scores of -10, -7 were the measure of his abysmal surrender.**

#### ELIMINATED

Jarvis and Day were both eliminated in their first sets, the former by Stefan Stephanov of Bulgaria and Soham's pride and joy by Japan's Hideo Goto (-21 in the 5th)! Hilton, England's only male having to qualify, came through to the first round proper after a win over Sergei Ribanchov of Bulgaria. John then brought off his greatest triumph in beating China's Wang Huiyuan (9, 11, -19, -12, 7) before bowing out to Takashima in straight games.

On the distaff side all English eyes were on Jill Hammersley whose passage, initially, was rough by any standards but she came through with flying colours against North Korea's Kim Chang Ae (11, -16, 18, -19, 11) and Huang Xiping of China

Having thus surmounted the mountains her subsequent defeat by Hungary's Gabriella Szabo was akin to a fall on the nursery slopes. But in Jill's own words "I played badly, Szabo played well". What can one add?

Karen Witt, surely a player with a future, succeeded in her opening round against the experienced Erzebet Palatinus of Yugoslavia but thereafter fell apart when opposed by Valentina Popova the ever-improving Russian girl who went on to beat Holland's Bettina Vrieskoop before falling to Zhang Deying of China.

Anita Stevenson failed to make it from the qualifying competition when beaten 9, 17 and 12 by Anneli Hernvall of Sweden.

Judit Magos, the European champion, was beaten by the host nation's Li Song Suk, the beaten finalist whose passage to the set piece was accompanied by the most frenzied applause I have ever heard. Bordering on the fanatical the home spectators, all 20,000 of them, cheered and applauded each and every Korean point, no matter how obtained, but in the event of their heroine or hero being beaten then it was a mad rush for the exits.

Their real interest was not in table tennis but in a Korean victory no matter how obtained. To win was all that mattered and when it happened then hell had no fury to match the ensuing tumult.

One could also point the finger at biased umpiring by the host nation's officials. One such episode involved a blatant side table return which was given as good in the Korean's favour against a Chinese opponent whose protest caused the match to be held up for six hours.

**Could it have been in this prolonged hold-up that Li Fu-Yung rang through to Peking for instructions for thereafter no Korean, opposed to a Chinese, was shown any mercy.**

#### DOUBLES

The one doubles set that, for me, bettered all others was that in which the Polish underdogs Rysard Czoehanski and Andrzej Grubba eliminated the Hungarian/Czech combine of Gergely and Orlovski. Take the scores, in the Poles favour -20, 19, -23, 8, 21 and you will get some idea of the drama that was enacted on court in this men's doubles encounter.

There were other sets that went to five games but none could match the joy of the Poles when victory was achieved in this marathon encounter. Europe came out on top in this event but one felt that Jonyer and Klampar were not too disappointed when Surbek and Stipanec ultimately claimed the Gold medal.

England had two pairs lined up in the first round with Douglas and Jarvis surviving against India's Chandrasekhar/Hari only to lose in the next -21 in the fifth after winning the first two games against Yun Chol and Kim Chang Am of North Korea. Hilton and Day were beaten 17, 9, -19, 13 by Hugin/Solopov, a German/Russian defensive pairing par excellence.

In the counterpart women's event, dominated by the Chinese, England's Jill Hammersley and Karen Witt, had the benefit of a first round walk-over against Nigeria's Ethel Jacks and Imafidon but

thereafter gave second best to Magos/Szabo over five games -13 in the fifth. Anita Stevenson was paired with Federal Germany's Monika Kneip-Stumpe but they lost in three to Uhlkova/Silhanova of Czechoslovakia.

The mixed doubles was another event which, in the end, was swamped by Chinese pairings, but Secretin and Claude Bergeret put up a stern fight in defence of their title which carried them into the semi-final.

Des and Karen in beating the Commonwealth champions Vong Iu Veng and Hui So Hung achieved something although beaten in the next round by Cho Yong Ho and Pak Yong Ok of N. Korea.

Nicky and Anita also began with a win, over Grubba and Anna Nowacka of Poland, thence departed at the hands of the top Dutch combine of Bert van der Helm and Miss Vrieskoop.

John and Jill carried their cause a further round but having beaten Tay Tong Kee and Chong Suik Fong of Malaysia, and Hong Chol and Hong Gil Son of N. Korea, they lost to China's Li Zhenshi and Yan Guili.

All-in-all not the results hoped for, especially from Des and Jill, but having survived a 16½ hours journey from Geneva to Pyongyang via Moscow and Siberia who can criticise? Although the Swiss provided the food on the first leg of the marathon air trip, it was Russian catering the rest of the way.

Cold chicken, a boiled egg and caviar in the middle of the night is not everyone's diet especially with precisely the same meal served up a few hours later.

#### PROBLEMS

Team manager Albert Shipley had his problems too, the hassle beginning at the North Korean Embassy in Geneva and continued in Pyongyang with, among other matters, money at the root of all evil.

Oh yes, the trip was unique, perhaps to be envied in a way, but the general cry at Pyongyang airport on the return, not only from the English party, but from many others, was "Let's get to hell out of here".

Nothing could rival the opening and closing ceremonies in the magnificent gymnasium, floor control was controlled even to the extent of debarring journalists from the playing area but there were faults mainly in the results service for those self same journalists. Had John Woodford had to contend with this type of non-service heaven help the North Koreans!

Marring the march-in of the teams was the unpleasing sight of Scott Boggan of the United States slouching along at the rear of the American contingent with hands thrust deep into his pockets. Not a pleasant sight! Nor were the toilet facilities at the airport in Novosybirsk!

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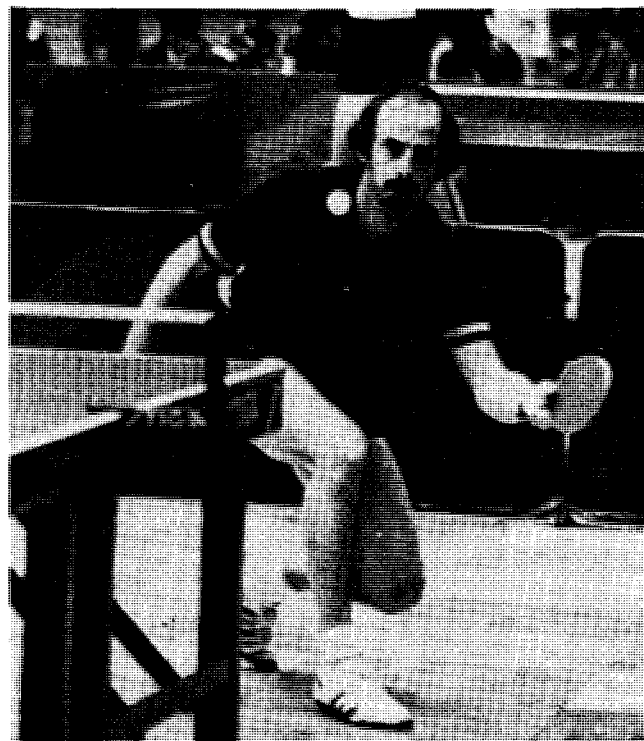
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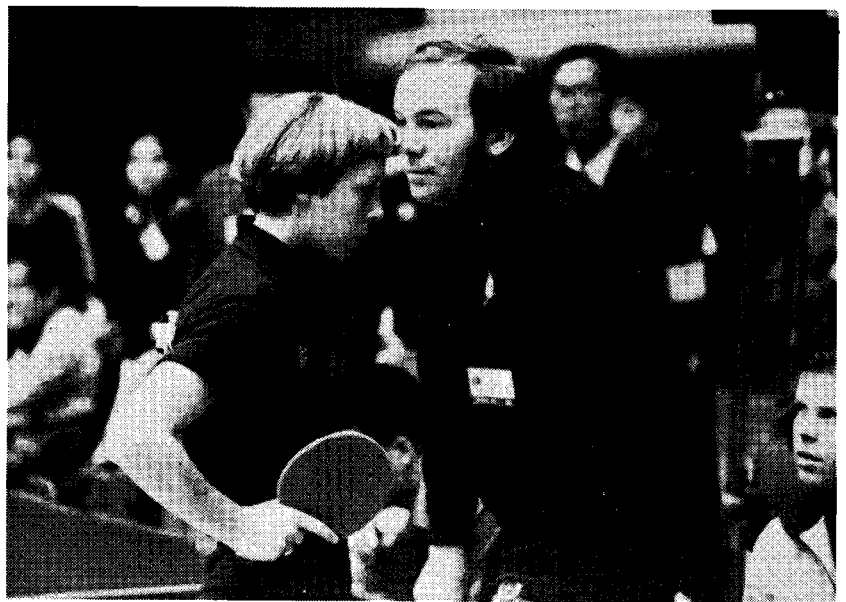
# 35th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Egypt Cup, conveyed from England to North Korea, and awaiting presentation by George Yates to Counsellor Amin Abou Heif who, in turn, presented it to the host nation for two years' keeping.



Jacques Secretin of France, the only foreigner to bring applause from the North Korean crowd with his spectacular lobbed-returns.



A word of comfort from England n.p.c., Bryan Merrett for Jill Hammersley.



George Yates and Albert Shipley, England's delegates at the B.G.M. of the I.T.T.F.

**SWAYTHLING CUP  
FIRST CATEGORY**

GROUP A	CHN	HUN	GFR	YUG	FRA	POL	RUM	USA	PKR	Won	Place
China	x	2:5	5:0	5:2	5:0	5:0	5:0	5:0	5:0	7	2
Hungary	5:2	x	5:2	5:3	5:1	5:0	5:0	5:0	5:1	8	1
Germany FR	0:5	2:5	x	2:5	5:0	5:3	5:2	5:1	3:5	4	6
Yugoslavia	2:5	3:5	5:2	x	3:5	5:3	5:2	5:1	4:5	4	5
France	0:5	1:5	0:5	5:3	x	5:3	5:0	5:3	5:1	5	3
Poland	0:5	0:5	3:5	3:5	3:5	x	5:0	5:1	2:5	2	7
Rumania	0	1:5	2:5	2:5	0:5	0:5	x	1:5	1:5	0	9
U.S.A.	0:5	0:5	1:5	1:5	3:5	1:5	5:1	x	0:5	1	8
Korea DPR	0:5	1:5	5:3	5:4	1:5	5:2	5:1	5:0	x	5	4

GROUP B	JAP	SWE	CZE	USS	ENG	AUS	HKG	DEN	Won	Place
Japan	x	5:3	4:5	5:0	5:3	5:0	5:0	5:3	6	2
Sweden	3:5	x	1:5	1:5	5:2	5:1	5:0	5:1	4	4
Czechoslovakia	5:4	5:1	x	5:0	5:2	5:0	5:1	5:1	7	1
U.S.S.R.	0:5	5:1	0:5	x	2:5	5:0	5:4	5:3	4	3
England	3:5	2:5	2:5	5:2	x	5:0	5:1	2:5	3	5
Australia	0:5	1:5	0:5	0:5	0:5	x	5:4	5:4	2	6
Hong Kong	0:5	0:5	1:5	4:5	1:5	4:5	x	0:5	0	8
Denmark	3:5	1:5	1:5	3:5	5:2	4:5	5:0	x	2	7

**English Results:-**

**v Sweden (lost 2-5)**  
N. Jarvis lost to U. Carlsson -14, 16, -9;  
lost to S. Bengtsson 15, 14, -10.  
J. Hilton lost to Bengtsson -12, -12;  
lost to M. Appelgren -22, 19, -21.  
D. Douglas bt Appelgren 18, 11;  
bt Carlsson -17, 19, 19;  
lost to Bengtsson -10, 16, -10.

**v U.S.S.R. (won 5-2)**  
Hilton lost to V. Shevchenko -16, -19;  
bt B. Burnazian -11, 21, 10.  
Douglas bt I. Solopov 19, 14;  
bt Shevchenko 17, 7;  
bt Burnazian 16, 22.  
Jarvis lost to Burnazian -17, -14;  
bt Solopov 15, 20.

**v Denmark (lost 2-5)**  
P. Day lost to J. Hansen 16, -21, -17;  
lost to C. Pedersen -20, -15.  
Jarvis lost to Pedersen -18, -18.  
lost to P. Rud -21, -17;  
Douglas bt Rud 12, 12;  
bt Hansen 8, -12, 13;  
lost to Pedersen 15, -14, -20.

**v Australia (won 5-0)**  
Hilton bt P. Pinkewich 7, -16, 9;  
bt S. Knapp 11, 14.  
Jarvis bt Knapp 20, 18.  
Douglas bt R. Tuckett -19, 15, 16;  
bt Pinkewich 11, 10.

**v Japan (lost 3-5)**  
Jarvis lost to N. Takashima -11, -15;  
lost to S. Ono -16, 19, -11.  
Douglas bt H. Abe -19, 13, 11;  
lost to Takashima -17, -20;  
bt Ono 18, 19.  
Hilton lost to Ono -20, -18;  
bt Abe 22, 22;  
lost to Takashima -12, -14.

**v Hong Kong (won 5-1)**  
Jarvis bt Li Kyang Tsu 10, 10;  
bt Vong Lu Veng 18, 11.  
Douglas bt Lam Hung Shing 15, 11;  
bt Li Kyang Tsu 8, 14.  
Hilton lost to Vong Lu Veng -9, 20, -20;  
bt Lam Hung Shing 15, 10.

**v Czechoslovakia (lost 2-5)**  
Hilton bt J. Dvoracek 9, 16;  
lost to M. Orlowski -19, -17.  
Douglas bt J. Pansky 14, 14;  
lost to Dvoracek -14, -18;  
lost to Orlowski -15, -11.  
Day lost to Orlowski -12, -12;  
lost to Pansky -21, 16, -14.

**SECOND AND THIRD STAGES**

**Positions 1-4**

A1/B2 Hungary 5 Japan 1  
A2/B1 Czechoslovakia 2 China 5  
Positions 1-2 HUNGARY 5 China 1  
G. Gergely bt Guo Yuehua 10, 18;  
I. Jonyer bt Lu Giwei 12, 19;  
F. Klampar bt Li Zhenzhi 17, 11;  
Jonyer lost to Guo Yuehua 17, -19, -19;  
Gergely bt Li Zhenzhi -13, 9, 17;  
Klampar bt Lu Giwei -17, 10, 11.  
Positions 3-4 JAPAN 5 Czechoslovakia 3  
N. Takashima bt J. Pansky 14, 14;  
M. Machara lost to M. Orlowski -15, -18;  
S. Ono bt J. Dvoracek -19, 11, 5;  
Takashima lost to Orlowski -18, 16, -21;  
Ono bt Pansky 16, 16;  
Machara bt Dvoracek -18, 14, 15;  
Ono lost to Orlowski -13, -15;  
Takashima bt Dvoracek 17, 18.

**Positions 5-8**

A3/B4 France 5 Sweden 1  
A4/B3 Korea DPR 5 U.S.S.R. 2  
Positions 5-6 FRANCE 5 Korea DPR 3  
J. Secretin bt Kim Chang Am 10, 16;  
C. Martin lost to Cho Yong Ho 16, -15, -14;  
P. Birocheau bt Hong Chol -17, 18, 16;  
Secretin lost to Cho Yong Ho -16, 14, -19;  
Birocheau bt Kim Chang Am 11, 10;  
Martin bt Hong Chol -13, 19, 19;  
Birocheau lost to Cho Yong Ho -22, -13;  
Secretin bt Hong Chol -15, 14, 19.  
Positions 7-8 U.S.S.R. 5 Sweden 2  
V. Shevchenko lost to T. Danielsson -15, 19, -19;  
I. Solopov bt L. Franklin 19, 19;  
M. Kreeris bt U. Carlsson -8, 17, 19;  
Solopov lost to Danielsson -19, -15;  
Shevchenko bt Carlsson 15, 18;  
Kreeris bt Franklin 18, -13, 16;  
Solopov bt Carlsson 19, -18, 16.

**Positions 9-12**

A5/B6 Yugoslavia 5 Australia 2  
B5/A6 England 5 Germany FR 3  
Douglas bt J. Leiss 13, 18;  
Jarvis lost to P. Stellweg -11, -15;  
Hilton lost to E. Hugging -20, -14;  
Douglas bt Stellweg 17, -19, 13;  
Hilton bt Leiss 17, 19;  
Jarvis bt Hugging -13, 9, 15;  
Hilton lost to Stellweg -16, 18, -8;  
Douglas bt Hugging 13, -14, 22.

Positions 9-10 YUGOSLAVIA 5 England 0  
Z. Kalinic bt Day 10, 18;  
A. Stipanovic bt Hilton 15, -19, 8;  
D. Surbek bt Jarvis 10, 14;  
Kalinic bt Hilton -13, 20, 16;  
Surbek bt Day 9, 16.

Positions 11-12 GERMANY FR 5 Australia 2  
R. Wosik lost to R. Tuckett -10, -17;  
H. J. Nolton bt S. Knapp 19, 18;  
Stellweg bt P. Pinkewich -13, 14, 15;  
Wosik lost to Knapp 9, -15, -18;  
Stellweg bt Tuckett 11, 19;  
Nolton bt Pinkewich 11, 14;  
Stellweg bt Knapp 18, -17, 16.

**Positions 13-16**

A7/B8 Poland 5 Hong Kong 2  
B7/A8 Denmark 5 U.S.A. 4

Positions 13-14 POLAND 5 Denmark 4  
S. Fraczyk bt B. Grimstrup 18, 8;  
S. Dryszel lost to P. Rud -19, -19;  
A. Grubba bt J. Hansen 13, 16;  
Dryszel lost to Grimstrup -17, -15;  
Fraczyk lost to Hansen 4, -18, -24;  
Grubba bt Rud 11, 9;  
Dryszel lost to Hansen -16, -17;  
Grubba bt Grimstrup 19, 10;  
Fraczyk bt Rud 12, 20.

Positions 15-16 U.S.A. 5 Hong Kong 2  
E. Boggan lost to Chiu Man Kuen -7, -18;  
D. Seemiller bt Lan Hung Shing 16, -18, 17;  
R. Sverdljik bt Li Kuang Tsu 11, 9;  
Seemiller bt Chiu Man Kuen 15, 12;  
Boggan lost to Li Kuang Tsu -18, -16;  
Sverdljik bt Lan Hung Shing 14, -16, 16;  
Seemiller bt Li Kuang Tsu 15, 14.

\*Position 17 RUMANIA

**SECOND CATEGORY**

GROUP A	INS	IND	NET	EGY	SWI	MAA	Won	Place
Indonesia	x	5:1	5:4	5:0	5:1	5:0	5	1
India	1:5	x	2:5	5:0	5:2	5:4	3	3
Netherlands	4:5	5:2	x	5:0	5:0	5:3	4	2
Egypt	0:5	0:5	0:5	x	1:5	5:2	1	6
Switzerland	1:5	2:5	0:5	5:1	x	3:5	1	4
Malaysia	0:5	4:5	3:5	2:5	5:3	x	1	5

**GROUP B**

	BUL	ITA	CAN	AUT	LUX	SCO	FIN	NOR	Won	Place
Bulgaria	x	4:5	5:2	5:2	5:1	5:2	5:3	5:1	6	2
Italy	5:4	x	5:2	2:5	5:1	5:4	5:2	5:1	6	1
Canada	2:5	2:5	x	0:5	5:2	5:4	1:5	4:5	2	6
Austria	2:5	5:2	5:0	x	5:1	5:0	3:5	5:3	5	4
Luxembourg	1:5	1:5	2:5	1:5	x	5:3	3:5	2:5	1	7
Scotland	0:5	4:5	4:5	0:5	3:5	x	3:5	1:5	0	8
Finland	3:5	2:5	5:1	5:3	5:3	5:3	x	5:3	5	3
Norway	1:5	1:5	5:4	3:5	5:2	5:1	3:5	x	3	5

**Scottish Results:-**

**v Canada (lost 4-5)**  
K. Rodger bt G. Germain 10, 17;  
J. McNee lost to E. Caetano -8, -13;  
R. Yule bt P. Joe 22, 19;  
Rodger lost to Caetano -8, -11;  
Yule bt Germain 6, 13;  
McNee lost to Joe -16, -22;  
Yule bt Caetano 19, -19, 18;  
Rodger lost to Joe -19, -7;  
McNee lost to Germain -17, -12.

**v Norway (lost 1-5)**  
Rodger lost to T. Johansen 17, -19, -20;  
Yule lost to H. Meland -16, -16;  
McNee lost to J. Gierloff -17, -16;  
Yule bt Johansen 10, 15;  
Rodger lost to Gierloff 19, -11, -20;  
McNee lost to Meland -9, -12.

**v Bulgaria (lost 2-5)**  
Rodger lost to S. Stephanov -14, -14;  
Yule bt S. Ribanchov 16, -20, 13;  
A. McCulloch lost to I. Stoyanov -17, -9;  
Yule bt Stephanov 9, 12;  
Rodger lost to Stoyanov -12, -17;  
McCulloch lost to Ribanchov -14, -19;  
Yule lost to Stoyanov -18, -19.

**v Austria (lost 0-5)**  
Rodger lost to F. Waldhausl -17, -11;  
Yule lost to B. Gotterdiedl -11, -13, -6;  
McNee lost to E. Amplatz -15, -16;

Yule lost to Waldhausl -16, -8;  
Rodger lost to Amplatz -19, -18.

**v Italy (lost 4-5)**

Rodger bt R. Giontella 12, 18;  
Yule bt M. Constantini 18, 18;  
J. Moir lost to G. Bisi -16, -17;  
Yule bt Giontella -19, 14, 11;  
Rodger lost to Bisi -20, -12;  
Moir lost to Constantini 19, -15, -9;  
Yule bt Bisi 16, 13;  
Moir lost to Giontella -17, -16;  
Rodger lost to Constantini -16, -13.

**v Finland (lost 3-5)**

Rodger bt M. Autio -9, 22, 18;  
Yule lost to J. Ikonen -16, -18;  
McNee lost to J. Jokinen -17, 17, -10;  
Yule bt Autio 15, -18, 7;  
Rodger bt Jokinen -17, 17, 19;  
McNee lost to Ikonen -16, -14;  
Yule lost to Jokinen -16, -20;  
McNee lost to Autio 13, -8, -14.

**v Luxembourg (lost 3-5)**

Rodger lost to A. Hartmann 15, -13, -15;  
Yule bt J. Krier 11, 12;  
Moir lost to C. Putz -14, 14, -10;  
Yule bt Hartmann 16, 13;  
Rodger lost to Putz -17, -19;  
Moir lost to Krier -17, -18;  
Yule bt Putz 16, -16, 13;  
Moir lost to Hartmann -13, -9.

**SECOND AND THIRD STAGES**

**Positions 18-21**

A1/B2 Indonesia 5 Bulgaria 1  
B1/A2 Italy 5 Netherlands 5  
Positions 18-19 INDONESIA 5 Italy 0  
Positions 20-21 NETHERLANDS 5 Bulgaria 4

**Positions 22-25**

A3/B4 India 4 Austria 5  
Finland 5 Switzerland 2  
Positions 22-23 AUSTRIA 5 Finland 0  
Positions 24-25 INDIA 5 Switzerland 1

**Positions 26-29**

A5/B6 Malaysia 5 Canada 4  
B5/A6 Norway 5 Egypt 2  
Positions 26-27 MALAYSIA 5 Norway 2  
Positions 28-29 EGYPT 5 Canada 4  
Position 30 LUXEMBOURG  
Position 31 SCOTLAND

**THIRD CATEGORY**

GROUP A	SIN	PAL	NIG	IRQ	PER	Won	Place
Singapore	x	5:0	1:5	5:3	5:1	3	2
Palestine	0:5	x	0:5	0:5	0:5	0	5
Nigeria	5:1	5:0	x	5:0	5:0	4	1
Iraq	3:5	5:0	0:5	x	5:3	2	3
Peru	1:5	5:0	0:5	3:5	x	1	4

**GROUP B**

	NEZ	CYP	MAC	SYR	ETH	YEA	Won	Place
New Zealand	x	5:0	5:1	5:0	5:0	5:1	5	1
Cyprus	0:5	x	0:5	1:5	3:5	0:5	0	6
Macao	1:5	5:0	x	5:2	5:0	5:3	4	2
Syria	0:5	5:1	2:5	x	5:2	0:5	2	4
Ethiopia	0:5	5:3	0:5	2:5	x	1:5	1	5
Yemen AR	1:5	5:0	3:5	5:0	5:1	x	3	3

**GROUP C**

	WAL	MEX	PAK	GHA	BEN	YED	Won	Place
Wales	x	5:0	5:2	5:0	5:0	5:0	5	1
Mexico	0:5	x	1:5	5:3	5:2	5:1	3	3
Pakistan	2:5	5:1	x	5:1	5:0	5:0	4	2
Ghana	0:5	3:5	1:5	x	5:0	5:0	2	4
Benin	0:5	2:5	0:5	0:5	x	5:1	1	5
DPR Yemen	0:5	1:5	0:5	0:5	1:5	x	0	6

**Welsh Results:-**

**v Benin (won 5-0)**  
A. Griffiths bt M. Quenum 13, 18;  
G. Davies bt J. Adandessossi 14, 11;  
D. Welsman bt B. Avognon 14, 14;  
Griffiths bt Adandessossi 11, 13;  
Welsman bt Quenum 10, 12.

**v PDR Yemen (won 5-0)**

Welsman bt Rasheed Ali Ahme 11, 9;  
Griffiths bt Mohamed Saeed Taha 15, 11;  
G. Evans bt Saleh Saeed Ahmed 12, 11;  
Griffiths bt Rasheed Ali Ahmed 19, 14;  
Welsman bt Saleh Saeed Ahmed 12, 9.

**v Ghana (won 5-0)**

Griffiths bt R. Kyei 14, 12;  
Evans bt J. Quansah 12, 18;  
Welsman bt A. Owusu 10, 19;  
Griffiths bt Quansah 12, 16;  
Welsman bt Kyei 15, 11.

**v Pakistan (won 5-2)**

Griffiths bt S. Hayat 18, 18;  
Evans bt A. Nakhuda 16, 15;  
Welsman bt A. Khan -11, 16, 13;  
Griffiths lost to Nakhuda -16, -12;  
Welsman lost to Hayat -16, 13, -10;  
Evans bt Khan 12, 19;  
Welsman bt Nakhuda 14, -16, 14.

**v Mexico (won 5-0)**

Welsman bt S. Sanchez 18, 12;  
Griffiths bt R. Otero 20, 14;  
Evans bt F. Mendez 14, 12;  
Griffiths bt Sanchez 12, 14;  
Welsman bt Mendez 20, 13.

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GROUP D	SPA	TRI	CUB	THA	KEN	JOR	Won	Place
Spain	x	5:0	4:5	1:5	5:0	5:0	3	3
Trin. & Tob.	0:5	x	4:5	0:5	5:0	5:1	2	4
Cuba	5:4	5:4	x	1:5	5:0	5:1	5	2
Thailand	5:1	5:0	5:1	x	5:0	5:0	5	1
Kenya	0:5	0:5	0:5	0:5	x	0:5	0	6
Jordan	0:5	1:5	1:5	0:5	5:0	x	1	5

**SECOND AND THIRD STAGES**

**Positions 32-35**

	NIG	NEZ	WAL	THA	Won	Place
A1 Nigeria	x	5:0	2:5	5:4	2	33
B1 New Zealand	0:5	x	1:5	5:4	1	34
C1 Wales	5:2	5:1	x	5:1	3	32
D1 Thailand	4:5	4:5	1:5	x	0	35

**Welsh Results:-**

**v New Zealand (won 5-1)**

Welsman lost to J. Morris -19, -15;  
Griffiths bt G. Lassen 14, 15;  
Evans bt R. Lee 11, 14;  
Griffiths bt Morris 19, -18, 16;  
Welsman bt Lee -19, 17, 17;  
Evans bt Lassen 14, 17.

**v Nigeria (won 5-2)**

Griffiths bt S. Eboh 20, -9, 9;  
Evans lost to K. Lasisi 17, 13, -11;  
Welsman bt A. Musa 20, 19;  
Griffiths bt Lasisi 19, 19;  
Welsman lost to Eboh -14, -16;  
Evans bt Mua 18, 9;  
Welsman bt Lasisi 21, 17.

**v Thailand (won 5-1)**

Griffiths bt C. Wuwanich -20, 12, 15;  
Evans bt C. Atichartponguk 10, 16;  
Welsman bt P. Sae Tae 11, 14;  
Griffiths lost to Atichartponguk 13, -9, -17;  
Welsman bt Wuwanich 15, 20;  
Evans bt Sae Tae -19, 9, 11.

**Positions 36-39**

	SIN	MAC	PAK	CUB	Won	Place
A2 Singapore	x	5:3	0:5	1:5	1	38
B2 Macao	3:5	x	1:5	1:5	0	39
C2 Pakistan	5:0	5:1	x	5:1	3	36
D2 Cuba	5:1	5:1	1:5	x	2	37

**Positions 40-43**

	IRQ	YEA	MEX	SPA	Won	Place
A3 Iraq	x	5:2	4:5	0:5	1	42
B3 Yemen AR	2:5	x	0:5	3:5	0	43
C3 Mexico	5:4	5:0	x	1:5	2	41
D3 Spain	5:0	5:3	5:1	x	3	40

**Positions 44-47**

	PER	SYR	GHA	TRI	Won	Place
A4 Peru	x	5:3	0:5	1:5	1	46
B4 Syria	3:5	x	1:5	2:5	0	47
C4 Ghana	5:0	5:1	x	5:3	3	44
D4 Trinidad	5:1	5:2	3:5	x	2	45

**Positions 48-51**

	PAL	ETH	BEN	JOR	Won	Place
A5 Palestine	x	2:5	5:4	0:5	1	51
B5 Ethiopia	5:2	x	3:5	0:5	1	50
C5 Benin	4:5	5:3	x	5:4	2	48
D5 Jordan	5:0	5:0	4:5	x	2	49

**Positions 52-54**

	CPY	YED	KEN	Won	Place
A6					
B6 Cyprus	x	5:4	5:0	2	52
C6 Yemen DPR	4:5	x	5:0	1	53
D6 Kenya	0:5	0:5	x	0	54

**Individual Records**

**ENGLAND**

Douglas	Jarvis	Hilton	Day	F	A	Opponents
2:1	0:2	0:2		2	5	Canada
3:0	1:1	1:1		5	2	U.S.S.R.
2:1	0:2		0:2	2	5	Denmark
2:0	1:0	2:0		5	0	Australia
2:1	0:2	1:2		3	5	Japan
2:0	2:0	1:1		5	1	Hong Kong
1:2		1:1	0:2	2	5	Czechoslovakia
3:0	1:1	1:2		5	3	Germany FR
	0:1	0:2	0:2	0	5	Yugoslavia
17:5	5:9	7:11	0:6	29	31	

**SCOTLAND**

Yule	McNee	Rodger	McCulloch	Moir	F	A	Opponents
3:1	0:3	1:2			4	5	Canada
1:1	0:2	0:2			1	5	Norway
2:1		0:2	0:2		2	5	Bulgaria
0:2	0:1	0:2			0	5	Austria
3:0		1:2		0:3	4	5	Italy
1:2	0:3	2:0			3	5	Finland
3:0		0:2		0:3	3	5	Luxembourg
13:6	0:9	4:12	0:2	0:6	17	35	

**WALES**

Griffiths	Welsman	Davies	Evans	F	A	Opponents
2:0	2:0	1:0		5	0	Benin
2:0	2:0		1:0	5	0	PDR Yemen
2:0	2:0		1:0	5	0	Ghana
1:1	2:1		2:0	5	2	Pakistan
2:0	2:0		1:0	5	0	Mexico
2:0	1:1		2:0	5	1	New Zealand
2:0	2:1		1:1	5	2	Nigeria
1:1	2:0		2:0	5	1	Thailand
14:2	15:3	1:0	10:1	40	6	

**SWAYTHLING CUP**

**Final Positions**

(Previous positions in brackets)

**1st CATEGORY**

1. Hungary (4)	10. England (10)
2. China (1)	11. Germany FR (8)
3. Japan (2)	12. Australia (14)
4. Czechoslovakia (6)	13. Poland (12)
5. France (9)	14. Denmark (18)
6. Korea DPR (-)	15. U.S.A. (18)
7. U.S.S.R. (7)	16. Hong Kong (17)
8. Sweden (3)	17. Rumania (13)
9. Yugoslavia (8)	

**2nd CATEGORY**

18. Indonesia (16)	25. Switzerland (30)
19. Italy (20)	26. Malaysia (33)
20. Netherlands (25)	27. Norway (36)
21. Bulgaria (19)	28. Egypt (29)
22. Austria (24)	29. Canada (23)
23. Finland (35)	30. Luxembourg (27)
24. India (21)	31. Scotland (28)

**3rd CATEGORY**

32. Wales (39)	44. Ghana (-)
33. Nigeria (-)	45. Trinidad & Tob. (45)
34. New Zealand (37)	46. Peru (-)
35. Thailand (-)	47. Syria (-)
36. Pakistan (-)	48. Benin (-)
37. Cuba (-)	49. Jordan (-)
38. Singapore (34)	50. Ethiopia (-)
39. Macao (-)	51. Palestine (54)
40. Spain (41)	52. Cyprus (53)
41. Mexico (-)	53. PDR Yemen (-)
42. Iraq (-)	54. Kenya (-)
43. Yemen AR (-)	

**v U.S.A. (won 3-2)**

Witt lost to In-Sook Bushan 11, -13, -20;  
Hammersley bt He-Ja Lee 18, 18;  
Stevenson/Witt lost to He-Ja Lee/In-Sook Bhushan -11, -18;  
Hammersley bt In-Sook Bhushan 15, -16, 16;  
Witt bt He-Ja Lee 12, -19, 11.

**v Yugoslavia (lost 2-3)**

Witt lost to E. Palatinus -21, -9;  
Hammersley bt G. Perkucin -10, 21, 13;  
Stevenson/Witt lost to B. Batinic/Palatinus -19, -20;  
Hammersley bt Palatinus 18, 18;  
Witt lost to Perkucin -19, -16.

**v Bulgaria (won 3-0)**

Hammersley bt V. Staleva 4, 13;  
Witt bt D. Guerguelcheva 8, 17;  
Stevenson/Witt bt Guerguelcheva/Staleva 12, 17.

**v U.S.S.R. (lost 2-3)**

Hammersley bt L. Bakshutova 10, -15, 17;  
Witt lost to V. Popova 17, -16, -8;  
Stevenson/Witt lost to N. Antonian/Popova -16, -15;  
Hammersley bt Popova -16, 7, 19;  
Witt lost to Bakshutova -12, -24.

**v Korea DPR (lost 0-3)**

Witt lost to Pak Yong Ok -9, -16;  
Hammersley lost to Pak Yung Sun -19, -11;  
Stevenson/Witt lost to Hong Gil Son/Pak Yong Ok -6, -7.

**SECOND AND THIRD STAGES**

**Positions 1-4**

A1/B2 China 3 U.S.S.R. 0  
B1/A2 Korea DPR 3 Japan 2  
Positions 1-2 CHINA 3 Korea DPR 1  
Ge Xinai lost to Pak Yung Sun -18, -18;

**MARCEL CORBILLON CUP**

**FIRST CATEGORY**

**GROUP A**

	CHN	JAP	HUN	HKG	SWE	FRA	RUM	POL	NET	Won	Place
China	x	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	8	1
Japan	0:3	x	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:1	3:0	3:1	3:0	7	2
Hungary	0:3	0:3	x	3:1	3:1	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:1	6	3
Hong Kong	0:3	0:3	1:3	x	1:3	3:1	3:2	3:0	3:1	6	3
Sweden	0:3	0:3	1:3	3:1	x	3:1	3:0	3:0	3:2	5	4
France	0:3	1:3	0:3	1:3	1:3	x	1:3	3:0	3:2	2	7
Rumania	0:3	0:3	0:3	2:3	0:3	3:1	x	3:0	3:1	3	6
Poland	0:3	1:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	x	1:3	0	9
Netherlands	0:3	0:3	1:3	0:3	2:3	2:3	1:3	3:1	x	1	8

**GROUP B**

	PRK	USS	ENG	CZE	GFR	YUG	BUL	USA	Won	Place
Korea DPR	x	3:0	3:0	1:3	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:1	6	1
U.S.S.R.	0:3	x	3:2	3:0	3:1	3:1	3:0	3:0	6	2
England	0:3	2:3	x	2:3	3:2	2:3	3:0	3:2	3	5
Czechoslovakia	3:1	0:3	3:2	x	0:3	3:0	3:0	3:2	5	3
Germany FR	0:3	1:3	2:3	3:0	x	0:3	3:0	3:1	3	6
Yugoslavia	0:3	1:3	3:2	0:3	3:0	x	3:0	3:0	4	4
Bulgaria	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	x	0:3	0	8
U.S.A.	1:3	0:3	2:3	2:3	1:3	0:3	3:0	x	1	7

**English Results:-**

**v Germany FR (won 3-2)**

K. Witt lost to U. Hirschmuller -16, -17;  
J. Hammersley bt K. Kruger 15, 12;  
Hammersley/A. Stevenson lost to Hirschmuller/Kruger -12, -18;  
Hammersley bt Hirschmuller 17, 16;  
Witt bt Kruger 10, 18.

**v Czechoslovakia (lost 2-3)**

Hammersley bt D. Dubinova -21, 17, 14;  
Witt lost to I. Uhlikova -11, -17;  
Stevenson/Witt lost to B. Silhanova/Uhlikova 18, -16, -10;  
Hammersley bt Uhlikova 5, -10, 13;  
Witt lost to Dubinova -8, -17.

Zhang Deying bt Pak Yong Ok 13, 19;  
Zhang Deying/Zhang Li bt Hong Gil Son/Pak Yong Ok -17, -17;  
Zhang Deying bt Pak Yung Sun 10, -16, 18.

**Positions 3-4 JAPAN 3 U.S.S.R. 1**

K. Kawahigashi bt Popova 18, 6;  
S. Takahashi lost to Bakshutova -19, 21, -17;  
Kawahigashi/Takahashi bt Antonian/Popova 13, 10;  
Takahashi bt Popova 18, -21, 19.

**Positions 5-8**

A3/B4 Hungary 3 Yugoslavia 2  
B3/A4 Czechoslovakia 1 Sweden 3  
Positions 5-6 HUNGARY 3 Sweden 2  
G. Szabo lost to M. Lindblad -19, 13, -16;  
Z. Olah lost to A.-C. Hellman 19, -19, -20;  
J. Magos/Szabo bt A. Hennvall/E. Stromvall 12, 21;  
Szabo bt Hellman 15, 16;  
Olah bt Lindblad 16, 15.

Positions 7-8 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 Yugoslavia 0  
M. Hrachova bt Palatinus 17, 12;  
Uhlikova bt D. Fabri 12, 19;  
Hrachova/Uhlikova bt Batantic/Fabri 12, 15.

**Positions 9-12**

A5/B6 Hong Kong 2 Germany FR 3  
B5/A6 England 1 Rumania 3  
Hammersley bt E. Ferenczi 13, 13;  
Witt lost to M. Alexandru 16, -8, -12;  
Stevenson/Witt lost to Alexandru/L. Mihut -12, -11;  
Hammersley lost to Alexandru -18, -16.

Positions 9-10 GERMANY FR 3 Rumania 2  
Hirschmuller bt Alexandru 19, -18, 16;  
Kruger lost to Ferenczi 24, -16, -6;  
Hirschmuller/Kruger lost to Ferenczi/Mihut -19, 17, -19;  
Hirschmuller bt Ferenczi 19, 13;  
Kruger bt Alexandru 15, 9.

Positions 11-12 HONG KONG 3 England 1  
Hui So Hung lost to Stevenson -16, 8, -19;  
Chang Siu Ying bt Witt 6, 18;  
Chang Siu Ying/Hui So Hung bt Stevenson/Witt 14, 16;  
Hui So Hung bt Witt 14, -18, 13.

**Positions 13-16**

A7/B8 France 3 Bulgaria 0  
B7/A8 U.S.A. 1 Netherlands 3  
Positions 13-14 FRANCE 3 Netherlands 0  
M. Gourmelon bt B. Kooter 19, 15;  
C. Bergeret bt B. Vriesekoop 16, -15, 23;  
Bergeret/N. Daviaud bt M. van der Vliet/Vriesekoop 18, -11, 15.  
Positions 15-16 U.S.A. 3 Bulgaria 1  
In-Sook Bhushan bt Staleva 17, 10;  
He-Ja Lee lost to Guerguelcheva -17, -24;  
He-Ja Lee/In-Sook Bhushan bt Guerguelcheva/Staleva 16, -19, 12;  
In-Sook Bhushan bt Guerguelcheva 15, 7.  
Position 17 POLAND

**MARCEL CORBILLON CUP**  
Final Positions

(Previous positions in brackets)

1st CATEGORY		
1. China (1)	10.	Rumania (16)
2. Korea DPR (3)	11.	Hong Kong (8)
3. Japan (4)	12.	England (7)
4. U.S.S.R. (6)	13.	France (12)
5. Hungary (5)	14.	Netherlands (19)
6. Sweden (9)	15.	U.S.A. (20)
7. Czechoslovakia (10)	16.	Bulgaria (15)
8. Yugoslavia (14)	17.	Poland (—)
9. Germany FR (11)		

2nd CATEGORY		
18. India (23)	26.	Luxembourg (21)
19. Finland (35)	27.	Malaysia (22)
20. Belgium (17)	28.	New Zealand (26)
21. Ireland (34)	29.	Austria (24)
22. Canada (25)	30.	Singapore (29)
23. Indonesia (18)	31.	Switzerland (28)
24. Denmark (33)	32.	Spain (37)
25. Australia (27)		

3rd CATEGORY		
33. Thailand (—)	41.	Egypt (45)
34. Italy (41)	42.	Peru (—)
35. Macao (—)	43.	Ethiopia (—)
36. Ghana (—)	44.	Jordan (—)
37. Nigeria (—)	45.	Iraq (—)
38. Cuba (—)	46.	Syria (—)
39. Trinidad & Tob. (39)	47.	Kenya (—)
40. Mexico (—)		

**Individual Results:-**

**Men's Singles Round 3:**

Guo Yuehua (CHN) bt J. Leiss (GFR) 17, 17, 12;  
D. Surbek (YUG) bt T. Kreisz (HUN) 9, -16, 16, 14;  
N. Takashima (JAP) bt J. Takacs (HUN) 20, 7, 21;  
M. Orlovski (CZE) bt Hong Chol (PRK) 13, 10, 9;  
Li Zhenshi (CHN) bt E. Huging (GFR) 11, 10, 8;  
H. Goto (JAP) bt J. Secretin (FRA) -8, 21, 21, -18, 16;  
Shi Zhihao (CHN) bt H. Abe (JAP) 12, 16, -15, 11;  
G. Gergely (HUN) bt V. Shevchenko (USSR)  
11, 12, -16, -18, 22;  
T. Klampar (HUN) bt H. J. Nolten (GFR) 9, 15, 18;  
Lu Yaohua (CHN) bt S. Dobosi (RUM) 12, 17, 10;  
S. Ono (JAP) bt P. Stellwag (GFR) 16, 13, -13, -11, 17;  
Huang Liang (CHN) bt Cho Yong Ho (PRK)  
16, -12, 19, -20, 17;  
D. Douglas (ENG) bt C. Martin (FRA) 13, 15, 9;  
J. Dvoracek (CZE) bt C. Pedersen (DEN)  
19, -15, 7, -19, 10;  
I. Jonyer (HUN) bt D. Jurcic (YUG) 13, 16, -22, 18;  
Liang Geliang (CHN) bt R. Wosik (GFR) 10, 14, 12.

