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LAST IN, FIRST OUT

From all over the country reports are to hand of open tournaments, both senior and junior alike, being over entered and that, on the basis of last in first out, many entries have had to be rejected.

Such action has evoked wrath from established players whose entries had been submitted prior to the closing date and yet, when the cut-off has been applied, they have been among those disappointed.

Whether such action is fair to those players already included in the ranking lists poses a problem as indeed it does for those with ambitions of breaking into the upper strata. Will the selection committee be aware of the facts relating to their non-participation?

The answer may well lie in graded tournaments which, to be honest, would be a much more manageable proposition, especially for the organisers of top-graded tournaments confined, say, to all ranked players and those others now comprising the "Elite" Class players not eligible to enter the Mixed Class 2 singles, as in the Humberside — some 60 players in all.

This number could possibly be increased if the selection committee could devise a formula for categorisation, thus stifling the moans as entry for a 3-Star event would be confined to such players. Of course such action would have financial repercussions as entry fees would be much diminished but, if certain tournaments are earmarked for ranking purposes, then it seems logical that those in contention should be allowed to enter.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

by THE EDITOR

ENGLAND TRIUMPH IN CROIX

After the disappointment of losing 2-5 away to Yugoslavia in Novi Sad on Sept. 9th, England picked themselves up to the extent of beating the reigning champions France 4-3 in Croix on Oct. 12th — a repeat of their feat last season in obtaining the same result in Millom.

Up against a fearsome Yugoslav trio comprising Dragutin Surbek, Anton Stipancic and Erzebet Palatinus only Desmond Douglas, against Stipancic, and Jill Hammersley against Miss Palatinus, succeeded with Paul Day starting out brightly in both his sets but fading alarmingly.

Individual scores:-

D. Surbek bt P. Day 20, 7;

A. Stipancic lost to D. Douglas -6, -13;

E. Palatinus lost to J. Hammersley 10, -15, -13;

Stipancic/Surbek bt Douglas/N. Jarvis 17, 18;

Stipancic/Palatinus bt Douglas/L. Howard

-18, 9, 15;

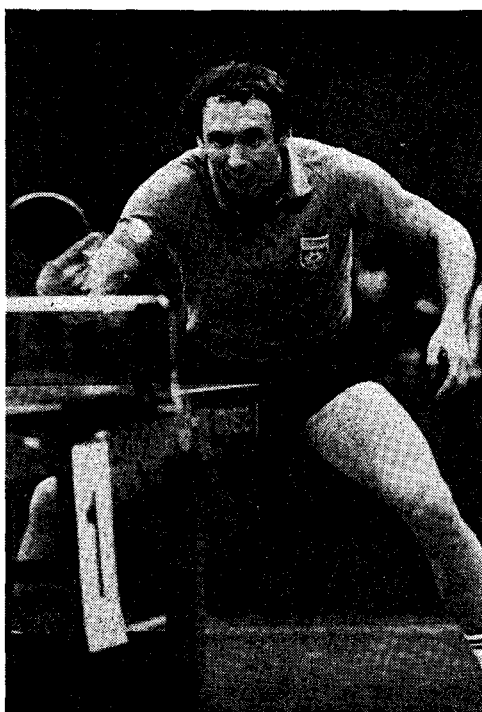
Surbek bt Douglas 20, 15;

Stipancic bt Day -22, 13, 5.

It was a different story however in Croix where Douglas figured in three wins, against Jacques Secretin and Patrick Birocheau in single combat, and with Linda Howard in the mixed doubles. The fourth and vital win came from Mrs. Hammersley who accounted for Claude Bergeret to put England 2-1 in the lead. Individual scores:-

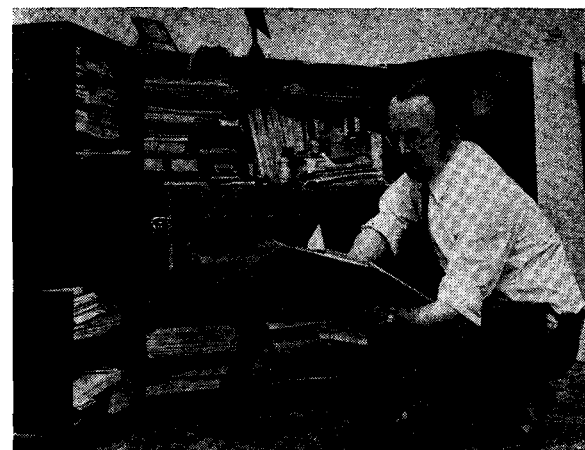
J. Secretin lost to D. Douglas 20, -18, -15;

P. Birocheau bt N. Jarvis 21, 12;



Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia, a winner over Desmond Douglas and Paul Day in Belgrade.

Photo bt Norbert Rzepka, Delmenhorst, Federal Germany.



C. Bergeret lost to J. Hammersley -16, -19;
Birocheau/Secretin bt Douglas/Jarvis 19, 10;
C. Martin/B. Thiriet lost to Douglas/L. Howard -18, -18;

Secretin bt Jarvis 16, 9;

Birocheau lost to Douglas 16, -11, -15.

The current table toppers are Hungary who, in Budapest on Sept. 28th, beat promotees Federal Germany 5-2, and away to Yugoslavia in Tuzla on Oct. 12th, obtained the same result. A feature of the match in Budapest was the double defeat of Hungary's reigning European champion Gabor Gergely by Jochen Leiss and Wilfried Lieck. But the champ came good against Yugoslavia when he beat both Zoran Kosanovic and Zoran Kalinic.

Scores:-

v Federal Germany

T. Klampar bt W. Lieck 12, 16;

G. Gergely lost to J. Leiss -18, 12, -22;

G. Szabo bt U. Hirschmuller 19, 18;

Gergely/Klampar bt Leiss/P. Stellwag 19, 16;

Gergely/Szabo bt Lieck/W. Hendriksen 13, 21;

Klampar bt Leiss 10, 15;

Gergely lost to Lieck 19, -19, -17.

v Yugoslavia

Z. Kosanovic lost to Gergely -20, 19, -19;

Z. Kalinic bt Klampar -24, 21, 21;

B. Batinic lost to Z. Olah -18, -13;

Kosanovic/Stipancic lost to Gergely/Klampar

-9, -18;

Stipancic/Palatinus bt Gergely/Szabo 4, -20, 18;

Kosanovic lost to Klampar -9, -15;

Kalinic lost to Gergely 13, -16, -16.

Also unbeaten after two matches are Czechoslovakia who, in their opening match away to Sweden in Stenungsund on Sept. 29th, won 4-3 after taking a 4-1 lead. Scores:-

U. Thorsell bt J. Pansky 21, 23;

S. Bengtsson lost to M. Orlovski -22, -18;

E. Stromvall lost to I. Uhlíkova -11, -14;

L. Franklin/Thorsell lost to Orlovski/Pansky

15, -14, -20;

Bengtsson/Stromvall lost to Orlovski/Uhlíkova

-10, -16;

Thorsell bt Orlovski -15, 26, 18;

Bengtsson bt Pansky 9, 16.

At home to the Soviet Union in Usti nad Labem on Oct. 12th the Czechs won 5-2 after the Russians had gone 2-1 into the lead following wins by Valery Schevchenko over Jindrich Pansky and by Valentina Popova over Ilona Uhlíkova. Scores:-

Orlovski bt M. Kreeris 8, 11;

Pansky lost to V. Schevchenko -9, 12, -14;

Uhlíkova lost to V. Popova -19, -5;

Orlovski/Pansky bt S. Gomozkov/Shevchenko

14, 15;

Orlovski/Uhlíkova bt Gomozkov/Popova

-20, 20, 18;

Orlovski bt Schevchenko 12, 15;

Pansky bt Kreeris 10, 19.

Prior to, in Herson, the Soviets had gone down by a like score to France with Secretin successful in his three sets played. Scores:-

Shevchenko lost to Secretin -13, -21;

Kreeris lost to Martin 14, -16, -17;

L. Bakshutova bt Bergeret 15, 9;

Kreeris/Shevchenko lost to Birocheau/Secretin

-17, -12;

Shevchenko/Popova lost to Martin/Thiriet

18, -21, -19;

Shevchenko bt Martin 17, 11;

Kreeris lost to Secretin 16, -15, -9.

In the city of Augsburg on Oct. 12th Federal Germany, after establishing a 3-0 lead over Sweden, were pipped at the post when their visitors staged a grandstand recovery to win 4-3. The tide was initially turned by Ulf Thorsell and Lars Franllin in the men's doubles, the former administering the coup-de-grace by beating Peter Stellwag 19 in the third of the final set. Scores:-

J. Leiss bt Thorsell -18, 20, 13;
 P. Stellwag bt S. Bengtsson 17, -10, 15;
 W. Hendriksen bt E. Stromvall 14, 16;
 Leiss/Stellwag lost to Franklin/Thorsell
 16, -21, -19;
 Lieck/Hendriksen lost to Bengtsson/Stromvall
 -18, -18;
 Leiss lost to Bengtsson 17, -15, -12;
 Stellwag lost to Thorsell 19, -19, -19.

SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Hungary	2	2	0	10	4	2
Czechoslovakia	2	2	0	9	5	2
France	2	1	1	8	6	1
Sweden	2	1	1	7	7	1
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	7	7	1
England	2	1	1	6	8	1
Federal Germany	2	0	2	5	9	0
Soviet Union	2	0	2	4	10	0

Fixtures for Nov. 7/8th are:-

Nov. 7—France v Czechoslovakia (Chateauroux)
 „ 8—Soviet Union v Hungary
 „ 8—Sweden v Yugoslavia
 „ 8—England v Federal Germany (Preston)

DIVISION ONE

Holland, last season's demotees from the Super Division, met with immediate disappointment when at home to promotees Italy, in Maastricht on Sept. 28th, they were beaten 4-3. The Italians were inspired by the form of their No. 1 Stefano Bosi who in his singles beat Nico van Slobbe and Anne Vlieg and further shared, with Massino Costantini, in a men's doubles win to which Sonia Milic added the women's singles beating Sandra de Kruiff. Scores:-

N. van Slobbe bt M. Constantini 12, 19;
 A. Vlieg lost to S. Bosi 19, -17, -19;
 S. de Kruiff lost to S. Milic -19, 15, -12;
 H. Gootzen/Vlieg lost to Bosi/R. Giontella
 -19, -14;
 Vlieg/de Kruiff bt Constantini/Milic 12, 15;
 van Slobbe lost to Bosi 17, -19, -16;
 Vlieg bt Constantini 10, 20.

Away to Ireland in their second match, in Craigavon on Oct. 12th, the Dutch team spear-headed by Bert van der Helm won 5-2, the home wins being obtained by Jim Langan/Kevin Keane in the men's doubles and by Langan and Karen Senior in the mixed. Scores:-

J. Langan lost to Vlieg -23, -19;
 K. Keane lost to B. v.d. Helm -12, -11;
 K. Senior lost to B. Vriesekoop -18, -14;
 Keane/Langan bt v.d. Helm/Vlieg -15, 9, 16;
 Langan/Senior bt Vlieg/Vriesekoop 17, 13;
 Langan lost to v.d. Helm -18, -17;
 Keane lost to Vlieg -5, -16.

In their previous match, away to Poland in Czesochowa on Sept. 29th, the Irish were "white-washed" yet Ann Leonard lost only 20-22 in the third to Eva Porniak and the mixed doubles was lost 21-23 by Ann and Jim Langan. Scores:-

A. Grubba bt Langan 15, 17;
 S. Fraczyk bt Keane 11, 7;
 E. Porniak bt A. Leonard -13, 15, 20;
 S. Dryszel/Grubba bt Keane/Langan 16, 12;
 Fraczyk/J. Szatko bt Langan/Leonard 12, -13, 21;
 Grubba bt Keane 18, 16;
 Fraczyk bt Langan 16, -18, 15.

Away to Luxembourg in Crauthem on Oct. 12th, Poland carried on the good work with another 7-0 win when Ryszard Czochanski replaced Stanislaw Fraczyk. Scores:-

A. Hartmann lost to Grubba -16, -13;
 C. Putz lost to R. Czochanski -15, -12;
 C. Risch lost to Szatko 15, -18, -13;
 Hartmann/Putz lost to Czochanski/Grubba
 -14, -8;
 G. Stebens/Deltour lost to Grubba/Szatko
 -20, -17;
 Hartmann lost to Czochanski -17, -12;
 Putz lost to Grubba 15, -15, -14.

In their opening match, away to Bulgaria, in Sofia on Sept. 28th, Luxembourg were beaten 5-2



Wilfried Lieck and Wiebke Hendriksen, the European mixed doubles champions, who were beaten by Gabor Gergely and Gabriella Szabo in Budapest, their final victims in Duisburg.

Photo by Horst Muller, Dusseldorf, Federal Germany.

the home team's Stefan Stefanov being successful in both his singles. Scores:-
 I. Stoianov lost to Putz -21, -17;
 S. Stefanov bt Hartmann 18, 14;
 A. Rangelova bt Risch 13, -14, 19;
 S. Ribatchov/Stoianov lost to Hartmann/Putz
 -16, -16;
 Stoianov/Rangelova bt Putz/Risch -17, 18, 15;
 Stoianov bt Hartmann 20, -16, 12;
 Stefanov bt Putz 19, 16.

Greece opened their campaign in Athens on Sept. 28th beating Austria 4-3 after being 2-3 down. Scores:-

K. Priftis bt G. Muller 14, 7;
 E. Diakakis lost to E. Amplatz 19, -17, -17;
 M. Louca lost to D. Fetter 9, -20, -10;
 Diakakis/Priftis bt Amplatz/Muller 17, 18;
 Priftis/Louca lost to Muller/Fetter 20, -9, -17;
 Priftis bt Amplatz 16, 19;
 Diakakis bt Muller 10, 12.

At home to Bulgaria, in Stockerau on Oct. 12th, the Austrians recovered to win 5-2 with Erich Amplatz the strongman. Scores:-
 Amplatz bt Stefanov 21, -19, 14;
 F. Waldhausl lost to Stoianov 15, -17, -12;
 Fetter bt Rangelova 14, 10;
 Amplatz/Muller bt Stefanov/Stoianov 11, 12;
 Muller/Fetter bt Stoianov/Rangelova -8, 16, 17;
 Amplatz bt Stoianov -18, 21, 18;
 Waldhausl lost to Stefanov 18, -10, -18.

Italy maintained their winning ways against Greece in Caserta on Oct. 12th when, thanks to a last set win by Roberto Giontella over Kostopoulos, they triumphed 4-3. Bosi lost his unbeaten record to Konstantin Priftis. Scores:-
 Bosi bt Kostopoulos 12, 16;
 Giontella lost to Priftis 18, -11, -18;
 Milic bt M. Louca 17, 13;
 Bosi/Giontella bt Kostopoulos/Priftis 13, 4;
 G. Bisi/Milic lost to Kostopoulos/Louca
 -11, 19, -17;
 Bosi lost to Priftis 13, -15, -13;
 Giontella bt Kostopoulos 18, 17.

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Poland	2	2	0	14	0	2
Italy	2	2	0	8	6	2
Austria	2	1	1	8	6	1
Holland	2	1	1	8	6	1
Bulgaria	2	1	1	7	7	1
Greece	2	1	1	7	7	1
Ireland	2	0	2	2	12	0
Luxembourg	2	0	2	2	12	0

Fixtures for Nov. 8th are:-

Holland v Luxembourg
 Poland v Austria

Greece v Bulgaria
 Italy v Ireland

DIVISION TWO

Turkey, the promoted country to Division 2 began their second division campaign with a 5-2 win over Finland in Istanbul on Oct. 12th, three days before Scotland slumped to 3-4 defeat to Belgium (see Scottish Notes for details). Scores in Istanbul were:-



England's Jill Hammersley, a winner both in Belgrade and Croix in the European League.

Photo by Alexander Toth, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

J. Aleksandridis bt J. Ikonen 16, 22;
 O. Cimen bt M. Kurvinen 19, 8;
 K. Poyrazoglu lost to S. Grefberg -12, 19, -12;
 C. Octay/Vasil bt Ikonen/Kurvinen 11, -18, 12;
 Octay/Kadriye bt Ikonen/Grefberg 18, 16;
 Aleksandridis bt Kurvinen 23, 15;
 Cimen lost to Ikonen -12, -17.

Matches scheduled for Nov. 8th are:-

Spain v Turkey
 Finland v Belgium

Obituary

TIBOR HARANGOZO

We very much regret to announce that Tibor Harangozo died on July 1st, 1978. We are indebted to Zdenko Uzorinac for the following notes:

Tibor Harangozo was born in 1922 in Subotica, northern Yugoslavia. He started to play at 16, together with his younger brother Vilim, and was a member of the Yugoslav team (with Dolinar, Hexner, Hershovic and Marinko) at the 1939 World Championships in Cairo, where they gained the Silver Medal.

Before and after the war Tibor was one of the very best defensive players in Europe and was among the eight best in the world at the 1949 World Championships in Stockholm. He was twelve times Yugoslav champion in various categories.

At his playing peak he was afflicted with a nerve complaint in his hand, and turned his attention towards coaching younger players. He then became widely known through his books, his table tennis training camps and seminars and his coaching activities in Chile, Peru and Federal Germany; his most famous pupil was the Austrian woman player Linde Werthl.

In later years he settled in Saarbrücken and manufactured sports equipment under the "Tibhar" brand, but always retained his close connection with table tennis in his native Yugoslavia.

This great player and enthusiast will long be remembered for his many years of devoted service to our sport.

ITTF Bulletin No. 156

36th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1981

In the September ITTF Bulletin a letter from the Table Tennis Association of the People's Republic of China was reproduced which speaks for itself. The letter reads:-

"The ITTF General Meeting which was held in Tokyo in 1971 decided that the option was given to China of hosting the 1981 World Championships and it was once again confirmed by the Council Meeting in Tokyo last June.

"Recently, we have seriously studied this matter. Having considered all the factors involved, we understand that the prerequisite conditions for the staging of the 1981 Championships in China are still wanting. Therefore, we regret very much to inform you that we withdraw the option for 1981 World Championships.

"Please accept our profuse apology for the inconvenience that our withdrawal might cause to the ITTF. Once circumstances permit, the Table Tennis Association of China would be ready to bid for the World Championships.

"With best greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Ho Chen-liang, Hon. Gen. Secretary,
 Table Tennis Association of the
 People's Republic of China".

35th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1979 PYONGYANG

All Associations intending to participate were asked to send the Preliminary Notification Form to the ITTF Secretariat before Sept. 15th. By Sept. 25th, the following had notified their intention of participating (those marked * with Men's Teams only).

Asia China, Cyprus*, Hong Kong, India, Israel*,
 Japan, Korea DPR, Korea R, Kuwait*,
 Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines*,
 Singapore.

America Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico,
 U.S.A.

Africa Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Zambia*.

Europe Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia,
 Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany
 DR (delegates to BGM only), Germany FR,
 Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway,
 Poland, Scotland*, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,
 U.S.S.R., Wales*, Yugoslavia.

Oceania Australia, New Zealand.

Total 46 (45 Men's Teams, 37 Women's Teams).

ITTF B.G.M.

All Associations have been advised that the next BGM will take place in Pyongyang on April 28th and May 4th, 1979.



Tibor Klampar of Hungary boasting three wins out of four in the Super Division of the European League.

Photo bt Norbert Rzepka, Delmenhorst,
 Federal Germany.

FRENCH AFFAIRS by Jean Devys

Jacques Secretin (CSA Kremlin-Bicetre) was the winner of the 1st Journee des Individuels 78/79 in Paris on Oct. 9th, when, in the final, he beat Patrick Birocheau (AS Messine Paris) 17, 13, 17 after disposing of Jean-Claude Decret (ES Levallois) 19, 17, 7. In the other semi-final Birocheau beat Bruno Parietti (EM Vesoul) 19, 15, 11. Parietti beat Decret 18, -15, 17, 14 for third place.

Winner of the counterpart women's event was Claude Bergeret (ASPTT Anney) who beat Michele Gourmelon (VGA St. Maur) 15, 13, 10 in the final. In the semi-finals Bergeret beat Brigitte Thiriet (ASPTT Paris) 12, 12, 15 and Gourmelon accounted for Nadine Daviaud (ASPTT Nantes) 22, -19, 19, -10, 13. Daviaud beat Thiriet 15, 10, 20 to claim third place.

Classement Juniors:- 1. Pascal Besnier (ACR Cleon), 2. Eric Guilbert (EDF Dieppe), 3. Alain Vergnet (Stade Montois) 4. Laurent Martini (La Chapelle St Luc), 5. Philippe Dubois (AL Boesehem).

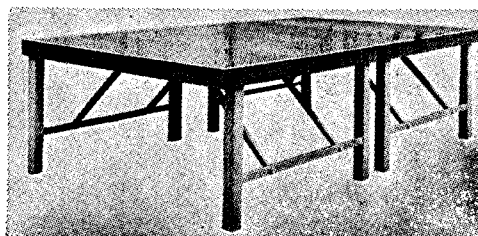
AS Messine Paris with "A" and "B" team victories over VGA St Maur, both by 7-3 margins, lead the table in the men's team championships of France followed by CSA Kremlin-Bicetre whose "A" team could only draw 5-5 with Amiens SC but whose "B" team won 7-3. Figuring in the AS Messine team was the name Amouretti who, for the "A" team, had one win and two losses, against three wins each for Birocheau and Regis Canor plus the doubles.

AC Boulogne with a 9-1 win over Evreux EC lead the women's section followed by ACS Fontenay who beat AC Blainville 8-2.

EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

CSM Cluj-Napoca (Rumania), represented by Serban Dobosi, Josef Bohm and Simion Crisan, beat Young Stars Zurich (Switzerland) 5-0 in Rd. 1 of the men's competition. In the women's com-

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petition DTC Kaiserberg (Federal Germany) beat Tempo Team (Netherlands) 5-3 and CS Arad (Rumania) beat DT Capip Dommeldange (Luxembourg) 5-0 the Rumanian trio being Eve Ferenczi, Magda Leszay and Liona Mihut.

BULLETIN FROM BAS

Italy now have the services of a Chinese coach, Tiao Weng-yuan, aged 36. Dr. Saliro Magni, the Italian coach, informed Dutch correspondent Bas den Breejen, he was very surprised when the Chinese Embassy phoned to say "We have a trainer for you, because there are troubles with the Swedish Association, and you can have him for six months.

Dutch club Avanti (Hazerswoude) registered a 5-1 win over Kronshagen (Federal Germany) in the women's section of the Fair Cities Cup competition the latter having to play short lacking the services of their star Jill Hammersley. On arrival at Schiphol airport, Jill was conveyed to Acedemic Hospital in Leiden and detained overnight for tests. Although discharged on the day of the match Jill was not up to playing and her expected meeting with Bettine Vriesekoop did not take place much to the disappointment of the public.

NIGERIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held in Lagos (June 25th - July 1st) the results in the Nigerian Open were:-

- Men's Team:
 1. China II 2. China I 3. Nigeria II 4. Nigeria I
 Women's Team:
 1. China I 2. China II 3. Nigeria I 4. Nigeria II
M.S. Semi-finals:
 Lasisi (NIG) bt Li Peng (CHN) 12, 16, -20, 19;
 Wang Chin-lin (CHN) bt Chiao Wei (CHN) 13, 18, 19.

Final:
 LASISI bt Wang Chinlin 16, -14, 18, 19.

W.S. Semi-finals:
 Majekodunmi (NIG) bt Lamptey (GHA) 9, 9, 13;
 Chang Kang-mie (CHN) bt Wang Ling (CHN) 12, -17, 8, 19.

Final:
 CHANG KANG-MEI bt Majekodunmi 15, 7, 9.
3rd AFRICAN GAMES (ALGIERS)

- Men's Team:
 1. Nigeria 2. Egypt 3. Togo 4. Ghana 5. Tunisia.
 Women's Team:
 1. Nigeria 2. Egypt 3. Ghana 4. Togo 5. Ethiopia.

21st ANNUAL CARIBBEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (TRINIDAD)

- Men's Team:
 Cuba bt Dom. Republic 5-2.
 Women's Team:
 Cuba bt Trinidad and Tobago 3-0.

M.S.:
 Amarsingh (TRI) bt Braithwaite (GUY) 9, 7, 22.
W.S.:
 Baez (CUB) bt Ortiz (CUB) 9, 10.

ARAB GULF CHAMPIONSHIPS (BAHRAIN)

- Men's Team:
 1. Iraq 2. Saudi Arabia 3. Yemen Arab Republic 4. Kuwait.
 Junior Team:
 1. Saudi Arabia 2. Yemen Arab Republic 3. Iraq 4. Kuwait.

M.S.:
 1. Zaker (SAU) 2. Baker (ITQ) 3. Zayed (YAR) 4. Ahmed (IRQ).

J.S.:
 1. Elhamdan (SAU) 2. Zayed (YAR) 3. Saleh (KUW) 4. Kazem (IRQ).

WILLS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA)

The Sydney Opera House was the venue for the 2nd Wills Invitation International played in Sydney in a series specially packaged for National A.B.C. Television. The 1977 Wills Championship was memorable, mainly because of the classic Neale-Furukawa final won by Neale. This year there were many changes in the tournament format. Firstly, it was decided to invite 12 players, eleven by special invitation, the field completed by the winner of an elimination series open to all. It was also decided by the tournament sponsors, W.D. and H.O. Wills, that sponsoring up to \$20,000 would be made available subject to the availability of some world class players.

The contest included invitees from overseas headed by former World champion Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson, of Sweden, world-ranked Tokio Tasaka from Japan, Denis Neale

of England and last, but by no means least, the former Japan team member, Toshiako Furukawa.

Results:-

Quarter-finals:

- S. Bengtsson bt S. Knapp 11, 12, 9;
 T. Tasaka bt R. Javor 13, 20, 20;
 D. Neale bt P. Pinkewich 18, -20, 8, 17;
 K. Johansson bt T. Furukawa -20, 14, 13, 20.

Semi-finals:

- Bengtsson bt Tasaka -17, 19, -19, 17, 10;
 Johansson bt Neale 12, 9, -23, 18.

Final:

- BENGTSSON bt Johansson 18, -17, 13, 21.
 Play-off for 3rd place:
 Tasaka bt Neale -16, 16, 18, 19.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

How are the mighty fallen! After holding the R. H. Jones Shield for 20 years, Victoria's women's team lost the title to South Australia in a close 4-5 result. Victoria's men's and boys' teams won their divisions.

Paul Pinkewich with his "secret weapon" bat and tremendous defence, thoroughly deserved to win his first Australian singles title in a magnificent final from Steve Knapp. Kerry Thompson took the women's Australian singles final from young Tasmanian Denise Millikan in an event with several surprises. Top seed Barbara Kearney (formerly with Northumberland) survived her

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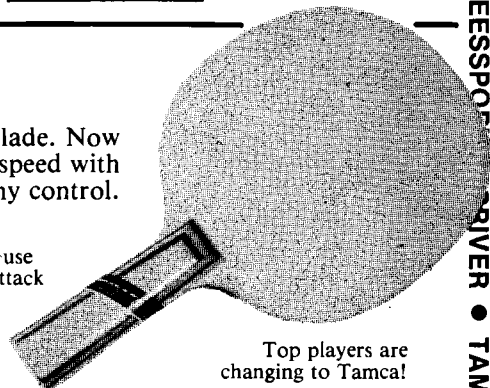
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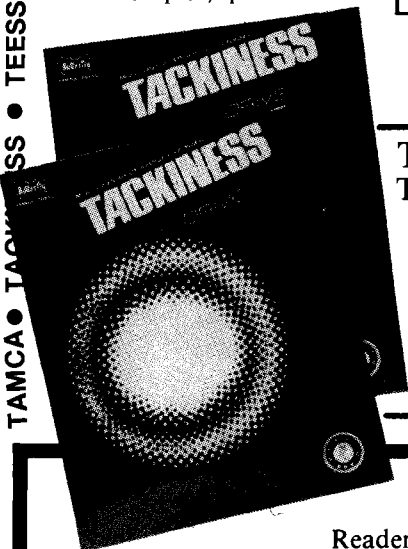


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match with Roma Chambers only to go down to Diane Kilderry.

Results —

M.S. Semi-finals:

S. Knapp (V) bt R. Javor (V) 21, 13, 9;
P. Pinkewich (NSW) bt R. Tuckett (V) 10, 16, 12.

Final:

PINKEWICH bt Knapp 16, 18, -17, 19.

W.S. Semi-finals:

D. Millikan (T) bt C. Little (SA) 17, 11, -18, 17;
K. Thompson (V) bt A. Middleton (SA) 14, -19, 19, -18, 14.

Final:

THOMPSON bt Millikan 18, 13, -13, 19.

B.S. Final:

N. WARD (SA) bt R. Carlyle (V) 4, -10, 20.

G.S. Final:

P. WHITEHOUSE (Q) bt T. Handicott (Q) 11, 10.

OTHER AUSSIE TOURNAMENTS

Kjell Johansson beat his fellow Swede Stellan Bengtsson in the final of the Wills-Qantas Masters tournament at Albert Park, the results being:-

Round 1:

Bengtsson bt Javor 7, 14;
Furukawa bt Neale 21, -19, 15;
Tasaka bt R. Tuckett 14, 14;
Johansson bt Knapp 14, 16.

Semi-finals:

Bengtsson bt Furukawa 16, -15, 9;
Johansson bt Tasaka -21, 12, 13.

Final:

JOHANSSON bt Bengtsson 18, -15, 17.

In the Queensland Open held at Wynnum, Bengtsson had a final win over England's Neale 18, 14, 18.

NORTHERN TOURNAMENT SCENE

SANDLEY MAKES HIS MARK by George Yates

John Hilton of Lancashire who, as the No. 2 ranked male player in England, was overlooked for the opening European League match away to Yugoslavia capitalised on his skills by winning the men's singles title in the Colgate North of England Open at Manchester on Sept. 30th.

