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On the International Front

by The Editor



MATTER FOR DEBATE

Much has already been said and written concerning the future of this magazine, and a final decision will have to be taken at the next meeting of the National Council in London on April 19 when the pros and cons of the proposed takeover by Marsh Publications Ltd. — which could be for better or for worse — will be taken.

Naturally the new publishers, should they take over TABLE TENNIS NEWS, would have editorial control but would not be averse to having a stitch-in of official news submitted by the English Table Tennis Association which would, in no way, be edited by them.

The new magazine, TABLE TENNIS, will be available from newsagents or by direct subscription as from September but the cost to the purchaser would be considerably more, both over the counter or by post.

Escalating costs of postal charges will have an effect on this publication should the National Council decide to let it run in competition.

But whether or not it will be the decision to be taken by the National Council and, indeed, by the membership at large through the medium of their National Councillors who will vote on the issue next month.

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HUNGARY THE CHAMPIONS

By defeating Czechoslovakia 5-2 in Kladno on Feb. 14 Hungary took over from their victims the championship title of the European League's Super Division to add to their Swaythling Cup triumph in North Korea in the last World Championships.

In Kladno the Hungarians bounced back from a 1-2 deficit to win the next four sets following an initial win by Istvan Jonyer over Josef Dvoracek and reverses suffered by Tibor Klampar, to Jindrich Pansky, and by Gabriella Szabo to Maria Hrachova.

Individual scores:-

J. Dvoracek lost to I. Jonyer 17, -16, -17;

J. Pansky bt T. Klampar 14, -18, 16;

M. Hrachova bt G. Szabo 14, -16, 15;

Dvoracek/Pansky lost to Jonyer/Klampar -17, 18, -13;

Pansky/Hrachova lost to Jonyer/Szabo -17, -18;

Dvoracek lost to Klampar 15, -19, -20;

Pansky lost to Jonyer 13, -13, -18.

Whilst England were going down 2-5 to Sweden at Portsmouth (reported elsewhere) France took over second position from the Czechs as a result of their 4-3 win over Yugoslavia in Chalon Sur Saone where it all rested on the outcome of the final set between Jacques Secretin and Damir Jurcic.

Despite having lost his initial singles to Dragutin Surbek the French No. 1 proved

himself more than adequate for the Yugoslav No. 2 on the night.

Scores:-

C. Martin bt D. Jurcic 16, -15, 12;

J. Secretin lost to D. Surbek -20, 17, -18;

C. Bergeret lost to D. Fabri -9, -15;

P. Birocheau/Secretin bt Jurcic/Surbek

13, 19;

Secretin/Bergeret bt Surbek/Fabri

-13, 11, 23;

Martin lost to Surbek -11, -18;

Secretin bt Jurcic 11, 15.

Federal Germany, away to Poland in Warsaw, also found themselves in a tight position with the match score tied at 3-3 but here again, after suffering an opening loss to Leszek Kucharski, Engelbert Hugging proved a comfortable winner over Andrzej Grubba much to the relief of his teammates and the DTTB who have left their victims in the anchor position. But the issue is still open with one more set of fixtures still to be played with Federal Germany at home to Czechoslovakia in Habloch and Poland away to Yugoslavia both matches on Mar. 13.