**Round 4:**

Guo Yuehua bt Surbek 23, 21, 19;  
Takashima bt Orlovski -13, 20, 21, 17;  
Li Zhenshi bt Goto 11, -15, 27, 17;  
Gergely bt Shi Zhihao -19, 9, 22, -18, 20;  
Lu Yaohua bt Klampar 15, 16, -13, 12;  
Ono bt Huang Liang 16, 16, -13, 23;  
Dvoracek bt Douglas -17, 20, 10, 7;  
Liang Geliang bt Jonyer 18, 18, 17.

**Quarter-finals:**

Guo Yuehua bt Takashima 15, 14, 17;  
Li Zhenshi bt Gergely 20, 10, -14, 17;  
Ono bt Lu Yaohua 18, -13, 18, -18, 16;  
Liang Geliang bt Dvoracek 9, 18, 7.

**Semi-finals:**

Guo Yuehua bt Li Zhenshi 17, 16, -17, 15;  
Ono bt Liang Geliang -13, 19, 15, -12, 15.

**Final:**

ONO bt Guo Yuehua 23, 17, -18, 3-0 (retired injured).

**Women's Singles Round 2:**

Pak Yung Sun (PRK) bt M. Domonkos (CAN)  
19, 9, -14, 5;  
S. Takahashi (JAP) bt M. Alexandru (RUM)  
-15, 19, 16, -12, 18;  
Y. Shimauchi (JAP) bt Z. Olah (HUN) 17, -18, 15, -16, 16;  
Tong Ling (CHN) bt A. Hernvall (SWE) 6, 7, 14;  
J. Hammersley (ENG) bt Huang Xiping (CHN)  
-18, 21, 19, 22;  
G. Szabo (HUN) bt J. Szatko (POL) -16, 15, 16, 11;  
A-C. Hellman (SWE) bt B. Silhanova (CZE)  
-18, 19, -19, 17, 19;  
Ge Xinai (CHN) bt K. Sugaya (JAP) 13, -14, 7, -13, 18;  
Zhang Deying (CHN) bt M. Lindblad (SWE) 11, 10, 10;  
K. Kawahigashi (JAP) bt E. Urban (HUN) 5, 16, 15;  
B. Vrieskoop (NET) bt Pak Yong Ok (PRK) 22, 18, 10;  
V. Popova (USS) bt K. Witt (ENG) 6, 10, 7;  
J. Magos (HUN) bt Cao Yanhua (CHN) 17, -18, -19, 18, 14;  
Li Song Suk (PRK) bt B. Batinic (YUG) 11, 6, 16;  
I. Uhlíkova (CZE) bt U. Hirschmuller (GFR) -11, 19, 16, 7;  
Zhang Li (CHN) bt E. Kanda (JAP) 7, 6, 6.

**Round 3:**

Pak Yung Sun bt Takahashi 8, 17, 14;  
Tong Ling bt Shimauchi 13, 15, 15;  
Szabo bt Hammersley -16, 15, 16, 16;  
Ge Xinai bt Hellman 17, 6, -20, 15;  
Zhang Deying bt Kawahigashi 10, 9, 11;  
Popova bt Vrieskoop 9, -16, 8, -9, 17;  
Li Song Suk bt Magos 10, 9, 11;  
Zhang Li bt Uhlíkova 19, 7, 17.

**Quarter-finals:**

Tong Ling bt Pak Yung Sun -8, -20, 15, 16, 15;  
Ge Xinai bt Szabo 12, 19, 17;  
Zhang Deying bt Popova 18, 14, -18, 13;  
Li Song Suk bt Zhang Li 13, -17, 11, 13.

**Semi-finals:**

Ge Xinai bt Tong Ling 16, 16, 14;  
Li Song Suk bt Zhang Deying -13, -13, 14, 14, 16.

**Final:**

GE XINAI bt Li Song Suk 10, 16, 19.

**Men's Doubles Round 3:**

Guo Yuehua/Liang Geliang bt D. Seemiller/R. Seemiller  
(USA) 6, 17, 7;  
P. Birocheau (FRA)/Secretin bt Dvoracek/J. Pansky (CZE)  
-19, 9, 11, 7;  
Leiss/Stellwag bt S. Crisan (RUM)/Dobosi -17, 10, 12, 15;  
Jonyer/Klampar bt Douglas/N. Jarvis (ENG)  
-18, 17, 16, 22;  
Kreiz/Martin bt Goto/Takashima 13, -18, 18, 21;

**SECOND CATEGORY**

GROUP A	BEL	MAA	IND	NEZ	AUS	DEN	SPA	Won Place
Belgium	x	3:1	1:3	3:1	3:0	3:1	3:1	5 2
Malaysia	1:3	x	1:3	3:2	2:3	2:3	3:2	2 5
India	3:1	3:1	x	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	6 1
New Zealand	1:3	2:3	0:3	x	3:2	1:3	3:2	2 6
Australia	0:3	3:2	0:3	2:3	x	3:1	3:2	3 3
Denmark	1:3	3:2	0:3	3:1	1:3	x	2:3	2 4
Spain	1:3	2:3	0:3	2:3	2:3	3:2	x	1 7

GROUP B	IND	LUX	AUT	CAN	SWI	SIN	IRE	FIN	Won Place
Indonesia	x	3:2	3:0	2:3	3:1	3:1	1:3	2:3	4 4
Luxembourg	2:3	x	3:1	1:3	3:0	2:3	3:0	1:3	3 5
Austria	0:3	1:3	x	1:3	3:2	3:1	1:3	0:3	2 6
Canada	3:2	3:1	3:1	x	3:1	3:0	2:3	1:3	5 3
Switzerland	1:3	0:3	2:5	1:3	x	3:2	1:3	0:3	1 7
Singapore	1:3	3:2	1:3	0:3	2:3	x	1:3	0:3	1 8
Ireland	3:1	0:3	3:1	3:2	3:1	3:1	x	0:3	5 2
Finland	3:2	3:1	3:0	3:1	3:0	3:0	3:0	x	7 1

**Irish Results:-**

**v Luxembourg (lost 0-3)**

A. Leonard lost to J. Dom -16, -12;  
K. Senior lost to C. Risch 15, -16, -17;  
Leonard/Senior lost to Dom/Risch -16, 10, -18.

**v Indonesia (won 3-1)**

Senior bt K. Ailin 18, 13;  
Leonard lost to L. Wibisono -2, -11;  
Leonard/Senior bt Ailin/B. Pietersz 20, 16;  
Senior bt Wibisono 22, 13.

**v Switzerland (won 3-1)**

Senior bt F. Weibel 13, 13;  
Leonard lost to R. Wyder -13, 17, -17;  
Leonard/Senior bt Weibel/Wyder 10, 23;  
Senior bt Wyder 19, 18.

**v Austria (won 3-1)**

Leonard lost to D. Fetter 20, -11, -14;  
Senior bt G. Icha 6, 5;  
Leonard/Senior bt Fetter/Icha 9, 10;  
Senior bt Fetter 13, -19, 17.

**v Finland (lost 0-3)**

Leonard lost to S. Grefberg -8, 19, -11;  
Senior lost to M. Grefberg -12, -17;  
Leonard/Senior lost to Grefberg/Grefberg -15, -20.

**v Singapore (won 3-1)**

Leonard lost to Leow Hock Moi -16, -22;  
Senior bt Kim May Lin 18, 15;  
Leonard/Senior bt Goh Chuey Hoon/Leow Hock Moi  
13, 14;  
Senior bt Leow Hock Moi 17, -17, 14.

**v Canada (won 3-2)**

Leonard lost to M. Domonkos -6, 21, -14;  
Senior bt G. Hsu 17, 10;  
Leonard/Senior bt Domonkos/Hsu 10, 10;  
Senior lost to Domonkos 18, -19, -22;  
Leonard bt Hsu 16, 19.

**SECOND AND THIRD STAGES**

**Positions 18-21**

A1/B2 India 3 Ireland 0  
I. Puri bt Senior 19, 18;  
S. Salokhe bt Leonard 14, 11;  
Puri/Salokhe bt Leonard/Senior 16, 19.  
B1/A2 Finland 3 Belgium 2

**Positions 18-19 INDIA 3 Finland 0**

**Positions 20-21 BELGIUM 3 Ireland 1**

V. Germiot bt Senior -13, 15, 24;  
M-F. Germiot bt Leonard 6, 10;  
Germiot/Germiot lost to Leonard/Senior -20, 19, -19.  
M-F. Germiot bt Senior 12, 19.

**Positions 22-25**

A3/B4 Australia 1 Indonesia 3  
B3/A4 Canada 3 Denmark 1  
Positions 22-23 CANADA 3 Indonesia 1  
Positions 24-25 DENMARK 3 Australia 0

**Positions 26-29**

A5/B6 Malaysia 3 Austria 2  
B5/A6 Luxembourg 3 New Zealand 1  
Positions 26-27 LUXEMBOURG 3 Malaysia 1  
Positions 28-29 NEW ZEALAND 3 Austria 2

**Positions 30-32**

A7/B8 Spain 1 Singapore 3  
B7 Switzerland 3  
Positions 30-31 SINGAPORE 3 Switzerland 1  
Position 32 SPAIN

**THIRD CATEGORY**

GROUP A	TRI	GHA	THA	MEX	PER	IRQ	SYR	ETH	Won Place
Trin. & Tob.	x	1:3	0:3	3:2	3:2	3:0	3:0	3:0	5 3
Ghana	3:1	x	0:3	1:3	3:1	3:0	3:0	3:1	5 2
Thailand	3:0	3:0	x	3:1	3:0	3:0	3:0	3:0	7 1
Mexico	2:3	3:1	1:3	x	3:1	3:0	3:1	2:3	4 4
Peru	2:3	1:3	0:3	1:3	x	3:1	3:0	3:1	3 5
Iraq	0:3	0:3	0:3	1:3	1:3	x	3:0	1:3	0 8
Syria	0:2	0:3	0:3	1:3	0:3	0:3	x	0:3	1 7
Ethiopia	0:3	1:3	0:3	3:2	1:3	3:1	3:0	x	3 6

GROUP B	ITA	EGY	NIG	CUB	MAC	KEN	JOR	Won Place
Italy	x	3:0	0:3	3:2	3:2	3:0	3:0	5 1
Egypt	0:3	x	3:2	0:3	0:3	3:0	3:0	3 5
Nigeria	3:0	2:3	x	3:0	1:3	3:0	3:0	4 3
Cuba	2:3	3:0	0:3	x	0:3	3:0	3:0	3 4
Macao	2:3	3:0	3:1	3:0	x	3:0	3:0	5 2
Kenya	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	x	1:3	0 7
Jordan	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	0:3	3:1	x	1 6

**Positions 33-36**

A1/B2 Thailand 3 Macao 1  
B1/A2 Italy 3 Ghana 1  
Positions 33-34 THAILAND 3 Italy 1  
Positions 35-36 MACAO 3 Ghana 0

**Positions 37-40**

A3/B4 Trinidad & Tobago 2 Cuba 3  
B3/A4 Nigeria 3 Mexico 0  
Positions 37-38 NIGERIA 3 Cuba 2  
Positions 39-40 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 3 Mexico 0

**Positions 41-44**

A5/B6 Peru 3 Jordan 0  
B5/A6 Egypt 3 Ethiopia 0  
Positions 41-42 EGYPT 3 Peru 0  
Positions 43-44 ETHIOPIA 3 Jordan 0

**Positions 45-47**

A7/B8 Syria  
B7/A8 Kenya 0 Iraq 3  
Positions 45-46 IRAQ 3 Syria 1  
Position 47 KENYA

**Individual Records**

ENGLAND	Hammersley	Witt	Stevenson	Hamm/Stev	Stev/Witt	F	A	Opponents
2:0	1:1			0:1		3	2	Germany FR
2:0	0:2				0:1	2	3	Czechoslovakia
2:0	1:1				0:1	3	2	U.S.A.
2:0	0:2				0:1	2	3	Yugoslavia
1:0	1:0				1:0	3	0	Bulgaria
2:0	0:2				0:1	2	3	U.S.S.R.
0:1	0:1				0:1	0	3	Korea DPR
1:1	0:1				0:1	1	3	Rumania
	0:2	1:0			0:1	1	3	Hong Kong
12:2	3:12	1:0	0:1	1:7	17	22		

**IRELAND**

Senior	Leonard	Leonard/Senior	F	A	Opponents
0:1	0:1	0:1	0	3	Luxembourg
2:0	0:1	1:0	3	1	Indonesia
2:0	0:1	1:0	3	1	Switzerland
2:0	0:1	1:0	3	1	Austria
0:1	0:1	0:1	0	3	Finland
2:0	0:1	1:0	3	1	Singapore
1:1	1:1	1:0	3	2	Canada
0:1	0:1	0:1	0	3	India
0:2	0:1	1:0	1	3	Belgium
9:6	1:9	6:3	16	18	



A. Stipanovic (YUG)/Surbek bt Kim Do Won/U Yong Chol (PRK) 17, 19, 3;  
 Li Zhenshi/Wang Huiyuan (CHN) bt Huging/I. Solopov (USS) 12, 13, 11;  
 R. Czochanski/A. Grubba (POL) bt Gergely/Orlowski -20, 19, -23, 8, 21.

**Quarter-finals:**  
 Guo Yuehua/Liang Geliang bt Birocheau/Secretin 18, 17, 12;  
 Jonyer/Klampar bt Leiss/Stellwag -17, 11, 17, 18;  
 Stipanovic/Surbek bt Kreisz/Martin 16, 13, 12;  
 Li Zhenshi/Wang Huiyuan bt Czochanski/Grubba -14, 12, 8, 10.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Jonyer/Klampar bt Guo Yuehua/Liang Geliang 14, -18, 12, 12;  
 Stipanovic/Surbek bt Li Zhenshi/Wang Huiyuan 18, 28, 20.

**Final:**  
 STIPANOVIC/SURBEK bt Jonyer/Klampar 18, 20, 16.

Shimauchi/Sugaya bt Pak Yong Ok/Yang Ying (CHN) 18, 17, 12;  
 E. Palatinus/G. Perkucin (YUG) bt M. v.d. Vliet (NET)/Vriesekoop -12, -21, 16, 23, 11;  
 Hellman/Lindblad bt D. Dubinova/M. Hrachova (CZE) -19, 15, -18, 19, 15;  
 Ge Xinai/Yan Guili (CHN) bt N. Antonian (USS)/Popova 24, 14, -20, 11;  
 Magos/Szabo bt A. Leonard/K.Senior (IRE) 20, 16, 17;  
 Li Song Suk/Ro Jong Suk (PRK) bt Alexandru/Wei Lijie (CHN) -10, 15, -8, 21, 18.  
 Cao Yanhua/Tong Ling bt Silhanova/Uhlikova -14, 19, -22, 22, 18;  
 Zhang Deying/Zhang Li bt K. Dawidowicz/A. Green (USA) 12, 11, 12.

**Quarter-finals:**  
 Palatinus/Perkucin bt Shimauchi/Sugaya 8, -16, 18, -15, 19;  
 Ge Xinai/Yan Guili bt Hellman/Lindblad -19, 13, 11, 19;  
 Li Song Suk/Ro Jong Suk bt Magos/Szabo -15, 16, 14, 14;  
 Zhang Deying/Zhang Li bt Cao Yanhua/Tong Ling 9, 14, 11.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Ge Xinai/Yan Guili bt Palatinus/Perkucin -15, -16, 15, 17, 18;  
 Zhang Deying/Zhang Li bt Li Song Suk/Ro Jong Suk 13, -20, 13, 15.

**Final:**  
 ZHANG DEYING/ZHANG LI bt Ge Xinai/Yan Guili 13, 14, 16.

**Mixed Doubles Round 3:**  
 Secretin/Bergeret bt Z. Kosanovic (YUG)/Batinic 14, 15, 17;  
 Takashima/Kawahigashi bt Huang Liang/Tong Ling -18, 14, 15, 18;  
 Jonyer/Szabo bt Pansky/Hrachova 17, 16, -18, 16;  
 Liang Geliang/Ge Xinai bt B. v.d. Helm (NET)/Vriesekoop 17, 5, 17;

Li Zhenshi/Yan Guili bt J. Hilton (ENG)/Hammersley 11, -12, 9, 13;  
 Cho Yong Ho/Pak Yong Ok bt Orlowski/Uhlikova 7, 13, 18;  
 Wang Huiyuan/Zhang Deying bt Stipanovic/Palatinus 20, 16, 24;  
 Guo Yuehua/Zhang Li bt P. Renverse/N. Daviaud (FRA) 14, 7, 8.

**Quarter-finals:**  
 Secretin/Bergeret bt Takashima/Kawahigashi -19, 9, -17, 15, 15;  
 Liang Geliang/Ge Xinai bt Jonyer/Szabo 9, 18, 14;  
 Li Zhenshi/Yan Guili bt Cho Yong Ho/Pak Yong Ok -13, 14, 15, 16;  
 Wang Huiyuan/Zhang Deying bt Guo Yuehua/Zhang Li 16, 17, -12, 13.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Liang Geliang/Ge Xinai bt Secretin/Bergeret 14, 11, 18;  
 Li Zhenshi/Yan Guili bt Wang Huiyuan/Zhang Deying 7, 12, 13.

**Final:**  
 LIANG GELIANG/ GE XINAI bt Li Zhenshi/Yan Guili 16, 17, 15.

**Men's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 B. Grimstrup (DEN) bt J. Eng (CAN) 14, 16;  
 A. Hartmann (LUX) bt G. Evans (WAL) 19, 14;  
 N. Ward (AUS) bt T. Busin (SWI) 17, 15;  
 F. Sule (NIG) bt D. Welsman (WAL) 13, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Hartmann bt Grimstrup 11, -15, 10;  
 Ward bt Sule 17, 16.

**Final:**  
 HARTMANN bt Ward 16, -16, 17.

**Women's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 D. Hauth (DEN) bt L. Monica (PER) 16, 20;  
 D. Guergueltcheva (BUL) bt B. Gropper (AUT) -9, 17, 12;  
 D. Fabri (YUG) bt B. Kooter (NET) 21, 18;  
 L. Kumuthpongpanich (THA) bt G. Hsu (CAN) -22, 14, 14.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Guergueltcheva bt Hauth 9, 4;  
 Fabri bt Kumuthpongpanich 8, 14.

**Final:**  
 GUERGUELTCHEVA bt Fabri 16, 15.

Front Row — Jill Hammersley, Ron Crayden, Anita Stevenson and John Hilton.

# ROCK U-21 ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

by John Woodford

A rare combination of defensive skills and counter-hitting gave Duggie Johnson the men's singles crown in the first Rock England U-21 Championships at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre over the weekend of May 26/27.

Johnson, the England No. 7, took the £500 top prize after an exciting final against Bob Potton, who is ranked No. 15 in England. Johnson triumphed 20, -18, 20!

The women's singles final was also a tense affair as Karen Witt, the England No. 2, defeated Melody Ludi 19 in the third, finishing with a ball that just clipped the edge of the table.

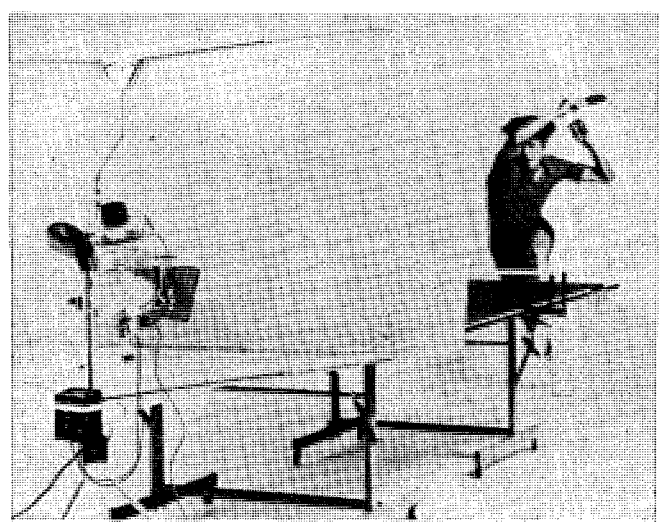
Final results were:-

- Men's Singles:**  
D. JOHNSON (Wa) bt R. Potton (E) 20, -18, 20.
  - Women's Singles:**  
K. WITT (Bk) bt M. Ludi (Y) 20, -18, 19.
  - Restricted Men's Singles:**  
L. SMITH (E) bt J. Payne (Sy) 15, 17.
  - Restricted Women's Singles:**  
C. MAISEY (Wi) bt S. Gilson (Do) 16, 16.
  - Men's Doubles:**  
M. CRIMMINS (Sy)/D. WELLS (Mi) bt S. Andrew (E)/Johnson 15, 18.
  - Women's Doubles:**  
LUDI/WITT bt A. Gordon/M. Smith (Bk) 18, 14.
  - Mixed Doubles:**  
POTTON/A. MITCHELL (Mi) bt D. Newman (E)/S. Hunt (Li) -19, 19, 14.
- More detailed results will appear in the Sept./Oct. edition. Ed.

## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Still sufficiently awake to pose for an arrival photograph after 16½ hours en route to Pyongyang from Geneva are (l to r):-  
 Back Row — Colin Clemett, Bryan Merrett, Nicky Jarvis, Albert W. Shipley, Karen Witt, Desmond Douglas, Paul Day, Peter Simpson and George Yates.

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# ONE PENNY PER WEEK

by **TOM BLUNN**  
Chairman, E.T.T.A.

It may not come as a surprise to most members to see that the E.T.T.A. is proposing an increase in the affiliation fees at the A.G.M. in July, 1979. It may be a surprise to find that the proposal is to increase the fees by more than 100% and in addition the proposal comes in a season during which the association has made a profit.

These are the facts of the situation and it is up to the E.T.T.A. to justify the proposed increase.

On a cost of living basis since the last increase the new fee should be at least 60% up bearing in mind the fact that under the current rules a financial adjustment must wait a full season before taking effect. So any increased fee will not operate until the 1980/81 season onwards. What the rate of inflation will be by then is unpredictable.

There has been no attempt by the E.T.T.A. to link affiliation fees to the inflation index and the politicians in the recent election have freely admitted that the value of the pound in spending power has halved in the past five years. Inflation is still running in double figures and it will be considered an achievement if it can be kept within single figures in each of the next five years. On the other hand wages have generally kept in line or slightly ahead of the rise in prices so there should be no widespread hardship by members in meeting the increase now required. It just seems a lot all at once but it is surely justified.

The impact of the Worlds in 1977 was two fold. First there has followed an increased interest in the game in many aspects; second there was a loss around £80,000. Of the loss £50,000 was stood by the members through the guarantee fund and the other £30,000 direct by the E.T.T.A. In looking at the current balance sheet it must be remembered that there is still a £40,000 debt due to Birmingham Council. This debt has to be paid in the next four years and common business sense demands that the reduction in the accumulated fund should be

replaced to the extent of the loss suffered by the E.T.T.A. and this can only be done out of profits; hence the apparent high profit this season.

At the same time we must accept the possibility of a substantial increase in rent once the lease on the present property in Hastings expires in seven years time, so some provision must be made each year towards a new lease and this too can only come out of profits.

Circumstances since the Worlds have made it perfectly clear that there are really only two courses to follow in the future. One is to go forward and the other is to go backward. We can no longer remain in the cosy position of the past ten or twenty years. If we do not take the initiative and make rapid progress then the initiative will be taken from us. The lessons of other sports must be learned.

The extent of the increase in interest and activities has stretched our resources beyond their ability to cope and outside interests have become involved in organising events which would normally have been the responsibility of the E.T.T.A. The administration must therefore be expanded in every direction and already plans are going ahead for an additional development officer, additional office administration staff, two extra coaches and, of course, background staff in support.

Down the line it follows that the need for the volunteer honorary workers will also continue to expand and the demands on the time and effort of these people can no longer be expected to continue on a voluntary basis.

## NONSENSE

The players too have to be looked after. It is complete nonsense that we devote our efforts and a considerable amount of money to produce first class players only to lose them to foreign associations just when we should be reaping the benefit. We must make it worthwhile for them to make their future with the E.T.T.A. here in England.

To this end we have recently made proposals to our top players whereby they can look forward to a fixed income from the E.T.T.A. along with prospects of further income as a result of their efforts. It is in the interests of everyone that the players make their future here in England where they have been taught and learned the game. These interests include those not only of the members of

the E.T.T.A. but of the sponsors and the manufacturers and also of the Sports Council who realise the impact that the top players have on the youngsters in the country and who contribute so much towards the training of the top players.

The success of the top players inspires the younger players and is also instrumental in young people taking up the game whilst still at school. Although there are facilities in the schools for playing table tennis it is becoming painfully obvious that there are not sufficient playing facilities to cope with the ever increasing numbers of young people wanting to play the game.

The responsibility to provide these facilities does not fall on the E.T.T.A. but it is the duty of the E.T.T.A. to see that the opportunity is provided for clubs and leagues to know how to obtain playing facilities and to give whatever assistance possible.

Some leagues and individual clubs have already succeeded in providing their own club rooms by obtaining all the financial assistance available to them. This includes grants from the regional sports council and the local authority with the balance being found from their own resources. It is in these circumstances that the E.T.T.A. might provide financial assistance by interest free loans or direct grants to cover the members own contribution. This will be a major contribution by the E.T.T.A. to the progress of the game in the country and provide a lasting service to the members.

## PROGRESS

It is obvious that to progress means to spend; or a better description would be to invest. The E.T.T.A. is prepared to invest in the clubs, the leagues and the players, even to the extent of putting far more money back into the game than is received from the members in affiliation fees. This will be achieved by obtaining additional grants from the Sports Council, by enlisting the aid of the manufacturers and persuading them to provide even more financial assistance and by obtaining more sponsorship.

It is not the general intention to use the increased income from the affiliation fees to finance the promotion of events, the assistance to the top players or the assistance towards the provision of playing facilities. These are all specialist matters which should be financed from special sources such as sponsorship, manufacturers, television and promotions, if such finance is forthcoming.

But the past season has shown that the administration of the E.T.T.A. has been stretched beyond all limits and has literally run out of arms and legs. The increased activity in every direction has meant more back up work in the office, and yet there is still much more that could and should be done in all aspects of the game.

The cost of administration can only be paid for by the fees from the members supported by grants from the Sports Council. In fact the present position is that the grant from the Sports Council is about two and half times greater than the income from affiliation fees which makes it abundantly obvious that the fees are totally inadequate. This fact has not escaped the notice of the Sports Council and it is time we put our house in order by asking the members to pay a realistic fee.

It is appreciated that this really means a drastic increase of over 100% but is it such an imposition as it at first seems! The increase is 26p per annum or one half penny per week making a full year's fee of 50p.

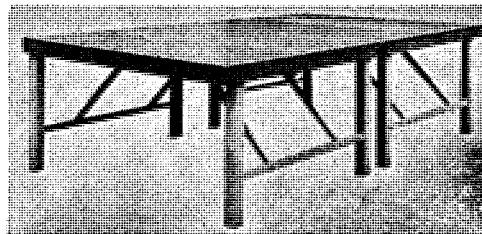
It is unnecessary to spend time explaining that 50p per annum is hardly a burden on the pocket of anybody these days; just let us remember that it is only **one penny per week**. That is all the E.T.T.A. is asking from its members, the players.

The additional money received will be used to finance a substantial increase in administration, to build up a reserve fund to provide new premises in due course and to build up a balance to be used for the benefit of members generally.

For those who prefer financial statistics the following facts are worth noting.

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The approximate position for the 1978/79 season is as follows:

Total cost of administration	£70,000
Income from affiliation fees, etc., from members	27 20,000
Grant from the Sports Council	67 50,000
Sundry income	6 5,000
100%	£75,000
leaving a balance available	£5,000
Total cost of all other activities	20,000
Income from all other sources (net)	32,000
leaving a further balance of	£12,000
Making a total surplus	17,000
Transfer to lease reserve	5,000
To accumulated fund	£12,000
Total gross income received by the E.T.T.A. from all sources	£180,000

Made up as follows:	%
Members fees, etc.	12
Sports Council	35
Manufacturers	12
Sponsorship	12
Advertisers	12
Television	7
Sundry events	5
Sundry income	5
100%	

Some financial benefits to members:  
Amount returned to the leagues from the Lincoln Lottery  
£6,500 p.a.

Amounts given to the counties for administration purposes, granted by the Sports Council through the E.T.T.A.	
Season 1977/78	13,500
Season 1978/79	6,500
	£20,000

The above are examples of the manner by which the members benefit generally from their membership of the E.T.T.A. Add to this the amount of £35,000 to be spent annually on national coaching and it will be seen very clearly that the current income from affiliation fees of £20,000 p.a. is only a small contribution in relation to the overall cost and the benefits received.

The requirements of the E.T.T.A. for the immediate future, until the next increase in fees at least, is very broadly as follows:

Additional administrative staff		
Salaries	12,000	
Expenses	2,000	14,000
Two additional coaches		
Fees	9,000	
Expenses (net)	4,000	
Annual inflation 10% (admin. costs only)		13,000
General additional expenditure		10,000
		£46,000
Less:		
Sports Council grants towards certain of above expenditure	£25,000	
Net increase in fees required		£21,000

A most important point to keep in mind is that the increase in fees will not become effective until the season 1980/81, whereas at least half of the above additional costs will be incurred in the current, 1979/80 season and will take some time to pull back.

## National Club League SEALINK ENTER TABLE TENNIS SPONSORSHIP

Milton Keynes Table Tennis Club, who have applied to join the Premier Division of the new National Club League organised by the English Table Tennis Association and due to start in September, announce that it has secured a major sponsorship contract with Sealink U.K. Limited, Europe's biggest car ferry operator.

The Company, who operate over 50 vessels and cover over 10 major Continental shipping routes, each of which is rail connected and road linked with Europe's principal autoroutes, plan to invest £5,000 in the club for the 1979/80 season.

The money will be used to further promote the sport in the area and to secure some of the country's top players so that the club will be in a position to push for National Honours if and when it is accepted into the new super league. Said Chris Hillan, Public Relations and Publicity Officer, Milton Keynes Table Tennis Club, "This new sponsorship deal is a great boost for the sport in this country. Firms are becoming increasingly aware of what table tennis has to offer as a spectator sport and I fully expect new sponsorship deals to be soon set up, not only in Milton Keynes but also nationally".

First move of this new sponsorship package is to rename the club — Sealink Milton Keynes — and the ultra-modern leisure centre at Bletchley will be the location for home matches. The centre has top class playing facilities and seating for over 500 people.

Said Chris Thompson Walker, Sealink's Marketing Services Manager, "Table tennis is a family sport which projects a good clean healthy image. We are in the business of carrying families and table tennis sponsorship could give us a sound return for our investment. I also know that Milton Keynes has been the location for some of the world's top tournaments this year and this has created a tremendous local interest. Our sponsorship now allows this level of play to be seen on a regular basis in the new city. Considering all the commercial possibilities, we feel justified in supporting such a venture".

### NOTE:

Sealink U.K. Limited also operate 10 domestic routes — to Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Wight and on Lake Windermere. In 1978 Sealink, which is the brand name of a consortium of ferry operators comprising Sealink U.K. Limited, French Railways, the Belgian Maritime Transport Authority and the Dutch Zeeland Steamship Company, carried some 18 million passengers, 2 million cars and 21,000 coaches. Sealink U.K. Limited is also a partner in the Manxline Heysham-Douglas, Isle of Man passenger/vehicle ferry service.

## Revised Senior Rankings

Desmond Douglas and Jill Hammersley justifiably retain their No. 1 positions in the end-of-season ranking lists issued by the National Selection Committee. But moving up to the No. 2 men's position replacing Nicky Jarvis is Lancashire's John Hilton whose performances in the recent world championships bettered those of the Clevelander.

Biggest drop is that of Paul Day who, despite his selection in the Pyongyang party, goes down from No. 8 to No. 14. On the distaff side Angela Mitchell moves up from No. 10 to No. 7 and Helen Williams from No. 12 to No. 9.

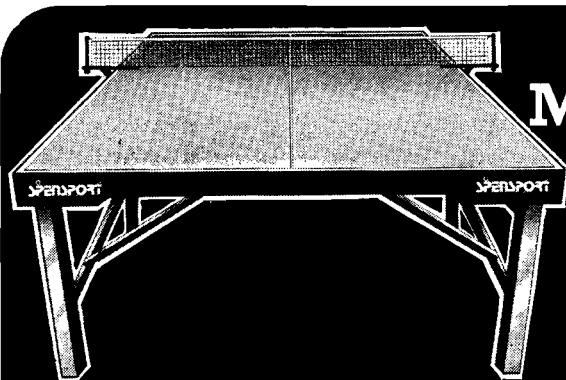
Out from the previous list are David Wells (18), Denis Neale (19) and David Newman of Essex (20) together with Angela Tierney (Cv) (14) from the women's list. The new rankings (previous positions in brackets) are:-

### Men

1. Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
2. John Hilton (La) (6)
3. Nicky Jarvis (Cv) (2)
4. Jimmy Walker (Cv) (3)
5. Donald Parker (La) (4)
6. Mark Mitchell (Mi) (7)
7. Dougie Johnson (Wa) (5)
8. Alan Fletcher (Y) (9)
9. John Dabin (K) (10)
10. Graham Sandley (Mi) (16)
11. Colin Wilson (Mi) (12)
12. Maxwell Crimmins (Sy) (14)
13. Kenny Jackson (E) (13)
14. Paul Day (Ca) (8)
15. Bob Potton (E) (17)
16. Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (11)
17. Keith Richardson (Ca) (—)
18. Richard Jermyn (He) (—)
19. Peter McQueen (Cv) (15)
20. David Barr (Bk) (—)

### Women

1. Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1)
2. Karen Witt (Bk) (2)
3. Anita Stevenson (Le) (4)
4. Carole Knight (Cv) (5)
5. Linda Howard (Sy) (3)
6. Melody Ludi (Y) (6)
7. Angela Mitchell (Mi) (10)
8. Mandy Smith (Bk) (7)
9. Helen Williams (Mi) (12)
10. Suzanne Hunt (Li) (9)
11. Alison Gordon (Bk) (11)
12. Karen Rogers (Le) (8)
13. Sally Midgley (Y) (13)
14. Lesley Radford (E) (—)



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### SUPER DIVISION

1979  
 September 27  
 Hungary v Poland  
 Czechoslovakia v France  
 Yugoslavia v Sweden  
 Germany FR v England  
 October 11  
 Hungary v Yugoslavia  
 England v France  
 Sweden v Germany FR  
 Poland v Czechoslovakia  
 November 14  
 England v Yugoslavia  
 November 15  
 Germany FR v Hungary  
 France v Poland  
 Czechoslovakia v Sweden  
 December 6  
 Hungary v Sweden  
 Germany FR v France  
 Poland v England  
 Yugoslavia v Czechoslovakia  
 1980  
 January 17  
 France v Hungary  
 Sweden v Poland  
 Czechoslovakia v England  
 Yugoslavia v Germany FR  
 February 14  
 Czechoslovakia v Hungary  
 France v Yugoslavia  
 England v Sweden  
 Poland v Germany FR  
 March 13  
 Hungary v England  
 Sweden v France  
 Yugoslavia v Poland  
 Germany FR v Czechoslovakia

### DIVISION 2

1979  
 September 27  
 Wales v Spain  
 Belgium v Denmark  
 Ireland v Finland  
 Switzerland v Norway  
 October 11  
 Norway v Belgium  
 Finland v Denmark  
 Switzerland v Spain  
 Ireland v Wales  
 November 15  
 Belgium v Switzerland  
 Spain v Finland  
 Wales v Norway  
 Denmark v Ireland  
 December 6  
 Switzerland v Wales  
 Finland v Belgium  
 Norway v Denmark  
 Ireland v Spain  
 1980  
 January 17  
 Wales v Finland  
 Belgium v Ireland  
 Spain v Norway  
 Denmark v Switzerland  
 February 14  
 Wales v Denmark  
 Switzerland v Finland  
 Norway v Ireland  
 Spain v Belgium  
 March 13  
 Finland v Norway  
 Ireland v Switzerland  
 Belgium v Wales  
 Denmark v Spain

## PING COMMENTARY

by JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent  
 "THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"

The overcrowding of fixtures, tournaments old and new, continues unabated, so, it is not surprising that the European Table Tennis Union has "agreed" that pressure should be brought on the E.T.T.A. to run the Norwich Union International Championships every other year to alternate with the Stiga Welsh Open.

What I would like to know is whether or not the continental body has the power to enforce their

wishes on England and Wales in the face of what should be total resistance?

Following my comments on the Welsh Open's press facilities and Roy Evan's reply, I hope that I shall not find hordes of angry Welshmen waiting for me at the Severn Bridge on the next occasion, because I had the nerve to criticise! My remarks represented the national press men at Cardiff, not just myself and it is only by airing views publicly and without acrimony that improvements can be made. Fleet Street expect up-to-the-minute results from all the major international events. Cardiff has now reached that status, so let's not think in terms of an Anglo-Welsh war, just fast results and please no unscheduled breaks in the programme for dinner, leading to midnight finals.

## WORTHING JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winners in the Worthing Junior International Championships were —

**Boys' Team:** FRANCE  
**Girls' Team:** ENGLAND  
**Boys' Singles:** S. KOVAK (Yugoslavia)  
**Girls' Singles:** M. SMITH (England)  
**Boys' Doubles:** DAUGARD/DOLLERIS  
**Girls' Doubles:** BIBAUT/GERMAIN  
**Mixed Doubles:** SANDLEY/GORDON

Owing to pressure of space a full report with pictures will be held over until the September/October issue of T.T. News.

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HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

**SHETLER TO RETIRE**

Well, all right, I agree I was wrong in criticising the entry of the second senior mixed team. They gave me the best possible answer to my criticism in winning all their matches to take the Division 3 (SM) championship ending with a 7-3 win over Oxford. The team went through the season unchanged with Steve Kitcher (Portsmouth), Dave Large (Basingstoke), Chris Wilshire (Southampton), Ann Longland (Southampton) and Kathy Conlan (Basingstoke). The problem now is that presumably the first team will take advantage of the promotion place in the second division next season. If this, as is likely, is the Southern Division it will mean them being opposed to the higher-rated teams of counties they have lost to in the Third Division this Season and frankly being on a hiding to nothing each time. The situation is not helped by the possible absence from the County scene of Keith Summerfield and Chris Shetler. A disastrous day for the Hampshire veterans' first team in their final match against Avon. A win, or even a narrow defeat would have given them the championship and a place in the play-offs. The result a 1-8 reverse — hay ho!

In the inter-town league Bournemouth won the mixed division, Basingstoke the men's and Portsmouth the veteran. Aldershot won both the junior divisions.

Now a round up of the various closed tournaments. Strange how everyone seems to have their tournaments around the same time with three, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester all on the same day. Surely there should be some contact between the various Associations so this does not happen. Don't they know some players play in more than one league?



SERINA SINANAN

First the Gosport and Fareham Closed played at the St. Vincent Activities Centre at Gosport. Bob Cox (HMS Centurion) won the men's singles beating Steve Barker (Fareham) 25, 15 in the final. Good to see about 75% of the entries were from juniors in this men's singles. Wendy Lewis retained her women's singles title with a -18, 10, 14 win over Di Winmill. In the juniors Steve Billmore knocked out No. 1 seed Mark Saywell in the semi before beating Graham Toole 14, 21 in the final. Julian Richards beat Darren Woods to win the U-15 event 18, 14. The veterans' singles winner was Brian Compton who beat Albert Winmill 10, 13 in the final. A close men's doubles final ended with Barker and Keir Donaldson beating John Dubber and Toole 17, -11, 19. Another close set gave Barker a second title when he partnered Geraldine Robinson to win the mixed against Dubber and Di Winmill -17, 15, 19.

Record entries for the Portsmouth Closed at Wimbledon Park. In the men's Ray Lush, the holder, went out in the quarters to Stuart Langridge. Stuart went on to reach the final by beating Len Plant while Alan Willcock beat Andrian Lee at the same stage. Alan won the final 15, 17 to regain a title he last held in 1970. Community Centre players Serina Sinanan and Angie Gilbert contested the women's singles finals with Serina confirming her county number 1 ranking with a 18, 11 win. Toole beat Mark Saywell 19, 13 to take the junior singles after reversing his defeat in the Gosport event by beating Steve Billmore in the semi. Inevitably Lush won the veterans' event. Ged Holly being his final victim 20, 15. In the men's doubles Steve Barker and Bob Cox beat Steve Billmore and Lee 17, 11. Angie Gilbert and Mary Barron took the women's doubles beating Hazel Clemett and T. Kneller -14, 11, 11. Miki and Serina Sinanan knocked holders Ray Lush and Mary Barron at the semi-final stage of the mixed and went on to beat Bill Martin and Angi eGilbert 19, 19 in the final.

The Southampton Closed was held again at the University Sports Hall. The Title holder of the men's singles Phil Brown (Snows) went out in the third round to Steve Kitcher (Four T's) but he in turn went out to the surprise package of the tournament, junior John Roberts (Alpha) in the quarters — John having beat seeded John Summerbell (Four T's) earlier. Keith Summerfield (Alpha) beat Gary Longland (Four T's) in the quarters and knew too much for Roberts in the semi. In the other half Chris Shetler (Snows) beat Jason Creasey (Lyndhurst) and Martin Abbott (Lyndhurst) beat Trevor Smith (Lyndhurst) and his bat! Abbot beat Shetler in the semi. In the final Summerfield took the first 21-10 and looked odds on for his third title but Abbott had different thoughts and won the next two 17 and 7!! to take his first championship.

Three out of the four women in the semi from Four T's Club with Marie Gaul beating Christine Vines and Ann Longland getting the better of Junior Bev. Nicholson after losing the first. The final was all one way with Ann winning 11, 11. Sumerbell made up for his men's singles defeat by beating Roberts -17, 15, 16 in the junior singles. The veterans title went for the first time to Dennis Sheppherd who beat the holder and Snows club mate Maurie Shave -12, 17, 17. If Maurie had won his third title on the trot he might have improved his No. 5 ranking in Southampton! In fact, he led 10-2 at the change round in the third but Dennis came back well to win and is now threatening to retire! I hope he is not serious.