Hilton could afford a wry smile for on his own admission, had he been selected to travel to Belgrade, he gave himself little hope of success against the top Yugoslavs, Dragutin Surbek and Anton Stipanovic, whereas in his own backyard the Lancastrian pocketed the £80 winners prize with a final victory over Chris Sewell of Avon.

Best set in this event was the quarter-final clash between Hilton and the Middlesex junior Graham Sandley which exceeded by far all that came later especially the final in which Sewell, who looked so crisp again Max Crimmins in the semis, faded into insignificance.

Seeded Robert Potton lost to Sandley -20, -20 in Rd. 3 and John Dabin to Peter McQueen in Rd. 5 at which stage Cheshire's David Constance, holder of the Lancashire Open title, bowed out to David Wells.

In a somewhat lack lustre women's singles event shorn of the top stars who were participating in the Federal German Bundesliga, Yorkshire's Melody Ludi, like Hilton the top seed, cruised to a comfortable victory over Janet Carr of Staffs in the final.

But England would appear to have another player of considerable promise in 15-year-old Sandley who, at Carlisle the following weekend, in the Cumbria 2-Star Open, not only won the boys' singles, as he did in Manchester, but also succeeded to the men's title from a field which included four nationally-ranked men.

Sandley, a senior title winner at Southampton (4 T's) and in the Bournemouth 1-Star, and a junior winner at Wandsworth (Essex Jnr.) began his exploits at Carlisle by ousting the defending title holder and No. 1 men's seed, Hilton, and subsequently disposed of two other Lancastrians in

Philip Bowen and, in the final, the No. 2 seed Donald Parker having previously, in the semis, beaten Nigel Eckersley, the Cheshire No. 1. Sandley's defeat of Hilton was by -11, 18, 13 but in the third game the Middlesex youngster was 2-9 down and 19-12 up!

Susan Lisle came into her own in this tournament by winning the women's singles, beating Alison Gordon in the final, and pairing up with the Berkshire girl to take the women's doubles. Sandley failed to become a triple champion when, with Skylett Andrew, the southern pair fell to Eckersley and McQueen in the final of the men's doubles.



GRAHAM SANDLEY

Results —

COLGATE NORTH OF ENGLAND 2-STAR OPEN

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Hilton (La) bt G. Sandley (Mi) -13, 17, 18;
A. Griffiths (Wal) bt P. McQueen (Cv) 11, 13;
C. Sewell (Av) bt D. Johnson (Wa) 13, 14;
M. Crimmins (Sy) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 17, 18.

Semi-finals:

Hilton bt Griffiths 14, -19, 16;
Sewell bt Crimmins 13, 16.

Final:

HILTON bt Sewell 16, 12.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Ludi (Y) bt P. Cameron (Ng) 5, -21, 14;
A. Tierney (Cv) bt S. Midgley (Y) 9, 17;
J. Carr (St) bt A. Mitchell (Mi) 13, -15, 16;
H. Gore (E) bt S. Lisle (Ch) 15, -16, 22.

Semi-finals:

Ludi bt Tierney 17, 12;
Carr bt Gore 19, 15.

Final:

LUDI bt Carr 12, 12.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Crimmins/D. Wells (Mi) bt J. Dabin (K)/Hilton 17, -16, 17;
A. Clayton (Y)/Sewell bt Eckersley/Griffiths 12, 12.

Final:

CLAYTON/SEWELL bt Crimmins/Wells 13, 13.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Ludi/Midgley bt Mitchell/H. Williams (Mi) 15, 21;
Carr/Lisle bt C. Buttery (Li)/Tierney 16, 17.

Final:

LUDI/MIDGLEY bt Carr/Lisle 19, 14.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Wilson (Mi) bt M. Byles (Wal) 8, 14;
S. Scowcroft (La) bt K. Satchell (Wi) -16, 16, 19;
A. Bellingham (St) bt B. Gill (Du) 10, 12;
Sandley bt A. Hill (Y) 15, -12, 12.

Semi-finals:

Wilson bt Scowcroft 11, 15;
Sandley bt Bellingham 14, 19.

Final:

SANDLEY bt Wilson 12, 19.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Midgley bt C. Scowcroft (La) -18, 14, 14;
L. Fennah (Ch) bt H. Frost (La) 12, 13;
Williams bt D. Scowcroft (La) 13, 11;
J. Parker (La) bt J. Grundy (La) 18, 20.

Semi-finals:

Midgley bt Fennah 14, 17;
Williams bt Parker 14, 16.

Final:

MIDGLEY bt Williams 11, 19.

Veterans' Singles Semi-finals:

G. Brook (Y) bt T. Donlon (Ch) -18, 13, 15;
P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt M. Tew (Ch) 17, 17.

Final:

D'ARCY bt Brook 14, 17.

CUMBRIA 2-STAR OPEN

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

G. Sandley (Mi) bt P. Bowen (La) 13, -18, 16;
N. Eckersley (Ch) bt P. McQueen (Cv) 21, 17;
A. Clayton (Y) bt K. Paxton (Cv) -17, 12, 13;
D. Parker (La) bt B. Kean (La) 10, 15.

Semi-finals:

Sandley bt Eckersley 20, 15;
Parker bt Clayton 16, -17, 19.

Final:

SANDLEY bt Parker 17, 17.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Lisle (Ch) bt L. Fennah (Ch) 11, 19;
K. Smart (Dy) bt J. Woodcock (Cv) 16, 11;
A. Gordon (Bk) bt J. Deakin (Ch) -16, 19, 10;
A. Tierney (Cv) bt K. Wright (La) 11, 16.

Semi-finals:

Lisle bt Smart 12, 17;
Gordon bt Tierney 11, 16.

Final:

LISLE bt Gordon 19, 17.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

S. Andrew (E)/Sandley bt Clayton/I. Robertson (E) -16, 17, 18;

Eckersley/McQueen bt J. Weatherby/R. Weatherby (Ch) 18, 16.

Final:

ECKERSLEY/McQUEEN bt Andrew/Sandley 13, 15.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Gordon/Lisle bt S. Alexander (La)/Fennah -16, 12, 18;
Deakin/J. Grundy (La) bt J. Parker/C. Scowcroft (La) 15, -16, 18.

Final:

GORDON/LISLE bt Deakin/Grundy 12, 19.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

Sandley bt D. McIlroy (Sco) -17, 18, 9;
D. Gray (Cu) bt M. Thomas (Wal) 14, -18, 19;
P. Rainford (La) bt N. Jobling (Nd) 19, 13;
Andrew bt J. Weatherby 16, 15.

Semi-finals:

Sandley bt Gray 12, 10;
Andrew bt Rainford 14, 12.

Final:

SANDLEY bt Andrew 15, 21.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Fennah bt Parker 9, 19;
Deakin bt G. Smith (Cu) 7, 19;
Grundy bt P. Bickerdike (Cu) 13, 17;
Scowcroft bt J. Myers (La) 10, 10.

Semi-finals:

Fennah bt Deakin 18, 18;
Grundy bt Scowcroft 18, 14.

Final:

GRUNDY bt Fennah 16, 19.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt J. Evans (La) 12, 18;
C. Usher (Gu) bt D. Holden (Cv) 15, 9.

Final:

D'ARCY bt Usher 14, 7.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

DRIVING SEAT

The contest to see who will eventually take the Sussex men's crown from Roger Chandler continues unabated. The chap in the driving seat is Graham Gillett from Bexhill, now in his last season as a junior.

At the first Sussex tournament, the East Sussex championships at Bexhill, the Brighton man held off the Bexhill boy's challenge in two games. Four weeks later at Hastings in the ITT Sussex Open, the two rivals met again and this time it was the challenger who overcame Chandler in three games.

Following an indifferent performance against Middlesex II in the opening Junior County Championships match, Gillett struck hard at Hull in the Humberstone Open when he climbed into the final past Colin Wilson (in effect the England No. 2 Junior), losing to Graham Sandley who must be one of England's best prospects in years.

However, the biggest battle of all is scheduled for the Brighton Corn Exchange in January, where on his home ground, Chandler will remain the favourite.

The new Sussex No. 1 in the County Championships rankings for women is Carol Hewett, winner of the women's singles at the East Sussex championships. Carol is aiming to win the Sussex title for the first time after trying for eight years, hitting harder than ever and keeping the ball on the table more than her main rivals Julie Reading and Diane Griggs.

COVER PICTURE

Super coach Lloyd Lewis instructs his prodigy Graham Sandley of Middlesex on just how to go about things and Graham certainly did, especially at Carlisle in the Cumbria 2-Star Open where he demolished the hopes of three Lancastrians, John Hilton, Phil Bowen and Donald Parker as well as the Cheshire No. 1, Nigel Eckersley.



Welsh Corner

H. ROY EVANS

VALUABLE TALENT

September's Assessment activities helped us uncover some possible valuable talent, but did little to give much guidance as to the likely performance of our top players in International and County matches.

In the Senior Round Robin at Cardiff Graham Davies was below form and unexpected losses by him produced some problems for the selectors.

Alan Griffiths, who has now completed his studies at Teesside, but is also committed to TSV Kronshagen in Germany, lost in the final play-off to David Welsman, who is showing much improved form this year. George Evans came next, and was followed by Jeffrey Morgan, now no longer a junior. Then came Nigel Thomas, also just out of junior stage. Newport's John Bloomer was sixth, and Davies, whose loss to Morgan put him out of contention for the top places, was seventh. Robert Bishop, at No. 8 was the last of the seniors, for Brian Jeanes, Mark Byles, Andrew Jones and David Chan occupied the next places.

At Lilleshall, the best new prospects from North Wales were Robert Isherwood, Stuart Conway, Mark Pearson, Derek Butterworth, Mark Jones, David Barnett and Andrew Halsall, with the Cotter sisters much better than the others amongst the girls.

After a similar course in Cardiff, the following boys came out best — Neil Jones, Kevin O'Neil, Gareth Evans, Ian Pimm, Kevin Davies and Jeff Rigby. It was clear, however, that because there was so much unknown talent present, original groupings could have been unfair to some youngsters, and players outside these top few were noted.

In the women's round robin, Stephanie Jones came out without loss, followed by Juniors Cathryn Jones and Sandra Bennett. Then came Susan Jones, just out of cadet stage, and the older players — Kim Wheatley, Debbie Coulthard and Debbie Symonds followed in that order.

Following these round robins, the Welsh Selectors issued the following Ranking Lists:-

Men

1. Alan Griffiths 2. David Welsman 3. Graham Davies 4. George Evans 5. Jeff Morgan 6. Nigel Thomas 7. John Bloomer 8. Robert Bishop 9. Mark Thomas 10. Brian Jeanes.

Boys

1. Mark Thomas 2. Brian Jeanes 3. Alun Williams 4. David Kenefick 5. Mark Byles 6. Andrew Jones 7. David Chan 8. Colin Powel 9. Gary Wilkins 10. Alan Coulthard.

Girls

1. Cathryn Jones 2. Sandra Bennett 3. Susan Jones 4. Sue Powell 5. Diane Hewitt 6. Linda Leggett 7. Brenda Annand.

The women's rankings have not yet been finalised. The problem is to integrate the older players, who did not take part in the Round Robin, into the placings as decided by the Round Robin. So that places will need to be allotted to Betty Gray, Sandra Pickering and Margaret Phillips within the list arising out of the Round Robin as shown above.

In addition to the above rankings, 'A' Groups have been selected in the various categories and these will be studied when making up the squads.

Glamorgan Association opened its season with the usual Glamorgan Closed at the National Sports Centre on Oct. 8th. Unfortunately Griffiths was in Germany and Evans on holiday, so the field was

much weakened. Davies took the title, but he had a narrow squeak against Bishop in the semi-final, and then dropped the first game against Morgan in the final. He took the next, and lead 14-5 and 17-8 in the decider, but becoming more and more tentative surrendered point after point to Jeff until they were 18-all! Even Graham will allow that his next point, a lucky edge, probably broke Jeff and let Graham get home.

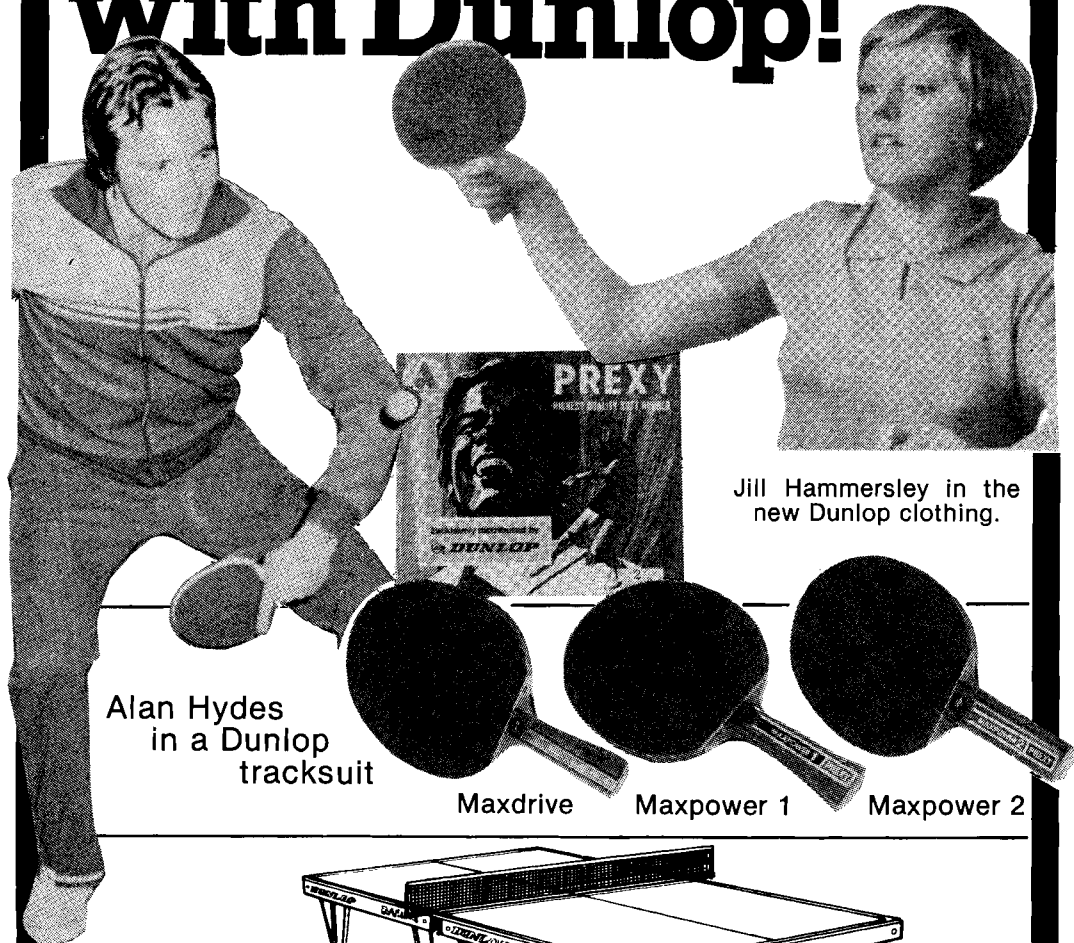
Stephanie Jones beat Cathryn Jones in a women's event which was not notable for good play, and Stephanie teamed up with Sandra Coulson to beat the experienced Margaret Phillips and Sandra Pickering in the women's doubles final. Jeff Morgan and Robert Bishop found unexpected opposition in the forms of Colin Rees and Peter

Harry in the doubles, but weren't over worried by the West Walians in a two-straight win.

Young Andrew Jones took both junior and cadet titles. He beat Alan Coulthard in the boys' event, in which he dropped only one game to Anthony Davies, and easily disposed of Ceri Phillips, another Swansea boy who nevertheless did enough to suggest good prospects for the future.

Cathryn Jones beat Susan Jones in a girls' final which seemed to have no atmosphere at all. Maybe they play together too much. In the cadet final Helen Sellick beat her sister Lynne in a set which had the virtue of the ball being kept going for a fair time, a feature lacking in too much of the other female play.

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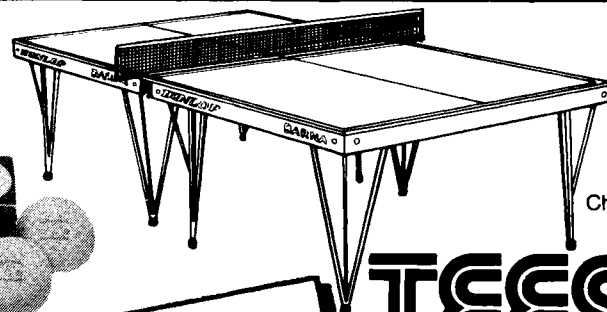
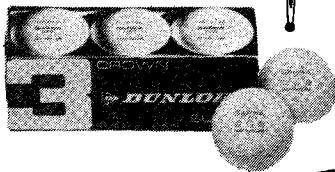
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FOUR T's 1-STAR OPEN

TRIPLE CROWN FOR SANDLEY

by David Cosway

Once again record entries up to almost 200 players, and almost as many entries returned as accepted. Prizes donated by sponsors now total almost £200. The companies to whom the Club are indebted are Snows Office Supplies, Elkins Engineering Ltd., Anthony Forfar and Co., and John Jaques and Son Ltd.

In the men's singles top seed Bob Potton did not put in an appearance and Mark Mitchell, the holder, did not enter. Early surprises were the defeats of David Constance, Simon Heaps, David Wellsman and Paul Guttormsen. At quarter-final stage Colin Wilson beat D. DeWinter, Mike Johns beat Martin Shuttle, Graham Sandley beat Les Eadie and John Dabin beat D. Hannah. The semi-finals then brought together two experienced players who have figured in England rankings, in Johns and Dabin opposed to two 15-year-olds from the top of the England Junior rankings.

As it turned out, experience counted for nothing for Sandley and Wilson both came through in straight sets. Two-straight games in the final gave Sandley the title. It is interesting to speculate as to the future of Graham, for the last Junior to win the Four T's men's singles title was Desmond Douglas. I wonder if a similar future in table-tennis awaits him?

The non-arrival of Angela Mitchell in the women's singles left a gap, but an entry of 45 was the largest ever in this event. Surprise packet of the earlier rounds was M. Elliman of London who ousted Cheryl Creasey and Karen Mashford to reach the semi-final. Helen Williams beat Serina Sinanan, Claire Maisey beat Nicola Hayward and Janet New beat arch rival Joyce Coop at expedite to complete the semi-final line up. At that stage Williams beat Maisey and New beat Elliman. After dropping the first game of the final Janet beat Helen to become the first player ever to win a Four T's title twice.

Ian Robertson and Shuttle beat Derek Holman and Johns in the semi-final of the men's doubles.

In the other half Guttormsen and Sandley went through Martin Abbott/John Robinson in the quarters and Dabin/Gordon Chapman in the semi. A good final saw Guttormsen and Sandley through at 19 in the third.

Cheryl Creasey and Rachel Mackriell had a close call in the semi of the women's doubles before beating V. Cruwys and C. Robb at 19 in the third. No such problems for Joyce Coop and Janet New against J. Webster and Nicola Hayward. Two duce games saw the Creasey/Mackriell pairing through in the final. The scratch pairing of Sandley and Claire Maisey beat the Bournemouth pairings of Jason and Cheryl Creasey and Trevor Smith/Joyce Coop at the quarter and semi-final stages of the mixed. In the other half Abbott and Sarah Gilson beat the other Bournemouth pairing.

Robinson and Janet New to reach the final. Sandley won his third title when he combined with Claire Maisey to convincingly win the final.

Sandley did not enter the boys' singles which in theory should have left the field clear for No. 1 seed Wilson. Steve Holloway had other thoughts, however, and beat Wilson in the semi. Kevin Satchell beat Paul Colvin in the other semi and went on to beat Holloway in a close final. The one predictable event was the girls' singles with a good entry of 28 and the four seeds reaching the semis. Cheryl Creasey then beat Sarah Gilson and Helen Williams beat Claire Maisey. Helen made up for her women's defeat by winning the final.

Prizes were presented by Mike Greatrex who, apart from being the recently elected Treasurer of the E.T.T.A., has been a regular playing member of the Four T's Club for many years.

The Four T's Club are fortunate in having two members willing to devote so much time to this tournament in the organiser Rowe Bennett and referee Peter Thorne.

By next season the Club must decide on the future of this tournament. It has now reached saturation point at its present venue and either the Club stays at the excellent Southampton University Sports Hall or it moves to larger and more expensive premises and expands its entry. Difficult, as the University enables the Club to combine its practice during the summer together with the County and City trials at one venue.

Results —

Men's Singles

Semi-finals:

G. Sandley (Mi) bt J. Dabin (K) 14, 14.
C. Wilson (Mi) bt M. Johns (Ch) 11, 17.

Final:

SANDLEY bt Wilson 15, 21.

Women's Singles

Semi-finals:

H. Williams (Mi) bt C. Maisey (Wi) -14, 15, 15.
J. New (Do) bt M. Elliman (Mi) 13, 18.

Final:

NEW bt Williams -14, 17, 17.

Men's Doubles

Final:

P. GUTTORMSEN/SANDLEY (Mi) bt
I. Robertson (E)/M. Shuttle (Sy) 19, -17, 19.

Women's Doubles

Final:

C. CREASEY (Do)/R. MACKRIEL (Wa) bt
J. Coop (Do)/New 22, 20.

Mixed Doubles

Final:

SANDLEY/MAISEY bt M. Abbott (Do)/
S. Gilson (Do) 9, 11.

Boys' Singles

Semi-finals:

S. Holloway (Sy) bt Wilson (Mi) -12, 19, 16.
K. Satchell (Wi) bt P. Colvin (K) 18, 18.

Final:

SATCHELL bt Holloway 16, -20, 17.

Girls' Singles

Semi-finals:

Creasey bt Gilson 11, 14.
Williams bt Maisey -14, 18, 15.

Final:

WILLIAMS bt Creasey 16, 21.



Janet New (Dorset) winner of the women's singles at Southampton.



Mike Greatrex, E.T.T.A. Hon. Treasurer, presents Kevin Satchell with the boys' singles trophy at the Four T's tournament.



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SCOTTISH NEWS



by DENIS GEORGE

MEADOWBANK OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh September 24th, 1978

The first open tournament of the season attracted a large entry of Scottish players but very few from England. Richard Yule inevitably won the Open Singles title from John Moir (Aberdeen) who, in the absence of John McNe, was staking his claim to the No. 2 Scottish ranking. Richard, paired with Willie Sichel (London) and Patrice Fleming, also won the Men's and Mixed Doubles titles. Carole Dalrymple was in very good form, winning both the Women's and Girls' Singles titles whilst David McIlroy took the Boys' title and David Fletcher (Glasgow) the Open Cadet Singles title.

Results —
Open Singles
Semi-finals:
 R. Yule bt A. McCulloch 16, 3.
 J. Moir bt W. Sichel 22, -18, 17.
Final:
 YULE, bt Moir 6, 15.
Women's Singles
Semi-finals:
 P. Fleming bt G. McKay 17, 11.
 C. Dalrymple bt M. Neish 17, 15.
Final:
 DALRYMPLE bt Fleming 16, 15.
Boys' Singles
Final:
 D. McILROY bt N. Lovie 19, 14.
Girls' Singles
Final:
 DALRYMPLE bt H. Calder 10, 13.
Open Cadet Singles
Final:
 D. FLETCHER bt M. Crawford 7, 12.
Veterans' Singles
Final:
 R. KERR bt J. Mitchell 9, 10.
Men's Doubles
Final:
 YULE/W. SICHEL bt K. Rodger/McIlroy 15, 16.
Women's Doubles
Final:
 FLEMING/McKAY bt Dalrymple/M. Cuthbertson 4, 7.
Mixed Doubles
Final:
 YULE/FLEMING bt Kerr/McKay -16, 17, 15.

SCOTTISH TEAM CUP Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh October 1st, 1978

GLASGOW CENTRAL regained the title of top Scottish club team with a 5-3 win over the holders Aberdeen YM SWIFTS. This was the 4th time CENTRAL have won the title in the last 5 years.

15 teams competed in the groups with SWIFTS, MILNGAVIE (West of Scotland), REDPATH (Lanarkshire) and CENTRAL emerging to contest the K.O. semi-finals, where SWIFTS beat MILNGAVIE 5-3 and CENTRAL beat REDPATH 6-2.

Final:
 SWIFTS (Aberdeen) 3 CENTRAL (West of Scotland) 5
 M. Stuart lost to J. Wilson -17, -15.
 J. Moir lost to D. McIlroy -15, -15.
 A. Matthew bt R. Bhalla 17, 13.
 Moir bt Wilson 18, 13.
 Stuart lost to Bhalla -12, -8.
 Matthew bt McIlroy 16, 8.
 Moir lost to Bhalla -14, -19.
 Matthew lost to Wilson 16, -19, -18.

LANARKSHIRE YOUTH and JUNIOR OPEN Hamilton Town Hall, Hamilton October 15th, 1978

Under-21 Youth Singles
Semi-finals:
 K. Rodger bt D. McIlroy 8, 10.
 A. Majid bt C. Rodger 14, 11.
Final:
 RODGER bt Majid 17, 21.
Under-17 Boys' Singles
Semi-finals:
 McIlroy bt D. Campbell 10, 18.
 N. Lovie bt I. McLean 14, 14.
Final:
 McILROY bt Lovie 19, -11, 19.

Cadet Singles
Final:
 D. FLETCHER bt I. O'Neil 11, 11.
Under-21 Girls' Singles
Final:
 E. ROBB bt K. Mackay 19, -15, 17.
Under-17 Girls' Singles
Final:
 K. HAMMOND bt H. Calder 17, 20.
Under-17 Junior Doubles
Final:
 McILROY/LOVIE bt J. Broe/P. Akalaide 13, 18.
Under-21 Youth Doubles:
Final:
 McILROY/K. RODGER bt A. Majid/K. McLean 13, 15.

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EUROPEAN LEAGUE — DIVISION II

Carole Dalrymple of Falkirk was selected for her first European League appearance but unfortunately sustained a double hairline fracture of her leg in a 5-a-side FOOTBALL match and will be out of the game until the New Year, in consequence Grace McKay came back into the team to join Richard Yule and John Moir — also selected for his first European League match. Fog disrupted the outward journey to Brussels with Grace taking 29 hours and arriving within 3 hours of the match. Yule won his two and with Moir took the Men's Doubles for the score to stand at 3 all with one to go. Moir took Eygemans to three ends but the decision went to the Belgian.

BELGIUM 4 SCOTLAND 3

N. van der Walle bt J. Moir 11, 16.

Eygemans lost to R. Yule -5, -13.

M-F. Germiot bt G. McKay 8, 10.

Eygemans/L. Belien lost to Moir/Yule -14, -12.

v.d. Walle/Germiot bt Yule/McKay 18, -20, 15.

v.d. Walle lost to Yule -13, 7, -24.

Eygemans bt Moir 17, -21, 11.

PERSONALITY PARADE

by TONY BROOKS

Secretary General, I.T.T.F.



TONY BROOKS

At the 1975 BGM of the ITTF in Calcutta, the decision was taken to establish for the first time a permanent headquarters and a permanent staff. Within a few months ideal premises — a three-storey building in St. Leonards-on-Sea — had been found and purchased, and the ITTF Executive Committee were ready to appoint a Secretary-General.

Qualifications for the position were not easy to assess. A background in national sports administration and experience as a player would obviously have been useful. The ITTF took the view, however, that the over-riding need was for someone with wide international and administrative experience in a general sense; in the event, the successful candidate had had no previous connection with any national sporting body, and was an enthusiastic table tennis player only on the

diningroom table, where his small son usually beat him.

Tony Brooks took up the position in March 1976. He had previously been Overseas Sales Director of an international company and had travelled widely in Europe, Africa, the Far East and North America. A year's work alongside the retiring Hon. General Secretary, A. K. "Bill" Vint — one of the most able and experienced administrators in the sport — ensured that he quickly absorbed the background of the ITTF's work. Though he would be the first to say that he still has much to learn about table tennis, the position of the ITTF Secretariat as the focus for worldwide activity and his own position as its only professional administrator have already enabled him to play a part in the rapid developments which are taking place.

With the help of two secretaries, Tony Brooks keeps in touch with the ITTF's officers and its 120 member Associations. He is responsible to the ITTF Executive Committee through President Roy Evans, who is in almost daily contact with the Secretariat from his home in Cardiff — a vital link between these two centres of the ITTF's work.

A Londoner by birth, Tony Brooks was educated at Whitgift and University College London. He moved to Hastings after joining the ITTF and lives in a Victorian house with his French wife, who is a free-lance technical translator, and his son and twin daughters. He finds his job totally satisfying, combining as it does the fascination of international administrative work with the excitement of world-wide contact and travel. When, as a small boy, he saw Victor Barna and Alec Brook during one of their stage tours, he could scarcely have imagined that the game they were playing would one day provide his full-time occupation.

LETTERS . . . TO THE EDITOR

NEGLECT OF AFRICAN TABLE TENNIS by Abel Lamina Toriola

I have been a reader of the official journal of the E.T.T.A. — 'Table Tennis News', for five years now but to my surprise there has not been any information in your journal of table tennis in Africa since then. Someone who is a foreigner as regards table tennis activities in Africa might say this is so because the standard of table tennis is still very low in Africa and that there have not been major international competitions in the game in our continent.

Such a person as I have suggested, no doubt, has little, or no knowledge about the standard of organisation as well as the development of table tennis in Africa generally. This game is not new in Africa. There have been both national and international in the game since the early fifties in which three-quarters of the countries in the African continent have not been left out.

Moreso, many African nations as you well know, have long been taking part in the various World-standard table tennis tournaments; some of which are the English Open, French Open, Scandinavian Open, Afro-Asia international tournament and also the World Championships.