Individual scores in Warsaw were:-

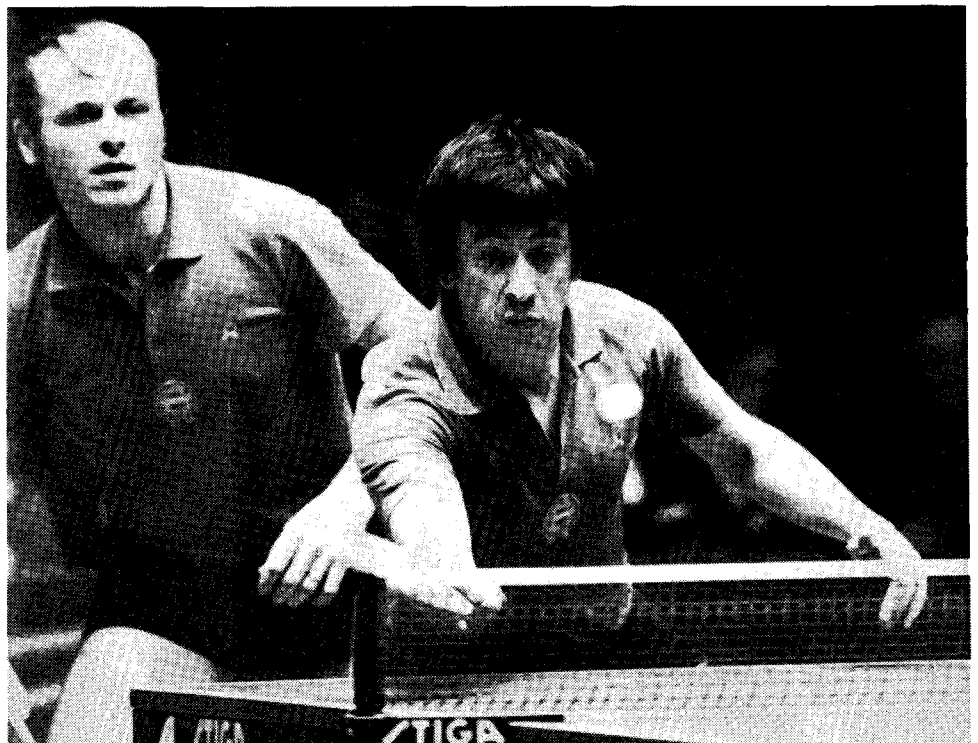
L. Kucharski bt E. Hugging -19, 19, 19;

A. Grubba bt P. Stellwag 6, -18, 18;

J. Szatko lost to U. Kamizuru -15, 18, -16;

Grubba/Kucharski bt J. Leiss/Stellwag

18, 15;



Hungary's two aces in their match against Czechoslovakia, Istvan Jonyer and Tibor Klampar.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, SW17.

Kucharski/Szatko lost to R. Wosik/
Kamizuru -19, -19;
Kucharski lost to Stellwag -16, -17;
Grubba lost to Hugging -12, -11.

SUPER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Hungary	6	6	0	29	13	6
France	6	4	2	19	23	4
Czechoslovakia	6	3	3	23	19	3
Sweden	6	3	3	22	20	3
England	6	3	3	21	21	3
Yugoslavia	6	2	4	21	21	2
Federal Germany	6	2	4	15	27	2
Poland	6	1	5	18	24	1

Fixtures for Mar. 13 are:-

- Hungary v England (Tatabanya)
- Sweden v France
- Yugoslavia v Poland
- Federal Germany v Czechoslovakia (Habloch)

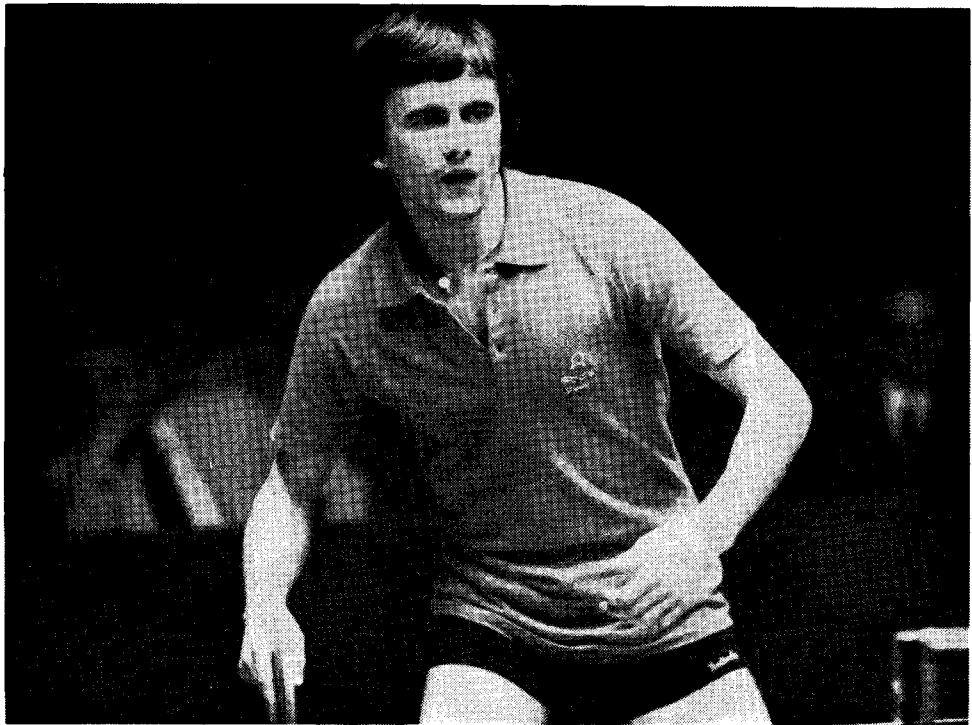
DIVISION ONE

The Soviet Union, as a result of their 7-0 win over Luxembourg in Kishinev, have won the championship of Division 1 and regain promotion to the Super Division after just one season's absence. Only one of the seven sets needed a deciding game that being the men's doubles won by Valery Shevchenko and Miron Kreeris over Andre Hartmann and Guy Stebens.