An all Lyndhurst final to the men's doubles with Abbott and John Robinson beating Smith and Creasey 13, 18. Leslie Jerram and Ann Longland had a close final victory over Marie Gaul and Christine Vines in the women's doubles, -14, 14, 21. Sumerfield had some consolation for a disappointing tournament when he partnered Leslie Jerram to a mixed doubles victory over Kitcher and Ann Longland 17, -20, 9.

On the Winchester finals night Chris Wilshire retained his men's singles title with a 16, -19, 13 win over Gary Longland. Christine Davies picked up two titles beating Ann Longland in the singles 15, 15 and combined with Phil Brown to win the best final of the evening, the mixed, against Gary and Ann Longland -13, 16, 19. In the men's doubles George Philpott and Harry Sprags beat

Ken Giles and Wilshire 19, 15. These two also contested the veterans' final with Philpott retaining his title 13, -19, 17. John Summerbell comfortably retained his junior title beating David Meskell 18, 7.

In the local leagues Merton regain the Bourne mouth first division after last season's lapse. Planets won a close battle with Fareham White to take the Gosport and Fareham division 1. In Portsmouth Wyath "A" proved too consistent for V.R.S. Ltd. in the first division. Lyndhurst "A" retained the Southampton John Jaques premier division title. Fate meant that Lyndhurst opposed their closest rivals Snows in the last match, Leaders Snows needed only a draw to take the title but Lyndhurst were in complete control to "whitewash" their opponents 10-0. Winnall are the new Winchester division 1 champions holding off a challenge from the holders Hursley. In the national club knock-out competition V.R.S. Ltd. of Portsmouth went down 1-8 to the same team, British Rail of Plymouth, as had earlier knocked out the Southampton champions Snows. The score however, did not do justice to V.R.S. for six sets went to three and many close in the third.

I have just heard that Chris Shetler has decided to retire from table tennis and must put pen to paper to express my respect for his career in table tennis. A loyal player for Snows, he was given a job by that Company originally because he was a good table tennis player. He has now progressed with them to be their sales director and the work involved is one of the main reasons Chris has now decided to stop playing. With Snows he has won the Southampton premier division on five occasions. Chris won the Southampton junior singles in 1966/7 and the men's singles in 1971/2 and 1972/3 together with numerous doubles titles. At Hampshire level he won the junior singles in 1967/8, the men's singles in 1974/5 and 1977/8 and four men's doubles titles. He has been a regular player for both Southampton and Hampshire first teams. For a young player no one could be a better example of dedication, endeavour and temperament as well as his obvious ability. I hope your retirement is a temporary one Chris!



CHRIS SHETLER

Finally my commercial! The Four T's one-star tournament will again be held at Southampton University on Sunday, Sept. 16. Entry forms from Mr. R. Bennett of 54 Brookwood Road, Millbrook, Southampton. (Tel. 781201).

## NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

### UNUSUAL FEATURE

With the season now appearing to last for thirteen months in every year, it gets increasingly difficult to cover all the events flooding into the latter part of the season's activities, and our Editor — George Yates, is to be congratulated on the expertise with which he chronicles world table tennis affairs, when even parochial happenings seem too extensive for Northants Notes.

The most unusual feature of the month, was the successful attempt, on Friday April 13, by the Wellingborough Coaching Club, to get an entry in the Guinness Book of Records, with three teams of three players, pitting their skills against three Sitco Robot machines, kindly loaned for the occasion by John Preston of J.E.P. Sports, Bishop Stortford, whose enthusiasm also led him to take part in a team completed by Dave Marsh and Raylee Marchant. The second team comprised Mark Raven, Glennis Hooper and Alan Hawes, while the third was made up of Michael Hawes, Pete Lancaster and Brian Wooding.

The supervisors were Ken Marchant, Northants County Chairman and E.T.T.A. Councillor, and Peter Kendall the Wellingborough and District League Secretary, who both stayed the twenty four hour course, as the players alternated thirty minutes playing, thirty minutes ball retrieving and thirty minutes resting. With the machines programmed to feed thirty three balls per minute, three machines ejected a total of 142,560 balls, with each player completing an average of 15,840 strokes during their allotted time.

At 8 p.m. on Saturday 14th April, nine weary players emerged, not quite triumphant, for the Sitco Robots were still going strong, when they were finally switched off, and so the epic struggle concluded with honours even.

Earlier in April the respective T.S.B. Squads of Northants and Norfolk had competed for the Trustee Savings Bank of Eastern England Trophy, at the purpose built St. Neots Table Tennis Centre, but not before Rod Marchant, the T.S.B. Squad Coach, and Les Rayment the Norfolk County Coach had directed two hours of training on ten tables.

In the challenge match, both Counties fielded full squads, and the final result was a draw, so the trophy duly presented by Mr. Peter Hackin, the Marketing Manager for the South Western Region of the Trustee Savings Bank, who was accompanied by two personality girls, will be shared, with Northants, who won the toss, holding it for the first six months.

The St. Neots Table Tennis Club Ladies Committee laid on a superb tea for both sides and all the officials, entirely in keeping with the splendid efforts made recently by such a go-ahead league.

Rod Marchant, whose achievements in the Wellingborough League, and in Northants County circles, are so numerous as to be almost legendary, and who currently plays in London's Willesden League with equal success, is again in the news for achieving the status of a 2-Star Diploma Coach, after recently completing an official assessment, and so follows in the footsteps of father Ken, who was the first Northants recipient of this highly-rated coaching award.

Tina Coleman, who died so tragically last year, was remembered recently when the Tina Coleman Memorial Rose Bowl, presented to the County Association by her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Coleman, was competed for, for the first time.

Jane Nicoll and Ann Lenton became the first winners after nearly four hours play, and Mrs. Lenton's success was particularly appropriate — for she had partnered Tina to a record nine Kettering Women's Doubles successes and eight victories in the corresponding Northants County event during the period from 1957 to 1967.

Well though Mrs. Lenton played, however, it was almost certainly the calm approach and determined attitude of her young partner, Miss Nicoll, which carried the day against co-finalists Mandy Wallis and Marcia Bane.

### Semi-finals:

M. Wallis/M. Bane bt Glennis Hooper/Jane Wallis 18, 21;

A. Lenton/J. Nicoll bt Anne Wallis/Caron Wallis 17, 16.

### Final:

Mrs. Lenton/Miss Nicoll bt Miss M. Wallis/Miss Bane -13, 17, 18.

Four other tournaments brought the season to a close in a flurry of activity, with most of this concentrated at the Junior end of the table tennis world. The oldest established of these competitions is most certainly the Rothborough Invitation Handicap, and with its excellent entry and the diversity of ability of the players reaching the finals, it proved one of the most successful to date. There were ninety four entries, with group winners including Keith Nicoll (-12), Steve West and Graham Feakin (-6), John Horne (-5), while at the other end of the scale there were Bob Jones and Caren Wallis (+5) and Gary Taylor on +12. In the event Keith Nicoll was unable to defend his title because of school examinations, leaving spin specialist John Horne to take the honours.

### Doubles Final:

Steve West/Mark Barratt (2) bt Bob Jones/Paul Egan (12) 18, 18.

### Singles Semi-finals:

John Horne (-5) bt Mark Nannery (9).

Chris Millman bt Caren Wallis (15).

### Final:

Horne bt Millman.

The Rothborough Club also organised the biggest tournament in the County, when at Lodge Park, Corby, nine tables were kept in use for eleven hours before the six events were concluded.

Top of the bill in the Under-17 Singles final were yet again Keith Nicoll and Tim Chamberlain, with Nicoll reversing last season's result and confirming his County and Wellingborough successes. In the other singles events, Graeme McKim proved what a useful acquisition he is going to be by beating Paul Egan in the U-15 final, which turned out to be the best of the day, and being extended only by Robert Allen in the U-13 competition.

### Results:-

#### U-17 Singles Semi-finals:

Keith Nicoll bt Neil Knatt 10, 15;

Tim Chamberlain bt Ken Nicoll 18, 21.

#### Final:

Nicoll bt Chamberlain 15, -13, 9.

#### U-15 Singles Semi-finals:

Graeme McKim bt Mark Nannery 12, 6;

Paul Egan bt Steve Kendall 18, 17.

#### Final:

McKim bt Egan 15, 17.

#### U-13 Singles Final:

McKim bt Louis Mann 3, 9.

#### U-17 Doubles Final:

Tim Forster/Knatt bt Chamberlain/Nicoll

-18, 20, 17.

#### U-15 Doubles Final:

Malfait/Terry Cardwell bt Neil Ridge/Peter Tribe

11, -17, 13.

#### U-17 Handicap Singles:

Caron Wallis (15) bt Chamberlain (-5) 19, 24.

The increase of activity at Junior level has been most marked of late, but unfortunately it does draw attention to the lack of suitable coaches, and if the enthusiasm of these newcomers is to be maintained and their standards improved, more coaches will have to come forward to swell the ranks of those currently unable to stem the tide of youngsters keen to make progress.

The Corby Junior League continues to prosper, and the Kettering Junior League has just completed a most successful first season, indicating that the work put in by Ian Nicoll at Corby and Dick Cole at Kettering is paying rich dividends. Each of these leagues completed its seasons with tournaments recently, with the following results.

### Corby Junior League

#### U-17 Singles Semi-finals:

Gary Smith bt Graham Ball 19, -19, 17;

Graham Carter bt Terry Cardwell -17, 12, 21.

#### Final:

Smith bt Carter 13, 21.

#### U-14 Singles Semi-finals:

Paul Egan bt Andrew Kimbell 14, -12, 17;

Mark Nannery bt Jane Nicoll 19, -22, 19.

### Final:

Nannery bt Egan 17, -21, 14.

### U-17 Handicap:

David Adams (5) bt Nannery (1) -15, 20, 17.

### Mystery Doubles:

Paul Murphy/Kimbell bt Egan/Ian Berryman 18, -19, 17.

### Kettering Junior League

#### Queensberry Road Garage Singles:

Stephen Rogers bt Kevin Bird 9, 19.

#### Handicap Singles:

Rogers (-3) bt Graham Ayres (Scr) 19, 20.

#### Mystery Doubles:

Andrew Fensome/Simon Foster bt Rogers/Jackie Brown -16, 19, 19.

Meanwhile the senior leagues have been drawing to a close, with Rothborough "A" thanks to some splendid performances from Gary Alden and Keith Nicoll, retaining the Wellingborough Division One title, and Kettering Town "A" just making it four wins in a row in the Kettering Premier Division.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### FATE KNOWN

Having won the Division II East title of the County Championships, Cambridgeshire will now be invited to the promotion "play-offs" on April 28/29 and by the time these notes are in print they will have known their fate. Cambs achievement in winning their division is all the more notable when one realises that they lost their top player Paul Day who is now a professional in West Germany. Their success has been a real team effort with all the players winning vital sets in one match or another.

Keith Richardson and Mick Harper, the only survivors of their previous championship wins in 1974-75 and 1975-76, have shouldered the burdens thrust upon them by the departure of Day and they have responded brilliantly. Both players have won eight of their ten singles and have also partnered each other in four doubles victories out of five. Geoff Davies who filled the gap vacated by Day, has won six of his 10 singles, which included a vital win over Richard Jermyn in the last match decider against Hertfordshire.

Joanne Palmer, a junior last season, is still inexperienced at this level, but is fast learning to bridge the gap. She won two of her five singles. The second woman's position was occupied by Valerie Scripps at the beginning of the season and she won both singles in the opening matches. Her decision to retire at the end of the season meant that the county had to look to the future and 16-year-old Jane Hunter made her first team debut. She was an immediate success, partnering Joanne to a brilliant doubles win against powerful Essex that earned Cambs. their first point against this county. In all she won one of her three singles and two of her three doubles in partnership with Palmer.

The second team almost made it a double celebration but one defeat against Hertfordshire II meant that they finished runners-up in Div. III East for the second successive season. Brian Richardson and Chris Brewer were the experience in the men's section, while the Juniors, Robert Swift and Andy Withers, had their first taste at Senior level with great success, both winning 75% of their singles. The two Valerics — Parkes and Scripps — occupied the women's positions in most matches and added their usual solidarity to the team.

Cambridgeshire juniors completed their fixtures for the season with a convincing 8-2 victory over Gloucestershire at Soham. Only the left-handed Andrew Golding posed any problems for the home county. He won both his singles over Withers and Gary Jordan. This win gives Cambs six points from six matches and a final position of fourth from seven teams in Div. II Midland. In the Gloucester match Mandy Judd and Tracy Fisher won their singles comfortably while Withers and Jordan besides winning a singles each over Morgan and Griffin respectively were well supported by Robert Swift who won both his singles over Morgan and Griffin. Withers and Swift were

successful in the doubles over Golding and Griffin.

In the Cambs League, Soham I, the leaders of Div. 1 were hard-pressed by St. Ives, and indeed it was their closest match of the season, and only scraped home 6-4. St. Ives matched the leaders set for set to 4-4 but a singles win for Brian Richardson over Alan Smith and a doubles win for the Richardson brothers saw Soham home. Mick Palmer had his worst evening for years and failed to win a single set but three wins for Keith Richardson and two for brother Brian gave Soham the edge.

Former county player for Bucks, Les Wooding, won two singles for St. Ives. Second-placed New Chesterton Institute I also struggled to a 5-5 draw against lowly placed Y.M.C.A. I. Reg Wain scored a maximum for Y.M.C.A. while John Jeffs and John Loker had wins over the luckless Ken Green. Torchbearers I, leaders of Div. II were without Tom Gawthrope and lost 4-6 to Press II but still stayed at the top of the division. Swavesey had a 7-3 win over Haverhill and stay behind Impington II. Herbert Robinsons 3-7 defeat at Melbourn condemns them to the third division next season along with Y.M.C.A. II.

In Div. IIIB, University I have completed their fixtures and now have to see if they are to become divisional champions. Only the Police can overhaul them with four matches to play but have two tricky ones against Impington III and Soham V, the two teams immediately below them, who also have a chance of the runners-up spot. Saffron I and Swavesey II continue neck and neck in Div. IVA and when the two teams meet at the end of the season it may be the vital fixture. Swavesey's 7-3 win over Impington V had its shaky moments. With the score at 5-3 Clive Hannant led Swavesey's Hurst 20-11 and still lost!

If there was an award for perseverance it should go to Telephones VI in Div. VC who finally got off the mark with an 8-2 win over Fulbourn Hospital. Not only had they lost their first 16 matches but they had only managed to win 9 sets. Enderby who had won eight of their 9 sets and Downham who had won the other, both managed maximums while Plumb managed his first win of the season. To complete a record breaking match Telephones also won the doubles!

In the S.E.M. League Cambridge have avoided relegation from Div. I in the Men's Section with a thrilling last match decider against Bedford. Cambridge needed at least to draw to stay up but went one better to win 6-4. Albert Jackson won both his singles against McConnell and White and also combined with John Thurston to win the doubles. Mick Byrd, a last minute substitute, played his part by beating White and also winning the other doubles with David Tiplady. Thurston completed the scoring with a win over David Rawlinson which means that Bedford are now relegated along with Wisbech. In the Veterans' Section Cambridge had wins over Kettering and R.A.F. 7-3 and 6-4 respectively and so have almost certainly won the league.

Cambridgeshire's "under-14" team completed the double over Northamptonshire with a 7-3 win at Kettering. James Frost and Julian Wheel both won their singles including wins over former-Norfolk player Graham McKim and they also combined to take the doubles. This pair are still undefeated in county match doubles this season, both at "under-14" and "under-17" level. Cameron Alexander completed the scoring for the boys, while Mandy Judd, new in the national ratings, had a straight-games win over Jane Nichol.

Results:-

J. Frost bt I. Hawes 15, 18;  
bt G. McKim 12, 20.  
J. Wheel bt McKim 12, -20, 19;  
bt O. Bishop 15, -16, 17.  
C. Alexander bt Bishop 13, 15;  
lost to Hawes 19, -14, -12.  
A. Judd bt J. Nichol 18, 13;  
R. Hunter lost to J. Wallis 11, -17, -22.  
Frost/Wheel bt Hawes/McKim 20, 15.  
Judd/Hunter lost to Nichol/Wallis 19, -20, -15.

The Cambridge League Handicap Knock-Out Trophy Final is an all-Soham affair with the club's first team playing their sixth. Both semi-finals were one sided affairs, Soham I beating Soham IV 5-1 and Soham VI beating Saffron Walden I 9-0.

In the S.E.M. League, Cambridge Juniors finished their season in fine style beating Kettering 8-2. Out of six matches played Cambridge have won four and lost two, ending up with 35 points as compared with last season's relegation result of 20 points. Individual results are as follows:-

	Sets played	Won	Lost
Mandy Judd	12	6	6
Rachel Norris	3	1	2
Cameron Alexander	12	5	7
David Scarle	3	0	3
Julian Wheel	18	13	5
Andy Withers	6	6	0

#### LATE NEWS

Soham I have again won the championship of Div. I in the Cambs. League for the eighth consecutive season. Press IV have clinched the Div. VB title.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all the committee of the Cambridge T.T. League also the Committee of the Cambs T.T. Association for all the hard work they have put in during the past season which has been most successful.

#### PROFILE — TONY BROTCHE

For over 20 years Tony Brotschie has been the competitions secretary and treasurer of the Cambs League. He has filled this position admirably and being at the "beck and call" of every Club Secretary he takes it all with the utmost calmness and efficiency. At all Executive Committee Meetings he gives a complete unbiased picture of all the problems of the League involving claims, fines, league tables and various other problems. He keeps immaculate records of all matches and his records are always up to date for easy reference. Besides being a most efficient secretary he is a more than average league player and although he now is past the veteran stage he still causes many problems to even the best of players. Currently playing for the Shire Hall with success he is a past member of the Cambridge Fire Service team for whom he played with success enabling them to reach the 1st division at one stage. A very likeable personality he, of course, is the target from all angles — he deals with these most effectively! May he not think of retirement just yet as his will be a position so hard to fill. Well done Tony!

#### DERBYSHIRE NOTES

by Malcolm Allsop

##### MIKE YALLOP DIES

Pride of place this month goes to Chesterfield Boys who reached the semi-final of the Carter Cup, with Stephen Young producing a match winning performance against Milton Keynes in the quarter-finals.

Young won his 3 sets, and one apiece from Paul Wilson and John Barton was enough to give Chesterfield victory at 5-4.

David Rayner was "man-of-the-match" when Chesterfield Y.M.C.A. met Barwell in the zone final of National Club's Championship, and his victory over Paul Randell was vital in a 5-1 win for the Chesterfield team.

The sudden death of Mike Yallop on March 20 was a sad loss for Derbyshire table tennis, his family and many friends. Mike was an inspiring influence upon all who came into contact with him, with his Club, St. Andrews, the Derby League and the Derbyshire T.T.A. of which he was Vice-Chairman until his decision last year to cut back upon his activities. The Derby League Headquarters resulted from his period as Chairman of the Derby League, and typically he was there on the night prior to his fatal heart attack. I am sure that everyone will join me in sending condolences to Mavis Yallop, sons David and Stephen.

Stephen and David showed the family fighting spirit when they took St. Andrew's 1st into the Final of the Walter Reeves Memorial Challenge Trophy, where they will meet Lancaster 1st.

A new venture in Derby was an end-of-season Spring Super League, with the top 16 players competing in eight teams of 2, playing four singles and one doubles, each to be the best-of-five game sets. I am sure there will be some tired players grateful for the season to end!

The Derbyshire Challenge Cup, a handicap

knock-out team event has reached the semi-final stage, and the draw is Tupton 3rd (Chesterfield) v St. Andrew's Maulers (Derby) and Derby Lancaster 2nd (Derby) v Royal Oak (Burton).

Mick Close was the surprise winner of the Burton Men's Singles title (well he told me he was surprised?) when he beat Mick Fisher 13, 16 in the final.

Miss D. Smith (Central) beat Mrs. E. Merrick (Parker St.) to win the Women's Singles title, whilst Mark Harvey (Hill St.) beat top-seeded Graham Allsopp (Geary) 16, 16 to win the Junior Singles.

Jack Street had an easy passage to the Veteran Singles final, but lost to Hill St. teammate Jim Farrington -20, 13, -13, who had a hard-fought passage.

Steve Farrington and Chuck Kyles won the men's doubles with victory 21, -15, 12 over Redfern and Close.

Mrs. Merrick and J. Broomfield teamed up to win the mixed doubles -23, 16, 14 against H. Jones and Miss Smith.

A party from the Burton League will be spending a table tennis holiday in Guernsey this Summer, and the spirit and enthusiasm of the Burton League is riding high.

Congratulations to ten-year-old Andrew Henry upon winning the U-11 event at the Cleveland 'Select' which I hope will lead to more successes, whilst I understand that Sarah Padley (10) and David Smedley (9) have made promising starts in the Chesterfield League.

Although the weather is ensuring a late finish to the League programme around the County, speculation is high looking towards next season. There is likelihood of the Derbyshire Closed Championships being sponsored by a Derby Sports Company, and this could bring a boost to a competition which has not been receiving enough support for some years.

A new Club is being formed, the Derbyshire T.T.C., with membership open to all players who have represented Derbyshire at County level. The Club will play exhibitions or challenge matches to raise money for Clubs or the D.T.T.A.; have regular get-togethers; and increase interest in County matches. Details are still being discussed at the time of writing, but anyone interested is asked to contact me at 12 Abbey Hill Road, Allestree, Derby.

#### SURREY NOTES

by Ted Simpkin

##### BREAKTHROUGH NIGH

The technological innovation, news of which was foreshadowed in a previous issue, is approaching the breakthrough point. Plans are now at an advanced stage, and it is hoped that, subject to the agreement of its A.G.M., the Guildford League will be using its computer-produced ranking list before the commencement of the new season. The ranking list to be proposed will be able to show the result of fluctuations in form, and the effect of above or below par performances in tournaments, as it is updated throughout the playing season. It should, once it has been refined in the light of experience, serve as a tool of management and of organisers, making seeding more exact, and produce the always welcome controversy without an element of which no league will go on from strength to strength.

Guildford's annual individual tournament again took place in the hospitable surroundings of Surrey University, and the 2-day event, this time most efficiently organised by Mike Gorman, was again the high spot of this League's activities. Competition was as sharp as ever, and the showpiece was the final of the Hard Bat, in which ace defender Cliff Keene kept his reflexes going in a very narrow victory over Ramesh Ballah.

There was a new champion, overall, in 17-years-old Stephen Woodgate who came through as No. 1 seed to hit past a very creditable runner-up in Robin Denman. Suzanne Roebuck made a welcome return to honours by taking the women's title in yet another of the many battles she has had over the years with Jayne Mitchell. Mike Barratt was too good for the always high standard

Paul Brooks in the Veterans, but the pair of them were outclassed by Doug Newall and Harry Spraggs in the senior doubles.

The Intermediate events saw a lot of new faces engaged in the closing stages, and, surprisingly not all from the U-17's this time. Winners were, Jim Estel over Mark Handcock, and John and Tim Boxall over Hammond and Tony Bartlett, and it was particularly pleasant to see Bob Hammond for long a key man in the management committee, push through to a medal.

Youthful charm of a very high order was abundantly evident in the final of the women's doubles in which Sally Conway and Clare Gibbs beat Kim Merritt and Michele Bland. The mixed title went to Mike Fisher and Jayne Mitchell over Steve Conquest and Sue Roebuck, and newcomers Rob Williams, with Cliff Keene, failed to clinch the men's doubles from Conquest and Fisher. This last mentioned event is not producing the excitement of the finals we used to see regularly from such players as Jack Harrington and Eric Grabiec!

There was keen battle in the lower division events, in which Martin Ringrose beat Richard West, and the same two combined unsuccessfully in the doubles final against the two Jones's, M. and L. in a tense match.

Keith Mantell writes that due to the exceptionally large player entry for the Sutton and District League's 'Closed' in February, it was found necessary to continue the tournament on Sunday, Apl. 1. Unfortunately a small number of players were unable to attend on this later date, but it is very doubtful that anyone would have succeeded in upsetting the magnificent play of triple winner Emil Emezc.

In the main singles event, Emezc showed no mercy to Chris Harper in the semis and little more to his final opponent Dave Crowley. Partnered by Zenon Schramm in the doubles event, with a win over Harper and Crowley in the final, Emezc took his third title by defeating Schramm in the veterans.

Because of the superiority displayed by Emezc, the best final of the day from a spectators' point of view was in the Youths' singles event won by Steve Davis over Lee Farrier, 19 in the third. The "restricted" singles, not open to first division players, resulted in a win for Mick Leggett over his doubles partner Nick Chandler.

John Garland reports that all titles changed hands in the Thames Valley League's finals held at Kingston Grammar School on Apl. 6. The showpiece of the evening was the men's singles final in which Steven Silver, playing at his brilliant best took the title from John Garland 18, 16 with an excellent display of controlled hitting. The match produced some very exciting rallies and with Steven in such good form John was forced to attack at every opportunity. It is unfortunate for the League that Steven will be missing next season as he is due to go to university.

The women's singles final brought the junior prodigy Michele Hams, still only 13, up against the experienced Gail McCulloch who proved to be far too steady winning 9 and 11. Young Michele seemed overawed by the occasion and never seriously challenged Gail who took the women's crown for the first time.

Paul Smith and Peter Hards took the men's doubles title 16 and 17 against Kelvin Lum and Gary Walker in a match that Paul was able to totally dominate with his excellent forehand loop attack. Rallies were often short as both pairs tried hard to get the winning kill but the play was very fast. The mixed was won by Keith Preston and Gail McCulloch 17, 21 in an open game against Garland and Sue Walker.

Steve Kovacs took the veterans' title at his first attempt with a comfortable 16, 15 victory over Hards. The Junior final produced an excellent attacking match between two very promising players Nicky Hoare and Michael Hammond. Nicky was greatly handicapped by an injured foot, but he played a very sensible attacking game to come safely through 13 and 18. The other two matches played were the men's singles semis in which Silver, visibly nervous, was forced into a long 3-gamer before eventually overcoming the defensive wiles of Frank Hams 18, -17, 15. Kevin Allen, true to form, produced some great shots,

but after losing the first game -17 faded, allowing Garland to take the second at 13.

The presentations were made by Eddy King, Managing Director of TSP Sports, the well-known table tennis goods manufacturers to whom the league are indebted for his assistance.

This is my last contribution from the notes compiler as I wish to hand over to a more energetic news gatherer and one who can more easily afford the time to get about and glean the news from a publicity-shy county. I look forward to reading his or her contributions.

## ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

### NICE ROUND-OFF

The main event on our calendar, the Halex Essex 3-Star Open, with dual support from Birstow Eves and Barclays Bank Ltd., has been very successfully concluded and a fuller report on the tournament appears elsewhere on these pages. Organiser Vic Russell can be well satisfied with the overall slick organisation of this excellent affair and referee and assistant referee Mike Watts and Alan Shepherd with assistance from Dick and Val Roffe on the control table really kept things going well.

In the County Championships, our Premier team rounded off the season nicely with fine victories, 5-4 at Cardiff against Glamorgan with Bob Potton, Kenny Jackson, Dave Newman and Elaine Foulds each winning a singles plus a fine doubles win for Bob and Dave. Against Berkshire at Reading we won 7-2 with two debutantes in Kevin Caldon and Elaine Sayer playing very well. Kevin and Elaine each won a singles and together the mixed while the old firm of Potton and Newman notched their doubles and Bob won 2 singles with Dave winning one.

The final match against Warwickshire was also won 5-4 at the well-appointed venue at Thurrock Generating Station. Potton and Newman were once again in excellent form and instrumental in our final victory, both won two singles each while Dave, in the mixed this time won with Elaine Foulds, Kenny having a blank sheet in this one.

Our Senior 2nd team had a good 7-3 win over Bedfordshire with the men Caldon, Tony Penney and Andy Bawden in rampant mood. Full details (Essex players first) were:-

K. Caldon bt R. Chambers 8, 14;

bt S. Barby 7, 15.

T. Penney bt Barby 16, 22;

bt J. Wooliscroft 8, 14.

A. Bawden bt Wooliscroft 19, 15;

bt Chambers 18, 14.

Jane Glasscock lost to Jackie Bellinger -20, -18.

Elaine Sayer lost to Barbara Hammond -16, -17.

Caldon/Penney bt Barby/Chambers 8, 11.

Glasscock/Sayer lost to Bellinger/Hammond

18, -7, -16.

Our Junior Premier team entered the final fray at St. Neots with relegation hanging over them and this plus the non-availability of Skylet Andrew — away in Holland with the national side — (an inappropriate time one would have thought for a junior international match) spurred our team on and to their great credit they performed marvellously to earn one win and three draws. All the squad played well as the results show but one must single out Desmond Charlery who carried all our hopes. Des finished a very tired boy but he really played magnificently and, as always, was the perfect gentleman on and off the table.

Our Junior 2nd team has been a little out gunned in Div. 2 (South) but have stuck to their task well. The Junior 3rd team went out in a blaze of glory defeating Herts II 8-2 and then a really superb 7-3 win over Suffolk. In this one John Sparks pulled off the 'win of the season' against Julian Hall coming from behind, 3-14 down in the third, to win.

Robin Lang, another success in the team, also retrieved a large deficit to win his set. Greg Clement, Linda Crawford and Karen Buckledee were the other members of the successful team.

The Veterans finished their County programme

in good style. The 1st team defeated Leicestershire 6-3 at Japan Road, but Brian Mayfield played well at No. 1 for the visitors and won both his singles in 3 close games. The 2nd team had a resounding victory over Sussex 9-0, although it must be said the latter were without their No. 1, Peter Shead. Ray Murray came in for Fred Lockwood, unable to play on account of business commitments, and did well. The duo of Mike Watts and Bobby Raybould kept their record of 100% averages for the season and must be praised for this consistency in their first season of veteran County play.

Both teams thus finished runners-up in their respective divisions, but the 2nds atoned for their defeat by Hants II earlier in the season by consistently good results thereafter and were able to overhaul all but Middlesex, the holders of the trophy.

On the Schools front Lister Comprehensive School, Newham (Debbie Taylor, Julie Askem, Tina Cook and Margaret Wilson) have won the National Schools Girls' U-16 Championship while in the English Schools Individual Championships Skylet Andrew finished a creditable third in the Boys' U-19 event but little known 9-years-old Lisa Haydon from Brentwood was runner-up in the Girls' U-11 event — a pointer for the future we hope.

Finally I would like to thank three of our retiring executive members who are not standing for re-election next season namely Pat Dukes (Chairman), Ian Whiteside (National Councillor) and Ron McKenzie (Senior Match Secretary) for all their efforts on the County's behalf. I, personally, have sat on many committees at both league and county level with Pat and Ian and over the years both have assisted me with their wise counselling.

## BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

### GREETED WITH DISMAY

The relegation of our Premier Division side has been greeted with dismay in Berkshire table tennis circles. With three matches to play there was a chance of escape and the position was considerably improved by a storming win over Middlesex. Unfortunately the unavailability of several of our top stars, due in the main to international calls, cost us the last two matches against both Yorkshire and Essex. The irony of the situation is that the recognition that our players have received at the highest level has undoubtedly cost us our place with the elite counties of England.

The selection committee have played safe this season and have chosen teams in accordance with the Berkshire ranking list although the absence of stars in key matches has given them the chance to blood new talent. Andy Wellman must qualify as our player of the year. He has added a new dimension to his game and at his best can now trouble the best in England.

The second team have also had selection difficulties but the reserves have generally acquitted themselves well.

The junior Premier side had some fine results and in David Barr we had a reliable and highly talented No. 1. The second team's performances were inconsistent and a great deal of work is needed by our local coaches if the present level of expertise of our top junior squad is to be maintained.

Reading took their departure from the Wilmott Cup when they were well beaten by North Middlesex 6-0.

Omega of Reading are still pressing onward in the National Club tournament. Their squad does not look strong enough to win the competition but they have played very well to reach such an advanced stage of this event. The experience gained at this level should help them in next season's new National League. While on the subject of this new league, both Bracknell and Maidenhead Leagues have expressed a very positive interest in this new venture. Any member of the County Committee will be pleased to advise



and provide information to any league or club as to the rules and regulations.

Although the leagues have now finished and promotion and relegation issues have been resolved there is still plenty to interest our players this summer. Several sides from abroad are due to parade their talents locally. Bracknell's twin town in Germany, Opladen, are due to bring a senior and junior squad over at the end of May, and Reading are entertaining a strong side from Sweden in the near future.

The absence of Andy Wellman, who had not played the required number of league matches, left the way open for Simon Heaps to record his hat trick of men's singles successes in the Reading Closed. Andy had adequate compensation, a week later when he retained his Berkshire Closed title at Simon's expense.

#### Reading Closed Results:-

##### Men's Singles:

S. Heaps bt D. Barr 16, -19, 14.

##### Women's Singles:

T. Vallis bt C. Basden 19, -19, 8.

##### Men's Doubles:

J. Stokes/Heaps bt Barr/D. Gloster 15, 18.

##### Women's Doubles:

A. Burke/L. Green bt V. Harmsworth/R.

Purseglove 15, 16.

##### Mixed Doubles:

Stokes/J. Collins bt P. Quoilin/Burke -18, 10, 18.

##### Veteran Singles:

D. Jones bt B. Halliday 18, 10.

##### Senior Veterans:

J. Freeman bt V. Harding 17, 19.

##### Boys' U-17:

Barr bt Gloster 12, 14.

##### Boys' U-15:

P. Halliday bt M. Barr 18, 22.

##### Boys' U-13:

Halliday bt M. Childs -21, 11, 23.

##### Boys' U-11:

J. Stokes bt P. Andrews 11, 13.

##### Boys' Doubles:

D. and M. Barr bt P. Halliday/Childs 6, 14.

##### Girls' U-17:

Burke bt Collins 18, 10.

##### Girls' U-15:

Collins bt J. Andrews 15, 12.

##### Girls' U-13:

L. Green bt Andrews 13, 12.

##### Girls' U-11:

J. Cutler bt A. Fiander 8, 13.

##### Girls' Doubles:

Burke/Green bt R. Champion/Collins -16, 17, 23.

##### Divisional Champions:

R. Holliday (2), C. Childs (3), S. Hopkins (4),

S. Rowland (5), S. Kirton (6), S. Kirton (Youth).

#### Berkshire Closed Results:-

##### Men's Singles:

A. Wellman bt S. Heaps 11, 19.

##### Women's Singles:

C. Reeves bt K. Conlon 17, 10.

##### Men's Doubles:

Heaps/J. Stokes bt B. Hill/R. Kozlowski 16, 11.

##### Women's Doubles:

C. Basden/J. Collins bt R. Purseglove/Reeves

17, -16, 18.

##### U-21:

Wellman bt R. Wells 18, -19, 19.

##### Veteran Singles:

C. Dyke bt R. Wells 18, -19, 19.

##### Boys' Singles:

D. Collins bt T. Duffield 10, -17, 14.

##### Girls' Singles:

P. Townsend bt Collins 9, 14.

##### Boys' Doubles:

Collins/Duffield bt S. Kirton/S. Pullen -19, 15, 13.

##### Girls' Doubles:

Collins/S. Kilford bt J. Andrews/Townsend 16, 18.

##### Consolation Boys' Singles:

P. Halliday bt M. Childs 11, 18.

##### Consolation Girls' Singles:

S. Collier bt Andrews 14, 14.

#### South Oxon Closed Results:-

##### Men's Singles:

B. Halliday bt R. Halliday 16, 14.

##### Women's Singles:

S. Haddroll bt T. Grant 12, 4.

#### Men's Doubles:

Holiday/K. Ashley bt I. Schwartz/P. Nash

-18, 15, 13.

#### Veteran Singles:

B. Halliday bt Ashley 11, -12, 21.

#### Junior U-17:

A. Grant bt I. Mead 11, 8.

#### Junior U-15:

Grant bt K. Liquorish -16, 16, 16.

#### Junior U-13:

P. Halliday bt M. Childs 19, 17.

## MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

### TRIPLE MISSED

In the County Championships, the triple title has, once again, eluded us. Both our Junior team (in the Premier Division) and our Veterans won their titles without losing a match, including the play-off for the Veterans'. We are extremely proud of both our young and old 'uns and will obviously have to wait another year for the triple crown. We are hoping that our President, Sir Graham Rowlandson, will be pleased enough with our efforts to give a celebration reception to the two victorious teams.

The Middlesex Closed Championships took place at Queensmead Leisure Centre on 18th March and with the 4 top men unable or unwilling to take part, we have a new name on our Men's Singles trophy. We had a total of 145 competitors which is not bad, I suppose, but with a County the size of Middlesex I would have thought that more players would have been interested in taking part in their own Championships.

Both the Men's and the Boys' Singles and the Women's and Girls' Singles involved the same players in the Finals but honours were even with all 4 players involved winning one title each. Seven out of the eight semi-finalists in the Senior events were juniors which bodes well for the future.

The final results were:-

#### Men's Singles:

John Souter bt Marton Les 13, 12.

#### Women's Singles:

Mandy Reeves bt Helen Williams 17, 12.

#### Men's Doubles:

David Jemmett/Bryn Tyler bt Souter/Neil

Stratton 12, 19.

#### Women's Doubles:

Reeves/Williams bt Margaret Cherry/Mary Symes

17, 16.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Souter/Reeves bt Costas Papantoniou/Williams

14, -15, 8.

#### Boys' Singles:

Les bt Souter 19, -16, 15.

#### Girls' Singles:

Williams bt Reeves 9, 11.

#### Veteran Men's Singles:

Alan Lindsay bt Babs Adedayo 17, 9.

#### Veteran Women's Singles:

As there were only 3 entries, this was played as a group with Mary Symes winning and Margaret Cherry coming second.

As this is the last edition of Table Tennis News for this season, may I wish everyone a nice warm summer to make up for the winter we have all had to put up with, so that they are fit and well to start on their table tennis activities in the autumn.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

### NARROW LOSS

The County first team narrowly failed in their bid to finish the season in style when, on March 31, they lost 4-6 to Lincolnshire at Spalding.

Northumberland did well in the women's events, with Kit Cheung producing an excellent performance to emerge undefeated from the match. She won her singles against Angela Gunthorpe in straight games, and also had a comfortable win in the women's doubles with Barbara Kearney, who extended England-ranked Suzanne Hunt to three

games in her singles before losing. Andrew Clark beat Brian Allison in straight games, and Frank Mitchinson took three games to finally triumph over Mick East, but unfortunately no further sets were forthcoming.

The team must now wait for the Cleveland v Durham result, which will decide whether or not they stay in Div. 2 (North).

The juniors, with Alistair Collin making his debut as a last minute replacement for Philip Kolvin, fared even worse in their match against Lincolnshire juniors at Caistor. They lost 0-10, although one or two sets did go the distance. However, with John and Christine Burke and Neil McMaster all still available as juniors next season, there is obviously great potential in this team, which should surely reflect in results of future matches.

The Northumberland League season should have officially ended on March 30, but several teams still have matches outstanding due to adverse weather conditions and the N.U.P.E. dispute. However, one startling result saw the defeat of Briarside 'A', undefeated league champions for the past three seasons, by Byker C.C. 'A'. Byker's 6-4 win saw the sets equally shared between Malcolm McMaster, Chris Shepherd and Ron Kettlewell, while for Briarside, Andrew Clark was unbeaten and with Steve Robinson was also successful in the doubles. Unusually, Frank Mitchinson, the County No. 2, failed to win even one game.

The Tyne and Wear Section of the All-England Schools Championships were recently held at South Moor School, Sunderland, and Neil McMaster (Benfield) and Martin Schapira (RGS) were both successful in the U-16 and U-14 competition respectively. They will now travel to Gloucester for the National Finals on April 28.

The Tyneside Summer League season is due to start on May 7, and 89 teams from 52 clubs will ensure another intensely competitive season. An interesting addition this season will be a Cadets' U-14 League of three Divisions, with teams of two playing two singles each and a doubles on the lines of the Women's Knock-Out Cup; these matches, involving a total of 16 teams, will be held on Saturday afternoons in order to avoid any clashes with the main League programme.

The County Association Supper Dance and Presentation of League and Cup Trophies will take place on Friday, May 11, at Parrish's "Highlight Suite", and it is expected that a good night will, as usual, be had by all. Our thanks once again go to Bill and Lily McMaster for the organisation of this popular function.

## NORTHUMBERLAND CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nine out of the eleven events contested at this year's championships — held at the excellent new venue of Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington, on April 21 — saw new names emerge as eventual winners.

In the absence of Andrew Clark owing to university commitments, it was second-seeded Frank Mitchinson who performed consistently throughout to take the men's singles title for the first time. His surprise final opponent was Chris Shepherd, only seeded No. 8, who had played well to inflict an 8, 11 defeat on fourth seeded Peter Whiteman in his semi-final match. Bill Dial, the No. 10 seed, was the other shock semi-finalist, but he eventually succumbed to Mitchinson 9 and 18.

The women's singles predictably went to Barbara Kearney, now back in England for good after three years of residence in Australia. This half of the draw failed to produce any real surprises, with Judy Davies, the No. 3 seed, reaching her allotted place in the semis before losing. All the excitement occurred in the bottom half, with holder Pauline Jackson, seeded No. 5, taking out No. 2 seed Kit Cheung 22 in the third in the quarters, and then losing in three games to a much improved Julie Hobson, seeded No. 7, who had her path to the semi-final made easier by Nancy Kirsop's late withdrawal from the tournament. However, Barbara's class in the final proved to be too great, but all credit to Julie on her performance in reaching this final for the first time.

The men's and women's doubles events were littered with scratchings for various reasons, including both holders Dial and Fred Short, and Pauline Jackson and Nancy Kirsop, plus second men's doubles seeds Shepherd and Malcolm McMaster. The men's doubles was eventually won by Charlie Robertson and Ken Lawson (the latter also taking the veterans' singles title), who were only seeded No. 15, while Barbara Kearney and Kit Cheung predictably won the women's doubles title over unseeded pair Shirley Laver and Christine Tweddle. The mixed doubles title was retained by Mitchinson and Susan Norris, which was some consolation for the latter after losing her junior girls' U-17 singles title, which was eventually taken over by Susan Yeung.

Susan, however, could not repeat her success in the cadet girls' U-14 event, with top seed Christine Burke retaining her title fairly comfortably. The junior boys' U-17 final between Nigel Jobling and John Burke produced a close and exciting match, with the former winning 20 in the third; while in the cadet boys' U-14 singles, with Neil McMaster being a non-starter, the way was clear for top seed Martin Schapira to come through against surprise finalist David Oxley.

And finally, in the individual handicap event readers of this column are forgiven if they think they are seeing double. The chances of two players with the same name appearing in a handicap final from an entry of 153 must be remote, but Michael Watson from Eldon Square and Michael Watson from Ashington duly fought it out, with the Eldon Square player eventually winning 18 in the third.

**Results:-**

**Men's Singles:**

F. Mitchinson bt C. Shepherd 6, 17.

**Women's Singles:**

B. Kearney bt J. Hobson 7, 13.

**Men's Doubles:**

K. Lawson/C. Robertson bt J. Jackson/J. Russell 14, 16.

**Women's Doubles:**

Kearney/K. Cheung bt S. Laver/C. Tweddle 14, 10.