In support of the standard of table tennis in Africa, may I refer you to the 1973 World Championships results where Nigeria beat Scotland 5-3 and Wales 5-2 both in the men's team event. Also in the same competition, Nigeria's Yisa Aiyesoro beat Czechoslovakia's Jiri Turia 3-1 in the men's singles encounter. More recently, in the 25th French Open played in Rennes over Dec. 2/4th, 1977, the Nigerian team edged out the much more fancied English II team 3-0 in the first round of the men's team event. I made the foregoing references to the Nigerian team not only because she could be regarded as the best in Africa but also because she is just one of the teams that exhibit high-standard table tennis in Africa.

The fact that African countries have been

organising as well as taking part in international competitions cannot be over-emphasized. Such competitions as the All-Africa Games, just concluded in Algiers, the All-Africa table tennis championships held in the Republic of Benin in October, 1977 just to mention a few, ought to be widely covered and published in your popular magazine. Moreover, such championships as I have mentioned earlier have always attracted world-ranked players from China, Japan, U.S.S.R. and Korea. The 1975 Afro-Asia and Latin America international tournament held in Lagos, Nigeria especially exemplifies this. It has also been recently confirmed that the forthcoming Republic of Benin Open table tennis championships will also attract players from China, Hungary, Yugoslavia and some other European countries.

'Table Tennis News' to the best of my knowledge has as one of its main objectives, a world-wide coverage of table tennis activities. But the fact that this official journal is yet to cover international competitions in Africa leaves much to be desired. To this end, however, I would suggest that 'Table Tennis News' gets in touch with the various table tennis organising bodies in Africa so that she will be intimated with current table tennis activities there. The Editor or some other official should ensure that this is done for it's only when table tennis news in Africa is included in your monthly publication that one could sit back with utmost satisfaction and say that 'Table Tennis News' has achieved one of its major objectives.

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Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

Whilst in attendance at the June meeting of the I.T.T.F.'s Council in Tokyo, the Editor had talks with Counsellor Amin Abou Heif, Vice-President Africa, on the subject of news from that continent with a view to inclusion in the magazine.

I WANT TO BE AN ADMINISTRATOR

I have never ever written to a magazine or newspaper in my life so there is a grave danger that I will not make myself clear but a personal anecdote at the end of this missive will, hopefully, illuminate the point I wish to make.

I have taken from my game of table tennis many years of happiness, enjoyment and pleasure. I have, over the years, become more and more interested in the administration of my game. I am well qualified, having done many years in organisation and administration. I have reached a mature age so I know I am ready to give back to the game a little of the happiness, pleasure and enjoyment that I have taken. So, question 1 — who do I approach? Obviously the E.T.T.A. H.Q. Office and seek the possibility of a National administration course. Alas, no course! I know from experience that there are training courses for junior and senior players, Umpires and Referees. I have served my local League well and have completed my apprenticeship. I have even been cajoled into enlarging my knowledge by serving my County along the way. I have become a County Umpire, National Umpire and then reached the ultimate goal and became an International Umpire, but I am not fulfilled. My ambition burns within me to serve my game in an administrative capacity. I desire so much to emulate my heroes, John Wright, Geoff Daniels, Mike Watts, Len Pilditch, to name but a few of the game's great administrators. By now I have become a Tournament Referee and a National Referee but no one requires my talents. Along the way a chance to represent my Country at National level has appeared. I have taken that chance but what if there are others who want that opening? What if a vendetta should be mounted against me if I am successful? What if I am shy and reticent at coming forward? I feel that, given the chance and opportunity, I could possibly become a good administrator but because there is no central point to which I can feed this information, I am forever condemned by the system. To tell of my ambition would label me a bighead, to say nothing labels me introverted and possibly not the 'right' material for the job, so either way I am bypassed. My burning ambition is being dulled by years of frustration. Surely we, as a great Association, must have our front line men but to be even greater we must tap our otherwise untapped

source of greatness and have a strong second and third line of troops adequately trained and ready to fly into action instantly. Just remember that all the training and all the coaching in the world will be absolutely no use without your administrator with his pen and paper to get the player from point A to point B to be trained.

May I in closing thank you for giving me your time to read this article and may I pass on a lesson I learnt from a very great man when I was Chairman of our local Council of Youth — that behind every participant there must be at least two organisers to enable him to participate. So I make the plea — don't concentrate on the coaching, etc., to the exclusion of all else. Give those with ambition and a little knowledge of administration a chance.

T. M. Channing,
Secretary, Guildford Table Tennis Association
and Surrey Table Tennis Association.

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GO TO IT, ENGLAND!

I have read with considerable interest the correspondence last season in your columns concerning rating systems (Oct. 1977, Nov. 1977, Feb. 1978) and I thought your readers might be interested in our experience in Canada. Some years ago we decided to set up a rating system (based on the U.S. system) which handled a few top tournaments and players. The idea of ratings grew popular, so three years ago I computerised our system and now virtually every official tournament and league match in the country is processed for ratings.

We have found that the rating system does indeed reflect very well the calibre of our players and it enjoys an enormous measure of support in Canada. This season, in the light of two years of careful statistical monitoring of the system, we expect to introduce some change in our model (amending the U.S. "points change table") which will make the model an even closer fit to reality, and probably the finest evaluation system in the world.

Our system costs us no more than £500 per annum to operate, the main expense being computer time. For this sum we produce monthly National Ratings seven times during the season and once in the summer. Moreover, Canadian players receive monthly computer printouts of the rating changes for every match they play.

The administration of our system relies more heavily on voluntary work than I understand is the case in the U.S., and the Canadian system is therefore correspondingly cheaper. Every one of the twelve Canadian provinces (and territories) has a ratings chairman who oversees the coding of match data in his province. For example, my own province of Newfoundland has about 1,000 players on the system. Each of our three leagues codes its own data and forwards it to our provincial ratings chairman, who also supervises the coding of our fifteen official tournaments. Provincial ratings chairmen send their data to me monthly and the new ratings are returned to them for distribution in the provinces through league chairmen and regional contacts.

It seems to me that the Canadian data collection and distribution set-up could very easily be copied by the E.T.T.A. with its splendid administrative machine. An English county ratings chairman would perform a similar role to a Canadian provincial chairman and each league within a county would have its own ratings man to liaise with the county chairman.

Ratings have become tremendously popular in Canada. Beyond question, they have promoted interest in the game, and Keith Southill's remarks (Fed. 1978) that they might increase interest in league play "after the issues of league promotion and relegation are virtually settled" has certainly shown itself to be the case here. The beauty of the Canadian system, too, is that it is a simple matter for players to compute their own ratings precisely, so every month Canadian players are able to count their ratings chickens even before they are officially hatched!

I very much hope that the E.T.T.A. will settle for a system like our own. Our top players also

would be pleased if matches between themselves and English players counted for ratings, as do matches between Canadian and U.S. players. (Mariann Domonkos and Birute Plucas might even have brought home a few rating points from their travels in the U.K. last season!). Personally, I am sure that my own table tennis activities in Kent many years ago would have been considerably brightened had England a ratings system.

Go to it, England! We, in Canada, will give you all the assistance we can.

ALAN CORNISH,
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CHOP COMMENTARY

I have read the article "Lea Green Coaches Course" by Mr. John Diggins in the Table Tennis News (April '78). Now some commentaries about the chop.

When the top of the bounce is far from the table, I know that to make the chop more effective, with extra "bite" in it, it is necessary to employ the wrist action and to take the ball as early as possible, the better at the top of the bounce. The sharp rebound of the ball takes the opponent by surprise because of the great speed and "venomous" backspin. This stroke is a difficult one and demands long and constant, intelligent, thoughtful practice, but will serve you.

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and sometimes impossible because the arm movement is cramped by the table, or restricted by the table. This stroke is only possible by hitting the ball with a short jerk of arm-wrist, but it is ineffectual, of little value. In this case, the bat can hit the table surface also.

The chop-drive is possible against a high return near the net. You must hit the ball at the top of the bounce if possible or when the ball is rising or when it is coming down. Aim the ball at the top of the net.

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RANK OUTSIDER BEATEN

Playing a 16-year-old, ranked No. 17 of England's boys, is a bit of a tough assignment for a 71-year-old. This happened to me on Oct. 16th when I faced Stephen Holloway (holder of men's and boys' singles in the Wandsworth League) but I was getting 12 start. I managed to win the second game 21-18, but in the final game Stephen produced a particularly faultless exhibition of attacking table tennis to win the set.

KEN WOODWARD,

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INCORRECT INFORMATION

The Fenland Two-Star write up in the Table Tennis News April Edition was incorrect insofar as our Association did not offer the maximum prize for a two-star event as I stated in my write up of the tournament.

I hope that the error which I am fully responsible for does not effect the good reputation that the Fenland Tournament has gained over the years. Our Association hope to run the Fenland Tournament once more this coming season on March 4th, 1979.

HOWARD G. LUPTON,
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AN APOLOGY

Due to a printing error certain lines of advertising type were inadvertently placed beneath other advertising matter in the October issue of Table Tennis News for which the Editor makes due apology to those offended.

STIGA CLUB NATIONAL YOUTH TABLE TENNIS TRAINING SERIES

by **DICK TAMMADGE**
(E.T.T.A. DEVELOPMENT OFFICER)

The first weekend session in the Stiga Club National Youth Training Series took place at Birmingham in August, and although the session was marred by a number of misfortunes, by and large it was successful — certainly a big step forward in junior coaching was made which bodes well for the future.

The whole idea came out of a conversation between the Chairman, myself and Paul Hensey, Special Projects Manager for Grand Metropolitan Hotels, way back at the end of last season. We had gone to speak with Grand Met. on another matter, and after the discussion we sat back and imbibed at their expense until the idea came up. Basically, Grand Met. were looking for ways to fill their hotels out of season, and were prepared to allow us very cheap accommodation and meals along with free use of their extensive conference facilities. Junior Training was an obvious candidate for this type of facility — it is also very easy to sell to any sponsor with a 'public conscience'.

The next stage was to discuss the project with representatives of the coaching committee — and

National Trainer Peter Simpson was detailed to investigate further. It was proposed to use Birmingham's Grand Hotel for the first session, so Peter and myself travelled to York to look into the possibilities. A local leisure centre was selected for the actual coaching, and this also was carefully examined for its suitability.

The final major steps, were the persuasion of sponsors to back the project and the creation of the elaborate paperwork systems required to invite 150 junior players, 30 coaches and various administrators to come along. The sponsorship problem was easily solved when Stiga stepped in to take most of the event, with the remaining sponsorship going to Club Soft Drinks, and even the paperwork caused no more than the usual head-aches. From the outset it was intended that players would pay towards their training, but to assist them, applications for grant aid were generated and the response by most councils, sports bodies and local clubs and leagues has been most generous.

On Friday, the 25th August, it all came together in Birmingham. Players arrived on Friday night, were allocated their rooms, were fed and then assembled for the opening briefing. They saw 'Battle of the Bats', then socialised for a while before going to bed.

The first of the weekends inevitable problems arrived on Saturday morning, when, after breakfast, it was discovered that the buses taking the players from the hotel to the sports centre were taking far longer than was expected. This caused a certain amount of chaos in the Saturday morning training sessions, but of course the problem, when realised, did not reoccur, and from Saturday lunch-time onwards the sessions went fairly smoothly. On Saturday evening, after supper, the players had a disco, then, after Sunday's play, a semi-serious display was staged by some of the National Squad players.

The first weekend was seen as one mainly of assessment. Coaches were able to form opinions which should help them to improve the overall standards of table tennis in this country. Certainly things went wrong — just as they were expected to — but most of the juniors were delighted with the weekend, and the flood of applications now reaching the office show definite enthusiasm for the rest of the series.

PING COMMENTARY

by **JOHN WOODFORD**

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent
"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"

It has been said that in many ways the British and the Germans have much in common. The fact that the entire English team now playing in the European League also appear regularly in the Bundesliga is really food for thought.

Could it be that we have the table tennis talent but not the money to back it?

I have been fortunate enough to visit West Germany twice this year, once for the European championships in Duisburg and just recently on a non-sporting visit to the Munich area which is of course some distance from the heart of the table tennis centres in the Ruhr.

I was amazed how much a German press photographer (my host) earned — a lot of money — until I made further enquiries on costs in general. A house in Munich in which I stayed would have been worth perhaps £30,000 in Birmingham. In Munich it is worth £350,000!

Another example was the cost of belonging to a golf club as a member. In England few golf club members pay more than £100 per year. In West Germany I was left breathless when I was told that it cost something like £50,000 to become a member in Germany!

One could argue that our players go over not for the money but for the experience of playing more regularly against the top players in Europe in the hope that like Desmond Douglas, that they can break into the top of the European rankings.

SPONSORED PLAYERS VISIT STIGA IN SWEDEN

Stiga AB, the Swedish manufacturers of table tennis and other sports equipment recently arranged a visit for all their sponsored table tennis players, from seven countries including the U.K., to their headquarters and factory at Tranas in Sweden. Sixteen players attended and during their visit over three days, competed together in a mini-international tournament.

The competition involved both sexes and included short tennis, target shooting, basket ball and swimming - 100 metres free style.

The overall winner was England's Nicky Jarvis who secured a total of thirteen points out of twenty.

Second came the Norwegian Paul Guttormsen with seven points. Paul is currently studying physiotherapy at West Middlesex College in London. Four players were equal with six points in third place including Richard Yule Scotland's No. 1. Alan Griffiths, Welsh No. 1, also took part in the events.

This is the first time that Stiga have invited their sponsored players to visit Tranas in one group.



Picture shows Nicky Jarvis and Sven Ake Hansson following the event. Mr. Hansson is the Managing Director of Stiga AB.

END OF AN ERA

by **PETER HARMER**

The closing down of a small school club catering for some 30 very young players from scratch may not seem a very momentous affair but due to imminent retirement from teaching of its mentor, Dolly Harmer, and its most co-operative Headmaster, Arthur Keyworth, together with a rescheduling of the school as a "First School" for the age group of 5 - 9-year-olds, this is the fate of the Pulford School Club of Leighton Buzzard after 17 very successful years.

The impact of the club on Table Tennis has been far greater than its size would indicate. In its time it has produced players who have gone on to national ranking, a spate of county players, and teams and players for all stages of the English Schools' competitions. Along its way, the club inspired two illustrated books for beginners which circulated from Auckland to Zambia, Colombia to Kelantan.

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From its early days, encouraged by periodic visits from Jack Carrington and other coaches, it has formed part of the local League, feeding youngsters into other clubs as they developed and became too old for the general age range of the club, not without producing chagrin and sometimes downright opposition among other players to this introduction of useful and ambitious youngsters of quite tender years.

The interest shown by the Headmaster in this operation by a teacher not of his school, has been coloured by his position as a J.P. From the beginning he sought the occasional memberships of "difficult" youngsters for the social value gained from the weekly discipline of a table tennis match in social attitude as a team member and having to be fair and unfavouring umpire. In seventeen years of encouraging the shy and discouraging the rough-necks, none of the club's products has ever "appeared" before the "beak" during membership.

No other greater compliments can be paid to this small club but that the leading players in the highly competitive Milton Keynes League are all its products, that a newly formed coaching school at Bletchley Leisure Centre is founded on a nucleus of 11-year-olds from Pulford School Club, and that an earlier pupil and member of the Runners-up team in the 1978 U-16 National Schools Final made the journey from Guildford to Leighton Buzzard to attend the farewell party.

9th NISSEN INVITATION TOURNAMENT

TRIPLE TIE — JARVIS WINS
by Albert W. Shipley

A new name was added to the list of winners for the Nissen Invitation tournament when Nicky

Jarvis won the 9th staging of the event at the Easington District Leisure Centre in Peterlee, Co. Durham on Friday, 27th October, 1978.

For the first time, the event was restricted to men only as at the time of settling the date, our three top women had Bundesliga commitments. Consequently, the format was changed from knock-out to two groups of four, with winners and runners-up going into cross-over semi-finals.

In Group "A" were John Hilton, Donald Parker, Max Crimmins and Nigel Eckersley, the last named being an on-the-spot substitute for Chris Sewell, whose car broke down en route. Hilton was the clear winner, beating all three opponents and Crimmins went into the semi-final with two wins.

In Group "B", a triple tie on matches won resulted between Nicky Jarvis, Richard Yule and Paul Day, with luckless Jimmy Walker losing to all three. On the games ratio, Jarvis was the clear leader with 4-2, but Yule and Day both had 4-3. So it was down to a points ratio and by an infinitesimal fraction of a point Yule's 136-127 was better than Day's 138-131. Thus the first semi-final emerged as Hilton versus Yule and after winning the first game Yule's confidence in dealing with Hilton's spoiling style slowly evaporated, losing the last two games rather easily.

The second semi-final started off with Crimmins winning the first game as he had done in all his matches, but then Max's seeming inability to press home his advantage enabled Jarvis to cruise through the next two games.

The final was a rather easy victory for Jarvis, his style being tailor-made to overcome the defensive wiles of Hilton, and thus ended an evening with a surfeit of 15 matches, many of them providing the 500 spectators with some excellent rallies.

The two match tables are generously donated by Nissen; one for the organisation bringing most spectators won by Yohden Hall School with a record number of 142 in attendance, and the other table that is won by a ballot from the programme numbers went to a local Community Centre who

were badly in need of a table. Therefore, once again the enterprise of Nissen provided a benefit for table tennis to both the players via the prize money, and the local community via equipment and enjoyment.

The presentations at the end of the evening were made by Mr. Tom Blunn, E.T.T.A. Chairman, and Mr. Stuart Reagan, Sales Manager of Nissen International Ltd.

Results —

Group A

Hilton bt Parker 16, 24
Hilton bt Crimmins -4, 20, 21
Hilton bt Eckersley 20, 16
Crimmins bt Parker 19, -16, 13
Crimmins bt Eckersley 14, 18
Parker bt Eckersley 23, 11

Group B

Jarvis bt Yule 19, 19
Jarvis bt Walker 19, 18
Yule bt Walker -14, 11, 17
Yule bt Day 19, 17
Day bt Walker -14, 14, 23
Day bt Jarvis 13, 18

Semi-finals

Hilton bt Yule -18, 11, 13
Jarvis bt Crimmins -15, 14, 14

Final

JARVIS bt Hilton 15, 10.

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COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

NEW RANKINGS

The Berkshire County Selectors met recently and have issued the following ranking lists:-

Men
1. Andy Wellman (R) 2. David Reeves (R) 3. David Barr (R) 4. Derek Basden (R) 5. Clive Payne (R) 6. David Gloster (R) 7. David Wise (R) 8. Richard Kozlowski (N) 9. Robert Johnson (R) 10. Bert Foster (R).

Women
1. Karen Witt (R) 2. Mandy Smith (R) 3. Alison Gordon (R) 4. Caroline Reeves (R) 5. Jill Purslow (R) 6. Christine Basden (R) 7. Lesley Taylor (R) 8. Susan Blackburn (M) 9. Alison Burke (R) 10. Tarryn Vallis (R).

Boys
1. David Barr (R) 2. David Gloster (R) 3. Martin Bartholomew (M) 4. Robert Metcalfe (M) 5. Kevin Murray (M) 6. Iain Fullerton (M) 7. Simon Coulson (M) 8. Michael Barr (N).

Girls
1. Mandy Smith (R) 2. Alison Gordon (R) 3. Jill Purslow (R) 4. Lesley Taylor (R) 5. Susan Blackburn (M) 6. Alison Burke (R) 7. Tarryn Vallis (R) 8. Jenny Collins (R) 9. Julie Andrews (R).

Key:- M—Maidenhead, N—Newbury, R—Reading.

There were a few raised eyebrows at the exclusion of the talented Paul Trott and Simon Douglas from the men's list but it is understood that they have stated that they will not be available for County selection this season. There are no real quarrels as to the women's list. Berkshire is in the enviable position of having the best ladies' squad in the country and for the top five places the selectors follow the England Senior and Junior lists.

There is pressure from the coaching organisations at Maidenhead, Bracknell and Reading for the provision of a cadets ranking list and it is understood that this is receiving consideration.

The dates set aside for the inter-town tournaments are Sunday, 19th November and Sunday, 28th January at the Bulmershe Centre, Woodley, Reading. Member leagues have a record number of teams for the competition this season and the County are to present a new trophy to the town who has the best overall record over the two dates.

The leagues in Berkshire appear to be publicity conscious and all seem to keep their members informed by way of newsletters and good press coverage. There seems to be a certain lethargy when it comes to broadcasting our achievements (and otherwise) through the medium of the T.T. News, so come on Bracknell, Didcot, Newbury and the rest let us have the information from your area. Please write or phone Brian Halliday, 23 The Ridings, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks. — Phone: Reading (0734) 476208.

ANDY WELLMAN WINS CLIFTON STYLES INVITATION

The current Berkshire County No. 1 Andy Wellman confirmed his county ranking by winning the newly instituted Clifton Styles invitation tournament held at Sonning Common. His final decisive victory over David Reeves won him the Clifton Styles trophy and prizes totalling £100. Andy's path to the final had been comfortable except for a quite breathtaking 2nd round encounter with Alison Gordon who went for all her shots in devastating style. No hint of the drama to come with Andy a game and 20-15 up, only for young Alison to hit seven storming shots to level at one game all. This was certainly the match of the day and our number one player was very thankful to scrape home at 22-20 in the third against his inspired opponent. The other matches

did not quite reach the standard of this encounter. Karen Witt after two easy wins found Wellman too strong while David Barr, a player now confirming his promise and developing a more mature all round game, after wins over Mandy Smith and veteran Bert Foster, found that David Reeves knows the subtleties of his game too well. However he did beat Karen to take the prize for third place.

There was also excellent prize money in the consolation event and here Mandy Smith confounded the pre-match pundits by beating Clive Payne in a close and spirited final. Mandy, who is fast becoming a threat to England's leading lady players also had a fine victory over Derek Basden in straight games.

The sponsors of the event were Clifton Styles and Co. of Caversham and Olympus Sports of Reading.

The tournament was organised by the newly formed Kidmore End Table Tennis Club of Reading. The club had invited the top 16 Berkshire players to participate in an event which served to promote the sport in this area and to give our top players competitive play early in the season. The tournament was a huge success with the sponsors, players and spectators and arrangements are already being made to repeat the event next year.



Reading's Andy Wellman, the winner at Sonning Common.

Photo by courtesy of the Reading Chronicle.

NORFOLK NOTES

by J. S. Penny

NORFOLK Junior 1st team took on a Senior 2nd team in a friendly match at Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. on Oct. 7th. This was to mark the sponsorship of both Junior sides by the Trustee Savings Bank of Eastern England, and they put up a great fight before going down 3-7. Before the match, Mr. Colin Gill, Area Marketing Manager of T.S.B., presented the Norfolk chairman, Trevor Betts, with T.S.B. holdalls and tracksuits for the Juniors. They will also be assisted financially.

Match Results (seniors first) —

S. Howlett lost to D. Unwin 20, -22, -24;
lost to A. Buckingham -18, 16, -12.
D. Smith bt D. Unwin 21, 19;
bt P. Ninham 19, 10.

N. Graver bt A. Buckingham -9, 17, 26;

bt P. Ninham 17, 14.

Miss M. Hales bt Miss S. Browne 18, 11.

Miss G. Houseago bt Miss Z. Nicholls -15, 13, 15.

Howlett/Smith lost to Unwin/Buckingham -14, -16.

Hales/Houseago bt Browne/Nicholls 19, 20.

The first County ranking list is as follows:-

Men

1. D. Bennett 2. R. Thornton 3. M. Musson 4. C. Bensley 5. S. Howlett 6. M. Broughton 7. T. Bunn 8. J. Turner 9. R. Mitcham 10. D. Hardy.

Women

1. W. Hogg 2. J. Browne 3. S. Allen 4. M. Hales 5. J. Dixon 6. P. Ribbans 7. S. Hazell 8. R. Hogg 9. G. Houseago 10. H. Pearce.

Boys

1. D. Unwin 2. A. Buckingham 3. P. Ninham 4. A. Wilson 5. A. Jeal 6. R. Rudling 7. R. Stevenson 8. M. Stevenson 9. R. Margetson 10. G. McKim.

Girls

1. S. Browne 2. Z. Nicholls 3. R. Harrowven 4. A. Bowers 5. S. Bignall 6. P. Lamb 7. F. Chipperfield.

Martyn and Richard Stevenson, both 14, are identical twins, and if Martyn were not right-handed and Richard left, one could not tell them apart. Martyn recently distinguished himself by becoming Boy "Player of the Week" at Butlin's Barry Island holiday camp, following a week's intensive coaching by Welsh international, Graham Davies. He also received a new Halex bat, a certificate of proficiency and a cup, and qualified for the grand finals. Well done, Martyn!

At the North Norfolk League's A.G.M. it was agreed that this season, for a trial period only, their eight teams — Dereham, Cromer, Fakenham, Wisbech, March, Thetford, King's Lynn and Wymondham — should play one match only against each other, thus reducing the fixture list by half. Home fixtures would be reversed the following season.

Officers elected were:- President - C. C. Lakeland, Chairman - J. B. Hogg, Secretary - R. Applegate, Treasurer - D. Houseago. League Champions were March, and runners-up Dereham. An interesting award was the Rosenstand Personality Trophy which went to David Unwin, Norfolk's No. 1 Junior.

Wymondham and District T.T.L. have this season adopted a new points system. Four points for an 8-2, 9-1 or 10-0 victory; three points for a 7-3 or 6-4 victory, with one point going to the losing side; and two points each for a 5-all draw.

Many thanks to Norwich secretary, Len Miller, for sending me his league handbook. Will other leagues follow suit, please!

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

GANNON MAKES THE FIRST

Various changes have been made in the ranking lists for this season. David Gannon who has worked hard all the summer goes up one place — from No. 4 to No. 3 — and this has resulted in him moving into the first team to make his debut. Gannon, a fine all-rounder, will be all out to make the place his own if he can overcome his only real flaw — an occasional lack of concentration — there is little doubt he will achieve this.

After seven years at No. 1 Paul Randell moves to No. 2 with Chris Rogers — on magnificent form all last season — taking the coveted No. 1 berth. The new Junior selection committee have done a very thorough job and it is Trevor Kerslake who is the new No. 1. With Richard Hayes at No. 2 and Paul Brindley No. 3 Loughborough players take the first three places. The girls' ranking list is virtually unchanged but the veterans have a new No. 1 in Brian Mayfield who will obviously considerably strengthen the side. Rankings are:-

Men

1. C. Rogers 2. P. Randell 3. D. Gannon 4. M. Newman 5. P. Smith 6. J. Iliffe 7. G. Hall 8. S. Kenney 9. G. Hughes 10. B. Mayfield 11. P. Cawser 12. S. White 13. C. Truman 14. A. Philpott.

Women

1. Miss A. Stevenson 2. Miss K. Rogers 3. Mrs. E. Shaler 4. Miss J. Revill 5. Miss Y. Hall 6. Miss J. Want 7. Mrs. G. Odams.

Boys

1. T. Kerslake 2. R. Hayes 3. P. Brindley 4. C. Sherman 5. G. Johnson 6. C. Jones 7. M. Wales 8. K. Jones 9. S. Griew 10. M. Pickles.

Girls

1. J. Revill 2. Y. Hall 3. D. Johnson 4. R. Glover 5. L. Forster 6. S. Capewell 7. S. Meredith.

Veteran Men

1. B. Mayfield 2. P. Overend 3. C. Jacques 4. B. Hall 5. G. Alowinckle 6. M. Wainwright, 7. F. Day, 8. H. Ward 9. G. Pell.

Veteran Women

1. Mrs. G. Odams 2. Mrs. J. Rogers.

Two of the inter-town events have already been held. Whilst Leicester and Hinckley reached the final of the senior event it was clear that without Rogers Leicester would struggle against the Hinckley trio of Randell, Maurice Newman and John Iliffe. Leicester in fact lost 1-5 Leicester's only win coming when Gannon beat Newman. Two players were unbeaten all day — Randell (as expected) and the evergreen Iliffe who gave an astonishing display of hitting.

Star of the day though was Phil Smith who played quite brilliantly, his only defeat being at the hands of Randell and included a trio of wins over Leicester 1. The Junior inter-towns was retained by Leicester who beat Loughborough 1 5-1 in the final. Kerslake — who plays in both the Leicester and Loughborough Leagues but opted to play for Leicester — and Julie Revell were unbeaten throughout the event.

The Cadets inter-towns is being sponsored by the Hinckley Floor Covering Co., and will be held at Melton Mowbray. Venues have been fixed for all county home matches this season which is a far cry from the days — not too far distant — when virtually one venue was used. All four leagues in the county will now be staging matches.

The Rose Johnson Bowl — the county team handicap competition — has again attracted a big entry (54 teams). Handicaps are always a headache and my thanks particularly to Ian Holdridge and Reg Billson for their help.

Reg Billson and Dick Johnson will again be organising the English Junior Closed at the Polytechnic Gymnasium, Western Boulevard, Leicester. One aspect of this tournament is always disappointing and that is the poor local entry. Surely this tourney should be a must for all aspiring young players?

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

INCREASED INTEREST

"From the playing viewpoint, last season was the most outstanding in the history of the Shrewsbury and District Table Tennis Association" stated their president, Bill Harris, at the recent A.G.M.

This fact is now reflected in an obvious increase of interest in the sport illustrated by the fact that a record number of 111 teams will be taking part in the Association's league programme, which necessitates increasing the league to six divisions of 12 teams and three divisions of 11 teams. This in addition to the six teams forming the Premier division, introduced last season.

For the third successive year, since in fact they started, Shrewsbury Sports Advisory Council area won the table tennis section of the Shropshire Mini Olympics. The event was staged at the Bridgnorth Leisure Centre and Shrewsbury won 14 of the 18 matches which they played. The Bridgnorth Sports advisory area were second with Wrekin third. The event was successfully organised by Alan Cavell of the Albrighton Club, Telford.