- Scores:-
M. Kreeris bt A. Hartmann 12, 10;
A. Stokratov bt G. Stebens 13, 11;
Y. Danilevichiute bt C. Risch 15, 11;
Kreeris/Shevchenko bt Hartmann/Stevens 15, -18, 14;
Stokratov/V. Popova bt Hartmann/Risch 11, 6;
Kreeris bt Stebens 13, 13;
Stokratov bt Hartmann 9, 10.

Second placed Austria took a 6-1 hammering in Sofia by Bulgaria who shed only the men's doubles set.

- Scores:-
D. Hasanov bt F. Waldhausl 12, 12;
M. Lukov bt E. Amplatz 6, 16;
D. Gergelcheva bt D. Fetter 10, 19;
Hasanov/Stoianov bt Amplatz/E. Muller -12, 13, -15;
Stoianov/Gergelcheva bt Muller/Fetter 11, 15;



Andrzej Grubba of Poland, who beat Peter Stellwag in Warsaw.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, SW17.

- Hasanov bt Amplatz 12, 13;
- Lukov bt Waldhausl 15, 18.

In Tilburg the Netherlands brought off their third win of the season beating Turkey 4-3 and Greece, in beating Italy 4-3 in Athens, brought about a situation in which five teams can now boast having three points.

- Scores in Tilburg were:-
J. v. Spanje lost to O. Cimen -21, -14;
R. Hijne bt I. H. Ozcelik 20, 15;
B. Vriesekoop bt K. Poyrozoglu 11, 14;
Hijne/v.Spanje lost to Cimen/Ozcelik -9, -18;
Hijne/Vriesekoop bt Cimen/Poyrazoglu -18, 6, 16;
v. Spanje bt Ozcelik -18, 8, 9;
Hijne lost to Cimen -21, 15, -21.

and in Athens:-

- C. Priftis bt G. Bisi 19, 10;
- D. Zikos lost to M. Constantini 14, -19, -9;
- F. Galanou lost to P. Bevilacqua 12, -15, -20;
- Priftis/Zikos bt S. Bosi/Constantini 11, 15;
- Zikos/Galanou bt Bisi/Cergol 9, -19, 7;
- Priftis bt Constantini 16, 12;
- Zikos lost to Bisi -16, -18.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Soviet Union	6	6	0	38	4	6
Austria	6	3	3	21	21	3
Bulgaria	6	3	3	20	22	3
Greece	6	3	3	20	22	3
Italy	6	3	3	20	22	3
Netherlands	6	3	3	19	23	3
Turkey	6	2	4	15	27	2
Luxembourg	6	1	5	15	27	2

Fixtures for Mar. 13 are:-

- Italy v Netherlands
- Turkey v Soviet Union
- Luxembourg v Bulgaria (Echternach)
- Austria v Greece (Ybbsitz)

FINNS STILL SUPREME IN DIV. 2

Finland, in beating Wales 7-0 in Bridgend (see Welsh Corner for details) and, on Feb. 14, Switzerland 6-1 in Bulach/Zurich, must surely have clinched promotion with a set average of 37:5 which can only be equalled by Denmark 30:12 should the Danes win their final match 7-0 against Spain (not impossible) and the Finns lose by the same score at home to Norway (not likely!).

Scores in Bulach/Zurich:-

- M. Hafen lost to J. Ikonen -9, -10;
- T. Busin lost to M. Autio 20, -14, -10;

- R. Wyder lost to S. Grefberg -9, -15;
- Barcikowsky/Busin lost to Ikonen/Jokinen -17, -16;
- Barcikowsky/Wyder lost to Jokinen/Malmberg -15, 21, -16;
- Hafen bt Autio -14, 19, 16;
- Busin lost to Ikonen 19, -14, -19.

Denmark's 6-1 win over Wales (reported also in Welsh Corner) ties them on equal points with Norway who, in Stavanger, beat Ireland 5-2 (reported by Willie Walsh).