**Mixed Doubles:**

Mitchinson/S. Norris bt M. McMaster/J. Davies -16, 18, 11.

**Veterans' Singles:**

Lawson bt D. Lawrence 6, 13.

**Junior Boys' Under-17 Singles:**

N. Jobling bt J. Burke 18, -15, 20.

**Junior Girls' Under-17 Singles:**

S. Yeung bt K. Buglass 17, -17, 19.

**Cadet Boys' Under-14 Singles:**

M. Shapira bt D. Oxley 22, 18.

**Cadet Girls' Under-14 Singles:**

C. Burke bt Yeung 18, 13.

**Individual Handicap:**

M. Watson (+7) bt M. Watson (+10) -18, 17, 18.

**LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES**

by P. Taylor

**SPLENDID SEASON**

Congratulations to all our county teams for a splendid season. Three of our teams won their divisions, the veterans — Veteran East, Junior 1 — Junior 3rd North and Junior 2 — Junior 3rd East. The junior 1st team were rather fortunate to win their division as they had dropped 3 points but with Cheshire 2 failing to play Northumberland, Cheshire 2 lost 10-0 and this meant that Lincs won the division. The veterans won their division without the loss of a single point although in the last match Matt Shearer lost his unbeaten record being undefeated by Brian Mayfield of Leicestershire. Connie Moran won all her singles without the loss of a single game.

Unfortunately, the date of the Veteran Challenge clashed with the date our No. 1 Peter Skerratt had to go into hospital for an operation on the hand he injured last year. With all due respect to his replacement Tony Patrick, the loss of a class player such as Peter severely weakened our chances in this event and our Lincs team lost to both Middlesex and Nottinghamshire but beat Avon. The senior team also did well finishing with

their highest number of points for many years in 2nd Div. North.

The Butlin Cup was still unresolved after the match between the two contenders resulted in a draw. Not finishing until 11.30 p.m., the match between Spalding and Grimsby was closely contested. Jean White for Spalding won all her singles and also took the doubles with Mary Burgess. However both Connie Moran and Gillian Sharpe beat Mary and Monica Green with Pauline Hale also beating Monica to earn Grimsby a draw. The league then depended on the result of the Grantham - Spalding match. With the match not being played, the Management Committee had to award the match to Spalding 10-0, Grantham being the cause of the non-fulfilment of the fixture. This gave Spalding the title on rubber average. The final tables are as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>HAIGH</b>							
Wyberton .....	7	7	0	0	56	14	14
Grimsby .....	7	6	0	1	53	17	12
Louth .....	7	5	0	2	44	26	10
Gainsborough .....	7	3	0	4	39	31	6
Lincoln .....	7	2	1	4	25	45	5
Grantham .....	7	2	0	5	32	38	4
Boston .....	7	1	1	5	19	51	3
Scunthorpe .....	7	1	0	6	11	59	2
<b>BUTCHER</b>							
Wyberton .....	9	8	1	0	71	19	17
Grimsby .....	9	7	0	2	67	23	14
Louth .....	9	5	1	3	47	43	11
Lincoln .....	9	5	0	4	53	47	10
Grantham .....	9	4	1	4	40	50	9
Gainsborough .....	9	4	0	5	36	54	8
Stamford .....	9	3	1	5	41	49	7
Mablethorpe .....	9	2	2	5	37	53	6
Boston .....	9	2	1	6	33	57	5
Spalding .....	9	1	1	7	25	65	3
<b>BUTLIN</b>							
Spalding .....	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Grimsby .....	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Lincoln .....	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Boston .....	4	0	1	3	11	29	1
Grantham .....	4	0	1	3	11	29	1

On the coaching side, Dennis Worrell and myself are running a coaching course at Lincoln from Monday, 23 July to Friday, 27 July, 1979. It will be similar to the Teessport course and a Stiga robot and a video will be used to supplement the coaching. There is room for about 20 players and the cost is £20.00. Anyone interested in a week's coaching should contact Dennis and get further details. His number is Lincoln 683027.

Finally the 3rd and 4th issues of the News Report are out. Your league secretary should have your club copy so contact him/her if you have not received it. To all those who have copies make sure you let other people read it as well.

**STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES**

by Jack Chalkley

**SOUTH DOMINATE**

The final round of matches in the Premier Division of the County Junior Championships was the clash between the northern and southern counties at St. Neots. The southern counties dominated the event, and Staffordshire, although unbeaten with a 100% record against the northern counties, could only manage one point from their four matches to finish in fifth place above Essex, Cheshire and Cleveland. Although a disappointment, it has to be remembered that they were without top players Andrew Bellingham (playing in an international match on the same weekend) and Shirley Cain (holidaying in America) and at least they survived to fight again for top honours next season. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to emphasize the foolishness and unfairness of playing international junior matches on the same weekend as counties are each playing four matches for the premier position. One player absent weakens all three team positions as well as the doubles.

I journeyed down to St. Neots with the team and I must congratulate the host club and association on the splendid way in which they staged the event, particularly in having to organise

it at late notice. I had mixed feelings about the advisability of playing so many matches in one weekend — it gives no opportunity for confidence to be regained after a shattering defeat or for a player to recover from an off-form patch — and I am not sure whether there is that much saving in costs. However, I was assured by the players that they prefer playing the matches this way, and I suppose it gives them more opportunity to mix with their contemporaries and compare playing standards and styles.

Paul Barnett came in at No. 3 to replace Bellingham and did well to register a win in his first set against Ian Attridge of Essex 21-19 in the third. Although they found Desmond Charley far too quick for them, it was a good team effort with Andrew Dixon, Stuart Richards, Jill Harris and Barnett each winning a singles. Stephanie Hadley joined up with Jill Harris to record a good win in the girls' doubles to give us our one point of the weekend and Stephanie was desperately unlucky to lose -20, -20 to Debbie Taylor and miss out on a 6-4 win. On the day, top teams Middlesex and Surrey were far too strong for us in the next two matches, Staffs losing 8-2 in both cases. Stuart Richards had a close victory over P. Stratton (Middlesex) and followed it with a win over Stephen Holloway of Surrey who is ranked No. 10 in England. Dixon and Barnett gave us a doubles win against Oakley and Russell of Surrey and the other win against Middlesex was a walk-over due to Helen Williams being unwell.

We were hopeful of gaining further points against Berkshire in our last match, particularly since Yorkshire had taken two points from them earlier in the day. Despite a good start with wins from Dixon and Barnett over David Gloster and Iain Fullerton, Richards just failed to make it 3-0 losing to England No. 3 David Barr -23, -23, and from there we fell away, losing the next seven sets in a row and finishing with a win by Richards over Fullerton. A combination of frustration and tiredness seemed to set in, typified by the match which Barnett played against Gloster. Leading 17-11 in the third, Paul allowed Gloster to come back and win the next ten points in a row to take the set and match. Jill Harris could do little to shake the England No. 1, Mandy Smith, losing -16 and -14.

Team manager Wilf Hadley was reasonably satisfied with the performance at the end of the day. The team had held its own in the top division and we would've stood a good chance of gaining third position with a full team. We had given younger players Stephanie Hadley and Vicki Bellingham a chance to play at top level and we were still in a position to give up-and-coming Staffs players the opportunity of playing premier table tennis next year.

The "not quite final" tables in the County League are given below. Bob Carr, in his first season as league secretary, reports that he has had a lot of trouble trying to complete the fixture list particularly in the top division. West Bromwich and Walsall appear to be the main culprits, but really, whoever is at fault, it is inexcusable for top teams and top players to behave in this way. Why enter the teams? They set no example to lower teams or to younger players and are asking for stern action to be taken against them. It also gives no encouragement to new administrators to give up the time to organise the leagues only for them to be turned into a shambles — in part anyway.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
<b>Division 1</b>						
Wolverhampton 'A' .....	6	5	1	42	12	10
Potteries 'A' .....	6	5	1	34	20	10
Potteries 'C' .....	6	3	3	22	32	6
Stone 'A' .....	4	2	2	18	18	4
Walsall 'A' .....	4	2	2	17	19	4
West Bromwich 'A' .....	4	1	3	12	24	2
Potteries 'B' .....	6	0	6	17	37	0
<b>Division 2</b>						
Stafford 'A' .....	6	5	1	33	21	0
Darlaston 'A' .....	6	4	2	35	19	8
Wolverhampton 'C' .....	6	4	2	32	22	8
Wolverhampton 'B' .....	6	4	2	31	23	8
Walsall 'B' .....	5	2	3	16	29	4
Cannock 'A' .....	6	1	5	20	34	2
Leek 'A' .....	5	0	5	13	32	0

P W D L F A P

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton 'D'	6	5	1	0	45	15	11
Stone 'B'	6	5	1	0	43	17	11
Cannock 'B'	6	3	0	3	31	29	6
Potteries 'D'	6	2	2	2	30	30	6
Darlaston 'B'	6	1	2	3	27	33	4
Walsall 'C'	6	1	2	3	23	37	4
Bridgnorth 'A'	6	0	0	6	11	49	0

Division 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leek 'B'	7	7	0	0	59	11	14
West Bromwich 'B'	7	6	0	1	48	22	12
Stafford 'B'	7	3	2	2	39	31	8
Cheadle 'A'	7	2	3	2	36	34	7
Stafford Vets.	7	3	0	4	32	38	6
Wolverhampton 'E'	7	1	2	4	28	42	4
Darlaston 'C'	7	1	2	4	22	48	4
Bridgnorth 'B'	7	0	1	6	16	54	1

Division 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford 'C'	7	7	0	0	62	8	14
Lichfield 'A'	7	5	1	1	55	15	11
Cannock 'C'	7	3	1	3	30	40	7
Lichfield 'B'	7	2	2	3	32	38	6
Stone 'D'	7	3	0	4	31	39	6
Stone 'C'	7	3	0	4	27	43	6
Stafford 'D'	7	2	0	5	25	45	4
Cheadle 'B'	7	0	0	7	8	62	0

The progress of the smaller leagues is heartening. With Stone holding their place in Div. 1, they are now joined by Stafford and Darlaston. Leek and Cannock were unable to keep their position in Div. 2, but Cannock 'B' gained 3rd place in Div. 3 and Leek 'B' won Div. 4 convincingly. Stafford won their second league title by an unbeaten run in Div. 5 and although newcomers Cheadle 'B' propped up the league, their 'A' side gave a good account of themselves in Div. 4.

## AVON NOTES

by Robert Oldfield

### FINAL DISAPPOINTMENT

The final disappointment to the season came with the news of Hants Juniors' victory in Division 3 West of the County Championships. With Avon and Devon II equal on sets (34-16), but Avon on top on games ratio, Hampshire leap-frogged them both with two successive 8-2 victories to take the promotion spot with a 35-15 sets ratio.

Meanwhile the Veterans travelled to Barnet for the divisional play-offs on Apl. 7. Although without success the team of Mike Baker, Ken Watts, Keith House, John Morris and June Watts returned home after an enjoyable day out.

In the County Closed, at Weston-super-Mare on Apl. 22, Martyn Smith reached five finals failing only to take the men's doubles, by four points. It was a day when Martyn's great improvement this season could be seen, taking him well clear of any other contenders for the No. 1 spot in Chris Sewell's absence.

Results:-

#### Men's Singles:

M. Smith bt R. Oldfield.

#### Women's Singles:

M. Hooker bt T. Shortman.

#### Veteran Singles:

M. Baker bt K. Watts.

#### Men's Doubles:

A. Brown/A. Creed bt G. Mildred/Smith.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Smith/A. Seager bt Brown/D. Vowles.

#### Women's Doubles:

L. Porter/Seager bt G. Sandford/Shortman.

#### Boys' Singles:

Smith bt P. Riley.

#### Girls' Singles:

Shortman bt Sandford.

#### Boys' Doubles:

N. Baldwin/Smith bt P. Barnes/Riley.

Not only did this tournament provide an opportunity to shine but in recent times Martyn has been more successful nationally, beating three players above him in the national rankings including England No. 4 Desmond Charlery of Essex. And a success story on the girls side for a change with Rebecca Russe reaching the final of the Area U-14 tournament to give her the chance of obtaining a national ranking.

The week following the Avon Closed, Martyn wrapped up the Bristol Closed beating John Hartry of Somerset in a close final. An early casualty in this men's singles event was Brian Reeves who failed to reach any final for the first time in fourteen years. He lost to Avon No. 4 Lloyd Stewart before Stewart lost to Weston Y.M.C.A. teammate Hartry in the semis.

In the girls' singles the fair-sized crowd saw yet another thrilling encounter between the top two Avon girls Geraldine Sandford and Tina Shortman, this time a reverse result to the Avon being obtained with Geraldine winning 'deuce' in the third. Four titles for the Veteran 'master' Mike Baker this season winning the Mendip, Bath, Avon and finally the Bristol closed titles.

Results:-

#### Men's Singles:

M. Smith bt J. Hartry.

#### Women's Singles:

H. Gore bt P. Reeves.

#### Men's Doubles:

A. Brown/Smith bt R. Bowden/B. Brady.

#### Women's Doubles:

D. Gardner/Gore bt L. Hamlett/T. Shortman.

#### Boys' Singles:

Smith bt P. Riley.

#### Girls' Singles:

G. Sandford bt Shortman.

#### Veteran Singles:

M. Baker bt K. Watts.

In the Closed of the County's smallest league, Weston, Doreen Henderson's sessions at Worle School with her team of coaches paid rich dividends and the tournament was dominated by the younger players. Simon Fletcher won the men's singles and Rebecca Russe the women's.

A slightly unusual occurrence in the leagues this season with all four being dominated by one team who secured both the league and cup double in each case. In Mendip the team was Y.A.A. "A" (Mike Baker, Colin Tincknell, Doug Gerrish and John Chivers); in Weston the Y.M.C.A. "A" team (Ray Philpott, Roger Morris, Joe Garland, Norman Baker, Chris Purslow, Tony and Rebecca Russe); Bath, Fry's "A" (Kevin Satchell, Mike Baker, Graham Brown and Colin Tincknell); Bristol Failand "A" (Brian Reeves, Colin Feltham and Rob Oldfield).

And so to the close season, at least for some. The Selection Committee issued the following end-of-season ranking list and will be interesting to note any changes when the players re-assemble in September:-

#### Men

1. C. Sewell
2. M. Smith
3. R. Oldfield
4. L. Stewart
5. A. Brown
6. R. Sewell
7. C. Mason
8. J. Higgs

#### Women

1. Helen Gore
2. Anthea Seager
3. Muriel Hooker
4. Linda Porter
5. Joan Luckwell
6. Helen Pogmore
7. Judy Cruse
8. Tina Shortman

#### Boys

1. Martyn Smith
2. Philip Riley
3. Andrew Creed
4. Nick Baldwin
5. Peter Barnes

#### Girls

1. Shortman
2. Geraldine Sandford
3. Rebecca Russe
4. Gillian Sage
5. Dawn Whittaker

## NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

### RECORD EQUALLED

At the Norwich Closed Championships held at the University of East Anglia Sports Centre, 18-year-old Douglas Bennett won the men's title for the fourth year in succession to equal Alan Coby's record set up in the 60's. Wendy Hogg regained the women's title after an exciting final against Jean Brown.

Results:-

#### Men's Singles:

D. Bennett bt R. Thornton 11, 14.

#### Women's Singles:

W. Hogg bt J. Brown -20, 11, 20.

#### Boys' Singles:

P. Ninham bt R. Stevenson 16, -18, 19.

#### Girls' Singles:

S. Browne bt F. Chipperfield 6, 12.

#### Men's Doubles:

P. Durrant/Bennett bt S. Howlett/D. Henderson 15, -20, 10.

#### Women's Doubles:

Brown/E. Fletcher bt J. Moore/ L. Kowalski 2, 12.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Hogg/Durrant bt Brown/R. Mitcham 16, 17.

#### Veteran Singles:

C. Honor bt D. Hardy 16, 19.

#### Handicap:

G. Fryer (26) bt I. Griffiee (32) 41-33.

The Fakenham and District league's championship were staged at R.A.F. West Raynham by permission of the station's commanding officer, Wing Comdr. Peter Masterman. In the men's singles, Jim Defty (British Legion 'B') beat his team-mate, Richard Mussett. Sue Hazel (British Legion 'B') retained her women's crown with a win over Mary Ashmore (Gt. Ryburgh 'A'). Thanks must go to the tournament organiser Mr. Colin Human who worked tirelessly throughout the day. Valuable assistance was given him by Chairman Mr. Bill Seed, Secretary John Hoeg and Hon. Life Vice-President Mr. Mike Mussett.

Results:-

#### Men's Singles:

J. Defty bt R. Mussett 16, 10.

#### Women's Singles:

S. Hazel bt M. Ashmore 23, 19.

#### Men's Doubles:

Mussett/D. Ashmore (Exiles) bt G. Wood/P. Farrow 18, 15.

#### Women's Doubles:

Mary and Dot Ashmore bt Sue Hazel/Maureen Haynes -19, 14, 10.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Sue Hazel/Mussett bt Mary Ashmore/Defty 12, -17, 19.

#### Junior Singles:

Nicky Franks bt Graham Hillebrandt 19, 5.

#### Veteran Singles:

B. Whittaker (Exiles) bt W. Seed (Br.Leg.A) -12, 18, 16.

#### Handicap:

Defty (0) bt David Grimes (+36) 51-49.

#### Div. 2 T.S.B. Trophy:

W. Seed bt M. Haynes (Gt. Ryburgh 'A') -13, 12, 15.

#### Divs. 3/4 Trelyn Trophy:

B. Fleming (RAF W. Raynham 'A') bt B. Allen (RAF W. Raynham 'A') 9, -16, 19.

In the County Championships, Norfolk first team (Doug Bennett, Mick Musson, Trevor Bunn, Wendy Hogg and Margaret Hales) staged an amazing comeback to clinch a draw with Suffolk and this gave them the point so badly needed to avoid relegation. Bennett had a fine win over John Kitchener.

The T.S.B. Junior second team (Richard and Martyn Stevenson, Roger Margetson, Sarah Bignell and Linda Baker) finished the season in fine style with a 7-3 away victory over Warwickshire. This first win was a delightful surprise for Norfolk supporters.

## CHESHIRE CHAT

by Dick Turner

### CHESHIRE WIN — THAT'S THE SPIRIT

Cheshire are champions. They have won the Premier Division of the County Championships for the first time ever and in their first season back up among the elite. Playing ability and team spirit have won the day for a Cheshire team that has swept the board with seven wins out of seven.

One county official commented on Cheshire's excellent team spirit following an unexpectedly heavy defeat. Only two counties came close to beating Cheshire, Middlesex at the start of the season and Glamorgan at the end, Cheshire beating both 5-4.

Other results were a 6-3 win over Essex, 7-2 wins over Warwickshire and Yorkshire and 8-1 wins over Surrey and Berkshire. Mike Johns made a great comeback at No. 3 for Cheshire to win 10 sets out of 12 and all six mixed doubles with Sue Lisle who lost only one of her six women's singles.

Nigel Eckersley at No. 1 won nine of his twelve sets and Dave Constance, at No. 2, nine out of 14. John McNee deputising once for Nigel, won one out of two. John was a consistently good performer for Cheshire's second team, losing just one singles and, with Mark Hankey, the undefeated Doreen Schofield and husband Derek helped Cheshire 2nds to win the Third Division title with maximum points.

Cheshire Thirds also came through the season undefeated with two wins and three draws, thanks to Wayne Percival, Pete D'Arcy, Ron Weatherby, Ross McFarlane, Sue Alexander and all. Cheshire Veterans took second place to Nottinghamshire but the Junior first team unfortunately found the Premier Division just too strong and were relegated. The Junior Seconds, however, were another of Cheshire's undefeated sides in one of Cheshire's best ever seasons.

The various Cheshire Leagues have been busy with their closed championships. Brian Johns, former Mid-Cheshire League player, teamed up with brother Ian in Chester. Ian was surprisingly beaten by Cheshire Junior Stephen Davies in the men's singles competition won by Brian Johns. Wayne Percival, beaten by Brian, took consolation by crossing the border into Lancashire to win the Liverpool League's closed title.

Youngsters were to the fore in Wilmslow where junior Ian Nield took the men's singles title and 13-years-old Vivian Wilson defeated veteran Eileen Edwards in the women's singles final. In the Wirral Neil Roberts defeated last season's winner Dave Roberts and in Sandbach Gordon Cartwright was a convincing winner of the men's singles. The Macclesfield men's singles produced an anti-climax when defending champion Derek Abbot gained a walk-over as Eddie Griffiths was not fit enough to play the final.

In the Halton Junior tournament two girls, Tracy Lightfoot (Crewe) and Cheryl Clarke (Warrington) were allowed to compete in the U-14 boys' doubles and did very well to reach the final. Peter Flint (Warrington) won the U-17 boys' singles title and James Treweek (Sale) the U-14 boys' singles. Karen Tonge, Cheshire's Coaching Secretary, was pleased with the large number of entries — 142. Karen has arranged junior coaching sessions on May 20, June 10 and July 25.

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

### GREAT SEASON

The 1978-79 season will surely go down as one of the best in Leicestershire's history. Not only did the first team top the 2nd Division — again — but the 2nd team lost only one match (to the strong Cheshire side) and only Lincolnshire could get the better of our juniors in the 3rd Division (East). The final match in this division was the one with Huntingdonshire which was a fine sporting encounter. Ken Chamberlain is to be congratulated on both the standard of play and sportsmanship of his young players when they visited us. It was an excellent match, full of thrilling table tennis. Richard Hayes has improved in leaps and bounds this season and gave a top-class display to again emerge unbeaten. The promising Alison Parsons also looked good and Leicestershire won their only Girl's Doubles of the season when Alison partnered the experienced Yvonne Hall to victory.

By the time this magazine is printed whether Leicestershire reach the Premier Division will be known but with the event being staged in the county (Lutterworth) the home side should not be lacking support.

A pleasing presentation was made to Bryan Hall, captain of the Veterans' team at their last match against Lincolnshire. Bryan has virtually run the team single-handed since its inception and the tankard with which he was presented was no more

than a token gesture for his efforts from a thankful County Association.

There was a good entry for the 'Leicester Closed' and there were some surprises. Perhaps the biggest was in the Men's Singles where Paul Randell showed that nobody in Leicestershire can take him lightly when he beat Chris Rogers 18, 17 in the final. Karen Rogers had things much her own way. With Anita Stevenson missing, it seemed she would have little trouble and so it proved. She easily won the Women's Singles and, with Phil Smith as her partner, annexed the Mixed Doubles as well. Chris Rogers and Grahame Hall, now a fine partnership, took the Men's Doubles in convincing style. The amazing Brian Mayfield gave another fine display. He took Randell close in the third on expedite in the Men's Singles and whilst his Veterans' Singles final with Geoff Aldwinckle also went to expedite, Brian won comfortably.

Simon Hall, who is playing quite brilliantly these days won the Boys' Singles beating Trevor Kerlake — happily fit again — in a very good set. It seemed difficult to keep the 'Halls' out of this tournament. Grahame gave a fine display against Chris Rogers in the Intermediate final whilst Yvonne played some good table tennis against the winner of the Cadet Singles, Simon Griew. Simon is now showing immense promise and has already had a couple of outings for the County Junior first team where he has continued to excel.

The Hinckley Newsletter — 'The Hinckley Loop', now in its sixth year of publication continues to flourish. Hinckley have had an excellent season in the Midland League, Division One, finishing second to Birmingham "B", who topped the chart. The second team, however, only narrowly avoided relegation from Div. 3 despite some excellent displays from Alan Philpott who won 17 of his 24 sets.

Paul Randell won the Hinckley Closed Men's Singles event, beating Maurice Newman in the final. Eileen Shaler beat Alison in the Women's Singles whilst Steve Kenney once again beat David Gannon, this time to take the Intermediates event. Steve, in fact had a pretty good day. With John Iliffe he also annexed the Men's Doubles and with Chris Sherwin won the Intermediate Doubles. Another triple winner was the immensely promising junior, Colin Jones. He beat his brother Keith in the Boys' Singles, Andrew Allen in the Cadet Singles and then partnered his brother to take the Junior Doubles.

With the Summer approaching it's time to have a rest, but for officials it will be Annual General Meetings, arranging Divisions for next season and the like. But until October — goodbye.

## WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by K. J. Moran

### CRITICS SILENCED

Time for the Regional Round-up and the "man for this season" must be Pat Glynn. This controversial character, one of the few "penholder" style players on the county scene, silenced all the critics, who thought he was lucky to win the Birmingham Closed Men's Singles, by winning the same title at the Warwickshire Closed.

At the Birmingham event after beating Barry Johnson in the semi, Pat was all set to play brother Dougie Johnson, conqueror of Barry Hayward in the other semi, in the final. Unfortunately Dougie left his foot under a falling table and hopped out of the event. In the Warwickshire Closed Pat needed no such fortune easing past Lester Bertie 12 and 7 to take the crown. "Pat the Pen" was runner-up for two other titles, losing the Men's Doubles and the Mixed. Jenny Cornock retained her Warwickshire Women's Singles title narrowly beating Karen Groves and repeating her success in the Birmingham Closed event.

Results:-

### WARWICKSHIRE CLOSED

#### Men's Singles:

P. Glynn bt L. Bertie 12, 7.

#### Women's Singles:

J. Cornock bt K. Groves -21, 16, 18.

#### Men's Doubles:

B. Hayward/B. Johnson bt Glynn/P. Judd 9, 12.

#### Women's Doubles:

J. Harper/S. Peakman bt D. Griffiths/A. Lloyd 15, -8, 22.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Judd/Cornock bt Glynn/Groves 11, -19, 18.

#### Veteran Singles:

S. Mouldsdale bt J. Peakman 19, -17, 14.

#### Boys' Singles:

Bertie bt A. Woodcock 17, 22.

#### Consolation Boys' Singles:

R. Lewis bt J. Lal 19, 16.

#### Girls' Singles:

Peakman bt Harper -16, 14, 10.

#### Consolation Girls' Singles:

C. Hastings bt J. Green 10, 8.

#### Boys' Doubles:

J. Green/Woodcock bt Bertie/R. Tanner

#### Girls' Doubles:

Harper/Peakman bt L. Bason/Green.

A good tournament for Andy Woodcock of Coventry a Junior "B" player ranked well below Bertie and Tanner.

## BIRMINGHAM CLOSED

#### Men's Singles:

P. Glynn w.o. D. Johnson.

#### Women's Singles:

J. Cornock bt K. Groves.

#### Men's Doubles:

Hayward/Johnson bt Glynn/Judd.

#### Women's Doubles:

Cornock/Groves bt Harper/Peakman.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Judd/Cornock bt Hayward/Griffiths.

#### Veteran Singles:

M. Wood bt B. Belcher.

#### Boys' Singles:

M. Wootton bt J. Froom.

#### Girls' Singles:

Speakman bt Harper.

In the Nuneaton Closed, Dick Jenkins returned to league play after a 3 year break to win the open singles. In the final he beat Andrew Bache. The Women's Singles was won by Eileen Shaler who took the title from Marion Stewart. Peter Friar retained his Junior singles by beating Bache but Bob Harrigan was not as lucky. He lost his Veterans' Singles title, after holding it for 3 years, to Alan Hayward, Eileen Shaler and Tony Nixon retained their title in the Mixed.

So near and yet so far for Andrew Bache who reached both singles finals to underline the fine form he showed, on his Junior County debut, when winning both his singles versus Leicestershire on March 10.

The results from the Stratford Closed show four players dominating the proceedings. Mandy Mytton won three titles and was runner-up for another to head the trophy list.

Results:-

## STRATFORD CLOSED

#### Men's Singles:

Ian Langston bt Andy Russell.

#### Women's Singles:

Mandy Mytton bt Jenny Williams.

#### Men's Doubles:

Langston/Russell bt John Church/Graham Poole.

#### Women's Doubles:

Mrs. Betteridge/Mytton bt Mrs. J. Roberts/  
Mrs. D. Wilkinson.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Colin Green/Mytton bt Langston/Williams.

#### U-21:

Russell bt Langston.

#### U-17:

Russell bt Mytton.

#### U-15:

Mark Langston bt Andy Stenson.

#### U-13:

Mark Langston bt Daniel Simkins.

The Coventry Closed was not, for once, dominated by Kevin Pilgrim. Only one title came his way, the Men's Doubles, However his partner and younger brother Adrian upheld the family honour with two titles including a superb win in the U-19 final over ex-Middlesex and England-ranked Junior Bryn Tyler. Bryn also had to give best to ex-Warks No. 1 Junior Mark Dexter in the men's final. Eileen Shaler added the Coventry Women's

title to her Nuneaton crown to show the worth of playing in two leagues (and for Leicestershire County!).

### COVENTRY CLOSED

**Men's Singles:**  
M. Dexter bt B. Tyler 20, 12.  
**Women's Singles:**  
E. Shaler bt Mrs. M. Lasek -22, 17, 19.  
**Men's Doubles:**  
A. and K. Pilgrim bt Dexter/Tony Pickard.  
**Women's Doubles:**  
Betty Brown/Lasek bt E. Higgs/Shaler.  
**Mixed Doubles:**  
Peter Brugge/Sue Adeane bt K. Pilgrim/Shaler.  
**Veteran Singles:**  
Bob Harrigan bt Eric Withey.  
**U-19:**  
A. Pilgrim bt Tyler.  
**U-17:**  
John Green bt Andy Woodcock.  
**U-15:**  
A. Pilgrim bt Craig Gibb.  
**U-19 Doubles:**  
Green/Tyler bt Pilgrim/Woodcock.

While all these domestic struggles took place Phil Burwell's County Premier team suffered great disappointment in the County Championships. Not only did Yorkshire claim a 10-0, for the unfulfilled fixture with them, but they lost 4-5 away to Essex. Karen Groves won yet another singles but Pat Glynn lost narrowly -18, -20 to Bob Potton. Derek Munt and Barry Hayward won one each and the doubles. However a fighting 5-4 win away to Glamorgan brought some cheer for the "green trackers". Two from dependable Derek one each from Pat and Barry and Karen and Pat took the Mixed.

Last season the Leicestershire County correspondent devoted a great deal of his column in one issue to extol the virtues of Derek Munt, his reliability, consistency and temperament. All who know Derek or have followed the County fortunes for the last few seasons will know what he meant.

Derek has now passed the milestone of 100 appearances for the County and to mark this tremendous achievement, a presentation was made to him by Warwickshire President Cyril Hames at the recent Birmingham Association Dinner Buffet/Dance. I am sure you will all join me in sending Derek sincere congratulations and a big thank you for all his efforts.

## CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Disappointment for the County Junior 1st team, who have just been pipped for the Div. 2 (North) title after heading the table for most of the season. After losing for the first time 4-6 away to Lancashire, the team needed a 9-1 win over Derbyshire in their last match to take the title on sets analysis. The 8-2 result gained however left both Cumbria and Lancashire deadlocked on sets and Lancashire finished on top by virtue of their superior games for and against average.

That crucial Lancashire match also brought the first defeat of the season for both Diccon Gray and Ian Reed at the hands of the Lancs No. 1, Paul Rainford, although it is worth mentioning that neither Diccon nor Ian were fully fit at the time both having been off school during the previous week. Diccon, Ian and Andrew Pachul scored one win each and a doubles success for the first two made up the four Cumbria wins. Lancashire's supremacy on the girls' side of the teams gave them an added edge which we were never quite able to make up.

The 8-2 result against Derbyshire was comfortably enough gained with all of Cumbria's wins, except for one, being 2-straight. Gail Smith and Janet Sephton won all their games and Diccon and Ian won both their singles. Andrew lost one of his singles and the other defeat came ironically enough in the boys' doubles when our previously unbeaten partnership of Gray and Reed went down at 19 in the third against the Derbyshire pairing of Albutt and Wilson.

The Senior and Junior II sides both had disappointing ends to the season with the seniors losing their last two matches 9-1 and 10-0 to Lancashire II and Derbyshire II respectively and the Juniors losing 2-8 at home to Durham. The Seniors in particular have had a barren season and the regulars from the last three matches, Jimmy Cummings, Eddie O'Hara and Bill Robinson are well aware that they have to be on top of their form if they are to win games, let alone matches.

Cummings, our only ever present, started off the season well enough, but the consequent lack of the right quality match play, unavailable in his local Whitehaven league, didn't help any and Jimmy is now looking forward to a week at the Teessport Summer School and the possibility of playing in the Carlisle league next season. Veteran O'Hara realised one of his ambitions when called up by the county for the first time this season and both he and Robinson always gave a 100% effort, the latter being our only winner in the last two matches and he had an excellent match against Lancashire but still only managed the one win over the Lancs No. 3 Keith Williams. Mary McPortland, who also made her senior team debut earlier in the season, looks set to be a regular in the side next season.

The Junior II team were beaten by a sharp looking Durham side whose classy looking No. 1 Boy and No. 1 Girl, N. Jobling and A. Smith, gave them an important edge. Stephen Dixon was surprisingly out of touch and Cumbria were restricted to one win each for David Archer and Mary McPortland with Tim Pachul being unlucky not to add a third when losing 22, -19, -24 to the Durham No. 2 M. Polkinghorn.

With the present Junior first team all over age for next season's campaign it was the full second team who had the honour of competing in the Junior Premier Division Promotion Challenge at St. Neots. The team put up a good show but eventually finished bottom of the six counties competing after losing 0-10 and 1-9 to the promotees, Sussex and Devon, 3-7 to Lancashire and 4-6 to both Warwickshire and Buckinghamshire.

Some good individual results were gained however and Dixon was the outstanding player with 5 out of ten singles wins to his credit including a win over the No. 9 England-ranked U-17, Paul Whiting of Devon. Tim Pachul scored three wins and David Archer, Bella Gray and Louise Brockbank one each, Archer's one win being over Lancashire's England-ranked Rainford!

### MILLOM SCHOOL JUNIOR 1-STAR

Milloom School's Junior 1-Star once again went off quite smoothly and, as reported elsewhere, both Sam Harmer and Janet Deakin comfortably defended their U-17 Boys' and Girls' singles titles. Our two main hopes in the Boys' U-17, Diccon Gray and Ian Reed, both went out early although together they captured the U-17 doubles. Kendal's Stephen Dixon made up for any lack of success in the senior event by winning the U-14 singles title with a tremendous final win over Yorkshire's England-ranked cadet, David Illingsworth, a win which will hopefully help Stephen's case for inclusion in the next U-14 ranking list.

### CARTER CUP AND BROMFIELD TROPHY PROGRESS

Congratulations to the Barrow league's two junior sides who have just played their semi-final matches in both the Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy competitions. A tremendous achievement for two teams from one league to reach so far and the Carter Cup side's win over Chesterfield, to reach the final, makes up for the heavy defeat the girls suffered away to Dunstable whose side included the Nos. 1 and 3 England-ranked cadets Jackie and Lisa Bellinger.

The boys side, Diccon Gray, Ian Reed and Andrew Pachul, the first two remaining undefeated in the win over Chesterfield, now have the daunting prospect of playing the final against the formidable team of Sandley, Wilson and Souter, the Middlesex trio who are at the top of the U-17 ranking list. The girls side, Gail Smith, Bella Gray and Janet Sephton, progressed to the semi-final stage with a very close 5-4 win over Hull and the match hung in the balance right up to the finish when Gail beat Angela Hudson 14, -18, 19 to clinch it. Gail was the star performer for the

Barrow side with three wins to her credit and Janet supported well with the other two.

### CUMBRIA OPEN 1979

Bad news with regard to next season's Cumbria 2-Star Open with the news that the calendar working party have fixed a round of the County Championships programme for the same day, October 6th. Organiser Ron Rigg has had the date booked for a couple of years now and because of this the re-arranging of a new date would have proved very difficult. The tournament will therefore go ahead as planned with the risk of losing both quality and quantity of entry and the added bother of trying to re-arrange our own County Championships matches.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Smith

### TITLES RETAINED

With the season drawing to a close, in two of the three leagues in Gloucestershire the Division I champions have retained their titles. The Gloucester championship was won by Taynton and Tibberton from the Gordon League club, while the Stroud League champions are again Nailsworth "A" with Sheepscombe runners-up.

The new champions in Cheltenham are Winchcombe "A", runners-up last season, with Civil Service "A" second.

The Gloucester closed champion for the first time is Martin Lane who beat the county No. 1 Dave Harvey 21-19 in the fifth. The women's title went to Julie Phillips, while the boys U-17, U-15, and U-13 titles went to Derek Morgan, Andrew Golding and Daren Griffin respectively. The Bryan Merrett cup for the most promising boy went to Lawrence Symonds, winner of the Glos. Schools U-11 title. Although Harvey lost his Gloucester title, he made no mistake in the Cheltenham championships, beating Worcestershire player, Steve Moreman 14, 12 in the final. Cathy Robb won the women's title, Graham Slack the boys' and Nina Tsakarisianos the girls'.

Gloucester Juniors expected to clinch the County Junior League with victory over Cheltenham in their final match, but although they fielded their strongest team including Mark Owen, the Cheltenham players had other ideas, winning 6-4 to take the championship.

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Cheltenham .....	4	3	—	1			6
Gloucester .....	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
Stroud .....	4	1	1	2	17	23	3

The county senior team finished the season with a fine 8-2 victory over an Avon team lacking the services of Chris Sewell. Chris who represented Gloucestershire as a junior has still not fully recovered from illness, and acted as Non-Playing Captain of the Avon team. We trust that he will soon be playing again.

The juniors have struggled all season in the higher division with the loss of the 2 girls Cathy Robb and Vanessa Cruwys and make the drop back into the 3rd Div. after only one season in the 2nd Division.

The Cotswold Junior Open Championships has a new venue next season, which will be the Gloucester Leisure Centre, the scene of the English Schools Individual Championships.

## KENT NOTES

by Eileen Koutikoff

### BACK IN THE PREMIER

Kent's first team have this season put the County back in the Premier Division, after a long stay in Division 2 South.

The players have had a tremendous season, winning their division comfortably before travelling to Leicester for the 'Play-offs' against the other zone champions, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Leicestershire and Wiltshire.

The Kent No. 1 and England No. 10, John Dabin, skipped the Kent team of Joey Kennedy,

Clive Morris, Andy Mitchell, Elaine Bolton and Betty Bird.

Kent were relieved to win their first match against Wiltshire on the Saturday evening 8-1, with the team of, Dabin, Morris, Kennedy and Mrs. Bird, with only the mixed going to the opposition.

They all felt the crucial Sunday morning match against Cleveland would be instrumental in their Premier place and although Dabin, Mitchell and Kennedy played their part, there was no question Betty Bird's devastating win over the England No. 8 Angela Tierney tipped the scales in Kent's direction to give them the 5-4 result they desperately needed.

With victory in sight they then had to beat the host County, Leicestershire, to ensure them that important place. The whole team played exceptionally well in this match and the cry of Joey Kennedy "Magic" was echoed by all his team mates. His tremendous wins turned the match into a fairly comfortable 7-2 result and a place in the Premier, leaving their match against Cambridge-shire no more than a formality.

The big question now is, will Kent be swamped by the International players counties such as Cheshire, Middlesex and Essex can turn out? Kent have only one International in Dabin, I sincerely hope it's enough but looking back on Kent's performance this season, 'Didn't they do well?'

## SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

### CHAMPAGNE AT LAST

Without even a junior international player for 16 years Sussex finally got the champagne off the ice when Adrian Moore (14) of Bexhill was chosen for the England squad for the Worthing Junior International championships.

So, the Bexhill combined operation of parents and coaches reached another milestone. Graham Gillett now seems to have lost his chance to be picked for England but he has blossomed into a senior county player just before he is due to cross the bridge into senior play and is a certain future Sussex men's champion.

John Clarke, the Sussex No. 2 after suffering a bad mid-season patch is finishing with a flourish after winning both the Brighton and Crawley men's singles crowns. His victim in the Crawley final was Malcolm Francis who had a great season but is now offering his services to Kent as he feels the Sussex selectors have under-rated his efforts which include winning the Seaman cup and the Hastings Tigers Open and finishing on top of the Brighton league averages.

Crawley seem to have another impressive youngster in Tina Curran. She shocked the on-lookers at the Crawley closed when she took the girls' title, beating the two top-ranked Sussex girls Julie Williams and Janice O'Brien.

Administration problems for Sussex come to a head in July when the county body have to find another secretary to replace the retiring John Goss. He will be difficult to replace and will be another case of "arm-twisting".

## DEVON NOTES

by Keith Ponting

### MIKE SHEARMAN GETS HIS JUST REWARD

At the County Senior Championships held at the Devonport Guildhall on March 18 Plymouth's Michael Shearman won the Men's Singles in his second successive appearance in the final. Last year he was beaten by Chester Barnes but this year went one better with a convincing win over club-mate Mike Short. Mike, a quiet and modest lad had played brilliantly throughout the championships and fully deserved his win.

The most exciting match was, however, the semi-final clash between Short and 12-year-old Gary Lambert from Exmouth. Gary lost the first game, took the second and was always behind in the third until drawing level at deuce. He then

held five match points only to be beaten 27-25. This match produced tremendous table tennis from both players and they fully deserved the ovation given them at the end. It was also nice to hear the applause young Gary received throughout the match.

No. 1 female Elaine Lamb regained the Women's Singles title with a straight win over Carol Butler and with Short added the Mixed by beating Paul Whiting and Carol Butler.

Lots has been said about the county's juniors but you can't keep the veterans out of the picture. This was proved by Nancy Hollywood and Barbara Pearson who must surely hold the record for final appearances, when they easily beat the Pritchard sisters, Gina and Julie to take the Women's Doubles title yet again. Paddy Shepherd and Lambert prevented a Plymouth monopoly by winning the Men's Doubles in fine style against experienced county campaigners Barry Davis and Adrian Wright. Another title retained was the Veterans by Tommy Anson against Exmouth's Dave Bazell.

The presentations were made by Mr. Roger Rose, Branch Controller of Western Trust and Savings Ltd., who gave the county financial support during the season.

Results:-

#### Men's Singles:

M. Shearman bt M. Short 15, 19.

#### Women's Singles:

E. Lamb bt C. Butler 17, 12.

#### Men's Doubles:

P. Shepherd/G. Lambert bt B. Davis/A. Wright 7, 18.

#### Women's Doubles:

N. Hollywood/B. Pearson bt G. and J. Pritchard 12, 15.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Short/Lamb bt P. Whiting/Butler 18, -14, 17.

#### Veteran Singles:

T. Anson bt D. Bazell 18, 11.

Once again we are indebted to the Plymouth League for staging the championships so well and in particular to Brian Rogers, Graham May and their team of willing helpers.

Many congratulations to our top junior team for winning the Junior challenge and going through the season unbeaten. They have really done us proud and rightly deserve another crack in the Premier Division. Finally, praise is due to Bob Bridges for the excellent organisation at the play-offs and to Len Saywell and his colleagues from St. Neots whose hospitality was out of this world.