The players representing Shrewsbury were: Malcolm Green, Mark Pugh, Graham Cheetham, Paul Jackson, Darren Powis, Sue Evans, Jane Cheetham, Kate Harris and Julie Field.

Shrewsbury players have continued to do well at tournaments. In the Midland Junior Closed final (held over from June) Malcolm Green beat Andrew Bellingham (Wolverhampton) 21-8, 21-18, to complete a Midland 'Double', having won the Midland Junior Open earlier in the season. In the Welsh Junior Open — another event which had been held over — he reached the semi-final, losing

to the eventual winner and other official England representative, Kenny Jackson. Nigel Thomas also did well in this his 'native' tournament, reaching the quarters before losing to the other finalist Graham Sandley. Another quarter-final was reached by Paul Jackson (13) — son of our County Coach — who beat the No. 5 seed Colin Wood (Middlesex) on his way to that stage of the Essex Junior Open, going out to the eventual winner Gorniak -17, 15, -12.

We hope that these sort of results will be maintained by our other Juniors and Cadets who showed up so well in the local trials but will have to show their worth at outside events.

As a result of the local trials previously mentioned, and consideration at committee level, the Shropshire Association have produced the following ranking lists with effect from 26th September, 1978.

Men

1. M. Green (S) 2. N. Thomas (S) 3. M. Pugh (S) 4. C. Roberts (O) 5. G. Cheetham (S) 6. M. Beaman (S) 7. M. Jones (S) 8. H. Dalton (O) 9. M. Chambers (S) 10. N. Roberts (S)

Women

1. T. Powell (T) 2. J. Cheetham (S) 3. L. Degg (S) 4. S. Evans (S) 5. J. Seager (T) 6. C. Ashley (O) 7. J. Green (S) 8. C. Jones (S) 9. J. Siddle (T) 10. A. Lowe (T)

Junior Boys

1. Pugh 2. Roberts 3. G. Lupton (S) 4. P. Jackson (S) 5. T. Cheetham (S) 6. I. Smith (S) 7. R. Morris (S) 8. W. Williams (S) 9. G. Cooper (T) 10. G. Pritchard (S)

Junior Girls

1. Powell 2. Cheetham 3. Degg 4. Siddle 5. Lowe 6. A. Bayliss (MD) 7. C. Soan (MD) 8. A. Barker (MD) 9. K. Harris (S) 10. J. Wakeley (T)

Cadet Boys

1. Jackson 2. Smith 3. Morris (S) 4. D. Pountney (S) 5. M. Tuft (T) 6. J. Allman (T)

Cadet Girls

1. Lowe 2. Soan 3. Barker 4. Harris 5. G. Hartley (T) 6. S. Johnston (S)

Key: S—Shrewsbury, O—Oswestry, T—Telford, MD—Market Drayton.

The future indeed looks bright in view of the number of Juniors in the Senior rankings and Cadets in the Junior rankings.

Whilst on this subject our congratulations go to Nigel Thomas who attended the Welsh Senior Trials at Cardiff and after beating Graham Davies and taking Alan Griffiths and George Evans the full distance is now ranked No. 5 in Wales and must have his eyes on Korea.

With the County League operating between teams from Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Telford, Whitchurch and Market Drayton and teams competing in the Midland League at Senior and Junior level, in addition to the County Championship matches, it is going to be a busy season for selectors and other officials as well as giving players the opportunity of representative honours.

Let us hope that the interest can be sustained in such a manner that our President can reiterate his remarks with which I commenced these notes, at next year's A.G.M.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Dave Foulser

LANE STRIKES AGAIN

Gloucestershire's young Martin Lane, now ranked 2 in the County's senior rankings, continues to prove that he is destined for greater things. His team, St. Marks, met Taynton in Gloucester City's new premier division and gained a marvellous draw. Martin repeated his performance in the equivalent match last season, in winning all three sets including a victory over County No. 1, Dave Harvey. St. Marks' other two sets were won by Derek Morgan beating Steve Moreman, and Don Sweeney beating Mike Prosser. Let us hope that Martin can show the same form when playing for the County team, now that they are in a higher division.

In my last column I stated that entry forms for this season's Gloucestershire Closed would be included in the handbooks for Gloucester, Stroud and Cheltenham. I recently received my copy of the Gloucester City handbook and was dismayed to see that, unfortunately, no such entry form was

included. Would all players in the Gloucester City league please ensure that they contact their club secretaries to obtain forms as soon as possible. The tournament is to be held again at Stroud Leisure Centre on Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

Gloucester played Cheltenham in Div. 1 of the Midland League Veterans and a draw ensued. After being 0-3 down Cheltenham fought back and nearly pulled off a shock win, with Sam Ewens losing -18 in the third to Pete Wood in the last set of the match. Wood was the "man of the match" winning all his sets for Gloucester, whilst Peter Slack won two for Cheltenham.

Cheltenham fielded an exceptionally strong team for their first Men's 'B' team match in Div. 4 of the Midland League at home to Lichfield, and as a result won 9-1. Both Roy Fowler and Don Sweeney won three whilst Ray Dillon won two. I do not know the details but also understand that Stroud won their opening Midland League junior match 10-0 so success all round is the order of the day at the moment.

Cheltenham Ladies' 'B' team travelled away to play Swindon 'C' in Div. 2 of the Cotswold Ladies' League and crushed the opposition 10-0 with Rosemary Bayley, Joyce Weatherall and Wendy Ruffle all winning three. The latter, on her debut for Cheltenham did well to win three.

Gloucestershire are again staging the Cotswold Junior Championships, on Sat./Sun., Jan. 28/29th, 1979 from 9.00 a.m. each day. However, the status of these championships has been elevated in that this is now one of the few E.T.T.A. "Select" tournaments, which all English-ranked juniors are expected to enter. As entries are being accepted on a "last in, first out" basis, would all players within our County wishing to enter, please ensure that their forms are sent in well before the closing date, which is Saturday, Dec. 30th.

In closing, may I again make a request for players from the Gloucester, Stroud and Cheltenham leagues to come forward as prospective County Umpires. As players we all have to umpire in our league matches. The County is desperately short of qualified umpires, which is surprising because to become a county umpire you need only pass a written test paper which you can complete in your own time, at home, and you can use the rule book, to answer the questions. Having done that you then umpire at one or two county matches, under scrutiny of already qualified umpires, and if satisfactory will no doubt pass. Would anyone interested please contact our County Umpires' Secretary, John Bunn, 13 Hawthorn Rise, Westrip Stroud.

NEWBURY JUNIOR OPEN

September 30th - October 1st

by Joyce and Bill Heath

SUCCESS FOR NEWBURY AT NEWBURY TWO LOCALS TAKE U-17 TITLES

This was the first time in the history of Newbury tournaments that local league players have taken two titles. Our only previous singles success being David Reeves in 1975.

With the number of ranked juniors being reduced because of age limits this year, we thought our seeding would prove difficult, but with five entries from the ranking list plus five 'A' group players our task was made comparatively easy. Nevertheless a few dropped out before reaching their appointed positions. Absence of seed No. 2 Andrew Bellingham opened up the 2nd half somewhat. Steven Holloway had a good run and made the finals, but had to succumb to David Barr.

In the U-17 girls' singles our No. 2 seed Alison Gordon received a shock when she was knocked out in the semis by Claire Maisey. No. 1 seed also had a fright in the quarters, when Mandy Smith met Sarah Cresswell who took her to three, actually Sarah had set point in the second.

The U-14 boys' singles was won by Andrew Dixon without much difficulty. Carl Preat received a shock in the second round when he was knocked out by James Frost.

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1978 UNITED STATES OPEN



10-NATION GATHERING IN OKLAHOMA by Malcolm Anderson, U.S.T.T.A.

The 1978 U.S. Open was held from June 29th to July 2nd at the Myriad Convention Centre in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. There were 600 participants from 10 countries.

In the Men's Team final, Japan beat Federal Germany 3-2. S. Ono beat Jochen Leiss 17, 18, and Norio Takashima beat Peter Stellwag 8, 16, giving Japan a 2-0 lead. Leiss and Stellwag then won the doubles from the choppers, Takashima and M. Ohshima, 16, -7, 18, and Leiss, seeded No. 2 in the Men's, beat No. 1 seed Takashima -13, 16, 14, to level it at 2-all. Ono clinched it for Japan by beating Stellwag -16, 16, 13.

The U.S.A. 'A' team beat the Japan 'B' team for 3rd place, as Mike Bush beat S. Fukue 21, -18, 19; Dan Seemiller beat H. Goto -18, 10, 16 and Seemiller and Bush beat Fukue and Y. Murakami 22, 15.

In the Women's Team final, Korea 'A' beat the U.S.A. 'A' team 3-1. Park Hong Ja chopped down He-ja Lee 18, 14; In Sook Bhushan tied it by chopping down Kim Seong Heui -17, 15, 12; Park and Kim pulled ahead by beating Bhushan and Lee 11, -13, 16, and Park ended it by beating Bhushan 20, 12.

Korea 'B' won 3rd place, beating Canada 'A' 3-2. Mariann Domonkos beat Kim He Kyung 17, 16; Lee Sin Ja evened it by beating Birute Plucas 16, 14. Lee and Kim then went ahead by beating Domonkos and Plucas, 19, -13, 9, but Mariann

again evened it by beating Lee 20, 14. Kim then won the match, beating Plucas 20, 15.

The Men's Singles had some interesting upsets - 14-years-old Eric Boggan beat No. 7 seed Dal Joon Lee, 6 times U.S. Open Champion, 16, 14, -21, -18, 19. Eric lead 20-15 in the 5th, and finally won at 19 on a net ball! Takashima then beat Eric 12, 11, 13 in the Quarter-finals. S. Fukue upset 4th seeded Errol Caetano 14, -10, 16, 17, then fell to Stellwag 16, 9, 14. In the bottom half, Dan Seemiller easily reached the Semis by beating Goto 18, 17, 18 and Ono 18, 12, -21, 16, and he was supposed to meet the winner between Leiss, seeded No. 2, and Ohshima, No. 5 seed, at that point, but some young Pennsylvanians had other ideas. First, Bush, who thinks he can beat any chopper, showed us why — he beat Ohshima 18, 19, 11. Then Ricky Seemiller beat Leiss, 15, 14, 9! Ricky then beat Bush (What is this, the Pennsylvania Closed?) 18, 12, -21, 16, to meet his brother in the Semis.

In the first Semi, Stellwag won the first 2 games from Takashima, 17 and 19, then faltered — Takashima chopped, lobbed and pick hit to win the last 3 games 14, 18, 12. Dan Seemiller then beat brother Ricky in the other Semi (Now its the Pittsburgh Closed!) 16, 11, -15, 13. This was only the second time Ricky had won a game from Danny in tournament play! Danny was troubled by a sore shoulder, bad enough for him to withdraw from both doubles events.

In the Finals, Takashima, chopping well, won the first game at 13. Danny, adjusting, won the 2nd game at 13. Takashima, now mixing in loops and pick hits, won the 3rd at 8 and took a 7-1 lead in the 4th. Danny then slowed down play, picking the right ball to hit and "Seemiller blocking" (see photo) Takashima's picks — he tied it at 9 all, and built up a 14-11 lead. Takashima tied it at 16 all, and again at 19 all. Dan then tried to serve and kill 19-20. Then, a long pushing point, Dan finally looped, got a setup — and hit it into the net, with the expedite rule just a few seconds away!

DOMINATED

The Women's singles was dominated by the Koreans — theirs and ours. Kim Seong Heui looped and hit through defending champion In Sook Bhushan 13, 14, 14, to meet Park Hong Ja in the final. Park received a walkover from Kim He Kyung in her Semi. In the Final, Park chopped



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and picked her way to a -15, 22, 20, -14, 16 victory.

The Men's Doubles Final was all Japanese, as Takashima and Ohshima chopped down Ono and Fukue, 20, -19, 22, 14.

In the Women's Doubles Final, Park Hong Ja and Kim Seong Heui easily beat Mariann Domonkos and Birute Plucas, 15, 11, 12.

In the Mixed Doubles Final, Errol Caetano and Mariann Domonkos (remember when they beat the No. 1 seeded team in Birmingham?) won a see-saw battle with Jochen Leiss and He-ja Lee, -20, 7, -13, 16, 16.

There were a Myriad of other events — briefly - Youth Singles (Under 21 — all the Korean girls played in this) - Ricky Seemiller beat Mike Bush -13, 15, 15, 19.

Youth Doubles — Eric Boggan-Roger Sverdluk beat Mike Bush-Jens Felke 18, 9, 18.

Boys' U-17 Singles - Eric Boggan beat Jens Felke (Sweden) 16, -22, 10, 15.

Girls' U-17 Singles - Kasia Dawidowicz beat Gloria Nesukaitis 13, 20, 16.

Boys' U-17 Doubles - Eric and Scott Boggan beat Dean Doyle and Quang Bui -19, 14, 16, 18.

Girls' U-17 Doubles - Kasia Dawidowicz and Debbie Payotelis beat Cheryl Dadian and Jackie Heyman -21, 19, 10, -12, 13.

U-17 Mixed Doubles - Rutledge Barry and Kasia Dawidowicz beat Todd Peterson and Cheryl Dadian -19, 9, -16, 17, 17.

Senior Men (Over 40) - Jack Howard beat Bill Sharpe 15, 20, -8, 14.

Senior Women - Yvonne Kronlage beat Patty Hodgens 9, 7, -17, 7.

Boys' U-15 Singles - Eric Boggan beat John Stillions 15, 12, 17.

Girls' U-15 Singles - Cheryl Dadian beat Karin Thompson 10, 16, 12.

Girls' U-15 Doubles - Barby Jones and Kathy Thompson beat Marilyn Johnston and Karin Thompson 19, 10, 20. (All 4 girls are from Bartlesville, Oklahoma).

Esquires (Over 50) - Norman Schless beat Festus Mead 17, -12, 16, 18.

Boys' U-13 Singles - Niclas Torsell (Sweden) beat Brandon Olson 20, 17, 16.

Girls' U-13 Singles - Marilyn Johnston beat Barby Jones 8, 13, 13.

Juniors U-11 Singles - Scott Butler beat Sean O'Neill -17, 18, 19, 14.

Veterans (Over 70) - C. H. McCallister beat Oliver Nicholas 18, 20.

1978 CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION INTERNATIONAL OPEN

September 1st - 4th, 1978
TORONTO, ONTARIO

by Malcolm Anderson

Chairman, Photographic Committee, U.S.T.T.A.

Danny Seemiller and In Sook Bhushan both repeated their triple wins of last year, with decisive wins in the singles. In the Men's, Dan beat Scott Boggan in the finals, 10, 13, -13, 14. Scott got there by beating Rick Seemiller 15, -16, -15, 18, 18, and then beating Mike Bush 24, 16, -17, -18, 16. Bush reached the semis with an upset over Errol Caetano, 15, 20, 18! Dan easily won his semi against Eric Boggan, 18, 15, 18, and his quarter against Lim Ming Chui, 10, 10, 13.

His toughest match in the tournament was in the 2nd round, where a newly arrived Hungarian refugee named Attila Malek extended him to 4 tough games. Dan won the first 2 relatively easily at 14 and 15, and led 20-17 in the 3rd — Malek tied it with 3 excellent counterlooping points, and won 22-20. The 4th game was a seesaw battle, with each player in turn getting 3 points ahead, and the other coming back. Dan had a lucky loop at 17 all — it touched the net, giving him a set up — and he won at 18. Malek will be heard from in future! He now lives in Chicago, Ill.

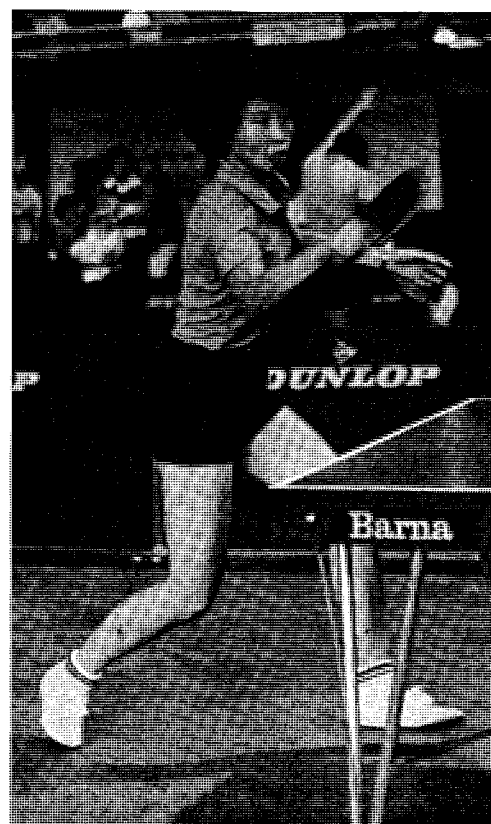
In Sook beat Mariann Domonkos (Quebec) in the finals, -17, 14, 16, 13. In the semis, In Sook beat Nancy Hill (Arkansas) 5, 11, 10, and Mariann beat Kasia Dawidowicz (Colorado) 16, 14, 16.

In Men's Doubles, Dan and Rick Seemiller (Pittsburgh) beat Errol Caetano and Derek Wall (Toronto) 16, -18, 8, 12. The Canadian team beat Mike Bush and Eric Boggan in the semis, and the Seemillers beat Scott Boggan and Roger Sverdluk (New York).

Women's Doubles was won by In Sook Bhushan/Kasia Dawidowicz over Mariann

Domonkos/Christine Forgo (Quebec) 17, -19, 13, -20, 19 — on an edge ball at 20-19!

Mixed Doubles went to Danny and In Sook over the U.S. Open Champions, Errol and Mariann, -19, 21, 13, 13. In the semis, Caetano and Domonkos beat Bush and Dawidowicz, -19, 9, 21, -14, 10, and Dan and In Sook beat Dell and Connie Sweeris, 3, 12, 10. Dell and Connie have won all the Canadian Open titles between them in years past, were retired and are now playing again. Welcome back!



In Sook Bhushan, a triple winner in Toronto.

Photo by Mal Anderson.

In the International Matches, the U.S.A. won 3 of them, Canada 1.

Men's — U.S.A. 5 Canada 1
Bush bt Guy Germain -18, 13, 18.
Caetano bt E. Boggan 15, 14.
R. Seemiller bt Wall 18, -17, 13.
Bush bt Caetano 17, 16.
R. Seemiller bt Germain 9, 19.
E. Boggan bt Wall 12, 16.

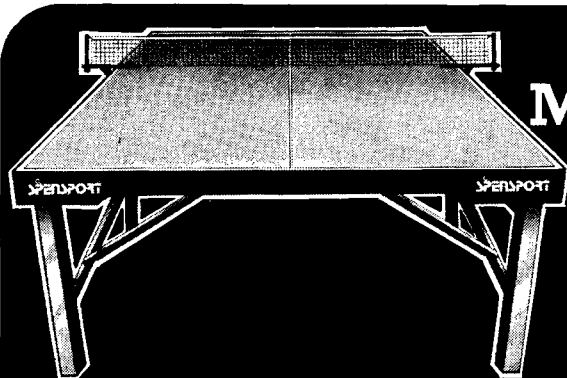
Women's — U.S.A. 3 Canada 0
Bhushan bt Birute Plucas 8, 15.
Dawidowicz bt Domonkos 17, -12, 19 (!).
Bhushan/Dawidowicz bt Domonkos/Gloria Hsu -18, 14, 20.

Junior Men's — U.S.A. 5 Canada 1
John Stillions (Iowa) bt David Williams (Oshawa, Ontario) 18, 19.
Todd Petersen (Nebraska) bt Joe Eng (Toronto) 21, 17.
Dean Wong (San Francisco) bt Rene Lewandowski (Montreal) 15, -20, 17.
Eng bt Stillions 17, -15, 17.
Wong bt Williams -19, 16, 14.
Petersen bt Lewandowski 21, -16, 16.

Junior Women's — Canada 3 U.S.A. 2
Cheryl Dadian (Milwaukee) bt Colleen Johnson (Brampton, Ontario) 18, -19, 19.
Dana Gvildys (Staten Island, N.Y.) bt Gloria Nesukaitis (Toronto) -17, 17, 19.
Nesukaitis/Becky McKnight (Brampton, Ontario) bt Dadian/Marilyn Johnston (Bartlesville, Oklahoma) 8, -19, 9.
Nesukaitis bt Dadian 13, 19.
Johnson bt Gvildys 11, 15.

Age limited events:
Men U-21
Eric Boggan bt Rick Seemiller 16, 16, 11.

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Women U-21

Domonkos bt Nesukaitis 20, 18, -18, 13.

Boys U-17

E. Boggan bt D. Wong 11, 16, -18, 12.

Girls U-17

Dawidowicz bt Dadian 18, 16, 22.

Boys U-15

E. Boggan bt Stillions 14, 6, 19.

Girls U-15

Dadian bt Julia Johnson (Brampton, Ontario) 13, 19, -18, 19.

Men +40

Bill Sharpe (Philadelphia) bt George Braithwaite (Brooklyn N.Y.) 12, -17, -22, 23, 18.

Men +50

Alex Saunoris (Hamilton, Ontario) bt Harry DesChamps (Kokomo, Ind.) 11, 12.

Women +40

Yvonne Kronlage (Ellicott City, Maryland) bt Betty Tweedy (Montreal) -26, 15, 14, 6.

Dan Seemiller commenting on Attila Malek said: "He was definitely my toughest match this tournament. His backhand is so dangerous, I couldn't go wide; I played to the middle of it. If I were really on I'd play side to side against him".

Other news — Violetta Nesukaitis's last name is now Turcinovic — they expect their first child in December. Dorinka Jovanov is now engaged to Yugoslav team member Zoran Kosanovic; they plan to be married in about one year, and live in Toronto.

A.G.M. Highlights

At the Annual General Meeting of the English Table Tennis Association, held at the Bonnington Hotel, London on July 8, 1978, Tom Blunn proposed, on behalf of the National Council, that Mr. L. F. Landry be elected as an Honorary Life Member. He has given exceptional service over

very many years to the sport, both as a player and as a member of various committees. This was agreed with acclamation. Laurie, in reply, thanked everyone for the honour bestowed upon him.

Tom Blunn also proposed, on behalf of the National Council, that Mr. Reg Billson, Mr. Alec Brook, Mr. Geoff Owen and Mr. Arthur Upton be elected as Vice-Presidents of the E.T.T.A. Again it was agreed with acclamation.

E.T.T.A. President, Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E., presented the Malcolm Scott Award to Tom Blunn and paid tribute to the period of over twenty years he had served as the Association's Honorary Treasurer. It was the second occasion that Tom Blunn had received the trophy and the presentation was greeted with acclaim. Mr. Blunn expressed his gratitude.

The Ivor Montague Award was presented by Tom Blunn to Mrs. Doreen Stannard (Middlesex) and he paid tribute to her service in the umpiring field. Mrs. Stannard suitably replied and the presentation was applauded.

Mr. Blunn then called on George Yates, the Deputy Chairman, to present the Leslie Forrest Award which was to have been presented to the late Mrs. Jean Reay of Durham and was presented posthumously to her husband Mr. Edgar Reay. Mr. Reay responded suitably.

The Geoff Harrower Trophy was presented on behalf of the International Table Tennis Club by Laurie Landry to the retiring Chairman of the E.T.T.A., Mr. Charles M. Wyles, O.B.E. But, in the absence of Desmond Douglas, the Victor Barna Award will be presented at the first suitable opportunity.

Many were the tributes paid to Charles Wyles on his retirement and the good wishes and gifts from colleagues and friends were much in evidence. As befitting the occasion Charles Wyles was lavish in his praise of the help he had received in steering the ship which he was not abandoning merely handing over to another captain.

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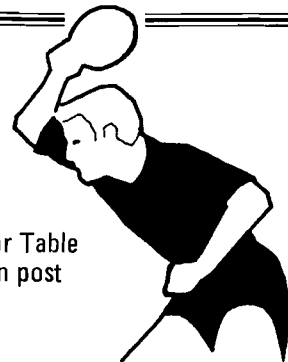
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(County Notes continued)

The girls' U-14 singles was won by Sarah Cresswell; she had a successful tournament showing all-round improvement. No. 1 seed Cheryl Creasey was knocked out in the quarters by her doubles partner Yvonne Hall. Yvonne also played well in the U-17 girls' singles beating Lorraine Garbet in the first round and going on to the quarters where she met Cheryl Creasey who had her revenge for Saturday's defeat.

We had a very large entry in the boys U-12 event, the winner being Prean. We hope this made up for his disappointment in the U-14 boys' singles.

Here is the nucleus of future youngsters and with such enthusiasm we can safely predict tournaments will never be short of entries. More tournaments should include U-12 events.

The U-12 singles for girls was won by Lisa Bellinger, and she seems to have a lot in hand over her rivals in this age group, she also managed to get to the semis in the U-14 girls' singles. Her sister went one better by reaching the final, where she met Sarah Cresswell who after just beating her sister stopped the Bellingers having a family double.

We would appreciate a little effort from competitors with regards to litter. There are such a few of us — to clear up after such a lot of you.

We have in our possession three towels, one track suit trousers and an almost new yellow sports bag. As there are no names on any of these items, if you wish to claim them, please send sufficient money to cover the postage and we will endeavour to get them back to you.

In conclusion we would like to thank all of you who donated to the raffle so generously.

Results —

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Barr (Bk) bt R. Swift (Ca) 14, 16; D. Charley (E) bt S. Woodgate (Sy) 8, 18; S. Holloway (Sy) bt G. Gillett (Sx) 16, 14; L. Bertie (Wa) bt M. Les (E) 16, 19.

Semi-finals:

Barr bt Charley 17, 13; Holloway bt Bertie 19, 10.

Final:

BARR bt Holloway 12, 16.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Smith (Bk) bt S. Cresswell (Sy) -14, 21, 15; C. Creasey (Do) bt Y. Hall (Le) 12, 12; C. Maisey (Wl) bt A. Burke (Bk) 18, -21, 20; A. Gordon (Bk) bt L. Taylor (Bk) 10, 14.

Semi-finals:

Smith bt Creasey 12, 19; Maisey bt Gordon 17, -18, 14.

Final:

SMITH bt Maisey -19, 16, 11.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

Charley/S. Andrew (E) bt Bertie/R. Tanner (Wa) 12, 17; Gillett/S. Moore (Sx) bt P. Levery/C. Papantoniou (Ml) -16, 11, 17.

Final:

CHARLEY/ANDREW bt Gillett/Moore 18, 20.

Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Gordon/Smith bt Creasey/Taylor 14, 20; L. Garbet (Sy)/Cresswell bt Maisey/Townsend (Wl) 12, 13.

Final:

GORDON/SMITH bt Garbet/Cresswell 12, 17.

Consolation Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Dixon (St) bt G. Lambert (Dv) 9, 13; J. Duffield (Wo) bt N. Harris (K) 11, 14; E. Gorniak (Ml) bt I. Fullerton (Bk) 19, 11; G. Russell (Sy) bt A. Moore (Sx) 21, -15, 16.

Semi-finals:

Dixon bt Russell 19, 19; Russell bt Gorniak 25, -13, 15.

Final:

DIXON bt Russell 11, 22.

Consolation Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Hall bt Creasey 11, -16, 21; J. Bellinger (Bd) bt J. Windle (Ox) 12, 8; Cresswell bt M. Denbow (Ox) 10, 20; L. Bellinger (Bd) bt N. Hamilton (Bu) 8, 18.

Semi-finals:

J. Bellinger bt Hall 15, 17; Cresswell bt L. Bellinger 12, 13.

Final:

CRESWELL bt J. Bellinger 17, 11.

Consolation Boys' Doubles Final:

MOORE/RUSSELL bt Dixon/Duffield 19, 21.

Consolation Girls' Doubles Final:

CREASEY/HALL bt L. and J. Bellinger 18, -18, 9.

U-12 Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Prean bt M. Thomas 8, 8; I. Smith bt J. Hook 12, 18; N. Tyler bt K. Taplin 16, -14, 13; J. Bradbury bt R. Marklow 12, 13.

Semi-finals:

Prean bt Smith 11, 11; Bradbury bt Tyler 23, -17, 16.

Final:

PREAN bt Bradbury 14, 14.

U-12 Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

L. Bellinger bt L. Forster 4, 9; T. Moore bt N. Taylor 20, 13; T. Fisher bt S. O'Leary 15, 12; L. Goldsmith bt C. Richards 11, 8.

Semi-finals:

Bellinger bt Moore 16, 4;

Goldsmith bt Fisher 9, 10. Final: BELLINGER bt Goldsmith 6, 7.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES by Leslie Constable



Julian Wheel being presented with the Men's Singles Trophy in the Wesley Parkside Tournament. The presentation was made by the President of the Cambs. Table Tennis Association (Mr. L. R. J. Constable) at the Annual Dinner of the Club.

"DAY" LIGHT GOES IN CAMBS

Owing to his professional commitments in West Germany, Paul Day will not be available for Cambridgeshire this season so that County Champion Keith Richardson will move into No. 1 position. Mick Harper is No. 2 and Geoff Davies No. 3. Davies's elevation to the 1st team is a big loss to the seconds who were just pipped by Leicestershire for the title last season and we should see some top Junior players trying for a place in this team. The names of Robert Swift, Andy Withers and Paul Stacey, in that order, are in line for Senior status. Sandra Harper and Joanne Palmer are expected to fill the women's positions with Jane Hunter and Mandy Judd "ready to pounce". Rankings:-

Men

- 1. K. Richardson (E) 2. M. Harper (C) 3. G. Davies (W) 4. B. Richardson (E) 5. C. Brewer (W) 6. D. Tiplady (C) 7. R. Swift (M) 8. A. Withers (C) 9. P. Stacey (M) 10. G. Jordan (M) 11. M. Jackman (M).