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

### CHAIRMAN HARRY RETIRES

Hull's Harry Flinton will retire as Chairman of the Association at the A.G.M. at the Queens Hotel, Leeds, on June 27, after holding the office with distinction for 23 seasons. Harry was first introduced to the game during the last war, when he took an active interest in the Civil Defence League in Hull. After the end of the war Harry joined the Committee of the reformed Hull Association and was its Chairman from 1947 to 1971, on occasions jointly with the posts of Tournament Secretary, Competition Secretary and Treasurer. From 1971 onwards Harry has been Hull's President.

Harry became a member of the Yorkshire Executive Committee in 1952 and was first elected Chairman in 1954, a position he has held to the present date, apart from a two year interval from 1964 to 1966, when he was Competition Secretary. For the latter part of the current season Harry has also acted as the County's Treasurer. A chartered accountant by profession, Harry has looked after the books of the E.T.T.A.'s "100 Club" from its early days.

For his service to the game, in June 1961 Harry was awarded a special badge by the Y.T.T.A., in 1963 the Y.T.T.A.'s Leslie Forrest Memorial Award and in July 1968 he was elected a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A.

Until 1969/70, Harry regularly played in the

middle divisions of the Hull League. Always ready to assist young players, he has travelled thousands of miles to take players of both the Hull and Yorkshire Associations to matches and tournaments. He has held the office of County Chairman longer than any other person in the Association's history, and his good sense and guidance will be missed.

In the Yorkshire League, the winners and runners-up in the various divisions, together with the winners of the Merit Awards, were:-

Div. 1 — Sheffield; Hull; S. Mills (Sheffield).

Div. 2 — Not yet known.

Div. 3 — Bradford IV; Wakefield; D. Lamb (Wakefield).

Div. 4 — Not yet known.

Div. 5 — Sheffield III; Selby; N. Thorn (Selby).

Women's Div. — Bradford; Hull; Miss H. Shields (Bradford).

Veterans' Div. — Leeds; Barnsley; B. Starkie (Barnsley).

Junior Div. 1 — Bradford; Barnsley;

Boys - M. Illingsworth (Barnsley);

Girls - Miss T. Robertshaw (Bradford).

Junior Div. 2 — York; Doncaster II;

Boys Div. 2A - T. Sanderson (York);

Div. 2B - V. Grimshaw (Rotherham);

Girls Div. 2A - Miss C. Raynor (Bradford);

Div. 2B - Miss J. Speight (Doncaster).

In the final of the senior section of the Yorkshire Club Championships, played at Hermits, Bradford, Harrogate Wanderers (Nicky Davies, John Troughton, Ian Walmsley) scored a 5-2 win over York Railway Institute (John Elliott, Tony Sanderson, Steve Tracey). Ian Walmsley was the only unbeaten player, and the York club's two sets were won by Tracey (over Troughton) and by county junior Sanderson (over Davies). The final of the junior section, played at South Elmsall, was won for the first time by Barnsley North End, who defeated Hull Y.P.I. 5-3. Both No. 3's (North End's L. Baxter and Y.P.I.'s Mark Williams) lost to the opposing Nos. 1 and 2's, and the match could have hinged on the result of the set between them (the last possible set of the match), had not North End's David Illingsworth terminated the match in the eighth set with a surprise win over Sean Madden, who had earlier defeated David's elder brother Mark. The Y.P.I.'s 3 sets were won by Madden (2) and Ricky Burrett, North End's 5 by David (3) (unbeaten) and Mark (2) Illingsworth. The finals of the women's section has not yet been played, but is between Unity (Bradford) and Hull Y.P.I.

Before leaving Yorkshire League matters, a final word of thanks to Harrogate's Graham Carr, who as Competition Secretary has run the Yorkshire League and Cup competitions with great efficiency and dedication for the past 9 seasons, but is retiring from the office at the A.G.M.

Organised with cheerful efficiency, as usual, by County Umpires' Secretary Geoff Scruton, the third annual Yorkshire umpires' tournament was held at Moor Grange School, Leeds, on April 8. The winner and recipient of the Cliff Darley Memorial Trophy was Sheffield's Alan Gardner, with a final -15, 17, 16 victory over Hull's Tony Ross.

Congratulations to Bradford, Yorkshire and England junior and senior international Sally Midgley on winning the E.S.T.T.A. under-19 girls' singles title. Sally has made steady progress this season and her fighting spirit and determination on the table should bring her further rewards.

Very few more league closed results have filtered through. In Leeds, veteran Len Browning won the men's doubles title, a title which he first won 32 years ago! In Harrogate, a mother and son pair (Janet and Richard Whiteley) were runners-up in the mixed doubles to John Troughton and Yvonne Abdallah. Results were:-

#### Men's Singles:

A. Alger bt P. Cottenham.

#### Women's Singles:

Y. Abdallah bt L. Smith.

#### Men's Doubles:

Cottenham/J. Campkin bt J. Troughton/K. Bell.

**Mixed Doubles:**

Troughton/Abdellah bt R. and J. Whiteley.

**U-17:**

Whiteley bt N. Pennock.

**U-14:**

Whiteley bt J. Crawford Porter.

**Veteran Singles:**

S. Kidson bt B. Walker.

**WILTSHIRE NOTES**

by Laurie Selby

**MOONRAKERS REJOICE**

Wiltshire uncorked a champagne display against Devon to bottle up the Division 2 West championship.

Victory in their final match was made all the more sweet for the Moonrakers as their title chase last season came to an abrupt end when they were defeated in their last match.

Although on paper Wiltshire's 8-2 victory looks clear cut, they were made to fight, with many of the games stretching into the "twenties".

Wiltshire's success has been the result of a good, hard-working effort from a side with a blend of youth and experience.

Juniors Kevin Satchell and Claire Maisey have justifiably stepped into the number one spots and their fine performances have been supported in great style by the more experienced team members, Terry Bruce, Bill Moulding and Alison Boyce.

One over the eight - that was the staggering tally of match points before the topsey-turvey Swindon Robey Shield handicap final was decided.

Steve Davies (14) went 20-15 up in the decider but Eddie Roofe (15) snatched the next six points. Roofe had a further two match points before Davies took the game 25-23.

The Pickett Shield team competition was won by Northside (Darren Embling, Ian Maisey and Jon Hook) who beat Ferndale (Roofe, Tracey Watkins and Steve Arnold) 4-2 in the final.

The Swindon mixed doubles final — held over from the tournament when time ran out — was also decided. It gave Claire Maisey yet another title when she teamed with Brian Freeman to beat Ken Oung and Pauline Townsend -16, 16, 14.

**EAST MIDLANDS CADETS LEAGUE**

by Philip Reid

**VITAL MATCH**

The final matches in this season's East Midlands Cadets League produced plenty of exciting play the vital match being one between Chesterfield and Leicester. It was a match worthy of the occasion. Darren Burton beat Matthew Wells to put Chesterfield ahead and Simon Griew's 100% record went when Alan Cooke won in straight games. Yvonne Hall — an outstanding prospect — then beat Andrew Henry and the scores were level when Griew won an exciting encounter with Burton. Leicester moved into the lead when they easily took the doubles. Wells was unable to hold Henry and with the score at 3-3 Yvonne Hall's game with Andrew Cooke was vital.

In what was probably the best set of the competition both players showed maturity beyond their years with both hitting and counter-hitting magnificently — two players destined to go places. Eventually the Chesterfield boy got home at 19 in the third. Griew was expected to beat Henry but for once in a while he failed to show his best form. Miss Hall — probably exhausted from her earlier efforts was unable to contain Burton and the final score became 7-3 when Cooke beat Wells. Chesterfield then were deserved champions winning all nine matches.

Leicester beat Nuneaton easily enough but only managed a draw against Coventry and gained runners-up position on sets difference. Griew won all three comfortably enough but Nigel Tucker's -22, 20, 19 win over Yvonne Hall was vital, together with an excellent doubles win which ensured the spoils were shared.

Derby and Nottingham finished level on points but the former had a better sets difference, largely due to David Slack with consistent support from Alan Hearn and Paul Druce. The Nottingham quartet of Dave Billings, Ian Peck, Paul Summers and Paul Windle all finished with averages in the sixties. Hinckley finished sixth but owed much to Colin Jones who often fought a lone battle as far as results are concerned. Against Derby II and Coventry for instance Jones won five out of six but his team lost both matches. Leicester II improved as the season progressed and although they lost 6-4 to Nottingham, David Aldwinckle and Michael Schofield both won two.

Derby II played impressively to beat Hinckley 6-4 where Simon Horn recorded an impressive maximum. Nuneaton's young team will have benefitted from playing at this level where Waddington and Bache have often looked promising.

Loughborough failed to win a point but that will surely not dampen the enthusiasm of Gary Kerlake, Paul Bumpus, Louise Forster and Susan Meredith.

All in all an excellent inaugural season with thanks to the hard-working committee of Ian McKelvey, Stan Park and Ron Forster.

**1978-79 Second Session**

Re-arranged matches resulted in the following scores:-

Loughborough 4 Nuneaton 6  
Derby II 5 Nuneaton 5  
Nuneaton 4 Leicester II 6

**1978-79 Third Session**

Coventry 7 Derby II 3  
Loughborough 0 Derby I 10  
Leicester II 4 Nottingham 6  
Nuneaton 2 Leicester I 8  
Chesterfield 8 Hinckley 2  
Leicester II 8 Loughborough 2  
Hinckley 4 Derby II 6  
Nuneaton 2 Derby I 8  
Chesterfield 9 Nottingham 1  
Coventry 5 Leicester I 5  
Nottingham 7 Nuneaton 3  
Leicester I 3 Chesterfield 7  
Hinckley 4 Coventry 6  
Derby I 7 Leicester II 3  
Derby II 8 Loughborough 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chesterfield	9	9	0	0	78	12	18
Leicester I	9	7	1	1	66	24	15
Coventry	9	7	1	1	59	31	15
Derby I	9	5	0	4	55	35	10
Nottingham	9	5	0	4	48	42	10
Hinckley	9	3	1	5	39	51	7
Leicester II	9	3	0	6	31	59	6
Derby II	9	2	1	6	31	59	5
Nuneaton	9	1	2	6	32	58	4
Loughborough	9	0	0	9	11	79	0

(Qualification 4 matches in 3 sessions, or 5 matches)

Alan Cooke (Ch)	27	26	96
Simon Griew (Le)	27	25	93
Darren Burton (Ch)	27	24	89
Richard Marklow (Co)	12	10	83
Yvonne Hall (Le)	27	22	81
Colin Jones (Hi)	27	22	81
Andrew Henry (Ch)	27	20	74
David Slack (De)	27	18	67
Nigel Tucker (Co)	18	12	67
Dave Billings (No)	15	10	67
Ian Shaw (Co)	15	10	67
Alan Hearn (De)	27	17	63
David Aldwinckle (Le)	18	11	61

**CHESHIRE JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN**

**LANCS GIRLS DOMINATE**

by Norman Berry

Andrew Bellingham, although taken to the limit in his semi-final meeting with Diccon Gray, was the winner of the boys' singles event at Birkenhead on Apl. 22 when, in the final he beat yet another Cumbrian in Ian Reed who in his semi-final had

just got the better of Lancashire's No. 1 Paul Rainford at 24-22 in the 3rd!

Lancashire, however, had it all to themselves in the girls' events with Joy Grundy beating Jean Parker in the singles and the pair combining to account for Janet Deakin and Lynn Fennah of Cheshire in the doubles. Gray and Reed had consolation in taking the counterpart boys' event with a final victory over Bellingham and Rainford.

In the Cadet events Jeremy Duffield of Worcs. took the boys' and Miss Parker the girls'.

Results:-

**Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**

A. Bellingham (St) bt D. Gray (Cu) -15, 20, 19;  
I. Reed (Cu) bt P. Rainford (La) -11, 11, 22.

**Final:**

BELLINGHAM bt Reed -20, 12, 12.

**Girls' Singles Final:**

J. GRUNDY (La) bt J. Parker (La) 16, -18, 12.

**Boys' Doubles Final:**

GRAY/REED bt Bellingham/Rainford 13, 16.

**Girls' Doubles Final:**

GRUNDY/PARKER bt J. Deakin/ L. Fennah (Ch) -19, 16, 14.

**Consolation Boys' Singles Final:**

J. DUFFIELD (Wo) bt C. Bryan (Li) 15, 17.

**Consolation Girls' Singles Final:**

PARKER bt N. Cotter 10, 14.

**Consolation Boys' Doubles Final:**

BRYAN/P. JACKSON (Sp) bt Duffield/F. McEwan 16, 17.

**Consolation Girls' Doubles Final:**

PARKER/ C. Peacock (La) bt K. Harris/L. McEwan (Sp) 11, 16.

**MILLOM JUNIOR 1-STAR**

**TOURNAMENT OF SURPRISES**

by JOHN TAYLOR

Millom School's Junior 1-Star Open proved to be a tournament of surprises and no more so than in the main event, the U-17 boys' singles, where most of the top seeded players, Sam Harmer excepted, fell in the earlier rounds.

Harmer (Bucks) remained in control throughout the day and he went on to retain his title with a comfortable win over the unseeded Kevin Green (Cleveland) after earlier wins over Tony Taylor (Manchester) and David Hughes (Cleveland) to name just two.

Green caused the major upset when he ousted the No. 2 seed, Paul Rainford (Preston), in the first round and from then on his passage to the final was only slowed by a close semi-final win over Andrew Pachul (Millom).

Millom School's two main hopes were among the early casualties with Diccon Gray going out to Taylor in Rd. 3 and Ian Reed going out to S. Brunskill (Cleveland) in Rd. 2. The same two however combined to win the U-17 boys' doubles with a close win over Harmer and Pachul.

Janet Deakin (Warrington) retained her U-17 girls' singles title and in a repeat of last year's final turned the current England rankings upside down with a very comfortable win over Joy Grundy (Lytham).

Stephen Dixon (Kendal) scored a great triumph for the host county by winning the U-14 boys' singles with a close win over the No. 2 seed David Illingsworth (Barnsley) in one of the best finals of the evening. Dixon, seeded No. 4, earned his final place with a semi-final win over Cleveland's Jevon Chan, the victor in the previous round over the No. 1 seed Chris Bryan (Grantham).

The U-14 girls' singles was won by Jean Parker (Preston) who regained her composure enough to win the final two games after surprisingly losing the first -6 to Jackie Myers of Darwen.

Results:-

**Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**

K. Green (Cv) bt A. Pachul (Cu) 14, -12, 22;  
S. Harmer (Bu) bt T. Taylor (Ch) 14, 17.

**Final:**

HARMER bt Green 2, 18.

**Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 J. Grundy (La) bt J. Parker (La) 21, 11;  
 J. Deakin (Ch) bt G. Smith (Cu) 17, 6.  
**Final:**  
 DEAKIN bt Grundy 8, 12.  
**Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 Harmer/Pachul bt D. Archer/S. Dixon (Cu)  
 18, -11, 15;  
 D. Gray/I. Reed bt P. Barker/S. Ruse (Y) 15, 19.  
**Final:**  
 GRAY/REED bt Harmer/Pachul -17, 20, 19.  
**Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 J. Myers/C. Peacock (La) bt A. Holden (Cv)/  
 Deakin 10, 17;  
 Grundy/Parker bt L. Brockbank/L. Rushton (Cu)  
 6, 12.  
**Final:**  
 GRUNDY/PARKER bt Myers/Peacock 17, 13.  
**Consolation Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 Dixon bt J. Chan (Cv) 16, 19;  
 D. Illingsworth (Y) bt L. Taylor (Cv) 18, -19, 13.  
**Final:**  
 DIXON bt Illingsworth 19, -19, 21.  
**Consolation Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 Myers bt Peacock 14, -11, 15;  
 Parker bt J. Woodcock (Cv) 13, 16.  
**Final:**  
 PARKER bt Myers -6, 10, 12.  
**Consolation Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 C. Bryan (Li)/Illingsworth bt D. Polasek/  
 L. Taylor (Cv) 24, 19;  
 Chan/J. Waive (Cv) bt P. Ashcroft/ M. Mercer  
 (La) -18, 15, 12.  
**Final:**  
 BRYAN/ILLINGSWORTH bt Chan/Waive  
 16, 14.  
**Consolation Girls' Doubles Final:**  
 MYERS/PARKER bt K. Arnold (Y)/Woodcock  
 -19, 11, 14.

## TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN by Chris Wright

The first open tournament ever to be held in West Kent was held over the week-end of 28-29 April at Sandown Court School, Blackhurst Lane, Tunbridge Wells and with an almost capacity entry a busy (if not hectic) week-end was in store for an organising committee with fairly limited experience in open tournament organisation, indeed the organiser/referee kidnapped Peter Roden from Essex and Joan Zeiske from Gravesend (who 'borrowed' twelve qualified umpires from the southern half of the country) to make the nucleus of an experienced group with him.

Due to technical 'hitches' with the P.A. system the prompt start with the U-12 events disappeared into the mist and rain outside, and the tournament started 25 minutes late. The U-12 boys' singles, with an entry of 41, proved highly competitive and with the No. 1 seed Andrew Barker (Barking) withdrawing through sickness this left the door open for Steve Dorking (also from Barking) the No. 3 seed, to make his way to the final. Meanwhile the bottom half was progressing and almost without notice the No. 4 seed Andrew Dodd (North West Kent) made his exit from the event to the unseeded Chris Rayment (Thetford) -15, -19. John Cornelius (Thames Valley) the number two seed was making steady, if unspectacular, progress to the final. With the No. 2 and 3 seeds getting through the confrontation between these two boys was awaited with a certain amount of excitement. Certainly the standard of play was high with Dorking coming out on top, his first win over Cornelius for some time.

In the counterpart girls' event a disappointing entry of only 19 was received. The seedings for this event (as with all the girls events) proved difficult giving the referee Chris Wright nightmares. These proved however to be groundless as three of the four seeds reached their allotted positions in the semi-finals and the top two in the final where occurred one of the major upsets of the day when Teresa Moore the No. 2 overcame her nationally-ranked cadet opponent 20, 6! It will surely not be

very long before Teresa emulates her two elder brothers in the national rankings.

The U-14 boys' singles saw an entry of 120 with three of the top four seeds surviving to the semi-finals, the absentee being the luckless John Sparks (Barking) knocked out by an in form Nicky Hoare (Thames Valley) who himself went out to a revenging Steve Dettmar (Barking) in the quarters. The semis saw two north-v-south confrontations (titanic battles would be a good description) with honours even at the end of the day, Adrian Moore (seeded 1) overcoming our longest travelling competitor No. 3 seeded David Illingsworth (Barnsley) and Chris Bryan (Grantham) No. 2 seed coming back from the 'dead' to beat Steve Dettmar. The control table heaved a long sigh of relief that the seedings eventually proved right and the vulturous spectators were seen disappearing to the canteen (under the efficient control of the assistant organiser 'greenhorn' Eric Peerless) for a cuppa or was it the pub a mile down the road in some cases?? The final, played in the evening, in front of a fair sized crowd proved another tight match with Adrian adding yet another crown to his mantelpiece.

The U-14 girls' singles provided yet more upsets and 'seed bashing' with an out of touch Laura Goldsmith losing embarrassingly easy to Linda Crawford in the quarters 14, 9. In the semi-final Mary Denbow (Oxford) seeded 3, playing Crawford did not make the same mistake as Goldsmith and won two-straight. The other semi saw the Nos. 2 and 4 seeds, Michelle Williams (North Middx.) and Teresa Moore in conflict with Moore proving that her win over Goldsmith was no fluke as her assault continued. She could not however repeat this performance in the staged final in the evening.

The U-14 boys doubles saw the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds bowing out at the semi-final stage, Bryan/Illingsworth (No. 1) to Colin Luscombe (Luton)/Moore (seeded 4) the eventual winners, and Sayer/Sparks (seeded 4) the unseeded pairing of Ian Doughty (Leighton Buzzard)/ Jonathan Wright (Milton Keynes).

In the U-14 girls' doubles the No. 1 seeds Goldsmith/Williams at last started to look the players they are known to be with a comfortable final win over Moore/Standen. This concluding a very successful day for Teresa Moore who appeared in all three finals, though winning only one.

The U-17 events on Sunday saw a prompt start at 9 a.m. with an entry of 126 for the boys' singles. The vultures were kept working overtime with many good matches in an evenly contested event. No real upsets occurred and the final result was as predicted.

The U-17 girls' singles continued the pattern set on Saturday with seeds being knocked out with monotonous regularity, indeed the Nos. 1 and 3 seeds (Kim Mudge and Lisa Bellinger) lost on their first visit to the table and the No. 4 failed to arrive. All of this gave Jackie Bellinger (Dunstable) a comfortable victory over the unseeded Manja Ball (Folkestone) in the final this making up in a small way the embarrassment to clan Bellinger suffered by the first round demise of Lisa.

The U-17 boys' doubles continued the 'beat a seed a round' theme established during the week-end with the biggest shock coming in the quarter-final with Gillett/S. Moore losing to the eventual runners-up Colvin/Chamberlain.

The U-17 girls' doubles saw the tightest final of the week-end with the Bellinger sisters beating a Kent pairing of Ball/Carla Wilson.

The tournament ran close to time throughout and from the comments made by players was enjoyed by all and it is hoped to hold the tournament next year, we hope with a Two-Star rating. Our thanks go to the Trustee Savings Bank for their sponsorship and to all the umpires and helpers without whose assistance this enjoyable tournament could not have been played.

### Results:-

**U-12 Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 P. Metcalfe bt M. Johnson 10, 7;  
 S. Dorking bt T. Ashman 19, 17;  
 C. Rayment bt A. Dodd 15, 19;  
 J. Cornelius bt G. Vigor 18, 15.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Dorking bt Metcalfe 16, -19, 16;  
 Cornelius bt Rayment 16, 20.  
**Final:**  
 DORKING bt Cornelius 20, 16.

### U-12 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

L. Goldsmith bt J. Standen 4, 9;  
 T. Moore bt J. Robbins 12, 17.

### Final:

MOORE bt Goldsmith 20, 6.

### U-14 Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Moore bt N. Harris 11, 8;  
 S. Dettmar bt N. Hoare 14, 17;  
 D. Illingsworth bt J. Frost -15, 14, 12;  
 C. Bryan bt M. Stevenson 15, -15, 13.

### Semi-finals:

Moore bt Illingsworth 14, -16, 10;  
 Bryan bt Dettmar -19, 21, 14.

### Final:

MOORE bt Bryan 10, -12, 17.

### U-14 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

M. Denbow bt L. Crawford 13, 17;  
 Moore bt M. Williams -15, 21, 14.

### Final:

DENBOW bt Moore 16, 18.

### U-14 Boys' Doubles Quarter-finals:

Bryan/Illingsworth bt A. Longhurst/A. Rashid 16, 15;  
 C. Luscombe/Moore bt Hoare/N. Sutton 17, 14;  
 P. Sayer/J. Sparks bt R. Fiske/Dettmar 14, -15, 10;  
 I. Doughty/J. Wright bt Frost/J. Wheel 17, 10.

### Semi-finals:

Luscombe/Moore bt Bryan/Illingsworth 18, 15;  
 Doughty/Wright bt Sayer/Sparks 21, 20.

### Final:

LUSCOMBE/MOORE bt Doughty/Wright 16, 13.

### U-14 Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Goldsmith/Williams bt J. Mersh/D. Ballard 14, 14;  
 Moore/Standen bt S. New/C. Hunter 13, 17.

### Final:

GOLDSMITH/WILLIAMS bt Moore/Standen 14, 13.

### U-17 Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

G. Gillett bt K. Chamberlain 13, 14;  
 G. Baker bt P. Roberts 8, 6;  
 A. Moore bt I. Attridge 16, 18;  
 S. Moore bt P. Namdjou 15, -19, 14.

### Semi-finals:

Gillett bt A. Moore -19, 8, 12;  
 S. Moore bt Baker -16, 19, 13.

### Final:

GILLETT bt S. Moore 12, 19.

### U-17 Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Ball bt S. Carter 17, 14;  
 T. Sivyer bt S. Bunday 11, 14;  
 J. Askem bt L. Goldsmith 18, 17;  
 J. Bellinger bt Sivyer 11, 20.

### Semi-finals:

M. Ball bt Askem 7, 16;  
 Bellinger bt Sivyer 11, 20.

### Final:

BELLINGER bt Ball 17, 20.

### U-17 Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

Chamberlain/P. Colvin bt P. Bevan/R. Namdjou  
 14, -19, 18;

### Final:

R. Beckham/A. Borowczyk bt Attridge/A. Moore 17, 17.

### Final:

BECKHAM/BOROWCZYK bt Chamberlain/Colvin  
 17, -15, 18.

### U-17 Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Bellinger/Bellinger bt Askem/K. Mudge -21, 17, 15;  
 Ball/C. Wilson bt Goldsmith/Williams 18, 18.

### Final:

BELLINGER/BELLINGER bt Ball/Wilson 20, -16, 19.

### U-17 Boys' Consolation Singles Final:

S. BILLMORE bt S. Edlund 13, 12.

### U-17 Girls' Consolation Singles Final:

L. BELLINGER bt K. Mudge 17, 18.

Two bats were mislaid over the week-end the first (owned by John Cornelius) is fairly unusual, it is a Surbek blade with T.S.P. Magnet (2 mm) on one side and Volon Darker (2 mm) on the other. The second is a standard English Style with 2 mm sriver with the owners name (Grant Bridges) etched on the varnished handle. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who can help trace them.

## Obituary

### DENNIS OLLEY

The Ilford League suffered a very sad loss with the death of Mr. Dennis Olley at the age of 59. Dennis, the Ilford League Secretary from 1950 to 1966, was always an ardent worker for Ilford. After his 16 years as secretary, Dennis took further office as League Treasurer from 1967 to 1973.

Sadly business commitments took him to Norfolk, but Dennis still maintained his interest in the Ilford League through his life-long friendship with former Ilford League chairman Mr. Harry Seabrook.

Although never reaching the heights of table tennis as a player, he did reach the pinnacle of success in the hearts of every player and official in Essex and richly deserved the acknowledgement of the county who made him an Honorary Life Member of the Essex T.T.A. for services rendered.

Dennis Olley will always be remembered for his tireless and wonderful service to the Ilford League receiving our highest honour as Hon. Vice-President.

Vic Elston.



## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

### PROUD PRESTON

Preston brought off their first-ever win in Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire Table Tennis League thanks to the efforts of Donald Parker, Stephen Turner and Paul Rainford. Their Juniors too captured the Junior Div. 1 title.

Bury and Macclesfield are the two demoted leagues and their places, next season will be taken over by Bolton (Div. 2N) and Stockport (Div. 2S).

Hyde and Macclesfield are the demoted leagues from the Junior Div. 1 to be replaced by Bolton and Warrington, champions and runners-up respectively from Div. 2.

### FINAL POSITIONS

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Preston	7	6	1	0	54	16	13
Manchester	7	5	2	0	55	15	12
Liverpool	7	4	0	3	41	29	8
St. Helens	7	4	0	3	37	33	8
Farnworth	7	3	1	3	29	41	5
Salford	7	2	1	4	27	43	5
Bury	7	1	1	5	25	45	3
Macclesfield	7	0	0	7	12	58	0

### Junior Division 1

Preston	8	7	1	0	52	28	15
Barrow	8	6	1	1	69	21	13
Rochdale	8	6	0	2	46	34	12
Bury	8	3	1	4	45	35	7
Manchester	8	3	1	4	44	36	7
Salford	8	3	1	4	31	49	7
Liverpool	8	2	1	5	40	40	5
Hyde	8	2	0	6	30	50	4
Macclesfield	8	1	0	7	13	67	2

At the A.G.M. of the Lancs. T.T.A. held at Radcliffe on May 22nd, Bolton's Stephen Scowcroft became the recipient of the Stan Parr Award for his consistent good play and behaviour. In the Bolton League's closed championships young Stephen was the beaten finalist when Nigel Hallows retained his men's singles title. Carolyn Scowcroft, cousin of Stephen, retained her women's singles title but the junior title went to Chris Freely who, in the final, beat Craig Johnson, conqueror of Stephen Scowcroft.

## SUFFOLK SCENE

by Steve Richards

### FAVOURITE RESULT

Draws seem to be the favourite result in East Anglia. Norwich City are Football League draw specialists. Suffolk Senior County side have drawn with Norfolk and Herts; the 5-5 result with Herts was a vital one as Suffolk needed a point to save relegation. This they did which was due to the men who played above themselves namely John Kitchener, Russell King and Mick Palmer. Against Norfolk Janet Faiers and Sue Welham played well as did Palmer.

The Senior II team have also drawn their two final matches against Beds and Norfolk. Veterans and newcomers have composed the side and players have included Terry Kirby, Bob Milne, Dave Henderson, Chris Shepherd, Debbie Wootton, Kath Brierley and Jane Richards. I thought Bob Milne enlightened the evening with his expressions and mutterings which were enjoyed by all, even the opposition!

Suffolk Juniors found Beds and Essex too strong and lost both matches although all the team will be available next season. Team included Julian Hall, Anthony Booth, Jane Leonard and Jane Richards. We congratulate Stuart Palmer in winning the boys' singles at the Derby 2-Star competition and later in the day pairing with Jane Richards to win the mixed.

In the Suffolk Closed Senior championships, played at Ipswich, Kitchener, No. 1, won the singles title against Mick Palmer 17, 6. The veterans' title went to Terry Kirby who beat the holder Arthur Cropper in straight games. Grandad Kirby and Junior Julian Hall also reached the

men's doubles final before losing to Kitchener and Mick Lambkin in the final game.

The women's doubles went to Janet Friars (Bury) and Debbie Wootton (Ipswich) who beat Sue Welham and Kathy Brierley. Sue also won the women's singles and partnered by Tony Hooper the mixed. Kevin Rosen won the men's restricted singles.

There were over 130 competitors for the Bury St. Edmunds League championships (closed) held at the magnificent Bury Sports Centre and I enjoyed watching from the restaurant and bar!

Results:-

Div. 2 — A. Stokes bt P. Marshall.

Div. 3 — D. Moss bt R. Thorpe.

Div. 4 — D. Webster bt F. Howard.

Div. 5 — D. McCaffrey bt M. Eason.

Several finals remain to be played in conjunction with a social evening at the British Sugar Factory. I hear that the finalists in the Ipswich League will be Rosary Red and Trimley 'A'. To all visitors holidaying in East Anglia this summer let me say "Enjoy yourselves and keep fit for the coming season".

## BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Dimmock

### TITLE CLINCHED

Congratulations to the Juniors, they clinched the 3rd South East title with a remarkable win over a very strong Suffolk team, who until they met Beds were undefeated. We have begun to expect the Bellinger girls Jackie and Lisa to make sure that we win their side of the match and they did not let us down, convincingly winning the singles and doubles.

But the boys also came up trumps, David Sharpe winning both his singles, particularly praiseworthy was his very mature win over the experienced Julian Hall who Stephen Barby also beat. David and Stephen also took the doubles after losing the first game making the final result 7-3. Well done, you are making the future of Beds T.T. look very rosy.

The Senior side followed up the success of the Juniors by defeating their Suffolk counterparts 6-4. Barbara Hammond and Jackie Bellinger both played well winning their singles and the doubles. David Rawlinson, Stephen Barby and Ron Chambers all won one singles which gave us our first points of the season.

The second team just failed to make it a hat trick of wins over the Suffolk sides when they drew 5-5. Paul Birch played well to take both his singles. David Sharp and Ron Chambers each won a singles with David and Paul taking the doubles. Lisa Bellinger and Julie Dimmock lost their individual sets, and the doubles - a very rare occurrence in any of the Beds teams.

The three Dunstable girls, Jackie, Lisa and Julie representing their local league, which has just three divisions, continue a remarkable run in the Bromfield Trophy competition. In the 3rd Round they beat Wolverhampton 5-2 with only Shirley Cain able to make any impression on the match by winning the two singles she contested against Jackie and Lisa.

This win was particularly praiseworthy since due to traffic congestion on the M1 it took four hours to make the normally 2-hour journey to the W. Midlands. In the quarter-final against Leicester it was a very closely contested match with the result hanging in the balance right to the final set of the evening when Julie beat J. Crowther in straight games. But this win must go down as yet another very consistent performance from the No. 1 England-ranked cadet girl Jackie Bellinger. She showed just how much she has improved her game throughout the season by defeating the very steady England-ranked junior Julie Revill in straight games. Good luck in the semi-final when they meet Barrow-in-Furness.

Luton and Dist. League veteran John Camp is this year celebrating 50 years of table tennis in the league and all this time his loyalty has been to one club, St. Mary's. Is this a national record?

His career started in the 1928/29 season and John won a league winners medal in the team which was promoted to Div. 1.

The major part of his playing career has been spent in the premier division and he built up a reputation of being one of the most difficult players to beat due to his consistent steady play which has not altered over many years. John has no intention of retiring and still plays regularly in the St. Mary's Div. 2 side and with his help they reached the semi-final of the Cunningham Cup competition this season. Congratulations John and may you have many more happy seasons.

The Junior/Cadet tournament circuit has seen the Beds youngsters well represented and we give a vote of thanks to all those parents, friends and coaches who spend much of their time (and money) ferrying the juniors around. Beds table tennis is now reaping the benefits from the experience gained by playing against the best in the country and many have improved their game considerably.

A very good boys' doubles partnership has developed between David Sharpe and Colin Luscombe. They have beaten many good pairs and reached the final on two occasions, Lincs and Yorks, but just failed to lift the titles. David's singles play is well known but Colin is improving fast, with his tremendous determination he has given a few frights to the very best Cadets, his latest being Adrian Moore, the England No. 1 who only just managed to beat him 16 in the 3rd at the Yorkshire 'Select'.

Jackie and Lisa have had a tremendous season. Where to start is difficult but let's put on record that between them they have won six 'Select' titles, four singles and two doubles. Jackie has won three of the singles one being against Liza at Cleveland. At Yorkshire the last 'Select' of the season they again reached the final, Lisa beating the England No. 2 Cherry Creasey in the semis. This time Lisa goes on record as the winner, since Jackie had to scratch due to an ankle strain. Beds can be proud of these England-ranked players Jackie No. 1, Lisa No. 3.

The Dunstable and Dis. League are holding their Dance and presentation of trophies evening at A.C. DELCO on Saturday, May 26, when all county players are invited to attend.

## GWENT OPEN

### GWENT PLAYERS BEATEN IN FIVE TITLE BIDS

by Grove Motlow

Gwent were represented in five of the seven finals in the Gwent Open, held at Cwmbran Stadium, but failed to win a title.

Unluckiest competitor was undoubtedly Brenda Annand of Newport who was narrowly beaten in two singles finals and went out in the semi-finals of two doubles events.

The Open was severely hit by bad weather. Many players from the Midlands, North Wales and North East of England, including several seeds, could not make the trip because of snow and the organisers had to make many last minute re-shuffles to the programme.

The changes went well and there was an earlier finish to the proceedings than usual.

Annand was beaten in the Junior girls' singles by Catherine Jones of Swansea, going down -15 in the final game.

In the women's singles final she put up another brave fight before going down -17 in the final game to Sarah Gilson of Poole.

Gilson appeared in three finals, partnering Doreen Phur of Crawley to win the women's doubles but losing in the mixed with her Poole partner Martin Abbott, to Nigel Thomas (Srewsbury) and Catherine Jones.

Annand's two semi-final defeats came in the women's and mixed doubles.

In the women's doubles Annand and Sandra Pickering of Newport, whom she had beaten in

the singles, went out to the eventual champions after a terrific struggle.

In the mixed Annand and partner Basil Evans of Eastern Valley were well beaten by Abbott and Gilson.

Gwent's star junior, Brian Jeannes, reached the final of the men's singles where he lost to Kevin Satchell of Wiltshire, but he was surprisingly beaten by David Chan of Swansea in the earlier rounds of the boys' event.

Results:-

**Men's Singles Semi-finals:**

K. Satchell (Wi) bt N. Thomas (Sp) 12, 15;

B. Jeannes (Gw) bt M. Owen (Hr) 18, -20, 17.

**Final:**

SATCHELL bt Jeannes 18, 16.

**Women's Singles Semi-finals:**

B. Annand (Gw) bt J. Helps (Gw) 13, -17, 20;

S. Gilson (Do) bt C. Jones (Gn) 18, 19.

**Final:**

GILSON bt Annand -17, 12, 17.

**Men's Doubles Final:**

SATCHELL/M. SMITH (Av) bt Thomas/G.

Wilkins (Gw) 17, -20, 21.

**Women's Doubles Final:**

GILSON/D. PURR (Sx) bt Helps/Jones

-13, 12, 10.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**

THOMAS/JONES bt M. Abbot (Do)/Gilson

11, 8.

**Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**

Smith bt D. Chan (Gn) -17, 13, 19;

D. Kenefick (Gn) bt Wilkins 17, -17, 10.

**Final:**

SMITH bt Kenefick 14, 16.

**Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**

Jones bt Gilson 17, 16;

Annand bt S. New (Wi) 15, 13.

**Final:**

JONES bt Annand 15, -12, 15.

tamely to David Barr. Mark Mitchell however was in commanding form. He disposed of Andy Wellman, Stephen Mills, Barr, Sandley and finally Richardson — all in straight games.

This set the scene for a Crimmins - Mitchell final, and although the scores were close, Mark was always in the ascendancy, and deservedly became 1979 Essex Champion, without having lost a game en route. He also picked up £150 for his day's work.

The female event was dominated by the top seeds, Carole Knight and Melody Ludi. Carole showed some signs of her old fire, and reached the final with no nonsense victories over Elaine Bolton, Lesley Radford and Helen Williams. Melody had slightly more trouble in the delightful shape of Alison Gordon whom she beat only 13, -15, 18. Her other victims were Jackie Bellinger and Angela Mitchell. The final was tough and go until the deciding game, when Carole "drew away" to pocket the £90 first prize.

Probably the event which caused the greatest excitement, both before and during the tournament was the "Restricted Mixed Singles". Many would be competitors had to be refused and there was a queue of applicants for scratch entries throughout the weekend. Despite this 128 players took part and clearly the event has come to stay. The quarter-finalists turned out to be Derek Holman, Peter D'Arcy, Peter Taylor, Graeme Hall, Skylet Andrew, Richardson, Gordon Holmes and Souter.

Fairly predictably Taylor was the winner but his young opponent in the final, Souter, did extremely well.

The men's doubles as always had a bumper entry and there were plenty of surprises. Scratch pairing Graham Blomfield/P. Cawser put out Mark Hankey/D'Arcy and Crimmins/Wells before falling to David Newman/David Iszatt. Home-based juniors Des Charley/Andrew eliminated the redoubtable Eckersley/McQueen duo but themselves lost to Sussex juniors Graham Gillett/Stephen Moore. Newman/Iszatt went through to the final. In the bottom half Fletcher/Constance scraped through against unknown locals Paul Fuller/Alex Abbott by 22, -20, 19 and the more famous Wilson/Barr 10, -11, 20 before going out to Horsham/Jackson; the latter had had a fairly easy passage and dropped only one game (to Ian Robertson/Johns) en route to the semi-final.

The thrills and spills were in the last quarter where Sandley/Mitchell reached the quarter-final after a tough battle with Jermyn/Taylor. Meanwhile Joey Kennedy/Potton were locked in combat with the cosmopolitan pairing of A. Maiid (Scotland)/Trevor Campbell (Surrey). Joey and Bob got through this one, but only by 20, -12, 24! The quarter-final which followed was quite incredible. First game to the Middlesex pair 18 then 19-17 in the second, two points from victory. Hereabouts Joey and Bob got it together and there followed a protracted series of deuces, match points, game points and other excitements. At match point saved the delighted Bob executed a neat hand-stand in the corner of the court but surpassed this at match point down (27-28) with a beautiful backwards somersault in mid-air — Olga Korbut, where are you?

This achieved, Bob and his partner went on to win the game 33-31. The deciding game was similarly electric with Graham and Mark refusing to waver, but eventually they had to give best by the narrowest of margins. The Essex/Kent pair still had mountains to climb, however, and they had a hard battle with Jackson/Horsham in the semi-final, which they survived. At last, however, the all Essex combo of Newman/Iszatt proved to be champions, but not before a wonderfully exciting all action match, as the scores reveal.

There were some closely contested matches in the Women's Doubles, none more so than the semi-final in which Melody Ludi/Carole Knight beat Angela Mitchell/Helen Williams 16, -12, 19. The Middlesex pair were somewhat fed up at being seeded third, and thus meeting the top seeds but of course that is the luck of the draw. Alison Gordon/Mandy Smith got through to the final after a fierce tussle with Lesley Radford/Elaine Foulds. The final too was very close with the northern pair just holding out in the decider.

Carole Knight and David Newman both added to their winnings by taking the mixed event. They lost their first game in the final itself but Sandley/Alison Gordon, their opponents had found it a struggle all the way. In Round 2 Charley/Gina Pritchard were defeated by only 18, -16, 15 and in Round 3 Horsham/Lesley Radford by -21, 16, 20. The semi-final saw Graham and "Ally" winners over Andrew/Mandy Smith by 18, -16, 19.

The Veterans' event saw arch rivals Gordon Chapman and Peter D'Arcy slogging it out, with Gordon the winner on this occasion.

Most people will agree that this was a smoothly running tournament, the prize money for which exceeded £800. Grateful thanks for this are obviously due to Bairstow Eves, the well known estate agents, to new Essex sponsors Barclays Bank Limited, and of course to the overall sponsors Halexsport.

Results:-

**Barclays Bank Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**

M. Crimmins (Sy) bt J. Souter (Mi) 18, 19;

K. Jackson (E) bt R. Potton (E) 14, 14;

K. Richardson (Ca) bt R. Jermyn (He) 15, -17, 19;

M. Mitchell (Mi) bt G. Sandley (Mi) 18, 19.

**Semi-finals:**

Crimmins bt Jackson 18, 18;

Mitchell bt Richardson 18, 17.

**Final:**

MITCHELL bt Crimmins 16, 19.

**Bairstow Eves Women's Singles Semi-finals:**

C. Knight (Cv) bt H. Williams (Mi) 14, 13;

M. Ludi (Y) bt A. Mitchell (Mi) 7, 16.

**Final:**

KNIGHT bt Ludi 13, -19, 7.

**Halex Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:**

D. Newman (E)/Knight bt M. Johns (Ch)/Ludi

15, 17;

Sandley/A. Gordon (Bk) bt S. Andrew (E)/M.

Smith (Bk) 18, -16, 19.

**Final:**

NEWMAN/KNIGHT bt Sandley/Gordon

22, -8, 12.

**Bairstow Eves Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**

Knight/Ludi bt Mitchell/Williams 16, -12, 19;

Gordon/Smith bt E. Foulds/L. Radford (E)

-18, 21, 11.

**Final:**

KNIGHT/LUDI bt Gordon/Smith -17, 19, 18.

**Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**

D. Iszatt (E)/Newman bt G. Gillett/S. Moore (Sx)

14, 16;

J. Kennedy (K)/Potton bt I. Horsham (E)/Jackson

17, -18, 15.

**Final:**

ISZATT/NEWMAN bt Kennedy/Potton

18, -19, 17.

**Halex Restricted Mixed Singles Semi-finals:**

P. Taylor (He) bt P. D'Arcy (Ch) 14, 17;

Souter bt Andrew 13, 18.

**Final:**

TAYLOR bt Souter -14, 10, 16.

**Veteran Singles Final:**

G. CHAPMAN (Sy) bt D'Arcy 13, 12.

## YORKSHIRE JUNIOR SELECT

HONOURS SHARED

by Richard Scruton

Honours were shared at the 10 event Yorkshire Junior Select Championships at the Y.P.I. Recreation Centre, Hull on April 14/15, with only one player, Andrew Bellingham of Staffordshire, appearing in more than one final. However, it was John Souter from Middlesex, runner-up at the Cleveland Junior Select, who went one place better with a straight games victory over Bellingham in the Boys' Singles final.

Souter dropped just one game in the event to Kevin Satchell in the semi-final having overpowered Philip Bradbury (16, 13), Adrian Hill (10, 21), Stephen Holloway (19, 19) and Graham Gillett (11, 17) in the previous rounds. Bellingham did not enjoy an easy path to the same stage, struggling to beat Stuart Palmer (-11, 24, 18) and Stephen Moore (-20, 19, 17), but he did put out

# THE HALEX ESSEX 3-STAR OPEN

MITCHELL MAKES HIS MARK

by Alan Shepherd

Although the England Squad were missing from this, the 21st Essex Open, 20 ranked men and women still competed. Unfortunately No. 1 seed Dougie Johnson had to withdraw through injury. The only people who appreciated this were the players in his half of the draw, notably the holder and No. 7 seed on this occasion, Maxwell Crimmins, who once more reached the final. At one time it looked as if Bob Potton might be about to repeat his triumph of 1977 as he moved smoothly into the quarter-final with a 2-straight win over Nigel Eckersley. However he then ran into his Essex colleague Kenny Jackson and that meeting saw his exit. Hardest task for Max was probably his meeting with Mike Johns in Round 4, which he won 18, -19, 14. John Souter belied his junior status with a good win over David Constance and pushed Max all the way in his quarter. Jackson disappointed the home crowd in the semi-final as he had beaten Max in their last two meetings, but Max was his master this time.

In the bottom half of the draw there were plenty of surprises. Ian Horsham went out in Round 1 to group winner Pat Glynn, who in turn lost to Richard Jermyn. Richard then surpassed himself by beating No. 3 seed Alan Fletcher. Meanwhile Keith Richardson had been making a charge a la Palmer. His victims were Peter McQueen, Tony Penny and Graham Blomfield to whom he now added Jermyn 15, -17, 19.

The last quarter by sheer chance contained 4 Middlesex players, although David Wells is currently stateless. Colin Wilson succumbed to his sparring partner Graham Sandley (present score in the series 52-53!) but Dave Wells went out rather

top seed Skylet Andrew in the penultimate round.

The ranking list was turned upside down when No. 3 cadet Gary Lambert beat Costas Papantoniou (11, -17, 16) and Martyn Smith beat Desmond Charlery (-9, 16, 17).

In the Girls' Singles top seed Mandy Reeves sailed through to an easy win over Joy Grundy in the final. There was one major shock when No. 2 seed Helen Williams fell to Yorkshire's unranked Julie Todd (-14, 14, 16) in Round 2. Cherry Creasey put an end to Miss Todd's hopes in the next round and reached the semi-final with a surprise win over Clare Maisey, while Lynne Fennah defeated joint No. 3 seed Lorraine Garbet (15, 16) in another upset.

In the Cadet age group, Adrian Moore took the Boys' title without dropping a game with a win over Gary Lambert in the final, the latter having defeated Andrew Dixon to end his hopes of another Select title. The Cadet Girls' event was dominated by the Bellinger sisters but top seed Jackie had to withdraw from the final against Lisa because of a foot injury.

With a total of 345 competitors, play was successfully and punctually staged on 12 tables.

#### Results:-

**Junior Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
S. Andrew (E) bt S. Harmer (Bu) 15, 16;  
A. Bellingham (St) bt P. Brownlow (He) 8, 17;  
K. Satchell (Wi) bt M. Smith (Av) 17, 12;  
J. Souter (Mi) bt G. Gillett (Sx) 11, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
Bellingham bt Andrew -16, 14, 12;  
Souter bt Satchell -16, 9, 5.

**Final:**  
SOUTER bt Bellingham 17, 15.

**Junior Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
M. Reeves (Mi) bt G. Pritchard (Dv) 14, 10;  
E. Bolton (K) bt T. Folkesson (Norway) 17, 21;  
J. Grundy (La) bt L. Fennah (Ch) 15, 20;  
C. Creasey (Do) bt C. Maisey (Wi) 20, 20.

**Semi-finals:**  
Reeves bt Bolton 11, 12;  
Grundy bt Creasey 17, -18, 16.

**Final:**  
REEVES bt Grundy 13, 11.

**Junior Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
Harmer/C. Papantoniou (Mi) bt D. Gray/I. Reed (Cu) -17, 19, 9;  
Bellingham/S. Holloway (Sy) bt Gillett/S. Moore (Sx) 16, -16, 18.

**Final:**  
HARMER/PAPANTONIOU bt Bellingham/Holloway 20, 12.

**Junior Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
L. Garbet (Sy)/C. Butler (Dv) bt Reeves/H. Williams (Mi) 16, -19, 16;  
Folkesson/K. Hagen (Norway) bt Pritchard/Maisey 14, 16.

**Final:**  
GARBET/BUTLER bt Folkesson/Hagen -17, 15, 21.

**Consolation Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
A. Moore (Sx) bt C. Preen (Ha) 19, 19;  
E. Gorniak (Mi) bt L. Taylor (Cv) 19, -14, 17;  
G. Lambert (Dv) bt J. Sparks (E) 17, 16;  
A. Dixon (St) bt C. Bryan (Li) 18, 12.

**Semi-finals:**  
Moore bt Gorniak 14, 12;  
Lambert bt Dixon 17, -14, 16.

**Final:**  
MOORE bt Lambert 18, 14.

**Consolation Girls' Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
J. Bellinger (Bd) bt L. Goldsmith (Mi) 7, 14;  
L. Broomhead (Y) bt H. Bardwell (He) 16, 17;  
L. Bellinger (Bd) bt J. Parker (La) 9, 15;  
Creasey bt M. Seaton (Y) -16, 16, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
J. Bellinger bt Broomhead -21, 20, 12;  
L. Bellinger bt Creasey 15, -9, 17.

**Final:**  
L. BELLINGER w.o. J. Bellinger Scr.

**Consolation Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
Dixon/J. Duffield (Wo) bt Bryan/D. Illingsworth (Y) 15, 18;  
D. Sharpe/C. Luscombe (Bd) bt S. Dixon/T. Pachul (Cu) -14, 10, 14.

**Final:**  
DIXON/DUFFIELD bt Sharpe/Luscombe 8, 20.

**Consolation Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
Seaton/J. Ryalls (Y) bt A. Judd/R. Hunter (Ca) 16, 11;  
Creasey/Y. Hall (Le) bt Goldsmith/M. Denbow (Ox) 16, -17, 18.

**Final:**  
CREASEY/HALL bt Seaton/Ryalls -21, 22, 16.

**U-11 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**  
Preen bt T. Hansen (Norway) 13, 11;  
R. Solheim (Norway) bt A. Henry (Dy) -19, 12, 13.

**Final:**  
PREAN bt Solheim 11, 13.

**U-11 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**  
A. Barker (Sp) bt A. Boxall (Y) 19, -19, 14;  
R. Knight (Mi) bt D. Simmonds (Sy) 18, -17, 13;

**Final:**  
BARKER bt Knight 17, -19, 17.

### JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL ENGLAND v NORWAY

Prior to the Yorkshire Junior Select, a friendly junior international match was held at Rothwell Sports Centre, Leeds on Good Friday, 13th April against the visiting Norwegian junior team. The England team of John Souter, Desmond Charlery,

Mandy Reeves and Gina Pritchard proved too strong for the Norwegians and took the match 7-2, the visitors winning the boys' doubles and a girls' singles set.

The match was staged thanks to the help and assistance of Leeds Leisure Services and Cyril Villiers, Principal Regional Officer of the Sports Council (Yorkshire and Humberside).

#### Scores:-

J. Souter bt A. Haukanes 17, 5;  
G. Pritchard bt K. Hagen -17, 11, 15;  
D. Charlery bt S. Kloster 12, 20;  
M. Reeves bt T. Folkesson 10, 16;  
Souter/Charlery lost to Haukanes/Kloster 21, -15, -20.  
Souter bt Kloster 18, 22;  
Reeves bt Hagen -16, 14, 13;  
Charlery bt Haukanes 9, 18;  
Pritchard lost to Folkesson 9, -9, -13.

## Hartlepool 1-Star Open

### COMEBACK SUCCESS FOR ALDERSON

Cleveland's David Alderson, making a comeback after a lengthy absence from tournament play, met up with another former star in Brian Burn — on leave from Saudi Arabia — in the final of the men's singles at Hartlepool on Mar. 18.

Climatically Burn must have been at a disadvantage for the freezing weather decimated the entry to such an extent that only four women arrived and they played a round robin with Angela Tierney the winner.

But, far from the scorching sands, Burn failed to make his final mark unlike Alderson who, in addition to winning the men's singles, also took the doubles, with Tony Martin.

#### Results:-

**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
D. Alderson (Cv) bt D. Polasek (Cv) 9, 14;  
L. Taylor (Cv) bt D. Baldwin (Cv) 16, 20;  
K. Green (Cv) bt I. Plummer (Cv) -16, 11, 14;  
B. Burn (Nd) bt A. Martin (Cv) 18, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Alderson bt Taylor 11, 14;  
Burn bt Green 14, 19.

**Final:**  
ALDERSON bt Burn 10, 20.

**Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
Alderson/Martin bt D. Ashwell/J. Newman (Cv) 12, 11;  
Green/Taylor bt S. Brunskill (Cv)/Plummer 15, 10.

**Final:**  
ALDERSON/MARTIN bt Green/Taylor 16, 16.

**Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**  
D. Hughes (Cv) bt Taylor 15, 19;  
Green bt J. Chan (Cv) 10, 19.

**Final:**  
GREEN bt Hughes 12, 17.

**Mixed Cadet Singles Semi-finals:**  
Chan bt Taylor 18, -16, 21;  
Polasek bt Miss J. Woodcock 19, 13.

**Final:**  
CHAN bt Polasek 18, 8.

**U-11 Singles Semi-finals:**  
A. Johnson (Cv) bt G. Stonehouse (Cv) 8, 12;  
G. Barnett (Cv) bt A. D'Arcy (Cv) 5, 6.

**Final:**  
JOHNSON bt Barnett 9, 2.

## WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

### by Grove Motlow

#### POOLE CHAMPIONS

Poole, by beating Bath 9-0 at Merton, Bourne-mouth on Apl. 14, finished off their programme with a flourish to finish champions 2 points clear of their nearest rivals Plymouth.

At Merton, Martin Abbott, John Robinson and Jeremy Musselwhite inflicted the 'whitewash' on Clive Ellison, John Higgs and Brian White. Other

results to finish the season were:-  
Plymouth 7 Newport 2  
Newport 7 Bristol 2  
Newport 7 Bath 2

#### FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Poole .....	6	5	1	42	12	10
Plymouth .....	6	4	2	37	17	8
Exmouth .....	6	4	2	35	19	8
Bristol .....	6	3	3	25	29	6
Newport .....	6	2	4	21	33	4
Weston .....	6	2	4	17	34	4
Bath .....	6	1	5	12	42	2

Newport had Brian Jeanes to thank for their late rally in beating both Bristol and Bath for in both matches Jeanes recorded trebles. Kevin O'Neil and Graham Sell both suffered a reverse in each match.

## Cheshunt Open

### SANDLEY HITS THE JACKPOT

by Bob Bridges

The M. K. ELECTRIC (Cheshunt Open) CHAMPIONSHIPS at Waltham Abbey Sports Centre on April 29 might have been staged for the benefit of Graham Sandley who hit the jackpot by taking the three events he entered.

Unseeded players had mild success. Netherlands-exile Peter Taylor (North Herts) proceeded from the groups to the semi-finals of the men's singles, beating on the way, No. 8 seed Richard Jermyn and No. 1 seed Colin Wilson before being ousted by Bob Potton.

Mandy Reeves also qualified from the groups and with a quiet sensationalism proceeded through the field taking out No. 1 seed Angela Mitchell in the semi-finals before beating Helen Williams in an emotive final.

#### Details:-

**Men's Singles Semi-finals:**  
G. Sandley (Mi) bt D. Wells (Mi) 17, 14;  
R. Potton (E) bt P. Taylor (He) 12, 15.

**Final:**  
SANDLEY bt Potton 20, 13.

**Women's Singles Final:**  
M. REEVES (Mi) bt H. Williams (Mi) -17, 17, 14.

**Men's Doubles Final:**  
Potton/Sandley bt M. Crimmins (Sy)/D. Wells (Mi) 11, 8.

**Women's Doubles Final:**  
Reeves/Linda Towler (He) bt A. Mitchell (Mi)/Williams -16, 18, 17.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**  
G. Sandley/Monica Petersen (Mi) bt Potton/Mitchell -19, 10, 18.

### GRAHAM WINS WITH THE HELP OF AN AU PAIR!

The Mixed Doubles final at the Cheshunt Open Championships was a slightly unusual match. Picture on one side the formidable partnership of Angela Mitchell and Bob Potton, both England-ranked players. On the other side, we have Graham Sandley, England's No. 1 junior, and a Swedish Au Pair girl known simply as Miss Petersen! This most unlikely combination overcame the opposition to give Graham the third title of the tournament — he had already won the Men's Doubles with Potton whom he beat in the Men's Singles.

Graham, who is sponsored by Halexsport, now has 23 titles to his credit for this season — more than any other British player at any level during the same period, despite having been out of the game for a month with a leg injury. This is quite an achievement for the 16-year-old from Middlesex, who is determined to be No. 1 Senior in England before too long. If he can take titles in such quantities already, with or without a Swedish au pair, who is to deny the possibility?

# B.U.S.F. Championships

TITLE AT FIRST ATTEMPT

by Derek Oldman

The Sports Centre at the University of Surrey was the venue for the 1979 British Universities Championships. Although B.U.S.F. was breaking new ground, the Centre at Guildford has been used on many occasions for the Surrey "closed". In all respects it turned out to be an excellent choice and although the weather caused numerous withdrawals, it did nothing to diminish the standard of play which according to the referee Mike Watts was "quite high".

Following closely on the heels of the UAU/WIVAB Championships this tournament was expected to throw up few surprises, particularly as the Scottish and Irish contingents were not thought to be particularly strong. The seedings were based on known performances and county rankings and generally speaking they turned out to be fairly accurate.

Andy Wellman and Chris Rogers were given the top spots in the men's singles with John Proffitt, Ian Smith and Phil Vickers just behind. Other seeds Bryn Tyler and Cosmo Graham failed to put in an appearance and were drawn to meet in the quarter-finals. This meant that D. Butina of London University reached the semi's from an unseeded position, playing excellently in doing so. The top shock at this stage was the elimination of Proffitt by Tony Holmes, a comparatively unknown from Leeds. The Sussex star never hit top form, partly because of his opponent's approach and determination. Proffitt's Sussex colleague Wellman fared no better in the quarters, being outwitted by the Aston player Smith in a fine match. Meanwhile Rogers had beaten Vickers, also from Aston. Smith and Rogers then powered their way to the final at the expense of Butina and Holmes.

Smith, now playing much better than earlier in the season took the first game 21-18 but the Sheffield University player fought back and took the next two games and the title at his first attempt.

The women's event was expected to be a close affair with WIVAB Champion Cheryl Buttery, the Lincolnshire County player from Nottingham University seeded to meet Derbyshire's Mandy Mellor of Loughborough in the final.

This event went according to plan with other seeds Debbie Coulthard from Manchester University and Linda Clemett from Leeds also reaching the last four. Anne Sweeney a finalist at Durham last November, lost a hard fought quarter-final to Linda.

Cheryl, who had beaten Anita Stevenson at Teesside the previous week had little difficulty in reaching the final at the expense of Linda and Mandy swept aside Debbie with similar ease.

The final was excellent throughout and brilliant at times. Cheryl proved that her victory at Durham was not unmerited. The first game was very close and could have gone either way but the Nottingham student got well on top towards the end and was rarely extended. Not since the days of Elaine Smith has a women's singles final produced play of such high order and with both girls back next year, the standard will certainly be maintained.

In the men's doubles the seeded pair Tyler and G. Stewart withdrew and the Scottish couple G. Allen and C. Gerrard reached the semi-finals where they were beaten by the number two seeds Smith and Vickers. The holders, Wellman and Proffitt had little difficulty in reaching the final at the expense of Rogers and K. Chong of Sheffield. Here again the Aston pair held their own in the first game but fell behind at the crucial point and lost -20. The second game was very much one sided, the top seeds winning 21-14 in a canter. This pairing will no doubt, be severed now as both players leave University. Over the past three years Wellman and Proffitt have become almost unassailable in University tournaments.

The women's doubles final was once again, a repeat of the Durham event, Debbie Coulthard and Anne Sweeney of Manchester meeting Mandy Mellor and Gillian Murphy of Loughborough. The tables were turned this time, however, with Mandy taking the initiative and receiving good steady support from her partner the Loughborough pair got home.

The beaten semi-finalists were S. Jackson and L. Bradburn from Sheffield and the East Anglian pair M. Teh and S. Lupton.

The mixed doubles was a very open event but it was still surprising that Andy and Sally Wellman went out in the first round to P. Baker and his "Swedish blonde" partner B. Hagemann. Number 3 seeds Rogers and Sarah Jackson got through to the final after a series of close calls not least against Vickers and Linda Fox in the semi-final.

The other semi was contested by Paul Bathard and Mandy Mellor up against the unseeded J. Shah and P. Barnes of Manchester who had made the most of the withdrawals of number two seeds P. Lucena and J. Williams of Essex. At this stage of the proceedings Paul was almost collapsing with migraine but managed to keep going until victory was assured. Again, we saw a repeat of the Durham final and this time there was no change of title. A revitalised Paul Bathard and a weary Mandy Mellor were too steady and consistent for the Sheffield pair and won fairly comfortably.

For once we had a tournament not dominated by Sussex University, although Mandy Mellor figured in three finals, the other finalists were spread around and this I think made far more interesting watching. Certainly a good contingent stayed to watch the finals and they were not disappointed.

B.U.S.F. is indebted to Mike Watts for refereeing the tournament and to Trevor Channing and his three colleagues from the Surrey Association for their help with the finals.

Results:-

**Men's Singles:**

C. Rogers (Sheffield) bt I. Smith (Aston) -18, 9, 13.

**Women's Singles:**

C. Buttery (Nottingham) bt M. Mellor (Loughborough) 19, 12.

**Men's Doubles:**

A. Wellman/J. Proffitt (Sussex) bt P. Vickers/Smith (Aston) 20, 14.

**Women's Doubles:**

Mellor/G. Murphy (Loughborough) bt D. Coulthard/A. Sweeney (Manchester) 15, 18.

**Mixed Doubles:**

P. BATHARD/MELLOR (Loughborough) bt Rogers/S. Jackson (Sheffield) 14, 14.

## A BIT OF NOSTALGIA

by Philip Reid

I was recently thumbing through a 1932-33 season Leicestershire T.T.A. handbook — the very first season — with Dick Tammage and we found some interesting pieces of information which we would like to share with you.

Reading through the 'General Rules' we discovered that "Any club not represented at the Annual General Meeting shall be fined 1/- but exception be taken in the case of country clubs". "Perhaps" Dick mused "this was in case they couldn't get their horse to start". Another rule states "The official ball (Villa) shall be used in all matches" — not much competition there — but then there was no Monopolies Commission either!

Rule 14 would appear to favour those who were good tacticians. "All clubs must have a standard sized table for play if there is room on their premises for one. If however the size of the room is insufficient to allow the use of a full-sized table a smaller table may be permitted". One could visualise clubs discussing the type of game their

opponents played before deciding whether to use the small table or the full-sized one! Registration fees in those days were 6d — equivalent of 2½p today.

Under 'League Notes' appears "Please pay special attention to the Rules and observe the etiquette of the game". A problem could be encountered in conforming to another 'League Note' — "Results must be in the General Secretary's hands of the day following the match". Was the postal service that good in 1932?

There are a few intriguing 'Notes' on the back page — "Secretaries are asked to arrange as many friendly matches as League games permit — there is nothing like a match — play to keep interest in the game keen and to improve the standard of play in a club". Even in those days though, the importance of press coverage was realised — "Send a copy of each match to our Press Correspondents and so enable them to maintain table tennis articles in the sports papers each week".

Table tennis balls weren't a major item of expenditure in these days either. "It is usual to commence a match with a new ball. All matches must be played with the "Villa" ball. Special price to affiliated clubs — 1 doz. 2/-, 3 doz. 5/8d, ½ gross 11/3d, 1 gross 22/6d . . . yes, times have changed!

## LIONS TABLE TENNIS HOLIDAY CLUB

Earlier this year a detailed report was given of this Guernsey project in the E.T.T.A. Table Tennis News.

Invitation to table tennis enthusiasts wishing to holiday in Guernsey to use these facilities was extended to Associations, Clubs and smaller groups.

Bookings have been received from England, Wales, Scotland and the Continent from groups varying from 4 to 16 people, a most encouraging start.

There are still a few vacant periods for varying numbers during July and August, if you are interested please send for our brochure. Enquiries are also welcome for the 1980 season.

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Congratulations to Horace, the retiring Chairman of the Commonwealth Championships, who has recently been appointed as Her Majesty's Sheriff (without the horse) of Guernsey. Ed.

## HALEXSPORT-FED CHAMPIONS!

When Halexsport, the well-known sports manufacturers, agreed to sponsor the London Federation of Boys' Clubs' annual Sports Spectacular, they did not think that they would have potential national champions on their hands, but it would appear that the London Region has in its ranks some very talented table tennis players. The youngsters who won the various classes at the Spectacular at Crofton Park Leisure Centre recently were each presented with tracksuits and holdalls from the Halexsport range, and went on to represent the London region in the South-Eastern Area Competition. Here they maintained a 100% record, and all the boys — John Sparks, Gary Turner, Ron Turner, Paul Coffey, Tony Dettmar, Paul Fong, Gary Evangelista and Charles Alvarez — won through to the National Finals, which will be held at Crystal Palace at the end of June. Halexsport are, of course, delighted at the youngsters' progress, and are planning a celebration should they be victorious at national level — a case of Fed Champions Fed by Halexsport, maybe!

# 5th Commonwealth Championships

## TEAM EVENTS

### TITLES RETAINED BY HONG KONG

Thursday, April 12, saw the opening of the Championships at Meadowbank but with three countries missing from the schedule — Ghana, Nigeria and Uganda — and Pakistan accepted as a late entry.

Naturally these upsets caused a few headaches and with the subsequent alterations to the programme the most serious repercussion was a row created by George Pardon, the Canadian team manager. His team was kept waiting on the morning of the second day by India whose men failed to turn up at the new time.

Nor were the Indians alive to the new timings when, later that same day, their women again "slept" in for an evening match against England. By this time Bryan Merrett too was getting a little hot under the collar but, in line with the hitherto friendly spirit of the championships, matters were resolved and both matches duly took place.

Both team titles were retained by Hong Kong and, as in Guernsey at the last championships, England had to content themselves with the runners-up positions.

One had visions of England's women sweeping the board particularly as the team was spearheaded by Linda Howard with Carole Knight as her main teammate. Their progress to the final was particularly impressive as they won all their first stage matches 3-0 and the cross-over encounter against India by the same margin dropping only three games in progress.

Hong Kong, in the other group, had dropped sets to Wales and India for a games analysis of 26-6 to England's 24-3. But statistics went by the board in the final meeting of these two countries in the final.

First on court was Carole against the fast-hitting Hui So-Hung whose pace was breath-taking and against who the English girl simply had no answer as scores of 7 and 12 would indicate. Still that defeat could be rode . . . or could it?

The answer was apparently not, as Linda found to her chagrin, when faced by Chang Sui Ying, the defending singles title holder, aged 39 and a typical old style Eastern pengrip player with push/chop strokes in front of the body and a hard forehand smash.

Try as Linda did to combat this style it proved too awkward for her and 0-2 down stood the match score. Hopes were revived with a hard-fought doubles success but that only delayed the executioner's axe which was swung down with a vengeance by Hui So-Hung who cut down Carole in much the same fashion as Linda, 11 and 12.

This final was the second of the afternoon the earlier match between the same two opponents in the men's event having gone to Hong Kong 5-2 after England had taken the opening set when John Dabin beat Ma Yue-Lung.

It proved to be flattery to deceive for Ma's teammates were made of much sterner stuff particularly Vong Iu Veng, the "Z" factor in the Hong Kong team, whose three visits to the table resulted in wins over Alan Fletcher, Dabin and finally Jimmy Walker.

Walker had previously lost to the bespectacled Chen Scheng-Shien but in the lead-up to the final the Clevelander had been beaten just once, by Paul Pinkewich of Australia, in twelve sets.

Never was his contribution more valuable than

in the match against late entrants Pakistan who stretched the English team to the very limit. One can, perhaps, query the Pakistanis' decision to play S. Latif, their captain, in this all-important match for he was their Achilles heel to provide both Fletcher and Dabin with their only wins in this encounter.

The same too can be said of Australia who dropped Robert Tuckett in favour of Robbie Javor whose three losses — one of which was to Colin Wilson in the opening set — contributed much to England's success. But how well young Wilson played to justify Donald Parker's decision to stand down Dabin from this match.

From the home country's point of view, they must have been pleased with the efforts of Keith Rodger whose results, apart from the final play-off against Pakistan, had been much better than John McNee. No. 1 Richard Yule had a treble against the Pakistanis, but hitherto his form fluctuated adversely particularly against India, the fourth-placed country in the men's event.

For Wales, Alan Griffiths justified his No. 1 position whilst David Welsman established himself as the No. 2 in front of Graham Davies and George Evans, the latter coming into his own against Canada.

Alister Cairns proved top man for Northern Ireland whose team equated their tenth position obtained in Guernsey. But on the distaff side the Northern Irish team of Karen Senior and Liz Cash improved their position from eighth in Guernsey to fifth in Edinburgh with Miss Senior losing only to Carole Knight and Stephanie Jones of Wales. The young Welsh girl also had a notable win over Lai Sau-Lam of Hong Kong to improve the overall Welsh position from twelfth to seventh.

Scotland's lassies dropped from seventh to eighth their only success being over Trinidad and Tobago.

England's women carried all before them with Mandy Smith playing her part in the unbeaten run up to the final which proved such a disappointment from a partisan point of view. This too applied to the men whose final opponents were throughout without their No. 1 and men's singles title holder, Li Kwang Tsu, who was suffering from a damaged shoulder.

#### 5TH COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### TEAM EVENTS

###### MEN

###### Stage 1

###### Group A

Hong Kong 5 Guernsey 0

India 5 Trinidad and Tobago 0

Canada 5 Scotland 3

P. Joe bt K. Rodger 16, 14;

Z. Pataky lost to R. Yule -18, -16;

E. Caetano bt J. McNee 15, 18;

Joe lost to Yule -10, -14;

Caetano bt Rodger 14, 13;

Pataky lost to McNee 15, -20, -18;

Caetano bt Yule 17, -14, 19;

Joe bt McNee 17, 12.

Hong Kong 5 Canada 1

India 5 Guernsey 0

Scotland 5 Trinidad and Tobago 1

McNee bt S. Singh -17, 12, 17;

Yule bt S. Wade 3, 8;

J. Moir lost to S. Ragbir 16, -20, -21;

Yule bt Singh 5, 18;

McNee bt Ragbir 11, 20;

Moir bt Wade 21, 13.

Hong Kong 5 Trinidad and Tobago 0

India 5 Scotland 3

S. Phadke bt McNee 17, 16;

V. Menon lost to Yule -21, -18;

V. Chandrasekar lost to Rodger -16, -19;

Phadke bt Yule 16, 15;

Chandrasekar bt McNee 19, 17;

Menon lost to Rodger 8, -14, -16;

Chandrasekar bt Yule -16, 16, 20;

Phadke bt Rodger 19, -16, 12.

Canada 5 Guernsey 0

Hong Kong 5 Scotland 2

Ma Yue-Lung lost to Rodger 20, -18, -18;

Chen Scheng-Shien bt Yule -7, 21, 18;

Vong Iu-Veng bt McNee 18, 20;

Ma Yue-Lung lost to Yule -17, -9;

Vong Iu-Veng bt Rodger 18, -18, 13;

Chen Scheng-Shien bt McNee 14, 14;

Vong Iu-Veng bt Yule 14, 12.

Trinidad and Tobago 5 Guernsey 0

India 5 Canada 1

Hong Kong 5 India 0

Canada 5 Trinidad and Tobago 1

Scotland 5 Guernsey 0

Moir bt D. Webb 12, 13;

A. McCulloch bt M. Pipet 13, 18;

Rodger bt K. Marsh 10, 7;

Moir bt Pipet 12, 17;

Rodger bt Webb 22, 10.

##### FIRST STAGE POSITIONS

	P	W	L	Sets			Games		
				F	A	F	A		
Hong Kong	5	5	0	25	3	51	10		
India	5	4	1	20	9	43	24		
Canada	5	3	2	17	14	39	30		
Scotland	5	2	3	18	16	42	36		
Trinidad and Tobago	5	1	4	7	20	16	42		
Guernsey	5	0	5	0	25	1	50		

##### Group B

England 5 Jersey 0

J. Dabin bt M. Le Moignan 10, 8;

A. Fletcher bt A. Curtis 8, 11;

C. Wilson bt R. Vincent 7, 7;

Fletcher bt Le Moignan 7, -19, 12;

Dabin bt Vincent 8, 6.

Australia 5 Northern Ireland 0

P. Pinkewich bt D. Weir 15, 5;

R. Tuckett bt A. Cairns 15, 12;

N. Ward bt T. Heasley 12, 12;

Pinkewich bt Cairns 13, 18;

Ward bt Weir 9, 15.

Wales 5 Canada 0

G. Evans bt C. Francis 4, 12;

A. Griffiths w.o. G. George;

D. Welsman bt R. Roberts 3, 4;

Griffiths bt Francis 17, 18;

Evans bt Roberts 11, 8.

Pakistan 5 Northern Ireland 0

S. Hayat bt Weir 16, 14;

M. Saif bt Cairns 13, 17;

A. Nakhuda bt F. Brown 17, 15;

Hayat bt Cairns 16, 19;

Nakhuda bt Weir 11, 19.

Australia 5 Jersey 0

England 5 Grenada 0

Walker bt Francis 13, 11;

Wilson w.o. George;

Fletcher bt Roberts 7, 10;

Wilson bt Francis 16, 14;

Walker bt Francis 8, 15.

Australia 5 Grenada 0

Pakistan 5 Jersey 0

Wales 5 Northern Ireland 0

Griffiths bt Heasley 10, 9;

G. Davies bt Cairns 14, 10;

Welsman bt R. Strong 10, 19;

Griffiths bt Cairns 18, 17;

Welsman bt Heasley 9, 6.

England 5 Northern Ireland 0

Wilson bt Weir 11, -16, 8;

Walker bt Heasley 5, 18;

Dabin bt Brown 6, 14;

Walker bt Weir 17, 15;

Wilson bt Brown 17, 18.

Wales 5 Jersey 0

Griffiths bt Vincent 7, 12;

Welsman bt Le Moignan 17, 4;

Davies bt C. Marriott 12, 11;

Welsman bt Vincent 6, 18;

Griffiths bt Marriott 9, 7.

Pakistan 5 Grenada 0

England 5 Wales 1

Fletcher bt Griffiths -13, 13, 14;

Walker bt Davies 7, 4;

Dabin lost to Welsman -15, -12;

Walker bt Griffiths 18, 19;

Fletcher bt Welsman -16, 20, 9;

Dabin bt Davies 10, 18

Australia 5 Pakistan 1

Jersey 5 Grenada 1

England 5 Pakistan 4

Fletcher lost to Hayat -19, 11, -19;

Walker bt S. Latif 16, 11;

Dabin lost to Nakhuda -20, -14;

Walker bt Hayat 10, -14, 20;

Fletcher lost to Nakhuda -16, -13;

Dabin bt Latif 12, 16;

Walker bt Nakhuda -23, 19, 12;

Dabin lost to Hayat -15, 17, -19;

Fletcher bt Latif 10, 16.

Australia 5 Wales 1

Tuckett bt Welsman 20, 19;

S. Knapp bt Griffiths 20, 19;

Pinkewich bt Evans 14, 13;

Tuckett lost to Griffiths -15, -20;

Pinkewich bt Welsman 12, 13;

Knapp bt Evans 21, 18.

Northern Ireland 5 Grenada 0

Cairns bt Francis 14, 18;

Heasley w.o. George;

Strong bt Roberts 10, 11;

Heasley bt Francis 17, 8;

Cairns bt Roberts 12, 11.

England 5 Australia 3

Wilson bt R. Javor -17, 12, 21;

Walker bt Knapp -17, 10, 10;

Fletcher lost to Pinkewich 19, -18, -17;

Walker bt Javor 13, 15;

Wilson lost to Pinkewich -12, -7;

Fletcher bt Knapp 7, 15;  
Walker lost to Pinkewich -13, -15;  
Fletcher bt Javor -12, 16, 17.

**Wales 5 Pakistan 2**  
Welsman bt Hayat 10, -18, 18;  
Griffiths bt Saif 18, 14;  
Evans lost to Nakhuda -16, -28;  
Griffiths bt Hayat -19, 11, 14;  
Welsman lost to Nakhuda -14, -15;  
Evans bt Saif 8, 9;  
Griffiths bt Nakhuda -13, 15, 20.

**Northern Ireland 5 Jersey 0**  
Weir bt Curtis 10, 15;  
Cairns bt Marriott 15, 11;  
Brown bt Vincent 9, 18;  
Cairns bt Curtis 10, 15;  
Weir bt Vincent 10, 16.

**FIRST STAGE POSITIONS**

	Sets							
	P	W	L	F	A	F	A	Games
England	6	6	0	30	8	61	25	
Australia	6	5	1	28	7	58	16	
Wales	6	4	2	22	12	44	27	
Pakistan	6	3	3	22	15	48	34	
Northern Ireland	6	2	4	10	20	20	40	
Jersey	6	1	5	5	26	8	53	
Grenada	6	0	6	1	30	3	47	

**Classification Play-offs**

For Positions 11 and 12

**Jersey 5 Guernsey 2**  
Vincent lost to I. Powell 15, -14, -18;  
Le Moignan bt Webb 17, 12;  
Curtis bt Pipet 15, -18, 17;  
Le Moignan bt Powell 19, 21;  
Vincent lost to Pipet -15, -14;  
Curtis bt Webb 18, 16;  
Le Moignan bt Pipet 16, -20, 13.

For Positions 9 and 10

**Trinidad and Tobago 5 Northern Ireland 4**

Wade lost to Weir -16, -15;  
Singh lost to Heasley -16, -18;  
H. Bridgeman bt Cairns 19, 12;  
Singh bt Weir -17, 11, 17;  
Wade lost to Cairns -12, -10;  
Bridgeman bt Heasley 18, 18;  
Singh lost to Cairns -16, 19, -8;  
Bridgeman bt Weir 15, 15;  
Wade bt Heasley 15, -14, 16.

For Positions 7 and 8

**Pakistan 5 Scotland 4**  
Hayat lost to McNee -15, -21;  
A. Khan lost to Yule -21, 20, -18;  
Nakhuda bt Rodger 13, 18;  
Hayat lost to Yule -17, -17;  
Nakhuda bt McNee 9, 18;  
Khan bt Rodger 17, 19;  
Nakhuda lost to Yule 19, -15, -18;  
Hayat bt Rodger -14, 19, 17;  
Khan bt McNee 19, -16, 11.

For Positions 5 and 6

**Wales 5 Canada 1**  
Welsman bt Joe 19, 9;  
Griffiths bt Pataky -15, 14, 21;  
Evans bt Caetano 17, 17;  
Griffiths lost to Joe -22, 10, -15;  
Welsman bt Caetano 19, 18;  
Evans bt Pakaty 17, 19.

For Positions 3 and 4

**Australia 5 India 1**  
Tuckett bt Chandrasekar 19, 13;  
Knapp bt M. Dua 19, 16;  
Pinkewich bt Phadke -16, 20, 15;  
Tuckett bt Dua 10, 12;  
Pinkewich lost to Chandrasekar -15, -15;  
Knapp bt Phadke 16, 9.

For Positions 1 and 2

**HONG KONG 5 England 2**  
Ma Yue-Lung lost to Dabin -14, -10;  
Chen Scheng-Shien bt Walker -12, 10, 16;  
Vong Lu-Veng bt Fletcher -21, 11, 13;  
Ma Yue-Lung lost to Walker -12, -16;  
Vong Lu-Veng bt Dabin 17, -10, 11;  
Chen Scheng-Shien bt Fletcher 13, -14, 19;  
Vong Lu-Veng bt Walker 14, 16.

**FINAL PLACINGS**

(Previous positions in brackets)

- HONG KONG** (1)
- England** (2)
- Australia** (3)
- India** (—)
- Wales** (6)
- Canada** (4)
- Pakistan** (—)
- Scotland** (7)
- Trinidad and Tobago** (—)
- Northern Ireland** (10)
- Jersey** (12)
- Guernsey** (11)
- Grenada** (—)

**Hong Kong 3 India 1**  
**Australia 3 Guernsey 0**

**FIRST STAGE POSITIONS**

	Sets							
	P	W	L	F	A	F	A	Games
Hong Kong	4	4	0	12	2	26	6	
India	4	3	1	10	3	21	8	
Australia	4	2	2	6	6	13	14	
Wales	4	1	3	4	9	11	19	
Guernsey	4	0	4	0	12	0	24	

**Group B**

**England 3 Trinidad and Tobago 0**  
C. Knight bt J. Daniel 13, 17;  
M. Smith bt N. Abdool 18, 15;  
L. Howard/Knight bt Daniel/T. Hansrajsingh 11, 14.

**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

ENGLAND	Opponents							
	F	A						
Walker	2-0	2-0	Dabin	2-0	Wilson	w.o.		
Fletcher	2-0	1-0	Dabin	1-0	Wilson	1-0	5	0
Dabin	2-0	2-0	Dabin	1-1	Wilson	2-0	5	0
Wilson	3-0	1-2	Dabin	1-2	Wilson	1-1	5	1
w.o.	2-1	2-1	Dabin	2-1	Wilson	1-1	5	4
Jersey	1-2	0-2	Dabin	1-1	Wilson	1-1	5	3
Grenada			Dabin		Wilson		2	5
N. Ireland			Dabin		Wilson			
Wales			Dabin		Wilson			
Pakistan			Dabin		Wilson			
Australia			Dabin		Wilson			
Hong Kong			Dabin		Wilson			
<b>Total</b>	<b>12-3</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>5-1</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

Wales	Heasley	Cairns	Brown	Strong	w.o.	Opponents		
0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1			0	5	Australia
0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1		0	5	Pakistan
0-2	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-0	0	5	England
1-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5	0	Grenada
2-0	2-0	2-0	1-0			5	0	Jersey
1-2	1-2	2-1				4	5	Trinidad/Tobago
<b>Total</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	

**SCOTLAND**

Yule	McNee	Rodger	McCulloch	Moir	Opponents		
2-1	1-2	0-2			3	5	Canada
2-0	2-0	0-2		1-1	5	1	Trinidad/Tobago
1-2	0-2	2-1			3	5	India
1-2	0-2	1-1			2	5	Hong Kong
3-0	1-2	2-0	1-0	2-0	5	0	Guernsey
		0-3			4	5	Pakistan
<b>Total</b>	<b>9-5</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>

**WALES**

Griffiths	Welsman	Evans	Davies	w.o.	Opponents		
1-0	1-0	2-0		1-0	5	0	Grenada
2-0	2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0	N. Ireland
2-0	2-0	2-0	1-0		5	0	Jersey
0-2	1-1	0-2	0-2		1	5	England
1-1	0-2	0-2			1	5	Australia
3-0	1-1	1-1			5	2	Pakistan
1-1	2-0	2-0			5	1	Canada
<b>Total</b>	<b>10-4</b>	<b>9-4</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>

**WOMEN**

**Stage 1**

**Group A**

**Hong Kong 3 Guernsey 0**

**India 3 Wales 0**

I. Puri bt S. Jones 20, 12;  
S. Saloke bt C. Jones 9, 12;  
Puri/Saloke bt Jones/Jones 14, 14.

**India 3 Guernsey 0**

**Australia 3 Wales 0**

K. Thompson bt C. Jones 20, 9;  
C. Little bt S. Jones 21, -13, 19;  
Little/Thompson bt Jones/Jones -19, 13, 16.

**Hong Kong 3 Australia 0**

**Wales 3 Guernsey 0**

C. Jones bt D. Powell 18, 17;  
S. Jones bt T. Powell 13, 16;  
Jones/Jones bt Powell/Powell 17, 11.

**Hong Kong 3 Wales 1**

Hui So-Hung bt C. Jones 4, 7;  
Lai Sau-Lam lost to S. Jones -19, 16, -17;  
Cheng Sui-Ying/Hui So-Hung bt Jones/Jones 10, 14;  
Hui So-Hung bt S. Jones -18, 7, 13.

**India 3 Australia 0**

**Canada 3 Northern Ireland 2**

M. Domonkos bt E. Cash 10, 18;  
G. Hsu lost to K. Senior -16, 17, -12;  
Domonkos/Hsu bt Cash/Senior 15, 10;  
Domonkos lost to Senior 14, -13, -5;  
Hsu bt Cash 16, 17.

**Canada 3 Trinidad and Tobago 1**

**Northern Ireland 3 Scotland 1**

Senior bt C. Dalrymple -12, 14, 15;  
Cash bt P. Fleming -19, 19, 21;  
Cash/Senior lost to Dalrymple/M. Neish -16, 13, -17;  
Senior bt Fleming 9, 12.

**England 3 Scotland 0**

Howard bt Dalrymple 11, 15;  
Knight bt Fleming 12, 11;  
Howard/Knight bt Dalrymple/Neish -14, 9, 8.

**Northern Ireland 3 Trinidad and Tobago 2**

Senior bt Daniel 10, 3;  
Cash lost to Abdool -18, 16, -15;  
V. Moore/Senior lost to Abdool/Daniel -15, 18, -17;  
Senior bt Abdool 14, 10;  
Cash bt Daniel 14, 15.