Women

- 1. S. Harper (C) 2. J. Palmer (E) 3. V. Scripps (C) 4. V. Parkes (C) 5. J. Hunter (W) 6. A. Judd (C) 7. R. Norris (C) 8. K. Hubbard (M) 9. A. Rudd.

Boys

- 1. R. Swift (M) 2. A. Withers (C) 3. P. Stacey (M) 4. G. Jordan (M) 5. M. Jackman (M) 6. D. Brammer (W) 7. J. Frost (W) 8. J. Wheel (C).

Girls

- 1. J. Hunter (W) 2. A. Judd (C) 3. R. Norris (C) 4. R. Hunter (W) 5. A. Edge (M) 6. T. Fisher (M).

Key:- C—Cambridge, E—Ely, M—March, W—Wisbech.

Cambs Juniors made a good start to the season in the County Championships (Junior 2 — Midland) when they defeated Northamptonshire 6-4 at March. Swift and Withers won both their singles but Stacey could not manage to get his first win in the competition. Swift and Withers won the Boys' Doubles and with Jane Hunter winning a Girls' Singles, Cambs were home despite Mandy Judd losing her singles.

PROFILE — JOHN THURSTON

It is just over 30 years since John Thurston first played for the County and he is almost playing as well as ever in the Cambridge League and still continues to play for Cambridge in the South East

Midlands League and Wilmott Cup with over 80% success. He has won the Cambs. Closed both Singles and Men's Doubles on numerous occasions as well as obtaining "International Scalps" on his successful way. He was in the Cambridge team that lost 4-5 to Birmingham in the Wilmott Cup at the Cambridge Corn Exchange before a 500 crowd and has thrilled audiences with his tremendous defence and quick-fire attack. Now in his middle forties John still carries on and the question is, will he be the same at 50? We hope so! Carry on John because you still thrill the crowds!

In the Cambs League newly promoted Soham IV made a good start in Div. I when they earned a creditable 5-5 draw with St. Ives. Soham were trailing 2-5 at one stage but rallied to save a point. Anthony Booth, a Suffolk county junior, was Soham's star, winning all his singles and combined with Brian Jones to take the doubles. The two "big guns" Soham I and Press I started with 10-0 wins beating Soham III and Telephones I respectively. New Chesterton Institute had to struggle to win their two opening matches. In their match with St. Ives, N.C.I. were 2-4 down with Gary Jordan the Cambs. Junior No. 4 having beaten both Thurston and David Tiplady. Ken Green, however, beat Jordan to spark off an N.C.I. revival which saw them home 6-4.

It was Green again who saved them when they beat Guildhall by the same margin. He won his three singles while Thurston and Tiplady were again beaten, this time by Eddie Sharp. Sharp was unable to produce the same form in Guildhall's draw with Press where he had a blank. Albert Jackson and Gerald Coteman won two each for Guildhall while Chris. Brewer was unbeaten for Press. Two promoted teams in Div. II, Wesley and Herbert Robinson, were against each other in the first match and Wesley were successful by 6-4, so repeating their victory at the end of last season. Tony Rayner won three for Robinsons but his team mates could not muster a singles between them.

The other promoted team, Impington II pulled back to draw 5-5 with Swavesey after being 1-4 down. David Jarvis was unbeaten for Impington but Amanda Judd failed to win a set on her second division debut. Amanda scored her first win, however, when she beat Ruth Newman of Herbert Robinsons who Impington beat 6-4, Brian Judd winning all his singles for Impington.

In the S.E.M. League, Cambridge beat North Herts 7-3 in the Veterans section with Thurston and Albert Jackson in good form.

Twelve-year-old Amanda Judd of Cambridge won the "Search for a Table Tennis Star" competition sponsored by the Sun Newspaper in conjunction with Warners Holiday Camps. She beat off the challenge of 287 other contestants to take top prize at Hayling Island. In addition to a Trophy, Amanda wins a holiday for four in Majorca plus a week on tour next season with former English International and English Champion Chester Barnes. Amanda who plays for Impington Village College in the Cambridge League should be a tower of strength for Cambs. Juniors this season.

Alan Burgess, University Lecturer, is the new table tennis coach for the Cambridge League. Burgess, who plays for Cambridge Y.M.C.A. has been a qualified coach for the last four seasons. There has been a dearth of Juniors in Cambridge for several years and the League, once the centre of table tennis in the County, has taken a back seat to Ely, Wisbech and March. Now some young talent is beginning to emerge and two 12-year-olds, Amanda Judd and Julian Wheel are in the County Squad. Both are products of the Saturday afternoon coaching sessions held by Alan's predecessor Pat O'Bryne. These sessions are being continued this season for both beginners and more advanced Juniors.

In the Wisbech League, Bury Cars have taken an early lead in the 1st Division with young Robert Swift looking in good form. Congratulations must go to the town's Seniors who won the East Anglian "play-offs" by beating Dereham and Thetford 8-2. Geoff Davies and Chris Brewer were unbeaten in both matches. The two Wisbech Junior sides have had a sticky start to the new season in the East Anglian League, they lost 2-8 to Norwich

with David Brammer picking up two singles and in the S.E.M. League they lost 1-9 to Kettering with Jamie Frost picking up the solitary win.

NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

RANKING LISTS

Northamptonshire's County Selectors recently issued the first ranking lists of the season following several assessment sessions. As usual Gary Alden heads the men's list, followed for the first time by Steve Lyon. At No. 3 comes Dave Marsh, who, since he changed to long pimped rubber, has had wins over all the local leading players, and now relieved of many of his coaching duties has more time to concentrate on his own game. Below him is the mixture, much as before, with the only other new face being that of David Gallo at No. 9.

In the women's list, Connie Bane replaces Ann Wilson, who has left the area, at No. 1, the first time Connie has occupied this position since 1974. Margaret Maltby, who first entered the ranks in 1976, has now reached the No. 2 spot, while Christine Price is at No. 3. Dorothy Marsh, who has played an important part in Wellingborough women's hat-trick of South East Midlands titles achieves her highest place at No. 5, while junior Joanne Cutler comes in at No. 5.

Keith Nicoll leads the Boys, with Tim Chamberlain returning at No. 2. Ken Nicoll, Gary Smith, Richard Malfait and Terry Cardwell complete a quintet of Kettering boys in the top eight, while in the Girls' Northampton holds sway, with Joanne Cutler followed by Helen Cottier and Julie Robinson. Although omitted from the Trustee Savings Bank Junior Squad, both Gary Smith and Kathy Towler have forced themselves into the reckoning, and the rankings with a series of fine displays.

Men

1. Gary Alden 2. Steve Lyon 3. Dave Marsh 4. Romano Gallo 5. Keith Nicoll 6. Phil Snelling 7. John Palmer 8. Keith Jones 9. David Gallo 10. Graham Feakin.

Women

1. Connie Bane 2. Margaret Maltby 3. Christine Price 4. Dorothy Marsh 5. Joanne Cutler 6. Joyce Porter 7. Helen Cottier 8. Glennis Hooper.

Boys

1. Keith Nicoll 2. Tim Chamberlain 3. Ken Nicoll 4. Tim Forster 5. Neil Knatt 6. Gary Smith 7. Richard Malfait 8. Terry Cardwell 9. Richard Galkowski 10. Stan Galkowski.

Girls

1. Joanne Cutler 2. Helen Cottier 3. Julie Robinson 4. K. Towler 5. Jane Nicoll 6. Jane Wallis 7. Caren Wallis 8. Isobel Hedley 9. Raylee Marchant 10. Jill Morris and Melanie Brooks.

Cadet Boys

1. Neil Ridge 2. Ian Hawes 3. Owen Bishop 4. Paul Egan 5. Steven Kendall 6. Mark Nannery 7. Louis Mann 8. Ian Berryman 9. Andrew Kimbell 10. Patrick Dorr and Robert Allen.

Cadet Girls

1. Jane Nicoll 2. Jane Wallis 3. Melanie Brooks.

Although the early County Championship match tended to confirm the selectors' rankings, they did little to give the County the start to the season the selectors had hoped for. The Firsts, who have a difficult season ahead, went down heavily to Derbyshire, with Lyon the only player to live up to his reputation, while the Seconds leaned heavily on Nicoll, Christine Price and Dorothy Marsh to gain a share of the spoils at Hereford. The TSB Junior Squad fought hard in their first match, but ultimately failed to get the better of Cambridgeshire, whereas the Cadets showed distinct promise in a match of much endeavour and considerable skill against Huntingdonshire, which justly ended in a draw.

However one must not forget that lack of regular play at the highest competitive level, and a shortage of top class coaches in the area, still prevent Northamptonshire players from building on the more than adequate foundations laid in their formative years.

The TSB County League is now under way, with each of the County's member leagues supplying a two table venue, thereby enabling two matches

to be played simultaneously, and hopefully making the postponements which have marred previous competitions impracticable.

Fixture List-

Oct. 29th at Northampton —
Daventry v Kettering, Northampton v Towcester
Nov. 12th at Wellingborough —
Wellingborough v Daventry, Kettering v Northampton

Jan. 21st at Towcester —
Wellingborough v Kettering, Towcester v Daventry
Feb. 25th at Daventry —

Daventry v Northampton, Towcester v Wellingborough

Mar. 25th at Kettering —
Kettering v Towcester, Wellingborough v Northampton.

The latest development at local league level is the formation of a Kettering Junior League under the auspices of the senior organisation. With the Corby Junior League continuing to prosper, there should be a wealth of talent in this area for years to come. Some of this is already in evidence, with the Kettering League stronger than it has been for some time, with Kettering Town 'A' having many youthful challengers for the Premier Division title.

Meanwhile at Wellingborough, Rothborough 'A's regular trio of Alden, Nicoll and Feakin will have to hold off a stern challenge from Chapman's Marsh, Brian Dangerfield, Palmer and Snelling, and also from a newly constituted Telephones 'A' side.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

BURKE STILL No. 1

The junior County trials held at Byker Community Centre on Oct. 8th resulted in some close and exciting games in the boys' events.

John Burke, who had the best junior County record last season, narrowly lost to both Philip Kolvin, who remained undefeated throughout, and Neil McMaster, who lost only one set. However, he still retains top position in the new season's ranking list, followed by Henderson Yeung, who was unable to be present at the trials.

Susan Norris confirmed her position as No. 1 girl without a great deal of trouble, although 13-year-old Christine Burke, younger sister of John, again showed her promise, and moves up to No. 2 thus gaining her first junior County appearance. Of last season's junior team, John Anderson and Christine Tweddle are no longer available as they are both over age.

The senior trials have not yet been held, but are to be arranged at a later date. These rankings are based on known League form and also last season's performances at the various levels.

Ranking Lists:-

Men

1. Andrew Clark 2. Frank Mitchinson 3. Alan Jones 4. Peter Whiteman 5. Malcolm McMaster 6. Dave Armstrong 7. Fred Short 8. Chris Shepherd 9. Bill Dial 10. Jimmy Scope 11. Peter Gorman 12. Eddie Thomas.

Women

1. Kit Cheung 2. Pauline Jackson 3. Nancy Kirsop 4. Lily Aust 5. Julie Hobson 6. Judy Davies 7. Susan Norris 8. Christine Tweddle.

Boys

1. John Burke 2. Henderson Yeung 3. Philip Kolvin 4. Neil McMaster 5. Bernard Clark 6. Ian Bonner 7. Martin Schapira 8. Simon Montague 9. Alistair Collin 10. Alan Johnson 11. Gary Stephenson 12. Jimmy Brumby 13. Chris Reed 14. Max Johnson 15. Steve Hawthorn 16. Trevor Tinlin.

Girls

1. Susan Norris 2. Christine Burke 3. Valerie Elsdon 4. Susan Yeung 5. Carolyn Morton 6. Dawn Nicholson 7. Janet Aust 8. Karen Buglass.

All three County teams have been selected exactly as indicated by the appropriate ranking lists for their first matches on Oct. 21, with the next person below as the reserve. The first team are due to travel to Bradford to meet Yorkshire II, while the second and junior teams entertain

Cumbria and Cumbria II juniors at Byker Community Centre.

Several players, mainly juniors, have already travelled to two open tournaments this season. Thirty-four keen players left Newcastle at the unearthly hour of 5.30 a.m. to travel to Manchester for the North of England Open on Sept. 30th, and over forty went to Carlisle for the Cumbria Open the following weekend. Thanks are extended to Andrew Clark for organising the two bus trips and it is hoped that further visits to other tournaments can be arranged as the season progresses. This can only be valuable experience, especially for the juniors. Unfortunately, we have already lost one promising player — Nigel Jobling, who was our most successful junior at the Cumbria Open, is also qualified for Durham by virtue of residence, and has elected to play for that County if selected. The next junior County match should therefore provide plenty of interest if this comes to pass.

The Newcastle Schools' League, organised by Phil Clark, is now in full swing. Twelve teams are competing in the Senior League, seven in the Intermediate, and nine in the Girls' League. After five matches (four in the case of the Girls) the leading positions are as follows:-

Senior

	P	W	D	L	Pts
R.G.S.	5	5	0	0	10
Benfield	5	5	0	0	10
Heaton	5	3	2	0	8
Dame Allan's	5	3	1	1	7

Intermediate

	P	W	D	L	Pts
R.G.S.	5	5	0	0	10
Heaton	5	5	0	0	10
Manor Park	5	3	0	2	6
West Denton	5	3	0	2	6

Girls

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Heaton	4	4	0	0	8
Gosforth	4	4	0	0	8
Benfield 'A'	4	3	0	1	6
Manor Park	4	3	0	1	6

CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

SURPRISE No. 1

Alan Manson (Barrow) is the surprise Cumbria No. 1 in the first ranking list of the season following the County Trials held at Millom School. Manson made the giant leap from being nowhere in last season's rankings to topping this season's with a tremendous performance on the day which was equalled only by Millom's Diccon Gray. Both players lost just once during the day, with Gray losing to Manson and Manson losing to Chris Reed. Inevitably Reed was also in the running for the No. 1 spot and with only one match to go he too had just the one defeat (by Gray) against his name, defeat in that final match however by Barrow's Eddie O'Hara saved the selectors a few headaches and Manson was placed at No. 1 by virtue of his win over Gray.

Jimmy Cummings (Whitehaven) is a fresh face in the list at No. 4 and although an already well-established player he is a relative newcomer to the county scene. Notable also is the marked absence of Carlisle names and for the first time in a good few years past county regulars like John Willis, Stewart O'Neil and David Kirkpatrick did not compete at the trials.

Gail Smith (Millom) comfortably topped both the women's and girls' lists with her main challenge coming from Janet Sephton and Bella Gray. Last season's top lady, Jennifer Willis (Carlisle), was absent from the trials but was ranked at No. 5. Diccon Gray retains his top spot in the boys' list with Ian Reed and Andrew Pachul (both Millom) in the second and third places. The emergence of the two Kendal boys David Archer and Steven Dixon (the latter having already won England Schoolboy honours) has strengthened this squad considerably and our Junior 2nd team in particular can look forward to improved fortunes than of late. Full rankings are:-

Men

1. A. Manson (B) 2. D. Gray (M) 3. C. Reed (M)

4. J. Cummings (Wh) 5. I. Reed (M) 6. A. Pachul (M) 7. E. O'Hara (B) 8. W. Robinson (B) 9. N. Honeyman (B) 10. A. Craib (C).

Women

1. G. Smith (M) 2. J. Sephton (M) 3. B. Gray (M) 4. P. Bickerdike (M) 5. J. Willis (C) 6. C. Tyson (M) 7. J. Mitchell (C) 8. L. Brockbank (M) 9. V. Heggie (C) 10. L. Rushton (M) 11. C. Rose (Wi).

Boys

1. Gray 2. I. Reed 3. A. Pachul 4. D. Archer (K) 5. S. Dixon (K) 6. D. Round (M) 7. P. Watson (C) 8. T. Pachul (M) 9. M. Butcher (M) 10. A. Huddleston (M) 11. P. Moore (K) 12. A. Tague (K).

Girls

1. G. Smith 2. J. Sephton 3. B. Gray 4. P. Bickerdike 5. L. Brockbank 6. L. Rushton.

Key:- B—Barrow, C—Carlisle, K—Kendal, M—Millom, Wh—Whitehaven, Wi—Windermere.

This year's Cumbria Open, held at the Market Hall, Carlisle, at the beginning of October proved to be very popular and for the first time ever entries were closed early after a mammoth total of nearly 550 had been accepted. Unfortunately this number still proved to be too great and it was decided about half way through the proceedings to cancel the Mixed Doubles event so as to ensure ourselves of a reasonable finishing time.

Thankfully this action did not detract from the overall success of the tournament and the success which certainly went Graham Sandley's way as the England junior almost made a clean sweep of the events open to him. Chris Reed went the furthest of the home county players in the men's singles and he reached the fourth round where he lost to Lancashire's Phil Bowen at 17 in the third. Diccon Gray, our main hope in the Junior event reached the semi-final where he went out to the eventual winner Sandley.

Charles Usher (Westmorland) went one better in the veteran's event and he reached the final after a favourable draw had given him a bye in the first round and then a win over Dave Holden (Cleveland) in the semi-final. Charles unfortunately got little change from Peter D'Arcy in the final and went down in straight games 14 and 7.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dates for your diary:-

County league dates — Oct. 28th, Nov. 11th, Dec. 16th, Jan. 13th, Feb. 10th, Mar. 3rd and 24th.
Malcolm Scott Restricted Tournament — Nov. 26th (at the Woodfield Club).
Woodfield Tournament — Dec. 9th/10th.
County Closed Tournament — Mar. 11th (Northwood Centre).
Wolverhampton Closed — Feb. 4th and 25th.
Potteries Closed — Mar. 4 (Northwood Centre).

At a recent County Management Committee meeting, the Chairman, Mr. Don Pritchard was pleased to present a set of cut glass tumblers to Roy and Marion Colclough in recognition of their tremendous contribution to Staffordshire table tennis during the past three decades. Roy retired from the secretaryship a year ago, and Marion had worked in several functions besides assisting Roy in his duties.

New to the Committee are Mr. A. A. Sutton as Minute Secretary and Mr. Bob Carr, who takes over from Geoff Williamson as County League Secretary. Unfortunately no replacement for the post of secretary has come forward as yet, and Don Pritchard continues to deputise.

As expected, Andrew Bellingham and Shirley Cain top the ranking lists for County juniors. Full listings are as follows:-

Boys

1. Andrew Bellingham
2. Andrew Dixon
3. Stuart Richards
4. Paul Barnett
5. S. Rogers
6. Paul Dilger
7. Peter Dawes
8. Mark Devitt

9. John Ford
10. John Hancock

Girls

1. Shirley Cain
2. Julie Harris
3. C. Wass
4. Vicki Bellingham
5. Stephanie Hadley
6. Fiona Elliott
7. Lynn Burgess
8. C. Wallbank
9. L. Taylor
10. K. Hayhurst

The draw for the first round of the Beattie Trophy has kept the two main contenders apart. Both Potteries and Wolverhampton have seemingly easy ties against last season's league champions from Lichfield and Stafford respectively. The other ties are Darlaston v Cannock and Walsall v West Bromwich.

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

by Grove Motlow

Obituary

DEATH OF A PRESIDENT

Just as the season was about to get under way, we as a League suffered a very sad loss when, on Sept. 30th at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, our President, Mr. John Ford, passed away. It was a terrific shock to me as, on Sept. 26th, I had a letter from John enclosing his usual donation and wishing the League a very successful season and wishing me all the best in my 30th year in office as Hon. Gen. Sec./Treasurer.

John went on to say that he had been in the intensive care unit for nine days but was pleased to say he was then recovering and to remind himself that he was approaching 70 and not 25 and to realise this. He wrote from his home address so I naturally thought all was well and that he would be taking things easily.

John was a perfect President and a regular attender at the A.G.M. where he always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He was appointed President on July 11, 1969 on the death of another dear friend, Len Ollis of Bath. They both endeared themselves to all members in their various ways.

Many teams who played Bristol at the National Dock Labour Board offices in Princes St., Bristol in the 60's will recall John and Pauline Ford seeing to the refreshments. I certainly have lost a great friend and the League too and our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Ford and family.

These sentiments have been expressed to Mrs. Ford by me on your behalf. Truly a great worker for the game he loved and the League of which he was very proud to be President. We shall miss him.

AVON NOTES

by Robert Oldfield

BRISTOL DOMINATES

The new season already underway, it is with pleasure that I can report an increase in league players throughout the County. Whilst Bristol still dominates with its usual 1200 members in 308 teams, Bath have had a small increase to 99 teams in nine divisions involving about 400 players. Mendip League has half that number but have consolidated its four divisions and Weston League now fields two divisions in its second year of existence.

This league structure was reflected in the ranking lists which were issued on Oct. 1st, with little evidence of any change in the future. Of 48 ranked players, only six can be considered non-Bristol players. The list shows few changes since last season in the men's and boys' but the women's and girls' have had a real shake-up.

Coming straight in at No. 1 for the County is ex-Essex player Helen Gore who must strengthen

the chances of our 1st team in Div. 2 West. Helen, now working in Bristol for the Midland Bank should provide an excellent example for our other female players to emulate, with her attacking style and county experience. Already, this season, she has beaten Susan Lisle in the Colgate North of England Open. Welcome!

A completely new No. 1 girl as well, in Rebecca Russe who beat the established county girls, Tina Shortman and Geraldine Sandford in the recent county trials. Rebecca, like Helen, makes her County debut at Bath on Oct. 21st. Chris Sewell, at present England No. 7, heads the men's list so can go no higher in Avon but his national hopes must remain high after the recent Manchester tournament where he won the men's doubles with Tony Clayton and reached the final of the men's singles leaving Max Crimmins and Dougie Johnson in his wake.

At Avon No. 2 is Martyn Smith who starts the season at No. 5 in the region's juniors after the regional trials held in Bristol last month.

SOMERSET NOTES

by Graham Green

WELCOME EMMA

The Somerset Senior Trials took place at B.C.L. Bridgwater (Men) and Westlands, Yeovil (Women) on Sunday, Oct. 1st. One notable absentee was Brian Reeves, the current Somerset singles champion, to whom we offer our congratulations as that morning his wife Pat gave birth to a baby girl — Emma.

The Selection Committee formulated the following rankings:-

Men

1. B. Reeves (F) 2. J. Harty (W) 3. R. Morris (W) 4. G. Green (B) 5. C. Feltham (F) 6. R. Thornton (B) 7. J. Garland (W) 8. R. Neal (Y) 9. J. Crabtree (B) 10. E. Brown (Y) 11. R. Trimm (Y) 12. R. Heggaty (B) 13. T. Russ (W) 14. C. Glover (Y) 15. M. Redding (T) 16. D. Carter (Y).

Women

1. J. Green (B) 2. A. Taft-Heath (D) 3. B. Norman (B) 4. W. Pryce (B) 5. N. Palk (T) 6. J. Woodhouse (T) 7. J. Coleman (Y) 8. S. Heldson (Y) 9. S. Dark (Y) 10. V. Frost (B) 11. W. Payne (B).

Key:- B—Bridgwater, D—Dulverton, F—Failand, T—Taunton, W—Weston, Y—Yeovil.

This season Somerset have entered two senior teams in the County Championships, one in Div. 2 (West) and one in Div. 3 (West). Both teams made uninspiring starts to the season both going down 2-8. The 'B' team lost to Dorset II at Bournemouth whilst the 'A' team lost to Wiltshire at Yeovil, the first team's wins being obtained by Brian Reeves and Jill Green.

The match was closely contested but with Wiltshire justifiably becoming the overall victors. This report would not be complete without a mention of Kevin Satchell, playing at No. 3 in the Wilts team. He won both his singles in convincing style and looks a very good prospect indeed.

Somerset's second team were never in with a chance of winning against Dorset II. The two Somerset victories came from Graham Green and Ray Thornton. But to finish on a brighter note Somerset Juniors scored their first victory of the season by beating Wilts II by 6-4.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE NOTES

by David Deller

ENCOURAGEMENT

Alison Hillard leads the way in this month's column after her fine performance in the Middlesex U-13/U-15 tournament. Alison (St. Neots) won the U-13 singles title beating M. Denbow of Oxford in a close and exciting final. Janet Randall, also from the St. Neots club, reached the semi-final of the U-15 singles. Both performances provide a great encouragement to the County officials.

In the first County senior match Alan Gray and Melanie Ringrose were unbeaten as Hunts went down 4-6 against Norfolk II. Gray won his sets

in fine style whilst Melanie outplayed her singles opponent and shared a doubles success with Barbara Pace. Tim Speller and Mark Fisher completed, what for Hunts, was their youngest team fielded to date.

The County junior team of Gregg Baker, Tommy Lawler, Philip Cole, Alison Hillard and Sandra Randall lost 2-8 to Lincolnshire in a match where eight of the 10 sets required a deciding game. Alison won her singles and the girls' doubles with Sandra.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

EXALTED RANKS

We are proud to announce that Middlesex have 3 further International Umpires with Geoff James, David Perry and Ernest Pratt having entered the exalted ranks. This gives us a total of 10 Internationals; can any other county beat that? Despite that we have not neglected to fill the lower ranks; Jack Randall, our County's Umpires' Secretary, held a meeting, at the end of last season, of people who were interested in becoming umpires and as a result we have 8 Probationary Umpires waiting to take all or part of their practical tests. With that sort of success in recruitment, no-one will be surprised to learn that Jack is planning to hold another such meeting in the very near future.

The main event organised in the County in October was the Middlesex Under-15 and Under-13 Open which is the subject of a separate report, but with the North Middlesex Open at the beginning of November and the Middlesex 3-Star Open in December, no willing umpire can fear lack of employment within the County.

The Halex Essex Junior 2-Star Open

by ALAN SHEPHERD

MOUNTING PRESSURE

The usual huge entry caused headaches for the Referee and Organizers but, with co-operation from the players, the hard working team of umpires coped with the mounting pressure, and the finals were completed on the Sunday evening by 10.45 p.m. It is clear that next season the mixed doubles event must be transferred to the Saturday and that northern competitions will no longer be able to treat this tournament as a one day event. Attempts to schedule any players coming from more than 50 miles away to play not before 10.30 a.m. on the second day has become an almost impossible task.

Shocks abounded on "Cadet Day" no more so than with the victory of the unassuming boy from Ealing, Eddie Gorniak, unseeded but quietly tipped by his coach, Kenny Muhr. En route to the final he put out several fancied contenders, one of whom was Jeremy Duffield. In the semi-final he beat Adrian Moore then disposed of that other up-and-coming lad Carl Preat in the final. Carl had got there after a fairly easy run but had a tough semi with Adrian Dixon.

The girls' singles winner was Jackie Bellinger over Sarah Cresswell, but sister Lisa figured in perhaps the most astonishing cadet match ever. In the semi-final Lisa went down -16, 22-30 to Sarah — one which brought the house down!

The boys' doubles brought victory for players from the slightly unfashionable counties of Staffs. and Worcs. when Dixon and Duffield overcame Gorniak and Bruce Collingwood. Raiders from Lancashire, Paul Ashcroft and Neil Mercer, almost made their long journey pay off but succumbed to Eddie and Bruce in the semi-final.

It was success all the way for the sisters Bellinger in the girls' doubles. They did not drop a game and ended by beating Helen Bardwell and Jeannine Smith in the final.

The big guns went into action on the Sunday and soon there were surprises. In Round 3 of the Boys' Singles, Peter Puddock (Sx) put out Diccon Gray (Cu) 15, 15 and Neil Stratton (Mi) ended

the challenge of Paul Whiting 10, -17, 8. Graham Sandley meanwhile was steamrolling his way to the final, looking most unlikely to be the subject of any surprise result. In fact he only dropped one game all day, this in Round 4 to Skylet Andrew, who certainly looks like a player the Selectors (God bless them) might look at.

Colin Wilson took his customary win over David Barr (Bk) in the semi-final but then was crushed by his Middlesex colleague Graham, in the final. Graham seems to have added an extra dimension to his game for this season, power which no amount of defence or blocking ability can repel and I cannot see many junior players extending him.

An interesting entrant in this event was Brian Jeans of Wales who took the place of the unwell seed John Souter (Mi) and reached the quarter-final.

It was the power-game which prevailed again in the girls' event and predictably it was Mandy Reeves who supplied the power. This was two out of two for Mandy as she had won the Welsh Open the previous week-end. The luck of the draw had pitted Mandy against unseeded Helen Williams, her county colleague, in Round 1, but Mandy was too strong. Her hardest test was in Round 2 where she only scraped home — 18, 17, 19 against Carol Butler (Devon). After that it was that big forehead in command all the way.

The boys' doubles was a tremendous triumph for Ian Attridge/Whiting. They won the event as follows:-

Round 2: bt Palfreeman/Hill (Y) -13, 18, 16.

Round 3: bt Baker/Baggott (Sy) 21, -15, 19.

Q.F.: bt Wilson/Barr 13, -14, 14.

S.F.: bt Harmer/Papantoniou 13, -19, 19.

Final: bt Andrew/Charlery -15, 14, 18.

They don't come much harder than that! No such difficulties came the way of Desmond Charlery and Andrew, winners at the Welsh Open over Kenny Jackson and Malcolm Green. They must have thought that a second title was theirs for the taking but Ian and Paul had other ideas.

The Girls' Doubles event went to Mandy Reeves and Helen Williams who proved much stronger than all opposition and did not drop a game throughout. In the final they met Pauline Townsend and Claire Maisey who did extremely well to reach that stage.

The Mixed was won by Sandley and Alison Gordon: they beat Wilson and Helen Williams in the final. Their route to the title was placid until the semi-final stage, where the pairing of Andrew with Shirley Cain almost upset them. As for Colin and Helen, they had several narrow squeaks. In Round 1 they only beat Roger Palfreeman/Julie Todd (Y) -19, 13, 20 and their quarter-final win over Terry and Julie Dowsett (E) was by 18, -19, 18.