**England 3 Northern Ireland 0**

Knight bt Senior 17, 17;  
Howard bt Cash 9, 10;  
Howard/Smith bt P. Hunter/Moore 6, 12.

**Canada 3 Scotland 0**

Domonkos bt Dalrymple 6, 15;  
B. Plucas bt Neish 12, 11;  
Domonkos/Hsu bt Dalrymple/Neish 10, 16.

**England 3 Canada 0**

Howard bt Hsu 12, 9;  
Knight bt Domonkos -16, 14, 16;  
Howard/Knight bt Domonkos/Hsu -19, 9, 5.

**Scotland 3 Trinidad and Tobago 0**

Dalrymple bt Hansrajsingh -26, 17, 11;  
G. McKay bt Abdool 11, 14;  
Dalrymple/Neish bt Abdool/Daniel 13, -19, 19.

**FIRST STAGE POSITIONS**

	Sets							
	P	W	L	F	A	F	A	Games
England	4	4	0	12	0	24	3	
Canada	4	3	1	9	6	23	12	
Northern Ireland	4	2	2	8	9	19	22	
Scotland	4	1	3	4	9	11	21	
Trinidad and Tobago	4	0	4	3	12	8	27	

**Stage 2**

**Hong Kong (A1) 3 Canada (B2) 0**

Chang Sui-Ying bt Domonkos 13, 13;  
Hui So-Hung bt Hsu 14, 7;  
Chang/Hui bt Domonkos/Hsu 14, 23.

**England (B1) 3 India (A2) 0**

Howard bt Puri 9, 18;  
Knight bt Salokhe 13, 9;  
Howard/Knight bt Puri/Salokhe 8, 19.

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**Australia (A3) 3 Scotland (B4) 0**  
 Little bt Dalrymple 19, 20;  
 Thompson bt McKay 16, 22;  
 Little/Thompson bt Dalrymple/Neish 21, 16.  
**Northern Ireland (A4) 3 Wales (B3) 2**  
 Cash lost to S. Jones -24, -12;  
 Senior bt C. Jones 12, 12;  
 Cash/Senior bt Jones/Jones 20, 14;  
 Senior lost to S. Jones -18, -19;  
 Cash bt C. Jones 11, 17.

**Classification Play-offs**  
 For Positions 9 and 10  
**Trinidad and Tobago 3 Guernsey 0**  
 Abdool bt D. Powell 13, 11;  
 Daniel bt T. Powell 11, 15;  
 Daniel/Hansrajsingh bt Powell/Powell 9, 15.

For Positions 7 and 8  
**Wales 3 Scotland 0**  
 C. Jones bt Dalrymple 11, 23;  
 S. Jones bt McKay 17, 18;  
 Jones/Jones bt Dalrymple/Neish 17, 19.

For Positions 5 and 6  
**Northern Ireland 3 Australia 1**  
 Senior bt Thompson 15, 12;  
 Cash lost to Little 16, -20, -15;  
 Cash/Senior bt Little/Thompson -13, 18, 21;  
 Senior bt Little 12, 13.

For Positions 3 and 4  
**India 3 Canada 1**  
 Puri bt Plucas 10, 9;  
 Salokhe lost to Domonkos -12, -13;  
 Puri/Salokhe bt Domonkos/Hsu 18, 19;  
 Salokhe bt Plucas 17, 10.

For Positions 1 and 2  
**HONG KONG 3 England 1**  
 Hui So-Hung bt Knight 7, 12;  
 Chang Sui-Ying bt Howard 15, 19;  
 Chang/Hui lost to Howard/Knight -17, 19, -13;  
 Hui So-Hung bt Howard 11, 12.

- FINAL PLACINGS**  
 (Previous positions in brackets)
- HONG KONG** (1)
  - England** (2)
  - India** (4)
  - Canada** (3)
  - Northern Ireland** (8)
  - Australia** (5)
  - Wales** (12)
  - Scotland** (7)
  - Trinidad and Tobago** (—)
  - Guernsey** (11)

# Individual Events

## VONG AND HUI TAKE OVER FOR HONG KONG

by BRIAN KEAN

Despite the loss, through medical reasons, of their No. 1 players in the men's and women's singles, Hong Kong retained the individual crowns when **Vong Iu Veng** and **Hui So Hung** achieved final victories over England's Jimmy Walker and Carole Knight.

Vong Iu Veng, protecting an unbeaten record carried forward from the team events, never looked troubled as he brushed aside the Clevelander in a fast and furious final. Apart from a 5-gamer in the quarters with Australia's Bob Tuckett, Vong's acquisition of the M.S. Singapore Cup was somewhat predictable as he accounted for Pete Joe (Canada), Alan Fletcher (England) and semi-finalist Donald Parker, also of England.

Parker, deserving of much praise, arrived at the last four spot in a style so reminiscent of the late Hans Alser, lobbing and scrambling his way past Majit Dua (India), Steve Knapp (Australia) and Sohail Hayat (Pakistan) the latter having disposed of the ageing Chan Scheng Shien of Hong Kong.

Walker's waters didn't part quite so easily and he was expected to sink in the quarters to Australia's Paul Pinkewich who had portrayed much tenacity in chopping his way through Walker in the team event. However, a fine display of patience and determination saw the Federal German Bundesliga player sail through to calmer waters and a confrontation with Canada's Errol Caetano. The Canadian's challenge lasted no longer than Donald Campbell's Blue Bird did on

lake Coniston and thus provided Walker with the first of his three final appearances.

England's other representatives were not particularly inspiring as John Dabin fell to Caetano in Round 4 after accounting for Scotland's Jim Graham (Rd. 1), a walk-over against the undefending champion Li Kuang Tsu (Rd. 2) and a third round triumph over A. Khan of Pakistan.

Graham Sandley found the defence of India's Sudhir Phadke too much in Rd. 3 and joined Colin Wilson who had taken a shower two rounds earlier by courtesy of Pakistan's M. Saif. It was a colleague of Saif, the incredible blocker Hayat, who gave Max Crimmins a lesson in the art of control and subtle table craft, much to the displeasure of the Surrey No. 1 who looks in need of a little self discipline and good manners. David

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### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

					F	A	Opponents
<b>ENGLAND</b>							
Howard	Knight	Smith	Howard/Knight	Howard/Smith			
	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0	Trinidad/Tobago
1-0	1-0		1-0		3	0	Scotland
1-0	1-0			1-0	3	0	N. Ireland
1-0	1-0		1-0		3	0	Canada
1-0	1-0		1-0		3	0	India
0-2	0-1		1-0		1	3	Hong Kong
4-2	5-1	1-0	5-0	1-0	16	3	
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>							
Senior	Cash	Cash/Senior	Moore/Senior	Moore/Hunter			
2-0	0-2	0-1			2	3	Canada
2-0	1-0	0-1			3	1	Scotland
2-0	1-1		0-1		3	2	Trinidad/Tobago
0-1	0-1			0-1	0	3	England
1-1	1-1	1-0			3	2	Wales
2-0	0-1	1-0			3	1	Australia
9-2	3-6	2-2	0-1	0-1	14	12	
<b>SCOTLAND</b>							
Dalrymple	Fleming	Neish	McKay	Dalrymple/Neish			
0-1	0-2			1-0	1	3	N. Ireland
0-1	0-1			1-0	0	3	England
0-1		0-1		0-1	0	3	Canada
0-1			1-0	1-0	3	0	Trinidad/Tobago
0-1			0-1	0-1	0	3	Australia
0-1			0-1	0-1	0	3	Wales
1-5	0-3	0-1	1-2	3-3	4	15	
<b>WALES</b>							
S. Jones	C. Jones	Jones/Jones					
0-1	0-1	0-1			0	3	India
0-1	0-1	0-1			0	3	Australia
1-0	1-0	1-0			3	0	Guernsey
1-1	0-1	0-1			1	3	Hong Kong
2-0	0-2	0-1			2	3	N. Ireland
1-0	1-0	1-0			3	0	Scotland
5-3	2-5	2-4			9	12	

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Barr's quest was halted in Rd. 2 by the rock steady Pinkewich.

With the withdrawal of the No. 1 seed, due to a tummy upset, Hui So Hung, Hong Kong's No. 2, quickly seized the opportunity afforded her by Chang Si Ying's absence and had no trouble whatsoever in claiming the W.S. Oceania Cup her final victim being England's Carole Knight who, in fairness, performed admirably but could not find the answer to Miss Hung's speed. Miss Hung's title was won without the loss of a game, no mean achievement, accounting for such notables as England's Mandy Smith, Canada's Mariann Domonkos and semi-finalist Linda Howard of England.

### SYMPATHY

Mandy Smith showed sufficient for the on-looking E.T.T.A.'s Chairman of Selectors, Peter Charters, to be happy for a future that looks promising for the Newbury girl.

Sympathy must be felt for Linda Howard who appeared at the table for her semi-final encounter with Hui So Hung only to discover her opponent had not appeared. In the confusion that followed Miss Howard's preparation had obviously been destroyed and when the Hong Kong girl eventually appeared half an hour hence she refused to start until she had sufficient practice.

This she acquired in the practice hall after being refused more than the statutory 2 minutes by the umpire. Eventually the tie commenced but the Surrey girl offered only token resistance. Miss Howard's Bronze medal was achieved at the expense of Scotland's Carole Dalrymple, Betty Gray of Wales and India's Shailaja Salokhe in the quarters.

Carole Knight performing in a manner that could have been well used in Pyongyang attained the final spot after victories over Pam Whitehouse (Australia), Li Sui Lan (Hong Kong), Karen Senior (Nthn. Ireland) and a semi-final confrontation with Yorkshire's Melody Ludi. Melody seemed unable to apply tactical change to stop the Clevelander's romp and could do no more than negatively block without the necessary consistency required to trouble a player of Miss Knight's calibre.

England's two remaining representatives Sally Midgley and Alison Gordon had contrasting fortunes to chronicle, the former having fell to

India's ultra defensive Salokhe at the first hurdle. Greater concentration on the task before her was needed and less attention to histrionics and the onlookers.

Bradford's Sally Midgley's effort extended to Rd. 3 where she found Karen Senior more formidable than Gloria Nesukaitis of Canada and the host country's Patrice Fleming.

England's only gold medals were won in the doubles events, unsurprisingly featuring in the two successes was Linda Howard who partnered Carole Knight and Jimmy Walker in the respective women's and mixed events. The women's doubles was won with comparative ease and not even Hong Kong's Chang and Hui could take a game in a one-sided final.

The mixed provided much nail biting and the Canadian pairing of Caetano and Domonkos pushed the English pair as close as 19 in the fifth. Slightly unsavoury was a little incident when Canadian umpire Geeta Olage called an edge in the Canadians' favour. Admittedly the ball appeared to miss the table by at least six inches, but Walker won few friends for his dissent and ultimate throwing of his towel on or at (?) the umpire's table.

Possibly frustration was setting in as this was Walker's third final appearance having lost the previous two of which one was the men's doubles in partnership with the youthful Colin Wilson. Javor and Knapp were victorious and succeeded at first attempt while their compatriots Pinkewich and Tuckett had thrice consecutively failed.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:-

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

Caetano (Can) bt Phadke (Ind) 13, 16, 18;  
Walker (Eng) bt Pinkewich (Aus) -14, 17, 11, 18;  
Vong Iu Veng (HKG) bt Tuckett (Aus) 20, -14, 16, -15, 10;  
Parker (Eng) bt Hayat (Pak) 13, -15, 17.

#### Semi-finals:

Walker bt Caetano 9, 10, 11;  
Vong Iu Veng bt Parker 18, 20, 16.

#### Final:

VONG IU VENG bt Walker 16, -16, 17, 16.

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

Ludi (Eng) bt Jones (Wal) 20, 13, -11, 12;  
Knight (Eng) bt Senior (Ire) -20, 19, 12, 12;  
Hui So Hing (HKG) bt Domonkos (Can) 12, 13, 8;  
Howard (Eng) bt Salokhe (Ind) 11, 10, 16.

#### Semi-finals:

Knight bt Ludi 16, 10, 13;  
Hui So Hing bt Howard 16, 6, 12.

#### Final:

HUI SO HUNG bt Knight 13, 14, 14.

#### Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:

R. Javor (Aus)/Knapp bt M. Crimmins (Eng)/Parker 12, 17, 15;  
Due/Phadke bt Fletcher/Sandley -13, 20, -17, 12, 17;  
Walker/C. Wilson (Eng) bt Caetano/Z. Pataky (Can) 16, 16, 16;

Pinkewich/Tuckett bt Chandrasekhar/R. Hari (Ind) 19, -19, 15, 11.

#### Semi-finals:

Javor/Knapp bt Dua/Phadke 23, 16, 20;  
Walker/Wilson bt Pinkewich/Tuckett 21, 15, -20, 16.

#### Final:

JAVOR/KNAPP bt Walker/Wilson 15, 19, 11.

#### Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:

Howard/Knight bt C. Dalrymple/M. Neish (Sco) 10, 5, 14;  
E. Cash (Ire)/Senior bt C. Little (Aus)/Thompson 14, 17, 12;

Puri/Salokhe bt G. Nesukaitis (Can)/Plucas 16, -19, 18, 20;  
Chang Siu Ying (HKG)/Hui So Hung bt Ludi/Midgley -15, 14, 19, 13.

#### Semi-finals:

Howard/Knight bt Cash/Senior 15, 21, 6;  
Chang Siu Ying/Hui So Hung bt Puri/Salokhe 22, 15, 19.

#### Final:

HOWARD/KNIGHT bt Chang Siu Ying/Hui So Hung 14, 20, 9.

#### Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

Phadke/Puri bt Sandley/A. Gordon (Eng) -9, 15, -11, 17, 19;

Caetano/Domonkos bt Parker/Ludi 19, 17, 17;  
Vong Iu Veng/Hui So Hung bt Wilson/Knight 17, 13, 14;  
Walker/Howard bt Yule/Dalrymple -20, 14, 17, 16.

#### Semi-finals:

Caetano/Domonkos bt Phadke/Puri 13, 15, 16;  
Walker/Howard bt Vong Iu Veng/Hui So Hung 7, 10, -17, -14, 18.

#### Final:

WALKER/HOWARD bt Caetano/Domonkos 11, -16, 17, -17, 19.

#### Men's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Rodger (Sco) bt Poon Shui Wing (HKG) -17, 12, 8;  
D. Hannah (Sco) bt A. Nakhuda (Pak) 18, -14, 18;  
Wilson bt P. Joe (Can) 16, -17, 21;

G. Davies (Wal) bt M. Saif (Pak) 18, 10.

#### Semi-finals:

Rodger bt Hannah -19, 17, 12;  
Davies bt Wilson 19, 20.

#### Final:

RODGER bt Davies 22, 16.

#### Women's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:

Gordon bt T. Powell (Gue) 12, 10;  
Dalrymple bt Cash 14, -20, 16;

Lai Sau Lam (HKG) bt Nesukaitis 18, 11;  
G. Hsu (Can) bt P. Whitehouse (Aus) 9, -14, 7.

#### Semi-finals:

Gordon bt Dalrymple -17, 9, 16;  
Lai Sau Lam bt Hsu 19, 17.

#### Final:

LAI SAU LAM bt Gordon 19, -12, 25.

### COMMONWEALTH RANKING LISTS

(previous positions in brackets)

#### Men

1. Vong Iu Veng (HKG) (4)
2. Jimmy Walker (Eng) (5)
3. Paul Pinkewich (Aus) (8)
4. Chen Scheng Shien (HKG) (3)
5. Donald Parker (Eng)
6. Errol Caetano (Can) (9)
7. Stephen Knapp (Aus) (11)
8. Sohail Hayat (Pak)
9. Robert Tuckett (Aus) (10)
10. Venugopal Chandrasekhar (Ind)
11. Ma Yue Lung (HKG)
12. Sudhir Phadke (Ind)
13. Richard Yule (Sco) (12)
14. Alan Griffiths (Wal) (14)
15. Arif Nakhuda (Pak)
16. David Welsman (Wal)

#### Women

1. Hui So Hung (HKG)
2. Carole Knight (Eng)
3. Chang Siu Ying (HKG) (1)
4. Linda Howard (Eng)
5. Melody Ludi (Eng) (8)
6. Indi Puri (Ind) (13)
7. Stephanie Jones (Wal)
8. Karen Senior (Ire) (4)
9. Mariann Domonkos (Can) (11)
10. Shailaja Salokhe (Ind) (6)

### E.S.T.T.A. STOP PRESS

Teams from England, Ireland, Scotland, Norway and France will be involved in the Stiga Schools' International Championships which take place on July, 13, 14 and 15 at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford.

At the Association's A.G.M. at Leicester on May 20 it was agreed to increase the number of events in the National School Team Championships to eight. There will now be U-11 Boys and U-11 Girls (teams of four).

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New Association Treasurer is Mr. Bob Wood of Blackpool who succeeds Ian Crickmer of Worcester..

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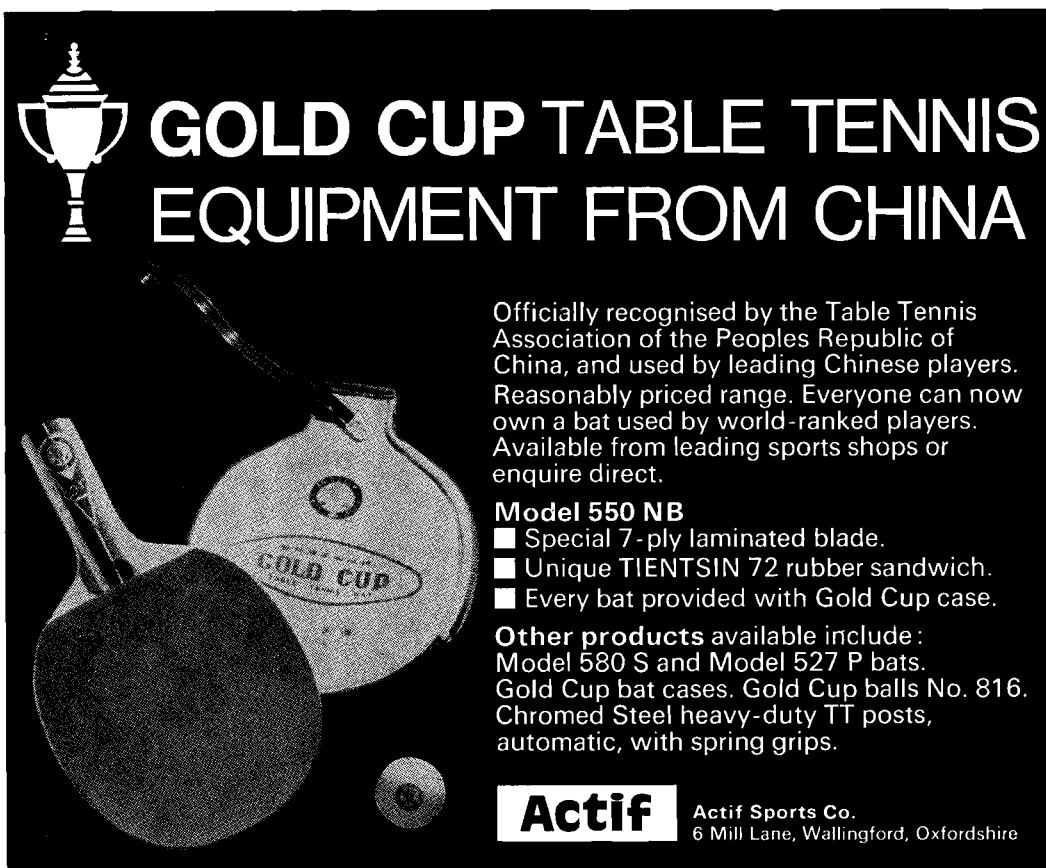
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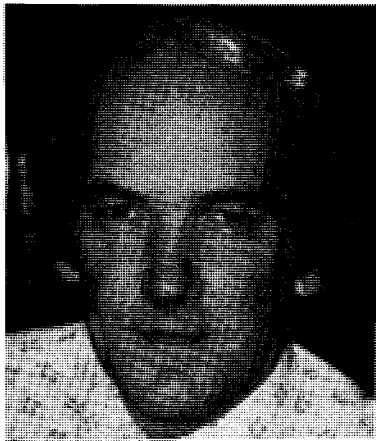
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# PYONGYANG, PYONGYANG . . .



## not 'Top of the Pops' for Ian Wooldridge of the 'Daily Mail'

There is this martial pop song which starts 'Pyongyang, Pyongyang . . .' and goes on to extol the glories of living under the benign patronage of Comrade President Marshal Kim II Sung in the capital of the world's most extreme Communist state.

It's a bouncy little tune, sung by a heavenly choir with fervent passion. I'll tell you something else about it. If I ever hear it emerging from the loudspeaker of a British radio I shall render considerable damage to the set with the nearest blunt instrument. So, I don't mind betting, will Mrs. Hammersley, Mr. Douglas and all the other British table tennis players who flew out, via the labour camp suburbs of Siberia, to the 35th World Championships in North Korea.

They played us 'Pyongyang, Pyongyang . . .' at breakfast. They played it to us at lunch. They played it to us at dinner time. They played it to

us in the corridors of their monolithic gymnasium, on the platforms of their underground railway stations and in their stores. They played it at the airport and they sang it three times in a single opera. They played it on the plane that flew us out via Moscow and, for God's sake, they even played it on the plane that returned us to Geneva.

I nearly forgot. They gave us all a parting gift. It was an LP record of 'Pyongyang, Pyongyang . . .'

Pyongyang was a pretty rum place to stage the world table tennis summit. It is entirely devoid of private cars, household pets, advertisements and the kind of humanity we know in the West. It is, instead, saturated by single-minded dedication to a diety called Kim II Sung — invariably referred to as 'The Beloved Leader' — and an unshakeable determination to sell him to Western visitors as the world's most remarkable man.

It was overkill all the way. Just as 'Pyongyang, Pyongyang . . .' was forced into our ears from breakfast till nightfall, so the politics of North Korea were forced into our heads with all the gentleness of a six-inch house-nail being smashed home by a sledgehammer.

This led to some problems. We all had guides, Party 'trusties' who, in their eternal exhortations of President Kim II Sung, came up with some very strange versions of 20th century history. For example mine, a 34-year-old man of some intellect, insisted that Kim II Sung's greatest single contribution to the world was his lone defeat of the Japanese aggressors.

"Rubbish", we suggested. "The Japs were defeated because, not before time, the Americans dropped a couple of atom-bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki". Our guide looked blank. He had never heard of either place. It is not in the North Korean history books and, until the table tennis championships, Westerners en masse had not been allowed into the country for 26 years. Struggles over history, ideology and the benefits of personal freedom went on 16 hours a day.

Well, that's okay for reporters like me who are paid to get into arguments all over the world. I have to say that I don't think it's okay for top athletes. Largely the table tennis players were unhappy in Pyongyang. I am not capable of judging whether or not this severely affected British form, since table tennis is not my game, but we didn't exactly set the world alight. Desmond

Douglas, particularly, was consumed by a lethargy from which he never recovered and his farewell games in the men's singles personified his unhappiness. He just blew it and got out as fast as he could.

This is never an edifying spectacle but, for once there may have been some justification. Pyongyang's 21,000-crowds were consumed by an irrational patriotism which made them the most prejudiced in the world. They erupted at a North Korean point. They erupted even more loudly at anyone else's error. They had no conception of the accepted standards of sportsmanship and, since they were conducted by cheer-leaders, it is quite feasible they had no real conception of the sport they were watching.

Understandably this was a constant irritation to the players. The Americans suffered to a far greater degree than the British. Their players, some of whom weren't even born at the time, were being held personally responsible for the American bombing of Pyongyang in the Korean war. They had a rough ride. That is no atmosphere in which to conduct world championships.

To be fair, Roy Evans, president of the International Table Tennis Federation, was in a dilemma. Pyongyang was third-choice venue after the United States and Yugoslavia but to go there, of course, was always asking for political trouble.

It came when both South Korea and Israel were refused entry visas to Pyongyang. As equal-status members of the I.T.T.F. they should have been subject to guarantees of entry. In fact, North Korea did pay lip-service to the rule, then reneged at a critical last moment when many other teams were actually in the air and on their way. This gave Evans a hell of a problem.

Did he cancel the championships on a matter of principle? Or did he sit tight and allow them to continue, despite the absence of two member nations. Evans is a self-confessed pragmatist. He sat tight, explaining: "My role is to see that table tennis goes on". Personally I believe he was wrong. Thin ends of sharp wedges are being hammered into sport all over the world and someone, some day, has got to start knocking them out again.

But that is essentially a reporter's opinion. Evans is a graceful man doing what he genuinely believes best for the game and what he believed best was that several hundred table tennis players, at enormous expense, weren't stranded all over the globe. What is more, his personal presence and authority averted plenty of local problems. Nevertheless, he presided over one of the most bizarre major sport events of our time.

It was a unique opportunity to peer inside the most heavily-shuttered society in the world and anyone who didn't benefit from it, however frustrating it may have been at the time, would have to be very block-headed. It was, essentially, a North Korean venture to use table tennis to promote the name of Kim II Sung in the West. In this they succeeded, although whether or not they will appreciate what was written when they finally get it translated is another matter altogether.

I would like to add one essentially personal note. To arrive very much as an 'outside' reporter in a very specialised sport can occasionally lead to all sorts of calamities. During Operation Pyongyang I encountered nothing but frankness and friendliness and assistance from players and officials and colleague journalists. If I may beg the indulgence of the editor, George Yates, I would like to say thanks.

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# TOURIST IN PARADISE

by RICHARD D. LEWIS

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The 35th World Table Tennis Championships have just been concluded in Pyongyang and your editor has asked me to give my impressions of my visit to Korea. As I was the only British tourist in Korea, we decided that I should write the article mainly from the tourist point of view, without commenting on the political significance of events or on the actual table tennis itself, which will no doubt be expertly covered by other contributors in this issue.

The show began as we staggered down the steps of our aeroplane, bleary-eyed from hours of tedious night-time vigil at airports in Novosibirsk and Irkutsk. After a battery of camera-men had dealt with us, we were smoothly taken in tow by our guides who, we later found, were to be our ever-present companions during our stay in the Republic. My chief guide was a pleasant young man called Mr. Kim (as were nearly all the others) ably and constantly assisted by two young lady guides names Miss Ma and Miss Choe.

All three spoke good English and we were propelled through Customs with a minimum of fuss and delay where we found our luggage being packed into fleets of Volvos and Mercedes Benz lined up for our arrival. I had a Volvo all to myself. At 80 miles an hour we covered the 10 miles between the airport and the Potongang Hotel in a matter of minutes. The first impression was one of wide, tree-lined boulevards devoid of litter, vehicles or pedestrians and of a whirlwind succession of huge modern apartment blocks, theatres and Palaces of Culture. The last mile took us along the willow-lined Potong-gang River with its delicate bridges and Boat-Race-style rowing boats.

## INTERVALS

The hotel rooms for one person were light and airy with twin beds, refrigerator, television, balcony and more than adequate space. My room (with bath) cost £13 per night. The first day's programme was 6 hours' sleep, hamburgers for dinner and a stroll around the Gymnasium and a few shops (still open at 11 p.m.).

During the next few days, with suitable intervals for table tennis, I made every effort to see all that Pyongyang had to offer. The Opening Ceremony at the Championships provided the key-note on which tourism and sight-seeing in Pyongyang are presented. The city is one huge spectacular, which Hollywood would have trouble in improving upon. The very size and millimetric precision of the Gymnasium Display at the Opening Ceremony made one gasp with astonishment. As we were to find out on many occasions, it is the children in Korea who are the nation's major performers, if one takes into account not only their highly developed talents in song and physical movement, but also their ever-present visibility and disciplined charm. The hugeness of the display was matched by the major buildings of the capital.

The Central Historical Museum was one of the most spacious and best laid-out that I have ever seen, whilst the Museum of Korean Revolution has 90 rooms of exhibition, of which I saw 29 in 3 hours flat. The Grand Theatre, Kim Il Sung University, People's Palace of Culture, Children's Palace and the February 8th Hall of Culture are all gigantic in their conception and execution and the Underground Metro must be among the most grandiose of the world's tube systems. The Gymnasium itself, as well as the various sport stadiums in the City, rival those of most countries and the endless apartment blocks, though often strikingly uniform, could hardly fail to impress the tourist. There do not appear to be any churches left in Pyongyang but several old Gates stand as a relic of the historic beauty of the pre-war city.

## IMPORTANT

May 1st is, of course, an important national holiday in Korea and the organizing committee had prepared an impressive programme for the many foreign visitors connected with the Championships. It was a perfect spring day, sunny and cool, as we were driven in convoy to Moranbong Park, a hilly area in the middle of the city abounding in pear trees and cherry blossom. There hundreds of smiling, frolicking Korean children awaited us and helped our guides transport us from sight to sight inside the park. There were song and dance acts against a waterfall background, flautists, brass bands, see-saws, swings and acrobats. All the performers were in colourful national dress and the morning's entertainment gave us a fascinating glimpse of Korean folk art. After the inevitable cider in the pavilion on top of the hill we were whisked back to the hotels for lunch before proceeding in the afternoon to Pyongyang Circus. This time the audience was

largely foreign and we were left in no doubt as to the excellence of Korean Circus artists, particularly the acrobats and jugglers, reputed to be the world's finest.

Another highlight of our stay was the visit to Mangyongdae on another sunny morning. This is of course the historic birthplace of the Great Leader Kim Il Sung and therefore represents a focal point for Korean pilgrims from all over the country. Our visit coincided with that of thousands of school children and groups of adults from rural areas. We planted trees as a sign of international friendship and drank more cider in the beautiful pavilion overlooking the site.

## PANMUNJOM

As a tourist not too strictly bound by the programme of the Championships, I had requested the authorities to arrange various visits for me outside Pyongyang. These requests were, in the main, granted and afforded me some fascinating glimpses of different areas in the Republic. The trip to Panmunjom was the most interesting of all the excursions I made. It is 250 kilometres from Pyongyang to the historic village where the armistice was signed and our car covered this distance at speeds of up to 100 miles an hour. It obviously had some kind of special clearance as the driver showed no signs of slowing at any of the numerous check-points and police barriers en route. A visit to the Demarcation Line is not taken lightly by anyone and the Korean army officers in charge of the visit displayed the same sense of drama I had noticed on other occasions. Our late arrival meant that we had to wait 5 hours before the interview could be re-scheduled.

At 6 p.m. we were driven to the official barrier on the edge of the Demilitarized Zone. There we were greeted by Captain Kim Ho Jung, our official guide of the area, as well as by the Colonel in charge of the post and 4 sentries. The next 90 minutes were spent studying models of the area, inspecting the headquarters building and proceeding to the Demarcation Line itself where we stood eye to eye with the South Korean sentries. They took pictures of us and I took pictures of them. Our hosts pointed out various items of military significance and spent some time making their point of view very clear. Later they showed me the building where the Americans had signed the armistice agreement and let me sit in the chair where General Mark Clark had penned the actual document. The whole experience left one with a profound impression of the intense desire of the Koreans to reunify their 5-thousand-year-old nation.

## FRUSTRATED

There were some features of our visit to Korea which left foreign visitors confused, bewildered and at times frustrated. Things do not function as they do in Europe and we all had our daily dramas (with snakes in bottles) trying to make phone calls or stamps stick on envelopes, opening hotel doors, ordering food with strange names and changing money at a speed somewhat less than that of greased lightning. Korean wine was not to our liking (though the beer was good) while their attempts at cooking western food did not always meet with our full approval. At least George enjoyed his tomato soup twice a day. Real Korean food, on the other hand, was quite delicious if one had the sense to order it and the temperament to be able to eat it. Taxis were never a problem, though one tended to be driven along the same route irrespective of what was one's destination. We had the "Pyongyang Times" to read for breakfast and there was a billiard table behind the bar.

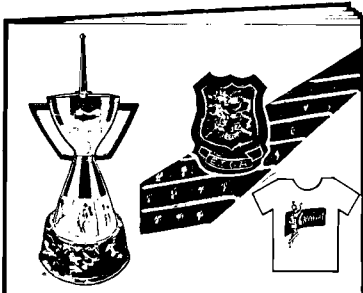
All in all, Korea is a long way from the West and it is only natural that we found many things strange there. In conclusion, however, it was clear to me as a tourist that the organizing committee and the Korean people in Pyongyang in general had made a tremendous effort to make these Championships a success. If it was difficult for them to make us feel "at home" yet they did their utmost to provide us with every service we could require and the large number of people assigned to this task — not only the many guides and officials but also the hundreds of first-class artists — ensured that we shall remember Pyongyang and the ceremonies we witnessed there for many years to come.

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# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

by DAVID LOMAS

## STIGA ENGLISH SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gloucester Leisure Centre was the new venue for the sixth Stiga English Schools Individual Championships which took place on Saturday, April 28th.

For the first time ever the Championships gained a slot on television for a film unit from BBC TV's "Stopwatch" programme was present and the highlights were shown on the following Tuesday.

For five of the eight champions it was a "first" but not so for Colin Wilson (Goff's School, Cheshunt) who in winning the Boys' U-19 title added to his U-16 win last year at Luton. Wilson was hardly extended throughout the day and defeated David Barr in straight games in the final. Barr had ousted Skylet Andrew in an intriguing semi-final which saw the Essex boy fritter away some seemingly insurmountable leads.

Sally Midgley (Hanson School, Bradford) also encountered little opposition in the Girls' U-19 event. Local hope Cathy Robb was pipped for third place by Rachel Mackriell.

One of the few shocks of the day occurred in the Boys' U-16 event when John Souter went out to Robert Swift in the quarter-final. It ended a spell of four consecutive Championships in which Souter had finished amongst the medal winners. Swift didn't progress much further, however, losing to the winner, Mark Oakley (Tomlinson Secondary School, Frimley) in the semi-final. Oakley had a tough final against Paul Whiting but emerged a worthy winner.

Cherry Creasey (Queen Elizabeth School,

Wimbourne) won her first national title in beating Jackie Bellinger in the Girls' U-16 category but Jackie's younger sister, Lisa (Mill Vale School, Dunstable) who won the Under-11 title last year went one better and won the Girls' U-13 event in a close encounter against Jean Parker. Another previous Under-11 winner Gary Lambert (Exmouth School) had a tough match against Carl Preat (Isle of Wight) with the Devon boy taking the honours.

Andrew Henry (Holmgate Primary School, Clay Cross) justified his number one seeding in winning the Boys' U-11 title. In the Girls' U-11 event, however, there were so many "unknowns" that Organiser Eddie Mitchell and Referee Les Smith were unable to seed any players. Alison Boxall (St. Paul's School, Cheshunt) was the winner over Lisa Hayden who played with great promise for a 9-years-old.

Not only were individual titles at stake but there was also competition for places in the E.S.T.T.A. teams due to take part in the Stiga Schools International Championships which are scheduled for July 13, 14, and 15 at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford.

Amongst the guests were Coun. Peter Arnold, Sherrif of Gloucester, and Mr. Maurice Goldstein, President of the English Table Tennis Association.

Following last year's championships I made a little grumble about the public address system. This year it was first-class as was the organisation of a unique tournament (played on eighteen Stiga tables) involving county schools champions from 49 Associations. One disappointing aspect however was the large number of non-appearances from what should have been yet another record entry.

### Results:-

**Boys' Under-19 Finalists**  
WILSON bt Barr 18, 14.  
**Girls' Under-19 Finalists**  
MIDGLEY bt Pritchard 14, 16.  
**Boys' Under-16 Finalists**  
OAKLEY bt Whiting 17, -15, 15.  
**Girls' Under-16 Finalists**  
CREASEY bt Bellinger -17, 15, 13.

**Boys' Under-13 Finalists**  
LAMBERT bt Preat 11, -18, 19.  
**Girls' Under-13 Finalists**  
BELLINGER bt Parker -17, 22, 18.  
**Boys' Under-11 Finalists**  
HENRY bt Jukes 14, 19.  
**Girls' Under-11 Finalists**  
BOXALL bt Hayden -12, 19, 9.

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## JOHN WOODFORD MOVES

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## NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX

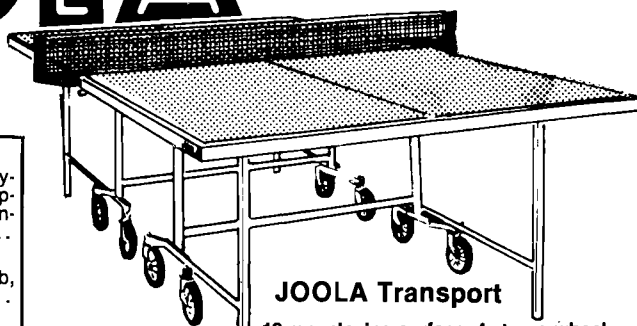
The following tournaments have been nominated for inclusion in the Norwich Union Grand Prix next season — Hungarian, Scandinavian, French, English, Welsh and Federal German.

## APOLOGY

The Editor apologises for the many omissions in this issue due to lack of space brought about by the coverage of the 35th World Championships. Efforts will be made to include in the Sept./Oct. issue such features as the Worthing Junior International, the Rock Under-21 Championships and the Norwich Union Masters Tournament the latter having been won by Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia.

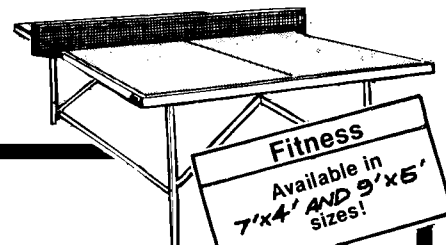
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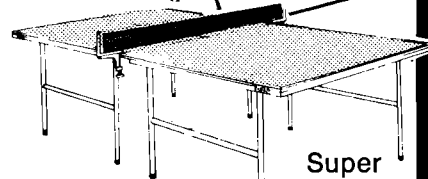
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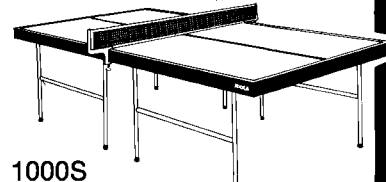


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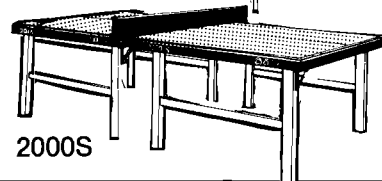
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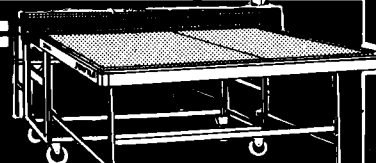
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# County Championships Round-up

by BOB BRIDGES

## DOGGED BY MISFORTUNE

Well beyond the end of the normal season and most of all promotion and relegation issues have been settled, although the Premier Division, dogged by misfortune all season still awaits the outcome of Glamorgan's visit to Yorkshire. Yorkshire's position in the table can not alter whatever the result is, but a Glamorgan success will put Surrey down while a win for the Tykes will send the Welshmen down to the second Division.

All the second division titles have been claimed and the Promotion Challenge matches at Lutterworth Upper School on April 28/29 whittled down the five contestants to two successful counties who will compete in the Premier next season. Cleveland return to the division they should have been playing in all season along with Kent. Leicestershire's luck just was not going and they lost the crucial final battle with Cleveland; full report is given elsewhere. Cambridgeshire, in the eyes of most Anglian observers, were the surprise qualifiers from 2 East; Hertfordshire had been going very well all season and it wasn't only my completely biased feelings on the matter that I tipped them for the championship! When the final crunch occurred at Hatfield on March 31st Cambridgeshire held the bit between their teeth and beat Hertfordshire 6-4. For what it was worth, Keith Richardson gained ample revenge for the defeat Richard Jermyn gave him in the final of the Fenland Open some weeks before, and for the next beating in the Bedford Open a couple of weeks later. Herts successes were confined to the Women's matches and Jon Proffitt over Geoff Davies.

The Junior Premier Division, the final sixteen matches completed at St. Neots over the weekend of March 31/April 1, was a complete success. The organization afforded by the St. Neots club was first-class and the reaction from participants overwhelming. However, with most Counties affected by International Calls the final play-off was a matter of maintaining status in the top junior division; one County even promised to sue the E.T.T.A. if they were relegated! In the event, Middlesex retained their hold on the junior title and Cleveland went down with last year's promotees Cheshire.

## Premier Division

### Details:-

#### Yorkshire 6 Surrey 3

at Abbeydale, Sheffield.  
A. Fletcher lost to D. Welsman -10, -21;  
bt D. Hannah -11, 13, 12.  
A. Clayton bt Welsman -15, 20, 18;  
bt S. Holloway 11, 7.  
S. Mills bt Hannah 19, 16;  
bt Holloway 20, 12.  
Clayton/Fletcher bt Hannah/Welsman 21, 21.  
Melody Ludi lost to Lorraine Garbet -14, -15.  
C. Lo/Miss Ludi lost to Holloway/Miss Garbet -17, 14, -19.

#### Berkshire 6 Middlesex 3

at Reading.  
A. Wellman bt M. Mitchell 17, -19, 20;  
lost to G. Sandley 18, -15, -19.  
S. Heaps lost to Mitchell -15, 16, -17;  
bt D. Jemmett 18, 17.  
D. Reeves bt Jemmett -13, 15, 12.  
Heaps/J. Stokes lost to Mitchell/Sandley -12, -11.  
Karen Witt bt Angela Mitchell 12, 13.  
D. Reeves/Miss Witt bt Jemmett/Miss Mitchell -21, 20, 14.  
\* Sandley conceded to Reeves.

#### Glamorgan 4 Essex 5

at Cardiff.  
A. Griffiths bt R. Potton 13, -14, 12;  
bt K. Jackson 10, -16, 15.  
G. Evans lost to Potton 18, -21, -17;  
lost to D. Newman -17, -17.  
G. Davies lost to Jackson 20, -19, -14;  
bt Newman 19, 10.

Davies/Griffiths lost to Potton/Newman 12, -18, -22.  
Miss S. Jones lost to Elaine Foulds -15, -17.  
Evans/Miss Jones bt Jackson/Mrs. Foulds 11, 14.

#### Surrey 1 Cheshire 8

at New Malden.  
M. Crimmins lost to N. Eckersley -18, -18;  
bt D. Constance -13, 20, 11.  
Welsman lost to Eckersley -16, 17, -14;  
lost to M. Johns 18, -15, -16.  
Hannah lost to Constance -16, -16;  
lost to Johns -13, -13.  
Crimmins/Hannah lost to Constance/Eckersley 19, -15, -10.  
Lorraine Garbet lost to Susan Lisle -11, -17.  
Welsman/Miss Garbet lost to Johns/Miss Lisle -12, -9.

#### Berkshire 3 Yorkshire 6

at Reading.  
Wellman bt Clayton 13, -18, 11;  
bt Lo 19, 16.  
Reeves lost to Clayton -7, -7;  
bt M. Harrison 20, 19.  
Stokes lost to Lo -17, 15, -19;  
lost to Harrison 15, -19, -19.  
Stokes/Wellman lost to Harrison/Lo -17, -15.  
Alison Gordon lost to Sally Midgeley -15, 12, -17.  
Reeves/Miss Gordon lost to Clayton/Miss Midgeley.