Appreciation must be sincerely given to Messrs. Halexsport and to Birstow Eves, estate agents and surveyors, for their generous sponsorship, without which it would not have been possible to stage this Tournament.

Results —

CADET EVENTS

Boys' Singles

Quarter-finals:

E. Gorniak (Mi) bt P. Jackson (St) 17, -15, 9.

A. Moore (Sx) bt S. McBean (Wi) 13, 13.

C. Preat (Ha) bt G. Russell (Sy).

A. Dixon (St) bt N. Harris (K) 17, 13.

Semi-finals:

Gorniak bt Moore 20, -20, 12.

Preat bt Dixon -14, 16, 13.

Final:

GORNIK bt Preat 12, 20.

Girls' Singles

Semi-finals:

S. Cresswell (Sy) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 16, -22, 20.

J. Bellinger (Bd) bt H. Bardwell (He) 17, 21.

Final:

BELLINGER bt Cresswell 12, 16.

Boys' Doubles

Semi-finals:

Dixon/J. Duffield (Wo) bt Harris/R. Namdjou (K) 20, 12.

Gorniak/B. Collingwood (Mi) bt P. Ashcroft/N. Mercer (La) -18, 19, 12.

Final:

DIXON/DUFFIELD bt Gorniak/Collingwood -19, 19, 17.

Girls' Doubles

Semi-finals:

Bellinger/Bellinger bt Denbow/Windle (Ox) 17, 10.

J. Smith (He)/Bardwell bt M. Hams (Sy)/Cresswell 19, -12, 15.

Final:

BELLINGER/BELLINGER bt Smith/Bardwell 11, 22.

JUNIOR EVENTS

Boys' Singles

Quarter-finals:

G. Sandley (Mi) bt G. Gillett (Sx) 14, 16.

S. Holloway (Sy) bt A. Bellingham (St) 15, 19.

C. Wilson (Mi) bt S. Moore (Sx) 17, 19.

D. Barr (Bk) bt B. Jeans (Wal) 19, 8.

Semi-finals:

Sandley bt Holloway 13, 8.

Wilson bt Barr 18, 14.

Final:

SANDLEY bt Wilson 19, 12.

Girls' Singles

Semi-finals:

M. Reeves (Mi) bt S. Midgeley (Y) 17, 7.

A. Gordon (Bk) bt L. Garbet (Sy) 19, 12.

Final:

REEVES bt Gordon 15, 12.

Boys' Doubles

Semi-finals:

P. Whiting (Dv)/I. Attridge (E) bt S. Harmer (Bd)/

C. Papantoniou (Mi) 13, -19, 19.

S. Andrew/D. Charlery (E) bt S. Woodgate (Sy)/Holloway 14, 18.

Final:

WHITING/ATTRIDGE bt Andrew/Charlery -15, 14, 18.

Girls' Doubles

Semi-finals:

H. Williams/Reeves bt S. Cresswell (Sy)/Garbet 18, 18.

P. Townsend/C. Maisey (Wi) bt L. Taylor (Mi)/

S. Cain (St) 13, 19.

Final:

WILLIAMS/REEVES bt Townsend/Maisey 13, 17.

Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals:

Sandley/Gordon bt Andrew/Cain -14, 4, 19.

Wilson/Williams bt A. Hill (Y)/Midgeley 19, 14.

Final:

SANDLEY/GORDON bt Wilson/Williams 15, 12.

I.T.T. Sussex 2-Star Open

White Rock Pavilion, Hastings

14/15th October, 1978

by COLIN HYLAND

MAXIMUM PRIZE FUND

The continued support of I.T.T. Consumer Products (U.K.) Ltd., enabled the organisers to offer the maximum £125 prize for the winner of the Men's Singles title. Other prizes were also increased bringing the total prize fund to £537.

Thirteen nationally-ranked men were attracted to the tournament including the return of Jimmy Walker (Cleveland) from Germany. Unfortunately top seed John Hilton experienced car trouble on the motorway and with Nigel Eckersley as a passenger these two failed to arrive. Dougie Johnson had notified his withdrawal during the week prior to the tournament and Chris Sewell did not appear on the day.

From the remaining seeds a number did not reach their allotted places in the draw. Ian Horsham lost in the second round to Colin Wilson 15, -20, -12 who then lost to David Newman two-straight. John Kitchener lost in the second round to Costas Papantoniou 15, -25, -9 who then lost to Graham Sandley. Sandley beat Mark Mitchell in Rd. 4 and followed this with a win over Dave Constance in the quarters. Constance having beaten Welsh No. 1 Alan Griffiths in the previous round.

Veteran Peter D'Arcy had eliminated Kenny Jackson from his seeded position in Rd. 3 but then found Bob Potton in good form in Rd. 4. Potton had disposed of Dave Hannah and then Leon Smith, a close one this -18, 16, 21 then D'Arcy to earn a quarter-final place against new top seed Walker. But the long journey from the continent had taken its toll with Potton a comfortable winner.

Next an entertaining semi with Potton beating Sandley to enter the final against Max Crimmins who had beaten Peter McQueen in the other semi. Crimmins had not had it all his own way to reach this stage having beaten Skylet Andrews 18, -11, 13 in Rd. 4 and a really tough battle with defender John Dabin in the quarters.

The scene was now set for an entertaining final and the crowd enjoyed every minute of it. Crimmins took the early initiative and ran out winner of the first game 21-16 and again drew away at the start of the second. With the score

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HALEX SPORT/NEWS OF THE WORLD NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME



The 1978 finalists with Director of Coaching, Johnny Leach (centre, middle row).

TALENTED YOUNGSTERS

12-year-old **Nicola Hamilton** from Milton Keynes and 13-year-old **David Sharpe** from Luton, Beds. have been selected as the outstanding "Girl" and "Boy" of the Year in the 24th annual Halexport/NoW National Table Tennis Coaching Scheme.

These exceptionally talented youngsters received their NoW and Butlin trophies, together with special equipment awards, from Halexport before a capacity audience at Butlin's Gaiety Theatre, Minehead on September 25th. The presentations were made by H. Roy Evans, O.B.E., President of the International Table Tennis Federation and Nancy Roy Evans, Secretary of the European Table Tennis Union and the T.T.A. of Wales. Distinguished guests included Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E., President of the E.T.T.A. and Ron Crayden who is responsible for the coaching and selection of English international players at all levels.

For 'Nicky' Hamilton it was a case of fourth time lucky for she had reached the NoW finals on three previous occasions without gaining the judges' top marks. This time, however, she was a clear winner from Elaine Bolton, 14, from Northfleet, Kent and Helen Bardwell, 12, from Ware, Herts. Jeff Taylor, who coached Nicky during the summer at Butlin's Minehead Centre, said that Nicky had worked really hard to improve her defence and Johnny Leach, the director of coaching praised her sensible approach. "Although so young, Nicky has already served a lengthy apprenticeship and she can now start to cash in on her all-round ability", he said.

Unlike Nicky, David Sharpe captured the "Boy of the Year" award at his first attempt. Tony McQueen, the NoW coach resident at Butlin's Clacton Centre during the summer, said that David was exceptionally talented. "He really thinks about his strokes and has already put his game together", said Tony. "He is particularly impressive when under pressure, and I regard him as a virtual certainty for England teams of the future".

There are no competitive matches played in the NoW National Coaching Scheme. The judging is based purely on promise, with points being awarded for a player's ability in each department

of the game and allowance being made for age. Under this system David Sharpe scored 6 points more than his nearest rival — 16-year-old Kevin Satchell from Melksham, Wilts. — while Kevin in turn scored 6 more than 14-year-old Philip Bradbury from Aylesbury, Bucks. who finished 3rd.

Denis Neale, the Chief Adjudicator who has represented England nearly 500 times and captured the English Championship on a record six occasions, feels that this year's Coaching Scheme was one of the best ever and he should know, having

been associated with it first as a pupil, and subsequently as a coach over many years. "The introduction of Halexport as an additional sponsor has meant that the 40,000-odd youngsters under 17 who took part were able to do so under top championship conditions, and as a result playing standards have never been higher", said Denis. "After seeing so much new talent I am really optimistic about England's table tennis future".

Also staged on the Monday were the finals of the Pupil Partner Challenge Cup competition for selected pairs from each of the eight Butlin Centres involved in the Scheme. This provided a feast of thrills and excitement for spectators. The eventual winners were the representatives of Butlin's Barry Island Centre, namely Kevin Satchell, aged 16, from Melksham, and Jeanine Smith, aged 13, from Harlow.



"Girl" and "Boy" of the Year" Nicola Hamilton and David Sharpe.



H. Roy Evans and Nancy Evans with Pupil/Partner winners Jeanine Smith and Kevin Satchell.

TRADE NEWS



NEW TABLE-TENNIS BATS AND ACCESSORIES FROM DUNLOP

Three new table-tennis bats and a range of blades, rubbers and glue are now available as part of the extensive selection of Dunlop table-tennis equipment. Featuring Dunlop Prexy rubber, the new "Maxpower One", "Maxpower Two" and "Super Spin" bats complete the range of 17 models while "Maxdrive", "Spinmaster" and "Spinner" blades of 5 ply wood provide a wider choice of handle variations and feel for the discerning players. Prexy rubber units in 2.5, 2.0 or 1.5 mm thickness and Armidene glue for attaching rubbers to blades become available for the first time this season.

Dunlop's table-tennis products manager, Alan Hydes, commenting on the reception that has greeted the new range of bats, says "In addition to some fourteen leading players now using Dunlop Prexy bats, including Jill Hammersley, John Hilton, Kevin Beadsley, John Souter and David Tan, we have also secured a contract with the English Table-Tennis Association for the English team to wear Dunlop clothing over the next two years at all International matches — a true recognition of the qualities of our new products".

"With our range of tables readily available from stock and the Dunlop ball adopted for use in major English, European and Norwich Union events, Dunlop Sports Company is now finally established as a force in the table-tennis market".

The competitive prices of Dunlop bats and accessories are within reach of most players. For example the new "Maxpower One" retails at about £16.50, while the "Maxpower Two" sells for about £15.95 and the "Super Spin" about £9.99.

Accessories are also competitively priced. The "Maxdrive", "Spinmaster" and "Spinner" blades retail at around £5.95, £5.75 and £5.50 respectively and table-tennis bat rubbers at about £6.50 per unit.

To complete the full range of Dunlop table-tennis equipment are bat covers; Barna and Warwick nets and posts; Barna Super 3-Crown, 2-Crown, 1-Crown and practice balls; Championship, tournament and standard tables, and a specially designed line of table-tennis sportswear. All items are available through Dunlop sports stockists.

ESSEX NOTES

by Geoff Newman

With the first County Championships weekend over there were a lot of good things to give Essex supporters plenty of heart for the future. The Senior Premier team with a very youthful line-up, particularly the men, Bob Potton being the "daddy" of the male side at 21, while Dave Newman and Kenny Jackson are both still in their teens, together with Linda Barrow took on both Surrey and Cheshire.

The home game with Surrey at Berger Paints Ltd., Dagenham, had plenty of excitement and atmosphere and the crowd were treated to a spectacular match with a classic finale (at one stage we had to prop MC and county secretary Mike Watts back in his chair so carried away did he get) "deuce" in the third of the final set. We won this really excellent match 5-4 with Potton and Newman each winning twice and Linda winning the women's singles. Jackson didn't score in this one but he played his part as did all the Surrey contingent in making it a great evening.

The final Newman-Welsman encounter really did get the crowd going and both players gave everything and the prolonged standing ovation they received was well deserved. One felt sorry for the Surrey man after going so close — if ever a game deserved to be drawn this one did. The away match with Cheshire at Enfield also proved to be a close one with Cheshire ending up victors 6-3. ;

Although the match was a good one I am told that it lacked atmosphere. Bob, Kenny and Dave each won a singles and Jackson's set with Nigel Eckersley, and Newman's with David Constance were both lost by the narrowest possible margin, Kenny's set with Nigel being a very good one. The only disappointment from our point of view was our failure to win a doubles set in either match.

New county captain Stuart Gibbs was quite pleased with the team but our Stuart certainly looked as if he had all the worries in the world when the team was in action — "It's worse than playing isn't it". The senior second team travelled to Norwich to meet Norfolk and returned with a comfortable 9-1 win. Kevin Caldon, Les Eadie, Gill Locke and Elaine Sayer were all unbeaten with Leon Smith dropping the only set.

Over at North Fambridge "Benny" Robertson, the new captain of the senior third team was rallying his troops to a convincing 9-1 win over Hampshire. Senior debutants Tony Penny, Stuart Kimm and Julie Dowsett were all unbeaten and from all accounts Penny, in particular, was in great form. Newly married Jane Classock, nee Livesey, dropped the only set but in the circumstances her teammates forgave her!

On the Junior front the 2nd string gained a good win in Wiltshire 6-4. Ian Attridge and Douglas Henry each won two singles while Jeff Field won the vital last set of the match for the win and shared a doubles success with Ian. A very inexperienced Junior 3rd team were beaten 8-2 by Bedford at Luton but there was plenty of enthusiasm there. So enthusiastic were they that Vic Russell and his young proteges turned up a day early in Luton but Vic kept everyone happy by giving the team a conducted tour of Hertfordshire and then returned on the Sunday to play the match.

The Veterans' first team had a comparatively easy win in Hertfordshire but the second team had their colours lowered 8-1 by the reigning champions Middlesex.

On the tournament front Potton has opened the season well by winning the Sussex Open — well done Bob. At the Sussex Dave Newman also reached the last 8 in the men's singles and was runner-up in the mixed with Linda Barrow. Elaine Sayer also did very well at this tournament coming

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(County Notes continued)

at 20-16 in his favour his thoughts could justifiably be on the £125 cheque in the hands of I.T.T. Divisional Director Roy Browning but Potton had other ideas. Urging himself on with cries of "come on Bobbie" he drew level and then took the game at 23-21 and a disheartened Crimmins settled for the £60 runner-up award conceding the final game -14.

The Women's Singles attracted five nationally-ranked players with top seed Melody Ludi making the long journey from Yorkshire with county colleague Sally Midgley. There were few surprises until the semi-final when Alison Gordon topped Melody and then, in the final, accounted for No. 2 seed Angela Mitchell to take home a well-earned £60 prize again donated by I.T.T.

In the Men's Doubles most of the nationally-ranked players had paired up with unranked players which caused some problems with the seeding. In spite of this four seeded pairs reached the semis with Constance and McQueen reaching the final at the expense of Potton and Kennedy, where they met Mitchell and Sandley who had beaten Crimmins and Dave Wells. An entertaining and light hearted final followed with the Middlesex pair winning to receive their prizes from E.T.T.A. Chairman Tom Blunn presenting the awards on behalf of Dunlop Sports Co. Ltd.

Alan Fletcher and Sally Midgley justified their long journey in the Mixed event when they won the final against Newman and Linda Barrow. Disappointment in this event for Melody Ludi, after the non-arrival of partner Eckersley. He was replaced by Walker who then sustained injury in his singles quarter-final, leaving Melody without a partner. Some consolation followed however when the Yorkshire girls proved their worth in the Women's Doubles which they won without losing a game.

Awards for the Mixed were donated by the Hastings and St. Leonards Observer and for the Women's Doubles and Veterans' Singles by the Bexhill-on-Sea Building Society.

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:
M. Crimmins (Sy) bt J. Dabin (K) 20, -22, 16;
P. McQueen (Cv) bt D. Newman (E) 16, 17;
G. Sandley (Mi) bt D. Constance (Ch) 19, 16;
R. Potton (E) bt J. Walker (FGR) 18, 10.

Semi-finals:
Crimmins bt McQueen 10, 13;
Potton bt Sandley 19, 17.

Final:
POTTON bt Crimmins -16, 21, 14.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:
M. Ludi (Y) bt S. Midgley (Y) 15, 12;
A. Gordon (Bk) bt H. Williams (Mi) 9, 17;
M. Smith (Bk) bt B. Bird (K) 11, 14;
A. Mitchell (Mi) bt L. Barrow (E) 19, 14.

Semi-finals:
Gordon bt Ludi -24, 16, 6;
Mitchell bt Smith -13, 19, 17.

Final:
GORDON bt Mitchell 19, 14.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:
M. Mitchell (Mi)/Sandley bt Crimmins/D. Wells (Mi) 19, 14;

Constance/McQueen bt J. Kennedy (K)/Potton 17, -23, 16.

Final:
MITCHELL/SANDLEY bt Constance/McQueen 16, 17.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:
Ludi/Midgley bt E. Foulds/G. Locke (E) 18, 19;

Gordon/Smith bt Mitchell/Williams 16, 19.

Final:
LUDI/WILLIAMS bt Gordon/Smith 16, 17.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:
Newman/Barrow bt Sandley/Gordon 13, -16, 17;

A. Fletcher (Y)/Midgley bt C. Wilson (Mi)/Williams -15, 13.

Final:
FLETCHER/MIDGLEY bt Newman/Barrow 9, -15, 15.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:
S. Battrick bt P. D'Arcy 14, -16, 19;
L. Fountain bt G. Ailward 19, -18, 12.

Final:
FOUNTAIN (E) bt Battrick 17, -11, 16.

CLEVELAND VIEW

by Alan Ransome

CHANGE OF DATE

The Cleveland 3-Star Open has moved its date by two weeks and will now be held at Thornaby Pavilion on 20th and 21st January, 1979.

The English Table Tennis Association have accommodated this change in view of the fact that the original date, January 6th and 7th, clashed with the Federal German Bundesliga

fixtures which meant that most of this country's leading players would be unable to compete.

The 20th/21st January is, in fact, the weekend of the Federal German Closed so heralding a break in Bundesliga matches and with no other international events that weekend, the whole England squad should be able to attend.

The provisional prize fund, yet to be confirmed by the two sponsors, Cleveland County Council and Mileta Sports, the main agents for Butterfly, is around the £1,500 mark which is the highest prize fund for any open championship ever played in Britain.

Entry forms will be available shortly from the Tournament Organiser, Alan Ransome, at 8 Baker Street, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Obituary

L. M. BROMFIELD

On 30th August, 1978, Leslie M. Bromfield died suddenly at his home at Shoreham Beach in Sussex. Leslie was one of that generation who came into the game in the early thirties when it was expanding and when the players themselves took on the administration as there were as yet few retired players. He was introduced to table tennis at a holiday camp and, as his wife Rose told me, he was "mad about the game" and was soon taking office in 1932 as Treasurer of the Enfield League, which later became the North Middlesex League.

Leslie Bromfield had a flair and love of writing and in addition to his other table tennis jobs was helping to promote the game by reporting events and contributing articles on coaching. He also assisted in the formation of the Bishops Stortford League. Apart from his organising activities Leslie had by the mid thirties improved his playing standard considerably and won local honours as well as reaching the quarter-final stages in both the English Open and the World Championships. During this period he had become an executive in the sports goods firm F. H. Ayres and specialised in table tennis equipment.

With the end of the war at last in sight Leslie Bromfield decided to prepare for the return to normal conditions and formed the North Middlesex War Time Table Tennis League as a temporary expedient in 1944 and in the season 1945/46 he restarted the North Middlesex League proper. Another of his babies was the Southern Stars Exhibition team which did much to promote table tennis in its travels round the country.

He had by now formed his own company and in 1947 he transferred his business in sports equipment and trophies to Sussex. He was immediately putting his enthusiasm at the disposal of the county association, which was struggling to become established on a shoestring budget. He took over publicity and produced the first county handbook thus bringing the game valuable coverage at a difficult time. Soon afterwards he took on the secretaryship of the Association and held a number of offices until business pressures forced him to relinquish his table tennis duties. He continued to help where possible and was happy to be able to provide the Bromfield trophy for the National Girls' Team Competition.

In the last few years Leslie Bromfield gave his services in two less well-known organisations to illustrate still more his belief that one should put into one's interests as much, if not more, than is taken out. An admirer and owner all his life of Alsatian dogs he gave a great deal of time to rescue and welfare work for this oft-maligned breed, and within a short time of taking up croquet he took over as secretary of one of England's leading clubs.

In 1940 Rose Bromfield became Leslie's wife and for the past thirty-nine years she had been his partner in his business enterprises as well as his sporting activities. We hope that the sympathy extended by his many friends will help sustain her in this great loss.

Keith Watts.

CURRYS' MIDDLESEX UNDER 15 and UNDER 13 OPEN

by IRIS MOSS

NOT TOUGH ENOUGH

Once again the Middlesex Committee were not tough enough in refusing entries to this popular tournament — despite refusing the entry of last year's star girl — and play went on much too late at the Queensmead Sports Centre on Sunday, Oct. 8th. Having received the entries myself for the first time I know only too well how many young players were disappointed not to compete in this event. We thought we would be able to improve on last year's finishing time by playing each event through to a finish, but whether it was the fact that over 25% of the matches went to 3 games (I gave up trying to count the number of games which went beyond 20-all) that threw out our playing schedule, or that 448 matches on 12 tables is too much, I do not know. Obviously we are going to have to look very closely at things before next year's tournament and decide whether to make it a 2-day event and chance a substantial financial loss, or whether to be ruthless in keeping entries down.

Despite the late finish, and the number of matches some players played, standards were high throughout. Some players tried to help us with our over-full schedule; Bruce Collingwood won the U-13 Boys' Singles without dropping a game and John Souter only dropped one to Paul Holloway on his way to winning the U-15 Boys' Singles. Honours were well spread around; only 2 players, Peter Brownlow and Laura Goldsmith, appeared in more than one final; similarly the winners came from a variety of counties.

Our thanks are due to Currys for providing Gift Vouchers to the value of £70; to Queensmead Sports Centre for letting us finish despite the late hour; to Halex for providing the tables; and last but by no means least, to the umpires both adults and players who worked so hard to get us through the mammoth day.

Results —

Boys' U-15 Singles

Quarter-finals:
John Souter (Mi) bt Adrian Moore (Sx) 15, 16.
Paul Holloway (Sy) bt Philip Bradbury (Bu) 9, 17.
Peter Brownlow (He) bt Graham Russell (Sy) 9, 15.
Mark Oakley (Sy) bt Andrew Golding (Gl) 10, 9.

Semi-finals:
Souter bt Holloway -17, 11, 13.
Brownlow bt Oakley 17, -14, 15.

Final:
SOUTER bt Brownlow 20, 13.

Consolation Final:
Andrew Dixon (St) bt Raymond Namdjou (K) 18, 21.

Boys' U-15 Doubles

Semi-finals:
Bradbury/Brownlow bt Tony Dettmar/Paul Fong (E) 15, 15.
Russell/Moore bt David Canning (E)/Dixon 18, 13.

Final:
RUSSELL/MOORE bt Bradbury/Brownlow 18, -17, 20.

Boys' U-13 Singles

Semi-finals:
Carl Preen (Ha) bt Steve Dettmar (E) 13, 7.
Bruce Collingwood (Mi) bt Nigel Tyler (Mi) 12, 18.

Final:
COLLINGWOOD bt Preen 18, 20.

Consolation Final:
Jaskaran Singh (Wa) bt Paul Halliday (Be) 18, -17, 15.

Boys' U-13 Doubles

Semi-finals:
Neil Sutton/Nicky Hoare (Sy) bt Philip Cole (Hu)/David Dewsbury (Sy) 19, -21, 19.
Andrew Sexton/Martin Jones (Sy) bt Michael Thomas/Singh (Wa) 6, 24.

Final:
SEXTON/JONES bt Sutton/Hoare 15, 15.

Girls' U-15 Singles

Semi-finals:
Jeanine Smith (He) bt Nikki Hamilton (Bu) 19, -19, 20.
Julie Todd (Y) bt Janet Randall (Hu) -22, 19, 15.

Final:
SMITH bt Todd 16, -9, 15.

Consolation Final:
Tracey Fisher (Ca) bt Tracey Robertshaw (Y) 18, 19.

Girls U-15 Doubles

Final:
LAURA GOLDSMITH/MICHELLE WILLIAMS (Mi) bt Kate Harris (Sa)/Yvonne Hall (Le) 12, -19, 19.

Girls' U-13 Singles

Semi-finals:
Mary Denbow (Ox) bt Helen Bardwell (He) 16, -14, 17.
Alison Hillard (Hu) bt Vicky Bellingham (St) 19, 16.

Final:
HILLARD bt Denbow 15, -21, 19.

Consolation Final:
Julie Woodward (Ox) bt Susan Collier (Be) 10, 10.

Girls' U-13 Doubles

Final:
DENBOW/TERESA MOORE (Sx) bt Laura Goldsmith (Mi)/Nikki Hamilton (Bu) 19, -13, 8.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

I must start my first report of the season with sincere congratulations to Mike Greatrex on his election as Treasurer of the E.T.T.A. This honour could not be more deserved for he has progressed through the ranks at the grass roots of table-tennis. He was Secretary of the Southampton Association for nine years, Chairman of the Hampshire Association for the past three years as well as being their first National Councillor. Despite these posts, however, he has been a regular player for the Four T's Club since his move to Southampton. Mike's promotion has meant a shuffle round of the Officers of the Hampshire Association. Brian Lamerton steps in as Chairman with Ron Wilshere as Vice-Chairman. Harold Albery continues as Gen. Sec. but now adds the job of National Councillor. Marjorie East and Alan Wettstein hold their posts as Treasurer and Coaching Officer. The new League Secretary is Di Winmill and Reg Glover takes over as Umpires Secretary.

After struggling last season to field two women in the County first team, the Association took the only logical step for the coming season — they entered a second mixed team in the National County Championships. Presumably the intention is to blood the young players in this team. I hope they have some women players up their sleeve I do not know about. Having said that I am pleased to see Angie Gilbert back in contention for a County place after her temporary retirement to concentrate on motherhood. After the county trials, the following ranking lists were issued by the selection committee:-

Men

1. C. Shetler (S) 2. K. Summerfield (S) 3. D. Holman (BO) 4. D. Large (BA) 5. C. Wilshere (W) 6. S. Kitcher (P) 7. S. Barker (P) 8. A. Terry (BO) 9. S. White (S) 10. A. Whitcher (S).

Women

1. S. Sinanan (P) 2. A. Gilbert (P) 3. A. Waters (BA) 4. K. Conlon (BA) 5. B. Duffield (BA) 6. B. Nicholson (S) 7. A. Longland (S) 8. D. Winmill (G) 9. T. Arthur (G) 10. J. Palaczky (BA).

Veteran Men

1. R. Lush (P) 2. D. Sheppard (S) 3. G. Holley (P) 4. D. Allen (S) 5. M. Shave (S) 6. L. Plant (P) 7. M. Barrett (A) 8. T. Duffield (BA) 9. H. Spraggs (W) 10. P. Smith (P).

Veteran Women

1. A. Waters (BA) 2. J. Stannard (S) 3. K. Lyne (P) 4. B. Duffield (BA) 5. T. Arthur (G) 6. J. Rockett (G) 7. B. Brislane (BO) 8. M. Barron (BO).

Boys

1. J. Summerbell (S) 2. C. Prean (IOW) 3. R. Bergmann (BO) 4. M. Maure (A) 5. C. Young (BA) 6. A. Palaczky (BA) 7. J. Roberts (S) 8. D. Oakley (A) 9. T. Palaczky (BA) 10. D. Collins (BA).

Girls

1. J. Bush (BO) 2. J. Fairhall (BO) 3. P. Nicholson (S) 4. T. Coupland (A) 5. A. Bilman (P) 6. T. Kneller (P) 7. L. Price (BA) 8. E. Robinson (G) 9. J. Long (P) 10. J. Bartlett (A).

Key:- A—Aldershot, BA—Basingstoke, BO—Bournemouth, G—Gosport, IOW—Isle of Wight, P—Portsmouth, S—Southampton, W—Winchester.

Considering it was supposed to be the closed season the summer has been quite hectic for the Southampton Association. Due to the generous sponsorship of the local company, Snows Office Supplies, the Southampton Super League has come into existence. The top ten Southampton-based players have competed through the summer at Redbridge School Sports Hall with each player playing each other twice. The final League Table was as follows:-

	P	W	L	Pts
Keith Summerfield	18	17	1	48
Chris Shetler	18	14	4	39
Gary Longland	18	11	7	34
Chris Wilshere	18	10	8	29
Phil Brown	18	9	9	29
John Summerbell	18	9	9	23
Steve White	18	7	11	21
Don Sheppard	18	6	12	18
Jeff Brixton	18	3	15	15
Andy Whitcher	18	4	14	14

Summerfield in fact went through unbeaten until the final session when Brown repeated his Southampton Closed victory. This League has proved very useful match play as well as giving the local selectors ample evidence of current form for the new season. Spectator support was perhaps not as good as expected but for a first occasion I consider this an experiment which was successful and should certainly be repeated next summer, with perhaps some minor alterations in format.

The other highlight of the Summer was the visit of world champion Mitsuru Kohno for an exhibition match against Des Douglas. A crowd of 800 at the Fleming Park Sports Centre proved there is the demand for top table-tennis in this area, and the Southampton T.T.A. proved they are fully capable of staging such events. What disappointed me was that there is no suitable venue in Southampton itself and the Association had to "go out of town" to the excellent facilities provided by the Eastleigh Borough Council. The match itself gave the crowd some fine rallies although Des appeared to always have a little in hand against the now semi-retired World Champion. Not a good evening, however, for Promoter Mike Lawless, in a single game challenge Keith Summerfield beat Kohno for the £50 prize.

In the inter-town scene in Hampshire, Bournemouth appear to have everything their own way and look likely to repeat their last season successes. Southampton again have a number of their top players unavailable while others have opted for other Associations after disagreeing with the alleged inconsistencies of the ranking lists produced after the "trials". If one compares the Southampton rankings with the Super League Table and Hampshire ranking, these players certainly have a point.