#### Glamorgan 4 Warwickshire 5

at Cardiff.  
Griffiths lost to D. Munt -9, 12, -17;  
bt P. Glynn 16, -19, 15.  
Evans lost to Munt -17, -19;  
lost to B. Hayward -14, 22, 12.  
Davies lost to Glynn -15, -13;  
bt B. Hayward 11, 14.  
Davies/Griffiths bt Hayward/Munt 15, -16, 19.  
Stephanie Jones bt Karen Groves 15, 16.  
Evans/Miss Jones lost to Glynn/Miss Groves -9, 14, -16.

#### Berkshire 2 Essex 7

at Reading.  
Wellman lost to Potton 15, -17, -12;  
bt Newman 19, -26, 17.  
Heaps lost to Potton -16, -25;  
bt K. Caldron 18, 13.  
Reeves lost to Newman -15, -19;  
lost to Caldron -10, -18.  
Heaps/Reeves lost to Newman/Potton -19, 21, -16.  
Alison Burke lost to Elaine Sayer -17, -16.  
Wellman/Miss Burke lost to Caldron/Miss Sayer 16, -15, -15.

#### Glamorgan 4 Cheshire 5

at Cardiff.  
Griffiths bt Eckersley 18, 16;  
bt Constance -16, 19, 14.  
Evans bt Eckersley 17, -16, 11;  
lost to Johns 16, -21, -11.  
Davies bt Constance 12, 17;  
lost to Johns 19, -19, -14.  
Davies/Griffiths lost to Eckersley/Constance -18, 22, -19.  
Stephanie Jones lost to Susan Lisle -16, -14.  
Evans/Miss Jones lost to Johns/Miss Lisle 7, -10, -18.

#### Essex 5 Warwickshire 4

at West Thurrock.  
Potton bt Munt 15, 17;  
bt Glynn 18, 20.  
Jackson lost to Munt -11, -17;  
lost to Hayward -9, -17.  
Newman bt P. Glynn 19, 18;  
bt Hayward 18, 18.  
Jackson/Potton lost to Hayward/Munt -17, 8, -11.  
Elaine Foulds lost to Karen Groves -18, 16, -8.  
Newman/Mrs. Foulds bt Glynn/Miss Groves 22, 20.

## Junior Premier Division

### Details:-

#### Yorkshire 2 Surrey 8

A. Hill lost to S. Holloway -17, -21;

lost to M. Oakley 18, -17, -11.  
M. Illingsworth lost to Holloway -18, -16;  
bt G. Baker 22, -15, 19.  
S. Madden lost to Oakley -10, 16, -17;  
lost to Baker -16, -18.  
M. and D. Illingsworth lost to Holloway/Oakley -18, -16.  
Miss L. Broomhead bt Miss K. Merritt 20, 19.  
Miss T. Robertshaw lost to Miss S. Cresswell -15, -16.  
Miss Robertshaw/Miss M. Seaton lost to Miss Cresswell/Miss Merritt -17, -19.

#### Cleveland 0 Middlesex 10

S. Brunskill lost to C. Wilson -15, -21;  
lost to M. Lee -21, -11.  
J. Chan lost to Wilson -18, -15;  
lost to P. Stratton -19, -19.  
D. Polasek lost to Les -11, -11;  
lost to Stratton -17, 7, -11.  
Brunskill/Polasek lost to Stratton/Wilson -23, -12.  
Miss J. Woodcock lost to Miss M. Reeves -11, -13.  
Miss A. Holden lost to Miss H. Williams -14, -11.  
Miss Holden/Miss Woodcock lost to Miss Reeves/Miss Williams -14, -10.

#### Staffordshire 5 Essex 5

A. Dixon lost to D. Charlery 19, -10, -6;  
bt T. Dowsett 18, 12.  
S. Richards lost to Charlery -16, -9;  
bt I. Attridge 15, -17, 22.  
P. Barnett lost to Dowsett -15, -20;  
bt Attridge -18, 18, 19.  
Dixon/Richards lost to Charlery/D. Henry 15, -11, -12.  
Miss J. Harris bt Miss J. Dowsett 16, 14.  
Miss S. Hadley lost to Miss D. Taylor -20, -20.  
Miss Hadley/Miss Harris bt Miss Dowsett/Miss Taylor 15, 14.

#### Cheshire 4 Berkshire 6

P. Flint lost to D. Barr -13, 16, -16;  
lost to D. Gloster -10, -16.  
J. Weatherby lost to Barr -12, -13;  
bt I. Fullerton.  
T. Taylor lost to G. Gloster 16, -18, -16;  
bt I. Fullerton 20, 20.  
Weatherby/T. Worthington bt Barr/Gloster 17, 19.  
Miss L. Fennah lost to Miss M. Smith -11, -19.  
Miss J. Deakin bt Miss A. Burke 13, 12.  
Miss Deakin/Miss Fennah lost to Miss Burke/Miss Smith -13, -12.

#### Middlesex 8 Staffordshire 2

Wilson bt Dixon 14, 16;  
bt Richards 9, 13.  
Les bt Dixon 17, 8;  
bt Barnett 11, 14.  
Stratton lost to Richards 13, -19, -19;  
bt Barnett 10, 19.  
Les/Wilson bt Barnett/Dixon 11, 11.  
Miss Reeves bt Miss Harris 17, 22.  
Miss Williams conceded to Miss V. Bellingham.  
Miss Reeves/Miss Williams bt Miss Bellingham/Miss Harris 8, 21.

#### Surrey 7 Cheshire 3

Holloway bt Flint 16, 10;  
bt J. Weatherby 16, 14.  
Oakley bt Flint -19, 12, 11;  
bt Taylor 10, -17, 18.  
Baker bt Weatherby 13, 16;  
bt Taylor -13, 18, 20.  
Oakley/G. Russell bt Weatherby/Worthington -12, 11, 14.  
Miss Merritt lost to Miss Fennah -16, -16.  
Miss Cresswell lost to Miss Deakin -21, -16.  
Miss Cresswell/Miss Merritt lost to Miss Deakin/Miss Fennah -15, -17.

#### Berkshire 4 Yorkshire 6

Barr bt Hill -17, 17, 18;  
bt M. Illingsworth 12, 15.  
Gloster lost to Hill -23, 20, -21;  
lost to D. Illingsworth -19, -22.  
Fullerton lost to M. Illingsworth -14, -18;  
lost to D. Illingsworth 19, -11, -14.  
Barr/Gloster lost to M. and D. Illingsworth 17, -17, -22.  
Miss Smith bt Miss Broomhead 12, 15.  
Miss Burke lost to Miss Seaton -11, -9.  
Miss Burke/Miss Smith bt Miss Robertshaw/Miss Seaton 11, 18.

#### Essex 9 Cleveland 1

Charlery bt K. Green 19, 16;  
bt L. Taylor 17, 11.

Dowsett bt Green -11, 19, 14;  
lost to G. Walker -19, -17.  
Henry bt Taylor 13, 18;  
bt G. Walker 23, 18.  
I. Attridge/Charlery bt Green/Taylor -19, 18, 19.  
Miss Dowsett bt Miss Woodcock 16, 15.  
Miss K. Mudge bt Miss Holden 18, 14.  
Miss Dowsett/Miss Mudge bt Miss Holden/  
Miss Woodcock 16, 15.

**Cleveland 2 Berkshire 8**  
Green lost to D. Barr -15, -16;  
bt Gloster 13, 10.  
Taylor lost to Barr -15, -13;  
bt M. Barr -14, 14, 19.  
Brunskill lost to Gloster -12, 17, -23;  
lost to M. Barr -14, -17.  
Green/Taylor lost to D. Barr/Gloster -16, 19, -16.  
Miss Woodcock lost to Miss Smith -15, -10.  
Miss Holden lost to Miss Burke -20, -10.  
Miss Holden/Miss Woodcock lost to Miss Burke/  
Miss Smith -8, -12.

**Yorkshire 5 Essex 5**  
Hill bt Charlery -14, 19, 19;  
bt Attridge 13, 15.  
Madden lost to Charlery -14, -9;  
bt Henry 20, 10.  
D. Illingsworth lost to Attridge -18, -18;  
lost to Henry -16, -19.  
M. and D. Illingsworth lost to Charlery/Henry  
-22, -21.  
Miss Broomhead lost to Miss Dowsett -13, -15.  
Miss Seaton bt Miss D. Taylor 14, 21.  
Miss Robertshaw/Miss Seaton bt Miss Dowsett/  
Miss Mudge 20, 19.

**Cheshire 0 Middlesex 10**  
J. Weatherby lost to G. Sandley -13, -13;  
lost to Wilson 17, -7, -9.  
Worthington lost to Sandley -17, -17;  
lost to Les -18, -17.  
Taylor lost to Wilson -16, -11;  
lost to Les -10, -8.  
Weatherby/Worthington lost to Les/Stratton  
-14, -15.  
Miss Fennah lost to Miss Reeves -13, -20.  
Miss Deakin lost to Miss Williams -11, -17.  
Miss Deakin/Miss Fennah lost to Miss Reeves/  
Miss Williams -18, -19.

**Staffordshire 2 Surrey 8**  
Dixon lost to Holloway -14, 16, -17;  
lost to Oakley -14, -19.  
Richards bt Holloway 19, -11, 18;  
lost to Baker -12, -14.  
Barnett lost to Oakley -20, -18;  
lost to Baker -16, -15.  
Barnett/Dixon bt Oakley/Russell -17, 18, 14.  
Miss Harris lost to Miss L. Garbet -17, -14.  
Miss Hadley lost to Miss Merritt -18, -13.  
Miss Hadley/Miss Harris lost to Miss Cresswell/  
Miss Garbet -9, -15.

**Essex 5 Cheshire 5**  
Charlery bt Flint -17, 9, 11;  
bt J. Weatherby 19, 17.  
Dowsett lost to Flint -18, -18;  
bt Worthington 21, 17.  
Attridge bt Weatherby 16, 19;  
bt Worthington 11, 13.  
Charlery/D. Henry lost to Weatherby/  
Worthington -17, -18.  
Miss Mudge lost to Miss Fennah -5, -18.  
Miss Taylor lost to Miss Deakin 17, -21, -9.  
Miss Dowsett/Miss Mudge lost to Miss Deakin/  
Miss Fennah -18, 17, -19.

**Berkshire 7 Staffordshire 3**  
Barr bt Dixon 12, 17;  
bt Richards 23, 23.  
Gloster lost to Dixon -18, -18;  
bt Barnett -18, 14, 17.  
Fullerton lost to Richards -16, -15;  
lost to Barnett -8, -9.  
Barr/Gloster bt Barnett/Dixon 15, -19, 12.  
Miss Smith bt Miss Harris 16, 14.  
Miss Burke bt Miss Hadley 15, 11.  
Miss Burke/Miss Smith bt Miss Bellingham/  
Miss Harris 22, 18.

**Surrey 10 Cleveland 0**  
Oakley bt Walker 7, 22;  
bt Chan 19, 15.  
Baker bt Walker 19, 17;  
bt Polasek -17, 14, 15.  
Russell bt Chan 11, 12;  
bt Polasek -14, 13, 9.  
Holloway/Russell bt Chan/Walker 18, 13.

Miss Garbet bt Miss Woodcock 10, 12.  
Miss Cresswell bt Miss Holden 12, 15.  
Miss Garbet/Miss Merritt bt Miss Holden/Miss  
Woodcock 17, 15.

**Middlesex 8 Yorkshire 2**  
Sandley lost to Hill -14 (conceded);  
bt M. Illingsworth 9, 12.  
Wilson bt Hill 18, 18;  
bt Madden -15, 18, 16.  
Stratton lost to Illingsworth 19, -15, -18;  
bt Madden -12, 18, 14.  
Les/Stratton bt D. Illingsworth/Madden 15, 16.  
Miss Reeves bt Miss Broomhead 16, 18.  
Miss Williams bt Miss Seaton 11, 18.  
Miss Reeves/Miss Williams bt Miss Robertshaw/  
Miss Seaton -17, 10, 13.

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>							
Cheshire	7	7	0	0	46	17	14
Middlesex	7	5	0	2	40	23	10
Essex	7	5	0	2	34	29	10
Yorkshire	6	3	0	3	30	24	6
Warwickshire	7	3	0	4	25	38	6
Surrey	7	2	0	5	22	41	4
Glamorgan	6	1	0	5	23	31	2
Berkshire	7	1	0	6	24	39	2
<b>2 SOUTH</b>							
Kent	6	5	1	0	49	11	11
Sussex	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Middlesex II	6	4	0	2	28	32	8
Berkshire II	6	2	0	4	25	35	4
Dorset	6	2	0	4	24	36	4
Buckinghamshire	6	1	1	4	24	36	3
Surrey II	6	1	1	4	23	37	3
<b>2 NORTH</b>							
Cleveland	5	4	1	0	35	15	9
Yorks II	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Lancashire	5	3	0	2	32	18	6
Lincolnshire	5	2	1	2	19	31	5
Northumberland	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
Durham	5	0	0	5	13	37	0
<b>2 MIDLAND</b>							
Leicestershire	5	5	0	0	42	8	10
Staffordshire	5	2	2	1	26	24	6
Warwicks II	5	2	2	1	25	25	6
Derbyshire	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Shropshire	4	0	0	4	14	26	0
<b>2 EAST</b>							
Cambridgeshire	5	4	1	0	33	17	9
Hertfordshire	5	3	1	1	33	17	7
Essex II	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Norfolk	5	1	1	3	14	36	3
Suffolk	5	0	2	3	21	29	2
Bedfordshire	5	1	0	4	19	31	2
<b>2 WEST</b>							
Wiltshire	6	6	0	0	43	17	12
Glamorgan II	6	4	0	2	37	23	8
Devon	6	4	0	2	33	27	8
Gloucs	6	3	0	3	25	35	6
Somerset	6	2	1	3	31	29	5
Worcs	6	0	2	4	21	39	2
Avon	6	0	1	5	20	40	1
<b>3 SOUTH</b>							
Kent II	4	3	1	0	27	13	7
Essex III	4	1	3	0	24	16	5
Hampshire	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Sussex II	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Herts III	4	0	1	3	13	27	1
<b>3 NORTH</b>							
Cheshire III	5	2	3	0	32	18	7
Derbyshire II	4	2	2	0	28	12	6
Lancashire II	5	2	2	1	30	20	6
Cleveland II	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Northumberland II	4	1	0	3	13	27	2
Cumbria	5	0	0	5	16	34	0
<b>3 NORTH MIDLAND</b>							
Cheshire II	5	5	0	0	42	8	10
Leics II	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Notts	5	2	1	2	27	23	5
Clwyd	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Staffs II	5	1	1	3	21	29	3
Salop II	5	0	0	5	7	43	0
<b>3 SOUTH MIDLAND</b>							
Hampshire II	5	5	0	0	37	13	10
Worcs II	5	2	2	1	29	21	6
Hereford	5	1	3	1	24	26	5
Northants II	5	1	3	1	22	28	5
Oxfordshire	5	1	2	2	24	26	4
Bucks II	5	0	0	5	14	36	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>3 EAST</b>							
Herts II	5	5	0	0	40	10	10
Cambs II	5	4	0	1	29	21	8
Norfolk II	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Hunts	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Suffolk	5	0	2	3	18	32	2
Beds II	5	0	1	4	15	35	1
<b>3 WEST</b>							
Gwent	5	5	0	0	39	11	10
Dorset II	5	2	2	1	28	22	6
Avon II	5	2	1	2	22	28	5
Cornwall	5	1	1	3	22	28	3
Glamorgan III	5	1	1	3	21	29	3
Somerset II	5	1	1	3	18	32	3
<b>JUNIOR PREMIER</b>							
Middlesex	7	7	0	0	61	9	14
Surrey	7	4	2	1	46	24	10
Berkshire	7	4	1	2	37	33	9
Yorkshire	7	3	1	3	37	33	7
Staffordshire	7	3	1	3	34	36	7
Essex	7	1	4	2	34	36	3
Cheshire	7	1	1	5	25	45	3
Cleveland	7	0	0	7	6	64	0
<b>JUNIOR 2 SOUTH</b>							
Devon	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Sussex	6	3	1	2	38	22	7
Middx II	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Wiltshire	6	3	1	2	35	25	7
Surrey II	6	2	1	3	24	36	5
Essex II	6	1	0	5	17	43	3
Dorset	6	0	0	6	13	47	0
<b>JUNIOR 2 NORTH</b>							
Lancashire	6	5	0	1	41	19	10
Cumbria	6	5	0	1	41	19	10
Clwyd	6	5	1	0	39	21	10
Yorks II	6	3	0	3	30	30	6
Notts	6	2	0	4	31	29	4
Derbyshire	6	1	0	5	18	42	2
Shropshire	6	0	0	6	10	50	0
games: Lancs 94-46 Cumb 86-50							
<b>JUNIOR 2 MIDLAND</b>							
Warwickshire	6	5	1	0	42	18	11
Buckinghamshire	6	5	0	1	42	18	10
Glamorgan	6	4	1	1	41	19	9
Cambridgeshire	6	3	0	3	28	42	6
Hertfordshire	6	1	0	5	22	38	2
Northants	6	1	0	5	18	42	2
Gloucs	6	1	0	5	17	43	2
<b>JUNIOR 3 SOUTH</b>							
Kent	5	5	0	0	36	14	10
Oxfordshire	5	3	1	1	28	22	7
Sussex II	5	2	0	3	29	21	4
Berkshire II	5	1	1	3	22	28	3
Hants II	5	1	1	3	18	32	3
Bucks II	5	1	1	3	17	33	3
<b>JUNIOR 3 SOUTH EAST</b>							
Bedfordshire	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Essex III	4	3	0	1	23	17	6
Suffolk	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Norfolk	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Herts II	4	0	0	4	7	33	0
<b>JUNIOR 3 NORTH</b>							
Cheshire II	5	3	2	0	29	21	8
Lincolnshire	5	3	1	1	34	16	7
Durham	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Cumbria II	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Cleveland II	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Northumberland	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
<b>JUNIOR 3 MIDLAND</b>							
Worcestershire	5	4	1	0	39	11	9
Staffs II	5	4	1	0	38	12	9
Gwent	5	3	0	2	30	20	6
Salop II	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Hereford	5	1	0	4	14	36	2
Clwyd II	5	0	0	5	6	44	0
<b>JUNIOR 3 EAST</b>							
Lincs II	5	4	0	1	33	17	8
Leicestershire	5	3	1	1	27	23	7
Cambs II	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Warwicks II	5	2	0	3	26	24	4
Hunts	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Norfolk II	5	2	0	3	17	33	2
<b>JUNIOR 3 WEST</b>							
Hampshire	5	4	0	1	35	15	8
Avon	5	4	0	1	34	16	8
Devon II	5	4	0	1	34	16	8
Cornwall	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Somerset	5	1	1	3	12	38	3
Wiltshire II	5	0	0	5	16	34	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>VETERAN SOUTH</b>							
Middlesex	5	5	0	0	42	3	10
Essex II	5	3	0	2	24	21	6
Sussex	5	3	0	2	18	28	6
Kent	5	2	0	3	21	14	4
Hertfordshire	5	1	0	4	19	26	2
Hampshire II	5	1	0	4	12	33	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>VETERAN MIDLAND</b>							
Nottinghamshire	4	4	0	0	27	9	8
Cheshire	4	3	0	1	24	12	6
Cheshire II	4	1	0	3	14	22	2
Worcestershire	4	1	0	3	13	23	2
Clwyd	4	1	0	3	12	24	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>VETERAN EAST</b>							
Lincolnshire	4	4	0	0	30	6	8
Essex	4	3	0	1	24	12	6
Leicestershire	4	1	0	3	17	19	2
Herts II	4	1	0	3	10	26	2
Hunts	4	1	0	3	9	27	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>VETERAN WEST</b>							
Avon	5	4	0	1	34	11	8
Hampshire	5	4	0	1	28	16	8
Oxfordshire	5	3	0	2	21	24	6
Dorset	5	2	0	3	19	26	4
Wiltshire	5	1	0	4	18	27	2
Dorset II	5	1	0	4	14	31	2

### Senior Promotion Challenge

#### KENT and CLEVELAND RETURN TO PREMIER

Kent and Cleveland are the two counties promoted to the Premier Division of the County Championships after this season's promotion play-off at Lutterworth Upper School on April 28/29 (writes Geoff Taylor).

Leicestershire, fancied for one of the two promotion places, and hosts, started very well giving Wiltshire and Cambridgeshire sound 9-0 beatings, but their first real test came against Kent during the Sunday afternoon session. The first four sets took two hours to complete by which time Kent had taken control of the match and came out 7-2 victors with the prize of promotion whatever the outcome of their final match with Cambridgeshire (which they lost 4-5!).

The crunch was the final match — Leicestershire v Cleveland — the winners joining Kent in the Premier Division next season. Cleveland got off to a flying start taking the first two sets, and it was not until the women's singles when Karen Rogers beat Angela Tierney that Leics go back into the game at 3-all, but, as in the first half of the match the Cleveland lads were too strong for Leicestershire.

#### FINAL POSITIONS

	P	W	L	F	A	P
<b>Kent</b>	4	3	1	24	12	6
<b>Cleveland</b>	4	3	1	22	14	6
Leicestershire	4	2	2	23	13	4
Cambridgeshire	4	2	2	15	21	4
Wiltshire	4	0	4	6	30	0

Wiltshire, in their first challenge for a decade, were dogged with the worst luck — Number 1 Kevin Satchell strained his back against Leics and took no further part in the event. It required a call back to Wiltshire to secure a playing reserve for the Sunday matches.

#### Details:-

##### Cleveland bt Cambridgeshire 6-3

K. Paxton bt K. Richardson -17, 21, 21;  
bt M. Harper 16, 15.  
A. Martin lost to Richardson -14, -23;  
lost to G. Davies -17, -14.  
D. Alderson bt Harper 11, 18;  
bt Davies 7, -21, 16.  
Alderson/Martin lost to Harper/Richardson  
19, -16, -14.  
Miss A. Tierney bt Miss J. Palmer 13, 10.  
Paxton/Miss Tierney bt Davies/Miss J. Hunter  
19, 15.

##### Leicestershire bt Wiltshire 9-0

C. Rogers bt K. Satchell 11, 12;  
bt T. Bruce 16, 14.  
P. Randell bt Satchell 15, 16;  
bt W. Moulding 13, 7.  
D. Gannon bt Bruce -17, 11, 19;  
bt Moulding -18, 15, 16.  
Randell/Rogers bt Bruce/Moulding 14, 11.

Miss K. Rogers bt Miss C. Maisey 14, 11.  
M. Newman/Miss Rogers bt Satchell/Miss  
Maisey 19, -18, 14.

##### Leicestershire bt Cambridgeshire 9-0

Rogers bt K. Richardson 2, -19, 13;  
bt M. Harper 12, 5.  
Randell bt Richardson 19, -14, 21;  
bt G. Davies 16, 20.  
Gannon bt Harper 17, -15, 19;  
bt Davies 17, 9.  
Randell/Rogers bt Harper/Richardson 13, -14, 9.  
Miss Rogers bt Miss J. Hunter 9, 6.  
Newman/Miss Rogers bt Davies/Miss Hunter  
12, 13.

##### Kent bt Wiltshire 8-1

J. Dabin bt T. Bruce 15, 17;  
bt W. Moulding 9, 17.  
J. Kennedy bt Bruce 14, 14.  
C. Morris bt Moulding 8, 13.  
Mrs. B. Bird bt Miss C. Maisey -19, 14, 17.  
Morris/Mrs. Bird lost to Bruce/Miss Maisey  
19, -16, -11.

\* Wiltshire conceded three sets — player injured.

##### Cambridgeshire bt Wiltshire 7-2

Richardson bt Bruce 15, 15;  
bt Moulding 18, 13.  
Harper bt Bruce 21, 7;  
bt K. Harrison 15, 13.  
Davies bt Moulding 15, -25, 16;  
bt Harrison 19, 16.  
Harper/Richardson bt Harrison/Moulding  
15, 8.  
Miss Palmer lost to Miss Maisey -13, -11.  
G. Davies/Miss Hunter lost to Bruce/Miss Maisey  
-20, -10.

##### Kent bt Cleveland 5-4

Dabin bt Paxton -17, 14, 18;  
bt Martin 6, 10.  
Kennedy lost to Paxton 13, -14, -16;  
bt Alderson -9, 11, 15.  
Morris lost to Martin -18, -12;  
lost to Alderson -16, -11.  
Dabin/Kennedy bt Alderson/Martin 14, -17, 11.  
Mrs. Bird bt Miss Tierney -8, 17, 17.  
A. Mitchell/Mrs. Bird lost to Paxton/Miss Tierney  
-18, -23.

##### Kent bt Leicestershire 7-2

Dabin bt Randell 19, -19, 9.  
Kennedy bt Rogers 18, -19, 20;  
bt Gannon 17, 13.  
A. Mitchell bt Gannon -22, 20, 16.  
Dabin/Kennedy bt Randell/Rogers 16, 22.  
Miss E. Bolton lost to Miss Rogers -13, -12.  
Mitchell/Mrs. Bird lost to Newman/Miss Rogers  
-13, -9.  
\* Leics conceded two Men's Singles when the score  
stood at 5-2.

##### Cleveland bt Wiltshire 6-3

Paxton bt Bruce 18, 13;  
bt Moulding 10, 14.  
Martin lost to Bruce -14, -11;  
lost to Harrison 15, -16, -17.  
Alderson bt Moulding 12, 20;  
bt Harrison 9, 14.  
Alderson/Martin bt Harrison/Moulding 11, 17.  
Miss Tierney lost to Miss Maisey -15, 16, -19.  
Paxton/Miss Tierney bt Bruce/Miss Maisey 17, 16.

##### Cambridgeshire bt Kent 5-4

Richardson bt Kennedy 18, 18;  
bt Morris -16, 17, 17.  
Harper bt Kennedy 19, 12;  
bt Mitchell 15, 15.  
Davies lost to Morris -12, -21;  
lost to Mitchell -13, -12.  
Harper/Richardson bt Mitchell/Morris 19, 12.  
Miss Palmer lost to Miss Bolton -10, -13.  
Davies/Miss Hunter lost to Kennedy/Miss Bolton  
-12, 19, -11.

##### Cleveland bt Leicestershire 6-3

Paxton bt Rogers 19, 20;  
bt Randell 13, 21.  
Martin lost to Rogers -12, -15.  
Alderson bt Randell 17, 16;  
bt Gannon 15, 16.  
Alderson/Martin lost to Randell/Rogers -19, -12.  
Miss Tierney lost to Miss Rogers 18, -17, -10.  
Paxton/Miss Tierney bt Newman/Miss Rogers  
17, -10, 20.  
\* Leics conceded one Men's Singles when the score  
stood at 5-3.

### Junior Promotion Challenge SUSSEX REWARDED BY MOORE ENDEAVOUR

For seven seasons, Sussex teams have travelled the Countryside contesting the play-off for promotion to the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships. This season, at St. Neots Table Tennis Club, their past efforts were rewarded ably assisted by three members of the Moore family, Stephen, Adrian and Teressa, when Sussex just edged out Lancashire to join Devon in promotion and a place in the top junior division next season.

Devon completed their programme unbeaten but were very fortunate to remain unscathed after the skirmish with Lancashire on Sunday morning, May 6. In the first set, Stephen Scowcroft appeared to be getting the better of Paul Whiting and led 19-16 in the second game after losing the first, but Whiting pulled out five ace services and a bewildered Scowcroft had been beaten in two-straight games to give Devon the lead. Lancashire got into the match in the third set when Paul Rainford defeated Gary Lambert — Lambert made a fine recovery in the deciding game from 10-16 to 15-16, but Rainford took the next five points in successive rallies to win 15-21.

The girls' doubles was full of incident — Lancashire's Joy Grundy and Jean Parker making a fairy-tale start with an 8-1 lead in the first game against Carol Butler and Gina Pritchard, but the nightmare was soon over for the Devon girls; a fine recovery eased them from the path of defeat to eventual victory in the first game; Lancs levelled in the second and at 20-19 in the decider Carol Butler drove a pile drive at Joy Grundy for game, but Joy had her racket in the way — the return ball went low and wide but Gina moved well to place the return to Jean Parker who placed her shot in the net. Devon were 3-1 up in the match and in control.

Devon also beat Sussex, their girls swinging the result in their favour while the Sussex boys had the edge, so the finale between Lancashire and Sussex would determine who gained promotion with Devon. The stage was set, victory for either side giving them success, but Sussex, with a better sets ratio would succeed by gaining a draw.

After Sussex had taken the lead at 3-2 it looked as if the match would swing in their favour; they had a little good fortune with well timed edges and nets in the boys' doubles and if the form book could be relied upon, Lancashire would lead 5-4 before the final set, which they did, but in the final set Peter Pudduck was too strong for Kevin Walsh; the result was a draw and Sussex had gained promotion to the Junior Premier Division.

#### FINAL POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>Devon</b>	5	5	0	0	36	14	10
<b>Sussex</b>	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Lancashire	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Warwickshire	5	2	0	3	20	30	4
Buckinghamshire	5	1	0	4	20	30	2
Cumbria	5	0	0	5	12	38	0

#### Details:

##### Devon bt Buckinghamshire 7-3

P. Whiting lost to P. Bradbury -17, -15;  
bt S. Lines 10, 8.  
G. Lambert lost to Bradbury 19, -18, -17;  
bt A. Pratt 8, 18.  
C. Bunch bt Lines -19, 19, 13;  
lost to Pratt -26, -12.  
Lambert/Whiting bt Bradbury/Lines 14, -18, 14.  
Miss C. Butler bt Miss D. Risby 13, 10.  
Miss G. Pritchard bt Miss N. Hamilton 13, 8.  
Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss Hamilton/  
Miss Risby 10, 5.

##### Sussex bt Cumbria 10-0

S. Moore bt D. Archer 16, 19;  
bt S. Dixon 16, 10.  
P. Pudduck bt Archer 16, 14;  
bt T. Pachul 21, 10.  
A. Moore bt Dixon 8, 15;  
bt Pachul 12, 10.  
A. and S. Moore bt Archer/Dixon 13, 14.  
Miss T. Moore bt Miss B. Gray 16, 19.  
Miss S. Haffenden bt Miss L. Brockbank 14, 17.  
Miss T. Curran/Miss S. Haffenden bt Miss  
Brockbank/Miss Gray 20, -19, 19.

**Lancashire bt Warwickshire 7-3**

P. Rainford bt K. Grundy 12, 14;  
lost to A. Pilgrim -13, -13.  
S. Scowcroft lost to Grundy -16, -17;  
bt A. Bache 16, 11.  
K. Walsh bt Pilgrim 20, 18;  
bt Bache 14, 6.  
Rainford/Scowcroft bt Grundy/Pilgrim  
14, -14, 16.  
Miss J. Grundy lost to Miss S. Peakman  
-19, 9, -14.  
Miss J. Parker bt Miss L. Brison 13, 17.  
Miss Grundy/Miss Parker bt Miss Brison/Miss  
Peakman 18, 16.

**Sussex bt Warwickshire 7-3**

S. Moore bt Grundy 22, 18;  
lost to Pilgrim 7, -18, -19.  
P. Pudduck bt Grundy 16, 12;  
bt Bache 13, 16.  
A. Moore bt Pilgrim 18, 15;  
bt Bache 9, 12.  
A. Moore/Pudduck bt Grundy/Pilgrim -17, 17, 21.  
Miss T. Moore lost to Miss Peakman -17, 19, -18.  
Miss T. Curran bt Miss Brison 17, 12.  
Miss Curran/Miss S. Haffenden lost to Miss  
Brison/Miss Peakman -13, -19.

**Lancashire bt Buckinghamshire 7-3**

Rainford bt Bradbury 20, -18, 11;  
bt Lines 26, -17, 15.  
Scowcroft lost to Bradbury -8, -14;  
bt Pratt 14, -20, 15.  
Walsh lost to Lines -13, 19, -19;  
lost to Pratt -19, 15, -17.  
I. McLoughlin/Rainford bt Bradbury/Lines 15, 18.  
Miss Grundy bt Miss Risby 11, 10.  
Miss Parker bt Miss Hamilton 10, 14.  
Miss Grundy/Miss Parker bt Miss Hamilton/Miss  
Risby 14, 12.

**Devon bt Cumbria 9-1**

Whiting bt Archer 20, 11;  
lost to Dixon -16, 13, -20.  
Lambert bt Archer 15, 12;  
bt Pachul 20, 19.  
G. Wiltshire bt Pachul 14, 19;  
bt Archer 20, 11.  
Lambert/Whiting bt Archer/Dixon 16, -17, 7.  
Miss Butler bt Miss Gray 11, 9.  
Miss Pritchard bt Miss Brockbank 9, 8.  
Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss Brockbank/  
Miss Gray 7, 10.

**Devon bt Lancashire 6-4**

Whiting lost to Rainford -17, -5;  
bt Scowcroft 14, 19.  
Lambert lost to Rainford 24, -21, 15;  
bt Walsh 17, 18.  
Wiltshire lost to Scowcroft -14, -24;  
bt Walsh 19, -18, 18.  
Lambert/Whiting bt I. McLoughlin/Rainford  
10, 17.  
Miss Butler lost to Miss Grundy -8, 20, 17.  
Miss Pritchard bt Miss Parker 10, 12.  
Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss Grundy/Miss  
Parker 17, -19, 20.

**Warwickshire bt Cumbria 6-4**

Grundy bt Archer 15, 18;  
lost to Dixon 18, -19, -13.  
Pilgrim bt Archer 12, 12;  
bt Pachul 12, -14, 11.  
Bache lost to Dixon 19, -14, -10;  
lost to Pachul 15, -20, -18.  
Grundy/Pilgrim bt Archer-Dixon 14, 11.  
Miss Peakman bt Miss Gray 19, 18.  
Miss Brison bt Miss Brockbank -18, 14, 10.  
Miss Brison/Miss Peakman lost to Miss  
Brockbank/Miss Gray -18, 16, -16.

**Sussex bt Buckinghamshire 6-4**

S. Moore lost to Bradbury -10, -10;  
bt Lines 12, 20.  
Pudduck bt Bradbury 15, -18, 11;  
bt Pratt 13, 12.  
A. Moore bt Lines 22, -18, 14;  
bt Pratt 15, 20.  
A. Moore/Pudduck bt Lines/Pratt -20, 11, 15.  
Miss Moore lost to Miss Risby -13, -14.  
Miss Haffenden lost to Miss Hamilton -11, -21.  
Miss Curran/Miss Moore lost to Miss Hamilton/  
Miss Risby -14, 16, -18.

**Warwickshire bt Buckinghamshire 6-4**

Grundy lost to Bradbury -15, -18;  
lost to Lines 18, -19, -19.

Pilgrim bt Bradbury -19, 9, 20;  
bt Pratt 14, -14, 19.  
Bache lost to Lines -9, -16;  
bt Pratt 14, -15, 19.  
Grundy/Pilgrim bt Pratt/Lines 16, 14.  
Miss Peakman bt Miss Risby 15, 18.  
Miss Brison lost to Miss Hamilton -20, -14.  
Miss Brison/Miss Peakman bt Miss Hamilton/  
Miss Risby 16, 14.

**Devon bt Sussex 6-4**

Whiting bt S. Moore 15, -22, 18;  
bt Pudduck 15, -18, 19.  
Bunch lost to Pudduck -11, -15;  
lost to A. Moore -16, -14.  
Lambert lost to S. Moore 14, -20, -12;  
lost to A. Moore -20, -21.  
Lambert/Whiting bt A. and S. Moore 13, 19.  
Miss Butler bt Miss Haffenden 11, 18.  
Miss Pritchard bt Miss T. Curran 10, 10.  
Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss Haffenden/  
Miss Moore 8, 3.

**Lancashire bt Cumbria 7-3**

Rainford lost to Archer 12, -22, -15;  
bt Dixon 18, -19, 12.  
Scowcroft bt Archer 10, 15;  
bt Pachul 14, 18.  
McLoughlin lost to Dixon -8, 13, -15;  
lost to Pachul 17, -16, -14.  
McLoughlin/Rainford bt Arther/Dixon 17, 13.  
Miss Parker bt Miss Gray 16, 10.  
Miss J. Myers bt Miss Brockbank 10, 11.  
Miss Myers/Miss Parker bt Miss Gray/Miss  
Brockbank 13, 15.

**Sussex and Lancashire drew 5-5**

S. Moore lost to Rainford -15, 17, -19;  
bt Scowcroft 13, -17, 12.  
Pudduck lost to Rainford 19, -17, -12;  
bt Walsh 13, 17.  
A. Moore bt Scowcroft 15, 13;  
bt Walsh 18, 18.  
A. and S. Moore bt McLoughlin/Rainford  
14, -20, 20.  
Miss Moore lost to Miss Grundy -16, -10.  
Miss Curran lost to Miss Myers -18, 18, -17.  
Miss Curran/Miss Haffenden lost to Miss Grundy/  
Miss Parker -10, -6.

**Buckinghamshire bt Cumbria 6-4**

Bradbury bt Archer -21, 7, 14;  
bt Dixon 17, 20.  
Lines bt Archer 12, 12;  
bt Pachul 19, -14, 13.  
Pratt lost to Dixon -14, -14;  
lost to Pachul -25, -15.  
Bradbury/Pratt bt Archer/Dixon 18, 19.  
Miss Hamilton lost to Miss Gray -13, -14.  
Miss D. Robbins lost to Miss Brockbank -16, -18.  
Miss Hamilton/Miss Robbins bt Miss Brockbank/  
Miss Gray 16, 24.

**Devon bt Warwickshire 8-2**

Whiting bt Grundy 18, 18;  
bt Pilgrim 13, 20.  
Lambert bt Grundy 11, 15;  
bt Bache 12, 15.  
Wiltshire lost to Pilgrim -16, -19;  
bt Bache 11, 17.  
Lambert/Whiting bt Grundy/Pilgrim 20, 15.  
Miss Butler bt Miss Peakman 15, 12.  
Miss Pritchard bt Miss Brison 10, 13.  
Miss Butler/Miss C. Trainer lost to Miss Brison/  
Miss Peakman -17, 16, -20.

**Veteran Challenge****FINAL POSITIONS**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Middlesex	3	3	0	21	6	6
Nottinghamshire	3	2	1	16	11	4
Lincolnshire	3	1	2	12	15	2
Avon	3	0	3	5	22	0

Nottinghamshire came within a whisker of relieving Middlesex of the **Phyllis Lauder** Trophy at Barnet on April 7 where four Counties contested overall honours in the Veteran section of the County Championships competition.

Middlesex can count themselves fortunate, nevertheless, for coming out on top in their encounter with Nottinghamshire. Notts led 4-2 and Middlesex only drew level with two very close successes (Alan Lindsay over Alf Saunders 18, 19

and Ian Redfern over Ron Bolton 25, 14) before Don Smith sewed it up beating Dave Ellis 11 and 9.

Middlesex were really too good for Avon and Lincolnshire (9-0 and 7-2 respectively), but Lincs, without No. 1 Peter Skerratt (hospitalised) demonstrated what they were capable of when Matt Sheader beat Alan Lindsay.

When it came to the last of the three sessions in the evening it was all over bar the shouting with Notts and Lincs playing for second position to Champions Middlesex. Nottinghamshire sensed another disappointment as Lincolnshire pulled back a 2-4 deficit (Sheader and Alan Patrick gaining good wins to level the score at 4-all) but Bolton gained victory over Brian Edlington to give Notts victory in the match.

Don Smith (Middlesex) was the only unbeaten man while Pat Hammond (Notts) excelled in the women's matches.

**Details:-****Nottinghamshire bt Avon 7-2**

A. Saunders bt M. Baker 17, 14;  
bt K. Watts 9, 9.  
J. Ellis lost to Baker -17, -11;  
bt J. Morris -10, 14, 16.  
R. Bolton lost to Watts -14, 15, -11;  
bt Morris -22, 15, 14.  
Ellis/Saunders bt Baker/Watts -15, 10, 15.  
Mrs. P. Hammond bt Mrs. J. Watts 8, -19, 14.  
Bolton/Mrs. Hammond bt Morris/Mrs. Watts  
-19, 9, 14.

**Middlesex bt Lincolnshire 7-2**

A. Lindsay lost to M. Sheader -18, 14, -17;  
bt B. Edlington 15, 10.  
I. Redfearn bt Sheader 17, -18, 18;  
bt A. Patrick 12, 13.  
D. Smith bt Edlington 18, 14;  
bt Patrick 13, 8.  
Lindsay/Redfearn bt Patrick/Sheader 15, 8.  
Mrs. M. Symes lost to Mrs. C. Moran -18, -20.  
Smith/Mrs. Symes bt Edlington/Mrs. Moran  
12, -18, 18.

**Lincolnshire bt Avon 6-3**

Sheader lost to Baker -16, -17;  
bt Watts 17, 11.  
Edlington lost to Baker -19, -6;  
bt Morris 17, 7.  
Patrick bt Watts -19, 16, 19;  
bt Morris 17, 10.  
Patrick/Sheader lost to Baker/Watts 15, -14, -20.  
Mrs. Moran bt Mrs. Watts -11, 4, 15.  
Edlington/Mrs. Moran bt Morris/Mrs. Watts  
10, 12.

**Middlesex bt Nottinghamshire 5-4**

Lindsay bt Saunders 18, 19;  
bt Ellis 4, 18.  
Redfearn lost to Saunders -14, -10;  
bt Bolton 25, 14.  
Smith bt Ellis 11, 9;  
bt Bolton 21, 10.  
Lindsay/Redfearn lost to Ellis/Saunders -15, -18.  
Mrs. Symes lost to Mrs. Hammond 13, -16, -15.  
M. Close/Mrs. Symes lost to Bolton/Mrs.  
Hammond -19, -19.

**Middlesex bt Avon 9-0**

Lindsay bt Baker 10, 10;  
bt Watts 6, 7.  
Redfearn bt Baker 12, 19;  
bt Morris -18, 17, 19.  
Smith bt Watts 7, 7;  
bt Morris 10, 17.  
Close/Lindsay bt Baker/Watts 17, 19.  
Mrs. Symes bt Mrs. Watts 7, 10.  
Close/Mrs. Symes bt Morris/Mrs. Watts 16, 16.

**Nottinghamshire bt Lincolnshire 5-4**

Saunders lost to Sheader -12, -16.  
lost to Edlington 14, -17, -19.  
Ellis lost to Sheader -5, -21;  
lost to Patrick -9, -14.  
Bolton bt Edlington 13, -18, 15;  
bt Patrick 11, 6.  
Ellis/Saunders bt Patrick/Sheader 17, 15.  
Mrs. Hammond bt Mrs. Moran 12, 19.  
Bolton/Mrs. Hammond bt Edlington/Mrs. Moran  
15, -16, 16.