Back to my favourite cliché, formal trials produce more problems than they solve. The ranking list produced was as follows:-

Men

1. Shetler 2. Summerbell 3. White 4. Chris Wilshere 5. Longland 6. Andy Whitcher 7. Simon Douglas 8. Brixton 9. Dennis Elkins 10. John Roberts.

Women

1. Leslie Jerram 2. Ann Longland 3. Beverley Nicholson 4. Christine Vines 5. Barbara Byron 6. Mai Allen.

Boys

1. Summerbell 2. Roberts 3. Mark Adams 4. Graham Pointer 5. M. Perham 6. A. Perham.

Girls

1. Beverley Nicholson 2. Lyn Tidswell 3. T. Lappage 4. S. Brewer 5. Sonia Hawke 6. T. Wright.

Veteran Men

1. Dennis Sheppard 2. Danny Allen 3. Dennis Elkins 4. Des Ely 5. Maurie Shave 6. Norman Stagg.

Veteran Women

1. Joyce Stannard 2. Mai Allen.

Sponsorship has raised its welcome head in Southampton. The Association has produced an ambitious expanded handbook by obtaining a number of adverts. The main help to the Association, however, has been the sponsorship of the Premier Division by John Jaques and Son Ltd. which coincides with a re-vamped set-up for this Division.

It is good to see the Isle of Wight coming into the organisation staging the first ever Hampshire closed junior tournament on Sunday, October 15th at Ryde. I will report on this, and the Senior Closed being held at Redbridge Sports Centre, Southampton on Sunday, November 5th in my next report. A pity that two County Tournaments are so close together.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

SUCCESSFUL START

Lincs. had a very successful start to the season with all 3 county teams winning their matches. Because of the difficulty in sorting the senior players into a ranking order it was decided to hold a county trial and to let this decide the team to play against Durham. Although only 7 men and 1 woman turned up to the trial the team chosen played extremely well and produced some fine

table tennis against a strong Durham side. Brian Allison's 2 singles wins and as usual the women's 3, gave us a 5-4 lead and it was Mick East's fight-back from 16-19 down in the third game of the final set to win 21-19 that gained Lincs. 2 valuable points.

The veterans are also having trials to select the team to play against the very strong Essex side. Let us hope they are equally successful. There is not really much to choose between our 2 junior sides and both have a good chance of winning their division. The 1st team beat Cleveland 2 7-3 in what by all accounts was a very exciting match. David Skerratt in particular played very well taking both his singles 2-straight. Carol Exton and Gillian Sharpe proved far too strong for the Cleveland girls both winning very easily. In the 2nd team match against Hunts., our girls found it a different proposition only Debra Brown winning her singles and that 22-20 in the third. The boys won all their sets the team winning 8-2. Considering the age of these 3 players, Marcus Emmerson, Chris Bryan and Simon Pullen this victory showed the potential of this team and augurs well for the future.

The next day Bryan, just turned 14, continued his fine form winning both the Boys' U-17 and U-15 in the Lincs. Junior Closed. In the U-17, he beat D. Johnson in the Q/F, N. Parkin in the semi and then Emmerson in the final. To reach the final Marcus had beaten Simon Pullen who had knocked out Skerratt in the Q/F. To round off a good day the 2nd team players Chris and Simon retained the Boys' Doubles. Carol Exton also won 3 finals, the Girls U-17, U-15 and the Girls' Doubles. Gillian Sharpe the beaten finalist in each event. Marcus also reached 3 finals but unfortunately the Mixed final had to be postponed to a later date due to lack of time.

Results —

Boys' U-17:

C. Bryan bt M. Emmerson 15, 18.

Boys' U-15:

Bryan bt S. Pullen 7, 11.

Boys' U-13:

S. Worrell bt R. Hodson 10, 13.

Girls' U-17:

C. Exton bt G. Sharpe 12, 17.

Girls' U-15:

Exton bt Sharpe 10, 14.

Girls' U-13:

1st - C. Bryan, 2nd - D. Kennedy.

U-11:

M. Arnold bt J. Gaughan 12, 12.

Boys' Doubles:

Bryan/Pullen bt Emmerson/Eyles 11, -19, 9.

Girls' Doubles:

Exton/Wingad bt Sharpe/Brown 12, -12, 8.

Mixed Doubles:

Emmerson/Brown to play Pickwell/Chesworth.

The ranking lists for the county teams will be subject to review after the Lincs Closed. C. Buttery is not available for the time being and sad to say Gillian Galloway has retired from competitive table tennis. Jean White no longer wishes to be considered for the senior team opting for the veterans instead. Jean's record is outstanding for the senior team and over the many years she has played for the county her conduct and attitudes to the game have been a model example to the rest of us. The county has been very fortunate to have had a player such as Jean in this area.

The next big local event is the Lincs. Closed on Sunday, Nov. 19. This is to be held at North Kesteven Sports Centre, Lincoln and should be worth a visit. Entry forms for the Lincs. Junior Open are now available from Dennis Worrell. As this event is extremely popular I suggest you get entry forms as soon as possible. The East of England 2-Star however may have to be cancelled as no-one at present is willing to act as tournament secretary. Unless one is found by the date of the closed this tournament will probably be lost for good.

Lastly the 1st issue of our news report is out. I have circulated copies to every league but there are some copies left. If anyone wishes a copy please send a S.A.E. (9" by 4") to me. With the aid of my 'staff' (Lillian and Gillian Sharpe, Jackie Barnett, Sandra Dawson) a new issue should be out every 7 or so weeks. I hope that this will make a valuable contribution to T.T. in the county and help create more interest in the game.

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back "from the dead" to beat Lorraine Garbet and then losing very narrowly to Melody Ludi in the semis.

Kenny Jackson in his last junior event — last season's Junior Welsh Open — notched the boys' singles title for the second time and also won the mixed with Cleveland's Angela Tierney. Kenny was thwarted in his bid for the triple crown by Essex teammates Skylet Andrew and Desmond Charlery in the boys' doubles. Well done Skylet and Des.

Our early season senior and junior trials proved both successful and exhausting and our selection committees came up with the following lists:-

Men

1. Bob Potton
2. Kenny Jackson
3. David Newman
4. Les Eadie
5. Leon Smith
6. Kevin Caldon
7. Ian Robertson
8. Stuart Kimm
9. Tony Penny
10. Skylet Andrew
11. Stephen Low
12. Peter Hunt
13. Brian Mailey
14. David Randall
15. Desmond Charlery
16. Terry Dowsett
17. Andy Bawden
18. Jamie Wilson
19. Martin Speight
20. Mark Stones.

Women

1. Linda Barrow
2. Gillian Locke
3. Elaine Sayer
4. Julie Dowsett
5. Jane Livesey
6. Yvette Brown
7. Janet Boulter
8. Linda Walters
9. Linda Thacker
10. Shirley Carroll
11. Kim Mudge
12. Julie Askem
13. Pat Taylor
14. Sharon Deal
15. Debbie Taylor.

Boys

1. Andrew
2. Charlery
3. Dowsett
4. Ian Attridge
5. Jeffrey Field
6. Douglas Henry
7. Ian Carson
8. John Sparks
9. Kevin Gard
10. Gregory Clement
11. Paul Hobbs
12. Paul Fong
13. Tony Dettmar
14. Stephen Allen
15. Steven Edmonds
16. Stephen White
17. Stephen Dettmar
18. Paul Sayer
19. Clifford Scott
20. Robin Lang.

Girls

1. Dowsett
2. Mudge
3. Askem
4. Pat Taylor
- 5.

- Deal
6. Debbie Taylor
7. Linda Crawford
8. Karen Buckledge
9. Margaret Wilson
10. Ruth Adleman.

Cadet Boys

1. Sparks
2. Sayer
3. Stephen Dettmar
4. Mark Harris
5. Andrew Barker
6. Mark Blewitt
7. Paul Tilsed
8. Ian Chalkley
9. Richard Darnell
10. Graham Darnell
11. Paul Ashley
12. Mark Taylor
13. Gary Ducker
14. Stephen Dorking
15. Paul Coffey
16. Paul Deag
17. David Window
18. Liam Higgins
19. Roger Medcalf
20. Bernard Lazarus.

Cadet Girls

1. Linda Crawford
2. Kim Cremer
3. Diane Mason
4. Tracy Stidston
5. Michelle Francis
6. Susan Cole
7. Ann Sparks
8. Tina Cook
9. Jayne Gore
10. Clare Milburn.

ON THE COACHING FRONT

by DONALD PARKER
National Coach, North

PERIODISATION CONTINUED

The idea of dividing the sportsperson's year into specific periods whilst not new, appears to have reached a high level of sophistication over the past decade. So much so, that following the research carried out by Matveyev, several nations have now adjusted the national competition calendar, to meet the requirements of the Matveyev theory.

A season with two competitive phases, is known

as a double periodised year. Matveyev went further to suggest that following a double periodised year it is advisable to have a single periodised year. Dusan Osmanagic, the Yugoslav non-playing captain, compares this situation with that of a cultivated field. If you try and grow maximum crop each year from the field you take all the nutrients and therefore goodness out of it and subsequent harvests will progressively deteriorate.

Dick (1) points out that to subdivide the year into short periods of preparation will only result in incomplete mastery of technique, unstable performance and a reduced rate of development in the foundations of fitness. At this point it should be emphasised that where there is need for long periods of consolidation and development of the foundations of training and in technique, as in the young and developing player, double periodisation does not have a strong case.

The Matveyev system has been generally adopted by Eastern European nations (2). The adoption of the system implied that the main competitions, championships, trials and important internationals are held at such intervals from the Olympic Games or World Championships as to suit the Matveyev method. It is not just good fortune that the Scandinavian, Yugoslavian and Hungarian Opens are around the November period about five months before the Worlds and Europeans.

Several sporting associations in Britain have tried to follow Matveyev, although in a country where the selection of the team is more controllable from the outside (mass media) the system is harder to put into effect. This is because the system implies that all the players and all the coaches follow the same training and competition patterns. Most countries are not as well co-ordinated as in Eastern Europe or Asia where top level sports are planned for the whole country along the same lines.

Kruger (3) points out that an adaption of the

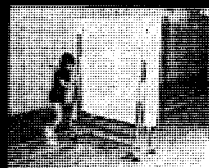
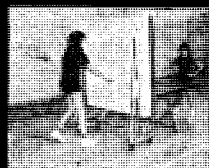
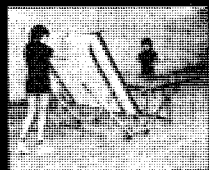
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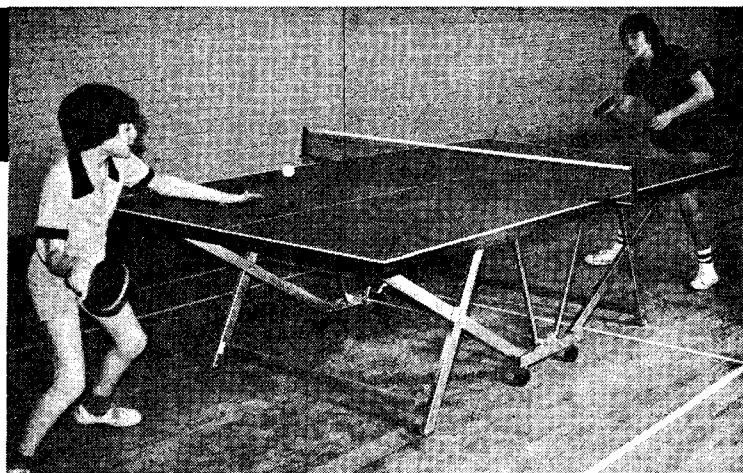
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DYNAMATICS INTERNATIONAL



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Matveyev system to the American scene is quite difficult due to the traditional set-up in American sports. It could only be materialised by giving up some of the traditions and the autonomy of the individual sporting bodies to a central planning organisation. The decrease in medals of the U.S. from the Mexico to Munich Olympics can of course be explained as well in other terms than those of periodisation. However if the majority of the U.S. team has had its peak in Munich and not before at the trials, the final medal table would have looked quite different.

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DUNLOP HUMBERSIDE 3-STAR OPEN

ENGLAND'S LOSS - GERMANY'S GAIN
by Rea Balmford

Desmond Douglas, World ranked at =7 and currently earning rave notices in the Federal German Bundesliga, made one of his rare appearances on British soil at the Humberside 3-Star Open, and he can have left few doubts that Germany's gain is very much England's loss.

Looking sharper than ever before on Humberside, Douglas, holder of the Men's Singles title, made his way to another year's tenure with the minimum of trouble, only once having to pull out all the stops.

That was in the second game against another star who has made the journey across the North Sea, Jimmy Walker. Having lost the first game of the semi-final meeting between the two at 11, the Cleveland man looked set to take the next, but a blistering rally by the champion took him to a

win at 24 and a final clash with Nicky Jarvis, who had pushed out Paul Day in the other semi.

The final, while never one sided, was always tipped in favour of Douglas, whose straight games victory saw him crowned for a second year without the loss of a game.

Apart from the four semi-finalists, the biggest impression was left on the event by 'local boy made good'. Alan Fletcher, a Hull League stalwart as a junior and now a Birmingham schoolmaster, made the most of his return to his native city taking out Denis Neale 15 and 13 in Round 3 and going on to dismiss Chris Rogers before going down to Day in an advantage third game at the quarter-final stage.

Only other seed to fall by the wayside was No. 2 Junior, Colin Wilson, who was beaten in Round 2 by another junior in Stuart Palmer (Suffolk).

The parallel women's event was only 34 strong, but it had more than its share of shocks, with only holder Jill Hammersley, of the four seeds, taking her allotted spot.

Melody Ludi, on whom the hopes of the host County were pinned, played only one match in this event, making her exit to top junior Mandy Smith, but, almost before Mandy had towelled down, the crowd, sensing another upset had moved along to the table where second seed Linda Howard was in battle against another girl from the Royal County in Jill Purslow.

20 was the score in the first, Jill rapped off the second at 13 and it was all over, only for the vultures to move on to Carole Knight, playing in a Round 2 match against Karen Rogers.

Carole won the first at 19, but then the girl from Leicestershire came back to take the next two and go forward to a quarter-final clash with County team mate Anita Stevenson.

Miss Purslow went on to dismiss Linda Barrow, but then went out in the last 8 to Bradford's Helen Shields, who, in turn, fell to Miss Smith in the semis. It all came right in the end, however, with the top seed ousting first Miss Stevenson and then Miss Smith to retain her title.

Both Junior events, too, followed the pattern with Graham Gillett the surprise packet in the Boys', removing fourth seeded Andrew Bellingham in the quarters and then top boy Colin Wilson in the semi, the latter at a nail-biting 20 in the third.

In the other half Graham Sandley and David Barr filled the semi-final places as expected, with

Sandley claiming the title with straight wins in both semi and final. Miss Smith took the Girls' title with a win over the other Mandy, Reeves, who had shut the door on Alison Gordon in a very tight semi-final.

To complete a thoroughly unpredictable, but very enjoyable tournament which, thanks to the firm but tactful control by referee Tony Chatwin, kept nearly as good time as Big Ben, Karen Witt and Miss Ludi put out Women's Doubles favourites Hammersley/Howard, which let Stevenson/Knight in for the title and then Men's Doubles went to Douglas/Walker with Day, who had played for several hours with strained neck muscles, calling it a day and withdrawing the pairing of himself and Jarvis from the final.

DUNLOP HUMBERSIDE 3-STAR OPEN

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Douglas (Wa) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 19, 11;
J. Walker (Cv) bt J. Hilton (La) -21, 22, 16;
N. Jarvis (Cv) bt G. Sandley (Mi) -17, 16, 13;
P. Day (Ca) bt A. Fletcher (Y) -13, 9, 21.

Semi-finals:

Douglas bt Walker 11, 24;
Jarvis bt Day 20, 16.

Final:

DOUGLAS bt Jarvis 16, 11.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Hammersley (Bu) bt A. Gordon (Bk) 7, 9;
A. Stevenson (Le) bt K. Rogers (Le) 18, 13;
M. Smith (Bk) bt K. Witt (Bk) 19, 12;
H. Shields (Y) bt J. Purslow (Bk) -13, 17, 16.

Semi-finals:

Hammersley bt Stevenson 18, 15;
Smith bt Shields 9, 16.

Final:

HAMMERSLEY bt Smith 12, 11.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Douglas/Walker bt Hilton/D. Parker (La) 19, 14;
Day/Jarvis bt D. Neale (Cv)/Sandley 20, 12.

Final:

DOUGLAS/WALKER w.o. Day/Jarvis (scr)

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Ludi (Y)/Witt bt Hammersley/L. Howard (Sy) 17, 17;
C. Knight (Cv)/Stevenson bt S. Hunt (Li)/Rogers 8, 24.

Final:

KNIGHT/STEVENSON bt Ludi/Witt -18, 15, 10.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Wilson (Mi) bt D. McIlroy (Sco) 20, -17, 18;
G. Gillett (Sx) bt A. Bellingham (St) 14, -16, 13;
D. Barr (Bk) bt A. Hill (Y) 6, 18;
Sandley bt P. Brandwood (La) 15, 18.

Semi-finals:

Gillett bt Wilson -16, 9, 20;
Sandley bt Barr 8, 18.

Final:

SANDLEY bt Gillett 10, 12.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Smith bt Purslow 21, 5;
H. Williams (Mi) bt S. Midgley (Y) 13, -11, 17;
M. Reeves (Mi) bt T. Wenn (Y) -17, 10, 13;
A. Gordon bt L. Broomhead (Y) 11, 5.

Semi-finals:

Smith bt Williams 12, -19, 18;
Reeves bt Gordon -15, 16, 22.

Final:

SMITH bt Reeves 17, 20.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

M. Shearer (Li) bt C. Pollard (Y) -11, 17, 17;
D. Marples (Ey) bt P. Rogers (Y) 12, 7.

Final:

MARPLES bt Shearer 11, 15.

Class 2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Kinsella (Dy) bt Gillett 18, 16;
S. Mills (Y) bt S. Kimm (E) 13, 16;
M. Thomas (Wal) bt Hill 19, 9;
A. Metcalfe (Y) bt Shearer 20, 18.

Semi-finals:

Kinsella bt Mills 14, 17;
Thomas bt Metcalfe 18, 15.

Final:

THOMAS bt Kinsella 18, 19.

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Der Exodus Der Englischen Elite —Exodus Of The English Elite

by ELMAR SCHNEIDER

(Translated from the Federal German magazine —
Tischtennis Report, published by Butterfly Tamasu
Europa — September 1978)

Trevor Taylor was the first. Some while ago the former English international left his home country to play for guilders in a Dutch club. At that time no-one could guess that Taylor was starting a trend that has now developed into the exodus of the entire English table tennis elite. Desmond Douglas, undisputed No. 1 of England, came to Germany and with him the No. 5, Jimmy Walker — and on Sept. 2nd this year Nicky Jarvis and Paul Day joined them for the start of the Bundesliga.

When a national association suddenly sees all its top players taken — and as well as the men

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the table tennis women Jill Hammersley, Carole Knight and Linda Howard went — then the question must be asked — what is wrong?

For Bryan Merrett, the English women's team manager, the problem lies in the area of organisation of the sport: "Our County Championships system no longer meets the requirements of top play. We need a premier league for club teams on the lines of the Bundesliga. But changes are very difficult to come by — the whole scene is very conservative". This also explains Merrett's resigned opinion that the appearance of the English stars in the Bundesliga can only be of advantage from the viewpoint of improved performance.

It is of course no secret that the players' emigration from the island is not only for sport reasons. Desmond Douglas's manager Allan Murray made it quite clear that not the least reason for his protegee's transfer to Dusseldorf was finance. Potential professionals or semi-professionals have no scope in England as no club compensates its players in any financial way. The only way to win money is at the 34-38 open tournaments — winning a 3-star tournament brings £150 (DM 600). For 2 and 1-star tournaments there is no sponsorship and thus the winners' shares are less.

Even if emigration of the English stars appears to have no disadvantages (all stars will represent their association in internationals as before) in the long view development of the sport must give cause for concern. For the E.T.T.A. this must appear even more regrettable as table tennis received a great boost from the World Championships in Birmingham. There was an 11% increase in membership in the year following the title matches: 400,000 organised players take part in the celluloid game in England.

Table tennis suddenly became attractive to TV: the BBC broadcast seven specially arranged half-hour matches (results were kept secret until the broadcast). Many telephone calls resulted in 3 (!) repeats of a wonder-rally between Kjell Johansson and the Chinese Li Chen-shih.

Meanwhile it appears that in England thought is being given to methods of promoting top table tennis. The introduction of a super league is planned, firms are being encouraged to act as sponsors. But meantime the English national players will still have to fly home for European League matches.

A COACHING PLEA

from DOREEN HENDERSON

We have in the past received complaints of Coaching being done in Splinter groups, while other coaches wanting to help are being left on their own. We are anxious to remedy this, and ask for the co-operation of all Coaches.

a) Will all coaches interested in taking part in coaching sessions outside their own town or county, please contact the coaching office giving details of when they would be available, evening/Saturday/Sunday and how far they would travel.

b) To all registered Students and Coaches we address a question. Have you sent your change of address/married name to the office since you registered? Teachers particularly, who registered when they were in College, may be coaching in their school or clubs, and who may be in need of information, please contact the office as soon as possible.

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Let's have lots of keen coaches sharing the work of training our young players. The general standard will improve, more will reach County and International standard.

Then the many frustrated hours of precious spare time spent in teaching will be worthwhile.

EAST MIDLANDS CADETS LEAGUE

by Philip Reid

A new league — the East Midlands Cadets League — catering exclusively for that age group has been formed. The man behind the idea, Ian McKelvey (Leicester) is secretary with Stan Parr (Chairman) and Ron Forster (Loughborough) filling the other offices. Ten teams from eight leagues have entered — Coventry, Chesterfield, Derby (2), Leicester (2), Hinckley, Nuneaton, Nottingham and Loughborough. Matches will be played on three Sundays during the season, at Loughborough, Chesterfield and Nuneaton. The first set has already been played and the outcome is that Chesterfield and Leicester I are joint top, with Hinckley hot in pursuit having dropped just one point. Leicester were compelled to call on No. 6 Michael Schofield at the last moment because of illness but he played splendidly winning five of his nine sets. Yvonne Hall and Simon Griew were both unbeaten as were Colin Jones, Darren Burton, David Billings and Richard Marklow. Chesterfield with Alan Cooke obviously have an excellent chance of taking the title and if Hinckley can obtain more wins from the No. 3 spot (they have managed only one out of nine so far) then clearly they will come very strongly into contention. The popularity of this new venture clearly illustrates the need was there and Mr. McKelvey wonders — is this the first league of its kind (for Cadets only) in this country? Positions:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Leicester I	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Hinckley	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Derby I	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
Nottingham	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Coventry	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Nuneaton	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Derby II	3	0	0	3	4	26	0
Leicester II	3	0	0	3	3	27	0
Loughborough	3	0	0	3	3	27	0

Leading Averages

	P	W	L	%
D. Billings (Nottingham)	9	6	0	100
D. Burton (Chesterfield)	9	9	0	100
S. Griew (Leicester)	9	9	0	100
Miss Y. Hall (Leicester)	9	9	0	100
C. Jones (Hinckley)	9	9	0	100
R. Marklow (Coventry)	3	3	0	100
A. Allen (Hinckley)	9	8	1	89
A. Cooke (Chesterfield)	9	8	1	89
A. Hearn (Derby I)	9	7	2	78
D. Slack (Derby I)	9	7	2	78

Official News

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LINCOLN LOTTERY

This fund-raising exercise will be organised again this season and leagues will be receiving details in due course. The essential fact to remember is that your league can raise money without any risk whatsoever as by selling tickets you can earn a donation equal to 50% of ticket sales, whether your sales amount to £1 or £100.

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

A new version of the Official Handbook will be published this season, the contents of which will include the History of the Game and the E.T.T.A., playing records, and facts and advice on tournament organisation, playing conditions, fixture charts, publicity, coaching, umpiring, etc. Bulk supplies on the basis of one per Club should be despatched during November and additional copies will be available for purchase at a price to be announced later.

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DOUGLAS STARS IN ENGLAND WIN

England won a tremendous victory against West Germany by 4-3 at Preston on November 8th. Des Douglas was the star in this European League match and he clinched the night for England by beating the German champion, Engelbert Hugging by 16-21, 21-16, 25-23 in a thrilling last minute encounter.

Jill Hammersley did her part by beating the German No. 1 Kirsten Kruger 21-17 in the third game.

A full report and scores will appear in next month's issue of "Table Tennis News".



Unbeaten players who took part in the first series of matches in the East Midlands Cadet table tennis league at Loughborough Sports Centre on Sunday, Oct. 15th. Left to right: Colin Jones (Hinckley), Daren Burton (Chesterfield), Simon Griew (Leicester), David Billings (Nottingham), Yvonne Hall (Leicester) and Richard Marklow (Coventry).

Photo by Geoff Schofield, Oadby, Leicester.



Father Goose - He laid the Golden Eggs!

by GEOFF NEWMAN

The photo above shows the principals in a presentation made by the County Association at Wanstead Sports Centre during the Essex Open Championships held on the 6th/7th May last. The presentation was made to mark the occasion of retirement from the ministry and from St. Lukes Canning Town of Father Sydney Goose, an honoured name. The fine travelling clock and inscribed plaque were offered by the County as a token of sincere thanks and warm regard for "services rendered" to table tennis in Essex over many years. Making the presentation was our President — Johnny Leach.

Father Goose (he never said 'No') started the St. Lukes Boys' Club some 25 years ago, and almost entirely by his own efforts made the centre a MECCA of Table Tennis, known to all the leading players of the time. Over the years a great many matches of note were staged there, Junior Internationals, National and County Trials and innumerable County Junior games that helped our County's image and gave the County a venue, that, in retrospect, we could not have done without. Linked with the Barking and Silvertown Leagues, hundreds of good juniors used these facilities, which helped to raise their game, some to County and National standards, all in an atmosphere totally unique, it just could not be reproduced elsewhere. Many great names remember St. Lukes with affection, from Victor Barna himself, and Johnny Leach, through names like the Rowe twins, Laurie Landry, Brian Wright, Alan Hydes — and yes — not least, Chester Barnes. More than this connection with the top players, was the help and guidance given to the local juniors, some from poor backgrounds, and for whom Father Goose spent untold amounts to provide them year in year out with equipment, bats, balls, shirts, shorts etc. He provided them all from his own pocket.

All this and that indescribable atmosphere of warmth and friendliness, flowed from a "good" man in the best sense of the word.

Johnny Leach himself is a legendary name who through his playing prowess and impeccable standards brought honour to Essex.

Starting his playing career in the Dagenham and Barking leagues, he went on to win the World

Singles Championship twice, at Stockholm in 1949 and in Vienna in 1951, and was Captain of the England team for some years, those with longer memories will assert the most popular captain England ever had. Since retiring from the playing arena Johnny has always worked within and for our fraternity. He is a director of two sports firms, has organised the News of the World/Butlins coaching scheme since 1955, has coached at many levels, and his television commentaries are remembered by many.

Johnny has always said that his first loyalty remains with Essex and he continues to give practical help to the County wherever possible.

Who knows, that presentation may have been a unique occasion for Essex. Will there ever be another Father Goose? Indeed, will there ever be another Johnny Leach?

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

Following the resignation of Graham Compton as Lancashire's County Match Secretary at a troubled executive meeting, the administrative reins of running the County's three representative teams have been taken, if only in a temporary capacity, by Gordon Campbell.

The resignation came at a bad time with three teams being due to turn out within days and travel and a home venue arrangement to be sorted out. The latter was quickly solved by David Plowes,

the Personnel Director at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock and it was there that the second team received Derbyshire II.

Brian Kean took care of the Junior team and their travel arrangements to Derby but the problem of transporting the senior first team (?) to Ormesby for the match against Cleveland was only resolved at the eleventh hour.

Initially the team was selected on the male side as comprising Donald Parker, John Hilton and Nigel Hallows. But with Parker engaged on ETTA coaching and Hallows crying off with an injured arm Stephen Cowley and John Marshall were brought in as replacements.

Late on the Friday evening, Marshall took to his bed ill and a telephone call to Fleetwood had Roy Frankland willing to step up a team and accompany Cowley to Cleveland in the charge of Bob Wood whose offer to transport them was more than gratefully received. Hilton was driven there by Eric Johnson, husband of Diane who together with the other passenger, Wendy Shaw, made up the side.

As matters went on the day the first team were beaten 6-4 with Hilton beating both Malcolm Corking and Keith Paxton and Frankland excelling in accounting for Tony Martin and sharing a men's doubles success with Hilton over Corking and Paxton. The second team lost by the same score which was subsequently amended to a 5-5 draw because Derbyshire played their two girls out of order. This was after Lancashire had to concede a set in the initial absence of David Cottrell who thought the match was the following Saturday despite having received formal notice!

He made amends by beating Neil Marples in his only set played, the other home wins coming from Stephen Turner who beat Terry Curran, Kath Wright beating Karen Smart and the men's doubles won by Ian Smith and Turner against Neil and Derrick Marples.

Meantime Brian Kean's charges romped to a 7-3 win against Derbyshire with Paul Rainford (2), Philip Hoy (1), Stephen Scowcroft (1) and the girls, Carolyn Scowcroft and Jean Parker, carrying all before them. It was quite a day.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

During the course of each season, the E.T.T.A. office receives notification of tournaments being staged in Europe (mostly junior events in Germany) plus quite a number of requests from clubs wishing to visit this country.

In the first category, we have information on a junior tournament in Kassel, Germany on 27th April - 1st May, 1979, which includes cadet events, and the organisers need to have an indication of any foreign participation by the 1st December.

Requests to visit this country are mostly concerned with groups wishing to play matches in and around London with Easter as a popular time. They nearly always contain an offer of reciprocal arrangements, especially where assistance with accommodation is concerned.

Any club, league or county who is interested in either playing abroad or receiving visitors, please inform the E.T.T.A. General Secretary so that a register of interested parties may be compiled.

ON THE MOVE

Charles M. Wyles, the E.T.T.A.'s former chairman, has moved to 5 Orchard Close, Littlebourne, Nr. Canterbury, Kent. No telephone number as yet.

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Mr. Brian Aldridge, marketing manager for Gould Advance Ltd., presents a sponsorship cheque and equipment to Mr. Peter Webb, secretary of the Bishops High Table Tennis Club. Watching are (l to r) Richard Higgs, David Lampe, Tim Connolly and John Aldridge.

BISHOPS STILL AIMING HIGH

by Peter A. Webb, Hon. Sec.,
Bishops High T.T. Club

The Bishops High Table Tennis Club, have changed the name of their 'A' team to B. H. Gould for the 1978-79 season following the clubs link-up with the Bishops Stortford company of Gould Advance Ltd. (Gould Electronic Components Division). The company have provided a set of four rally tops as well as a very generous donation to the clubs funds. The 'Bishops' have a reputation for leading the way in new ventures, and this is another example of their forward thinking, being the first club in the Bishops Stortford League to be supported by local industrial sponsorship. Gould Electronics Ltd. are not newcomers to sport sponsorship as through their American parent company they sponsor motor racing. On Saturday, Oct. 7th. Rick Mears, standing in for Mario Andretti, won the Indy Trophy at Brands Hatch. Driving the Gould Charge-Penske Cosworth he averaged 95.79 m.p.h. Tom Sneva came second driving another Gould entered car, and it is this sort of success that is expected from the Gould-Bishops High link-up.

1-STAR RESULTS

Bournemouth (Sept. 24th, 1978)

M.S.: G. Sandley (Mi) bt M. Crimmins (Sy) 19, 12.
W.S.: C. Hewitt (Sx) bt H. Williams (Mi)
-17, 18, 21.

J.B.: C. Wilson (Mi) bt M. Brogan 14, 15.
J.G.: C. Creasey (Do) bt C. Maisey (Wi)
21, -18, 20.

M.D.: D. Constance (Ch)/P. McQueen (Cv) bt
S. Heaps/J. Stokes (Bk) 8, 16.

W.D.: C. Maisey/P. Townsend (Wi) bt J. Coop
(Do)/Creasey -20, 14, 19.

X.D.: T. Smith (Do)/Coop bt K. Ogunmoyela/
S. Tilley 13, 11.

Merton (Oct. 8th, 1978)

M.S.: D. A. Harvey (Gs) bt T. Smith (Do) 13, 16.
W.S.: C. Creasey (Do) bt J. Coop (Do) -16, 17, 12.
M.D.: T. Haley/S. Holloway (Sy) bt J. Creasey
(Do)/Smith 21, 19.

W.D.: Coop/C. Maisey (Wi) bt S. Gilson (Do)/
R. Mackriell 15, 4.

X.D.: Smith/Coop bt M. Abbott (E)/Gilson
21, -17, 15.

IRISH NOTES

by WILLIE WALSH

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN OPEN

Tommie Caffrey caused a mild sensation at the South County Dublin Open when he beat Jim Langan in the final of the Men's Singles, -16, 15, 17. Caffrey who has been at the top of the Irish Rankings for over twenty years, and is now an Irish Senior Selector, showed by this display that he is still a player of outstanding ability, and in beating Kevin Keane, 14, 12 in the semis, that his experience of well over 120 'Caps' will make it very difficult for the younger generation of rising stars to beat him.

In the Men's Doubles final he teamed up with Keane to beat Langan and Dara Mellin. Ann Leonard beat Dolores Keller, 12, 17, in the Women's Singles final. Ann has now become much steadier in her game, and after her good displays in the European Youth Championships will make Karen Senior fight all the way when next they meet. Karen, who plays in Germany finds it impossible to compete at home, but they could meet in the Irish Open.

LEINSTER OPEN

Jim Langan reversed the previous week's South County Dublin Open Men's Singles final result when he beat Tommy Caffrey in the final of the Leinster Open. Langan played some fantastic table tennis which gave Caffrey no chance to get into the game.

Derek Weir's performance in reaching the semis — losing to Langan, -14, -18, and winning the Men's Doubles in partnership with Gerry Green, showed signs of his former form. In beating Langan and Keane in a 'cliff-hanger' they played some great stuff which had the crowd sitting on the edge of their seats.

Ann Leonard still continued on her winning way when she won the Women's Singles, Doubles, and with her brother Kieran reached the Mixed final. In the singles she beat Kathleen Murray, and in the Doubles, with Dolores Keller, they beat Mary Sheehan and Margie McNeill.

Jim Langan and Cynthia Wann beat the Leonards, in the Mixed final.

Results —

M.S.: J. Langan bt T. Caffrey 14, 8.

W.S.: A. Leonard bt K. Murray 12, 10.

M.D.: G. Green/D. Weir bt K. Keane/Langan
-17, 20, 21.

W.D.: D. Keller/Leonard bt M. McNeill/M.

Sheehan -19, 14, 12.

X.D.: Langan/C. Wann bt K. Leonard/A. Leonard
18, -19, 14.

C.S.: G. Greene bt G. Hickey;
M. Graham bt T. Sweeney.

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pioneers of Dublin were disappointingly beaten by Palmerias in the opening round of the Europe Club Cup of Champions in Lisbon, Portugal. Pioneers' only winner was Pat O'Brien who beat Jean Pierre, -21, 15, 23, in the opening set. After that the 'rot' set in and Palmerias went on to win 5-1.

CONNACHT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS GALWAY

The Connacht Open has been put back one week to Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1/2. This is one of the tournaments used by the Selectors for ranking, and is also noted as being one of the Social events in the Irish Calendar. Entries should be sent to :- Willie Walsh, "Craigmore", 9 Greenfields Road, Galway. Telephone Galway 63759.

LEINSTER SENIOR RANKINGS

Men

1. Jim Langan 2. Colm Slevin 3. T. Caffrey 4.
K. Keane 5. B. Larrigan 6. J. Hickey 7. D. Mellin
8. P. O'Brien.

Women

1. A. Leonard 2. M. McNeill 3. D. Keller 4. C.
Wann 5. K. Murray 6. T. Devaney 7. S. Filds
8. L. McKeown.

INTERNATIONAL SCENE

Ireland's International team have made a disastrous start to their European League 1st Division programme. In the first match they lost 0-7 to Poland away, and in the second match they lost 2-5 at home to Holland (results shown elsewhere in the magazine).

They were without 14-year-old Colm Slevin for both matches and Karen Senior for the match against Poland. Slevin is out of table tennis at the moment with a foot problem, which is very unfortunate for a boy so young and so promising. Things look pretty black at the moment with matches against Italy and Greece away, and Luxembourg, Austria and Bulgaria at home. Last season we avoided relegation through Belgium losing to Luxembourg 1-6. This meant Belgium had a worse set average than Ireland and so we survived. One of the problems is the shortage of players with experience at this level of competition. The other major problem which is closely related is finance. Participation in the European League is a costly exercise with matches away to Poland, Italy and Greece. When we are finished paying for those trips, there is nothing left in the 'Kitty' to send our younger players abroad to gain the required experience. It is really a vicious circle.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

November

8—(W) England v Federal Germany (Guild Hall, Preston)

— European League (7.15 p.m.).

11/12—(Sa/Su) Southend 2-Star Open (Rayleigh).

Junior Ranking Tournament (Cleveland).

Swansea Open (Aberavon).

12—(Su) East of Scotland 2-Star Open (Edinburgh).

18—(Sa) Glasgow 1-Star Open.

18/19—(Sa/Su) Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Alumwell

Centre, Walsall).

19—(Su) Hastings Tigers 1-Star Open (Bexhill).

25—(Sa) County Championships (2).

26—(Su) Scottish Junior and Youth Closed (Edinburgh).

December

2/3—(Sa/Su) North Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Bingley).

Kent Junior 2-Star Open (Folkestone).

3—(Su) E.T.T.A. International Invitation Tournament,

Notley Sports Centre, Braintree, Essex (2 p.m.).

5—(Tu) England v Czechoslovakia (Batley Sports Centre,

Batley, Yorks.) — European League (7.15 p.m.).

8/9—(F/Sa) Ulster Open (Newtownards).

9/10—(Sa/Su) Middlesex 3-Star Open (Edmonton, London).

Woodfield 1-Star Open (Wolverhampton).

16/17—(Sa/Su) English Junior Closed Championships

(R. Sandford Sports Centre, Leicester Polytechnic,

Western Boulevard, Leicester (Finals 6.00 p.m.,

Sunday).

Cardiff Open Championships (National Recreation

Centre for Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff).

30—(Sa) County Championships (3).

NEW MEMBERS

Junior internationals Graham Sandley and Colin Wilson, both of Middlesex, have become members of the International Table Tennis Club of England.

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their 13-year-old Jane Richards played with great poise in her first appearance for the County.

JUNIOR 3rd NORTH

Cheshire II 6 Durham 4

Lincolnshire 7 Cleveland II 3

Northumberland 6 Cumbria II 4

JUNIOR 3rd MIDLAND

Herefordshire 3 Gwent 7

Shropshire II 9 Clwyd II 1

Staffordshire II 5 Worcestershire 5

JUNIOR 3rd EAST

Huntingdonshire 2 Lincolnshire II 8

Norfolk II 3 Leicestershire 7

Warwickshire II 7 Cambridgeshire II 3

JUNIOR 3rd WEST

Avon 4 Hampshire 6

Cornwall 2 Devon II 8

Wiltshire II 4 Somerset 6

VETERAN SOUTH

Hertfordshire 7 Hampshire II 2

Kent 4 Sussex 5

Essex II 1 Middlesex 8

VETERAN MIDLAND

Clwyd 7 Worcestershire 2

Nottinghamshire 7 Cheshire II 2

VETERAN EAST

Hertfordshire II 1 Essex 8

Leicestershire 8 Huntingdonshire 1

VETERAN WEST

Dorset II 6 Dorset 3

Hampshire 6 Wiltshire 3

Oxfordshire 2 Avon 7

First round of matches in the Junior Premier Division will be held on Nov. 25/26th at Bingley, Yorkshire.

Details of each session of matches are:-

At the Nab Wood Sports Centre Cottingley New Road, Bingley, Yorkshire:
(Referee: Richard Scruton)

SATURDAY, NOV. 25th

6.30 p.m. Cleveland v Yorkshire
Cheshire v Staffordshire

SUNDAY, NOV. 26th

10.00 a.m. Cheshire v Cleveland
Staffordshire v Yorkshire
2.30 p.m. Yorkshire v Cheshire
Cleveland v Staffordshire

SCOTTISH OPEN

Due to their involvement with the 5th Commonwealth Championships, the Scottish Table Tennis Association have announced, that this season, the Scottish Open, originally scheduled for the weekend of Mar. 23/25th, 1979, is now to be confined to one day only — Sunday, March 25th at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium — the venue of the Commonwealth event.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

FINANCIAL HELP FOR JUNIORS

Sixteen young players are the first to benefit from a decision by the Y.T.T.A. Executive Committee to spend up to £350 on grants to the county's leading junior and cadet players, to help them to attend important tournaments. A major factor in the decision was the receipt of £900 towards the county's administrative costs this season as part of the Sports Council's grant to the E.T.T.A. for this purpose. This has meant that funds originally set aside by the county for administrative purposes this season can now be allocated elsewhere. Over half of the Sports Council cash will go towards the costs of a new typewriter and duplicator.

Kevin Beadsley (Halifax) and Linda Hryszko (Bradford) are two established names missing from

the season's first ranking lists. Both have retired for academic reasons. Leading positions are:-

Men

1. A. Clayton (Hu) 2. A. Fletcher (Hu) 3. S. Mills (S) 4. A. Metcalfe (L) 5. M. Harrison (Hu) 6. A. Bottomley (Ha) 7. R. Shutt (Br) 8. C. Lo (Br) 9. R. Priestley (Br) 10. N. Davies (L).

Women

1. M. Ludi (Br) 2. S. Midgley (Br) 3. M. Gott (Y) 4. H. Shields (Br) 5. J. Guanaria (L) 6. S. Broadbent (Br) 7. C. Grayson (Hu) 8. J. McLean (Hu) 9. V. Liddall (Ba).

Boys

1. A. Hill (Br) 2. N. Harris (Br) 3. S. Madden (Hu) 4. M. Illingsworth (Ba) 5. R. Palfreeman (Br) 6. I. Duxbury (L) 7. D. Illingsworth (Ba) 8. T. Sander-son (Y) 9. D. Rawley (Y) 10. N. Barley (Hu).

Girls

1. Midgley 2. L. Broomhead (S) 3. T. Robertshaw (Br) 4. A. Lutkin (Hu) 5. J. Speight (Do) 6. A. Hudson (Hu) 7. M. Seaton (Do) 8. J. Ryalls (S) 9. J. Todd (Br) 10. C. Raynor (Br).

Cadet Boys

1. D. Illingsworth 2. R. Marshall (S) 3. M. Rycroft (Br) 4. G. Roberts (Do) 5. D. Rook (Br) 6. N. Halmshaw (Br) 7. P. Dalton (Br) 8. A. Kelly (L) 9. J. Balkwill (Hu) 10. A. Clark (Br).

Cadet Girls

1. Broomhead 2. Seaton 3. Ryalls 4. Janet Evans (Hu) 5. D. Partridge (Br) 6. K. Baxter (Hu) 7. D. Brook (De) 8. L. Seabridge (L) 9. C. Stocks (Br) 10. M. Dalton (Br).

Key:- Ba—Barnsley, Br—Bradford, De—Dewsbury, Do—Doncaster, Ha—Halifax, Hud—Huddersfield, Hu—Hull, L—Leeds, S—Sheffield, Y—York.

An unfortunate clash between the Yorkshire Closed Championships on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, and a specially arranged County Championships Premier Division weekend in London deprived the county's top players of the opportunity of playing in the Closed. A squad of four men and two women were selected for the sessions of matches originally planned, but events turned sour as only two matches were eventually played (against Middlesex and Cheshire) and these were both lost. Sheffield left-hander Steve Mills came into the first team at No. 3 for the first time, but cancelled matches deprived squad members Andy Metcalfe and Sally Midgley the chance of playing. The weekend must have been particularly disappointing for Metcalfe, who had given up the opportunity of defending his Yorkshire Closed men's singles title.

The senior second team and the junior second team (all newcomers to county matches) won 8-2 and 6-4 against Northumberland and Nottinghamshire respectively in Bradford.

Details —

Yorkshire II 8 Northumberland 2

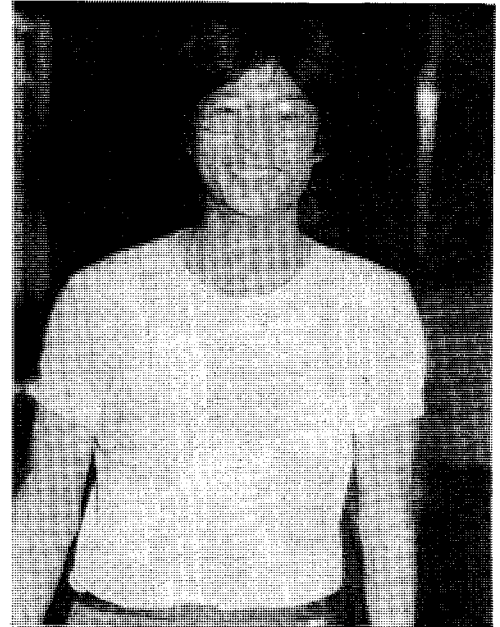
M. Harrison lost to A. Clark -15, -15,
bt F. Mitchinson 16, 19;
A. Bottomley lost to Clark -15, 19, -19, bt A. Jones 13, 16;
C. Lo bt Mitchinson 8, 12, bt Jones 9, -15, 14;
Harrison/Bottomley bt Clark/Mitchinson 18, 13;
Mrs. M. Gott bt Miss K. Cheung 21, 19;
Miss H. Shields bt Miss P. Jackson 7, 12;
Mrs. Gott/Miss Shields bt Miss Cheung/Miss Jackson 12, 16.

Yorkshire Junior II 6 Nottinghamshire Juniors 4

M. Illingsworth bt M. Pearson 7, 8, bt R. Watson 20, 21;
R. Palfreeman bt Pearson 13, 17, bt S. Green 11, 13;
I. Duxbury lost to Watson -13, -14, bt Green 18, 19;
Illingsworth/Palfreeman bt Watson/Green 13, -14, 19;
Miss T. Robertshaw lost to Miss P. Cameron -13, -18;
Miss A. Lutkin lost to Miss K. Lindley -15, -15;
Miss Robertshaw/Miss Lutkin lost to Miss Cameron/
Miss Lindley -19, 18, -14.

Seeds fell like the autumn leaves outside in the Yorkshire Closed, held for the first time at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre in Bradford. The host league champion, Clem Lo, an athletic pen-hold grip player, emerged relatively unscathed to take the men's singles title, having overcome very strong challenges from the unseeded Irishman Steve Tracey (York) in the semi-final and Joe Naser (Hull), likewise unseeded, in the final. Top seed Mike Harrison (Hull) was removed by Alan Carter (Huddersfield), 16, -6, 16, in Round 1, but Carter's moment of glory was punctured in Round 3 by Bradford player Greg Hill. Other seeds prematurely defeated were Bob Shutt (by Joe Naser), Richard Priestley (by Keith Bell, of Harrogate) and top junior Adrian Hill (by Huddersfield veteran Geoff Brook).

In the women's singles, top seed Maureen Gott found the way barred in Round 2 by Doncaster's 13-year-old Melanie Seaton, who later won the girls' singles title. In the boys' singles, No. 2 seed Sean Madden (Hull) fell to unseeded Neil Bailey (Sheffield), whilst in the girls' singles the top two seeds failed to survive, Lesley Broomhead going out to Melanie Seaton and Tracey Robertshaw falling to Julie Speight.



CLEM LO (Bradford).

Results —

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Tracey (Y) bt M. Twidale (Do) 19, 13;
C. Lo (Br) bt N. Davies (L) 18, 18;
J. Naser (Hu) bt P. Sanderson (L) 14, -15, 18;
A. Bottomley (Ha) bt G. Brook (Hud) -9, 16, 16.

Semi-finals:

Lo bt Tracey 14, -12, 18;
Naser bt Bottomley 15, 21.

Final:

LO bt Naser 20, -15, 18.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

J. McLean (Hu) bt J. Guanaria (L) 17, -13, 12;
H. Shields (Br) bt C. Grayson (Hu) 21, 14.

Final:

SHIELDS bt McLean 19, -21, 15.

Men's Doubles Final:

BOTTOMLEY/A. SUMMERSCALES (Do) bt M.
Harrison (Hu)/Naser 19, 10.

Women's Doubles Final:

SHIELDS/McLEAN bt Grayson/Guanaria 12, 18.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

A. Hill (Br) bt M. Illingsworth (Ba)-17, 11, 12;
R. Palfreeman (Br) bt N. Bailey (S) 14, 12.

Final:

HILL bt Palfreeman 14, -16, 13.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

M. Seaton (Do) bt S. Kallianpur (Hu) 14, 19;
J. Speight (Do) bt T. Robertshaw 13, 11.

Final:

SEATON bt Speight 17, 7.

Veterans' Singles Final:

K. HURLEY (Wakefield) bt G. Summerscales (Do)
-14, 18, 17.

The mixed doubles event was cancelled because of lack of time.

RUBBER-BAT OPEN

Entries for the International Table Tennis Club's Hard Bat tournament, to be played at Barnet on Sunday, Jan. 14th, 1979, close on Thursday, January 4th, 1979 to Laurie Landry, Flat 1, 29 Ravenshaw Street, London, NW6 1NP. 'Phones: 01-588 6280 (B), 01-794 6753 (H). Entries on plain paper will suffice if no form held.

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County Championships Round-up

by BOB BRIDGES

POWER TO CONTEND WITH

Cheshire, promoted to the Premier Division last season, have made themselves a power to contend with this season; after a 'group' of five matches at the Ellenborough Club, Enfield on Saturday and Sunday Oct. 21st/22nd, Cheshire led the field with wins in their three matches. Cheshire must be a good bet to now win their first ever Premier Championship; failing that, those three wins should ensure their continued presence in the Premier Division after this season!!!

After the County Championships Conference, last June, had rejected a Management Committee 'group' basis, three Counties — Cheshire, Middlesex and Yorkshire — endeavoured to arrange a proposal to complete the Premier Division on a 'central-venue' Premier Division outside of Championships Committee administration (allowed by the Regulations) and had encouraged participation in the event teams from Essex, Surrey and Warwickshire.

At the final reckoning, Surrey did not fulfill their fixture against Cheshire and Warwickshire did not stay for their Sunday fixture with Yorkshire.

Elsewhere in the County Championships, a full programme was completed over the weekend of Oct. 21st/22nd. Gloucestershire, promoted from 3rd West last season gained a good win over established 2nd Division side Devon in 2nd West, although Wiltshire must be a force to contend with in this Division after their 8-2 win over Somerset. Essex II look too good for the other Counties in 2nd East — Cambridgeshire weakened by the absence of Paul Day and Hertfordshire whose women are not continuing the promising results gained last season.

Kent, strengthened by the inclusion of Steve Lyons (from Surrey), must be favourites to win 2nd South, and in the 2nd North a Cleveland team able to nominate Denis Neale, Peter McQueen etc. look far too strong for the rest of the division!!

PREMIER DIVISION

Essex 5 Surrey 4

Match result hinging on a very exciting final set between David Newman and Dave Welsman, won by the Essex player 24-22 in the deciding game. They don't come much closer.

R. Potton bt M. Crimmins 10, -15, 15,

bt D. Welsman 16, -15, 13.

K. Jackson lost to Crimmins -22, 21, -16,
lost to D. Hannah -16, 21, -17.

D. Newman bt Welsman 18, -20, 22,
bt Hannah 11, 4.

Jackson/Potton lost to Crimmins/Hannah
-18, 18, -18.

Linda Barrow bt Lorraine Garbet -13, 16, 17.
Newman/Mrs. Barrow lost to Welsman/Miss
Garbet 19, -15, -15.

Yorkshire 3 Middlesex 6

The first match in the 'group'. Match still wide-open after six sets (score standing at 3-all) but Middlesex took the remaining Men's Singles, needing the decider in all of them, to take the match 6-3.

A. Clayton lost to M. Mitchell 16, -18, -11,
bt P. Guttormsen 18, 15.

A. Fletcher bt Mitchell 19, 17,
lost to G. Sandley 20, -19, -12.

S. Mills lost to Guttormsen -18, 16, -19,
lost to Sandley -13, -13.

Clayton/Fletcher lost to Mitchell/Sandley
-19, 15, -19.

Melody Ludi bt Angela Mitchell 16, -18, 17.
Mills/Miss Ludi lost to C. Wilson/Miss Mitchell
-15, -14.

Middlesex 8 Warwickshire 1

Injury prevented Doug Johnson from competing for Warwickshire, letting Middlesex gain an impressive win.

M. Mitchell lost to D. Munt 19, -17, -20,
bt S. Claxton -19, 9, 15.

P. Guttormsen bt Munt 14, 11,

bt B. Johnson 11, 14.

G. Sandley bt Claxton 20, 16,

bt Johnson 17, -15, 21.

Mitchell/Sandley bt Johnson/Munt 18, 15.

Angela Mitchell bt Karen Groves 15, 15.

C. Wilson/Miss Mitchell bt Claxton/Miss Groves
17, 11.

Middlesex 4 Cheshire 5

The bubble had to burst sometime and Graham Sandley's fine run of successes ended here — first Mike Johns, then David Constance who won the deciding, and final set to give Cheshire their win.

M. Mitchell lost to N. Eckersley -8, -15,
bt D. Constance 12, -17, 7.

P. Guttormsen lost to Eckersley 18, -7, -13,
bt M. Johns 22, 14.

G. Sandley lost to Constance -20, -14,
lost to Johns 16, -18, -20.

Mitchell/Sandley bt Eckersley/B. Johns 19, 10.

Angela Mitchell bt Sue Lisle 10, 18.

C. Wilson/Miss Mitchell lost to M. Johns/Miss
Lisle -21, -20.

Cheshire 7 Yorkshire 2

Surprisingly, Tony Clayton and Alan Fletcher recorded blank scoresheets for Yorkshire, although Clayton took Constance to 25-27 in their decider in the opening set, and together they won the doubles.

N. Eckersley bt A. Clayton 16, -13, 12,
bt A. Fletcher 12, 15.

D. Constance bt Clayton -15, 10, 25,
bt S. Mills 17, 18.

M. Johns bt Fletcher -18, 18, 16,
lost to Mills 19, -18, -19.

Eckersley/B. Johns lost to Clayton/Fletcher
-15, 18, -16.

Sue Lisle bt Melody Ludi 14, 16.

M. Johns/Miss Lisle bt Mills/Miss Ludi 14, 12.

Cheshire 6 Essex 3

A couple of close sets early on went to Cheshire assisting them to an incredible 6-1 lead before Potton and Jackson put some respectability into the final tally by beating Eckersley and Brian Johns respectively.

N. Eckersley lost to R. Potton -16, -15,
bt K. Jackson 16, -17, 22.

D. Constance bt Potton 14, 18,
bt D. Newman -19, 17, 19.

B. Johns lost to Jackson -15, -20,
lost to Newman -10, -18.

Eckersley/M. Johns bt Eadie/Potton 11, 17.

Sue Lisle bt Linda Barrow 20, 11.

M. Johns/Miss Lisle bt Newman/Mrs. Barrow
-15, 18, 16.

2nd SOUTH

Buckinghamshire 3 Kent 7

A very strong looking Kent team led by John Dabin and including on debut, ex-Surrey Steve Lyons, made an unimpressive start after Alec Watson had beaten Lyons and Sam Harmer had taken Joe Kennedy and Bucks led 2-1; Kent had a 6-2 lead, however, before allowing the home side any further successes.

Surrey II 4 Dorset 6

Sussex 8 Middlesex II 2

John Souter and Nat Richardson gave visitors a 2-0 lead, but Sussex took the next eight, including a walkover in one of the Women's sets, when Leslie Tyler playing in the junior match on the next table, was unable to play within the stipulated five minutes from end of previous set.

2nd NORTH

Durham 4 Lincolnshire 6

It's strange how fortunes can change. Lincolnshire converted a 2-4 deficit into a 6-4 win!

Yorkshire II 8 Northumberland 2

Only Andrew Clark able to make anything of the Yorkshire machine, taking his two singles for visitors.

2nd MIDLAND

Leicestershire 7 Shropshire 3

A splendid sportingly contested match with the

all-teenage Shropshire team showing immense promise. Paul Randell in the unfamiliar No. 2 spot won two but a disappointing debut for David Gannon who fought hard but lost both his sets.

Northamptonshire 1 Derbyshire 9

After two very close sets, the Derbyshire steam roller got to work to outclass a disappointing Northants side. Only the M.D. escaped Derbyshire's grasp and they could well be in the running for honours this season.

Warwickshire II 5 Staffordshire 5

2nd EAST

Suffolk 4 Cambridgeshire 6

The usual enjoyable match between the two sides with the usual score of 6-4 to Cambs although general consensus of opinion agreed that a draw would have been fairer. Fine debut for Sue Welham and Julian Hall.

Norfolk 1 Essex II 9

Bedfordshire 4 Hertfordshire 6

2nd WEST

Avon 5 Worcestershire 5

Devon 4 Gloucestershire 6

Somerset 2 Wiltshire 8

3rd SOUTH

Essex III 9 Hampshire 1

Kent II 8 Hertfordshire III 2

3rd NORTH

Cheshire III 5 Cleveland II 5

Lancashire II 5 Derbyshire II 5

A 6-4 win on the table amended to 5-all since Derbyshire's Karen Smart and Alison Marples played out of order.

Northumberland II 6 Cumbria 4

A well contested match resulted in a close win for Northumberland. Malcolm McMaster played exceptionally well to win two singles, and was well backed up by the home girls. Chris Reed and Jimmy Cummings had good game for Cumbria.

3rd NORTH MIDLAND

Cheshire II 8 Leicestershire II 2

Staffordshire II 4 Clwyd 6

Shropshire II 1 Nottinghamshire 9

3rd SOUTH MIDLAND

Hampshire II 8 Buckinghamshire II 2

Herefordshire 5 Northamptonshire II 5

Worcestershire II 8 Oxfordshire 2

3rd EAST

Cambridgeshire II 6 Suffolk II 4

Huntingdonshire 4 Norfolk II 6

3rd WEST

Dorset II 8 Somerset II 2

Gwent 9 Avon II 1

JUNIOR 2nd SOUTH

Devon 10 Surrey II 0

Sussex 4 Middlesex II 6

Wiltshire 4 Essex II 6

JUNIOR 2nd NORTH

Clwyd 2 Cumbria 8

Derbyshire 3 Lancashire 7

Yorkshire II 6 Nottinghamshire 4

JUNIOR 2nd MIDLAND

Cambridgeshire 6 Northamptonshire 4

Robert Swift and Andy Withers won all their five sets for newly promoted Cambs. Jane Hunter beat Joanne Cutler in the ninth set to clinch the points for the home County.

Buckinghamshire 8 Gloucestershire 2

Warwickshire 8 Cambridgeshire 2

JUNIOR 3rd SOUTH

Hampshire II 5 Buckinghamshire II 5

Oxfordshire 5 Berkshire II 5

Sussex II 3 Kent II 7

JUNIOR 3rd SOUTH EAST

Bedfordshire 8 Essex III 2

Suffolk 7 Norfolk 3

An excellent start to the season for Suffolk —

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