Meantime Spain in beating Belgium 5-2 in Barcelona left their visitors with the task of beating Wales in their final match on Mar. 13 to maintain their status in Division 2. It is either Belgium or Wales for the drop and what a match in prospect!!

Scores in Barcelona were:-

- J. M. Pales bt R. De Prophetis 12, -19, 17;
- J. Lupon bt N. v.d. Walle 9, 18;
- P. Lupon lost to M-F. Germiot -12, -9;
- S. Moles/Pales bt De Prophetis/v.d. Walle 8, -17, 20;
- Lupon/Lupon bt v.d. Walle/Germiot 13, -16, 16;
- Pales bt vd. Walle -20, 20, 20;
- Lupon lost to De Prophetis 14, -18, -10.

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Finland	6	6	0	37	5	6
Denmark	6	5	1	30	12	5
Norway	6	5	1	27	15	5
Spain	6	3	3	19	23	3
Ireland	6	2	4	17	25	2
Switzerland	6	1	5	15	27	1
Wales	6	1	5	12	30	1
Belgium	6	1	5	11	31	1

Fixtures for Mar. 13:-

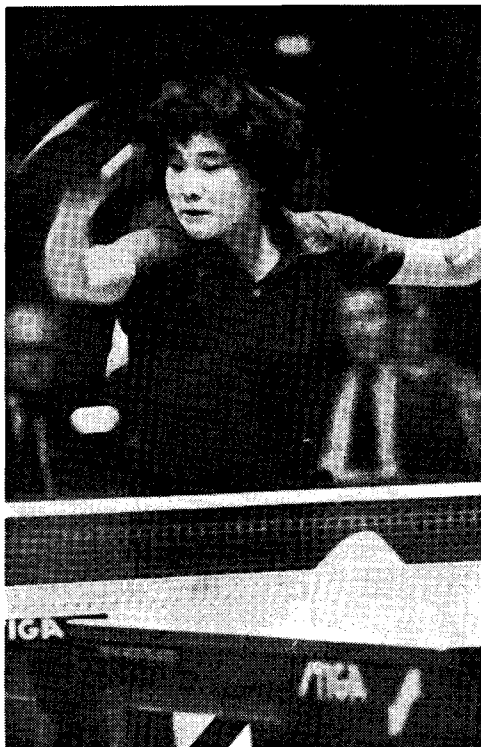
- Finland v Norway
- Ireland v Switzerland (Limerick)
- Belgium v Wales
- Denmark v Spain

DIVISION 3

Rumania, welcome newcomers to the European League, started their campaign at the Beau Sejour Leisure Centre, St. Peter Port, Guernsey when six countries made up the Division 3 group over the two days Feb. 4/5. Without the loss of a single set in five matches the Rumanians thus become due for promotion to Division 2 their victims being Scotland (runners-up), Portugal, Guernsey, Jersey and Iceland.

Match details were:-

Portugal 7 Iceland 0



China's Cao Yanghua, winner of the Federal German Open women's singles title.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, SW17.

Romania 7 Scotland 0

Z. Bohm bt A. Majid 15, 7;
 S. Crisan bt R. Yule 5, 11;
 E. Ferenczi bt C. Dalrymple 9, 17;
 Bohm/Crisan bt Majid/Yule 14, 12;
 Bohm/Ferenczi bt Yule/Dalrymple 16, 18;
 Bohm bt Yule -16, 14, 18;
 Crisan bt Majid 12, 11.

Jersey 4 Guernsey 3

M. le Moignan lost to I. Powell -14, -19;
 C. Hansford bt M. Pipet -17, 12, 22;
 P. Soper bt K. Herquin 15, 16;
 Hansford/B. Wykes lost to Pipet/I. Powell
 20, -18, -19;
 Hansford/Soper bt Pipet/T. Powell 11, 17;
 Le Moignan lost to Pipet -12, 19, -8;
 Hansford lost to Powell -13, -22.

Scotland 7 Iceland 0

Yule bt H. Hafsteinsson 10, 11;
 Majid bt G. Finnbjornsson 12, 12;
 P. Fleming bt R. Sigurdardottir 13, 12;
 Majid/Yule bt Finnbjornsson/Hafsteinsson
 17, 11;
 Majid/Fleming bt Finnbjornsson/
 Sigurdardottir 20, 7;
 Yule bt Finnbjornsson 13, 11;
 Majid bt Hafsteinsson -19, 17, 18.

Guernsey 2 Portugal 5

Powell lost to J. Marques -12, -14;
 D. Rihoy lost to J. Moreira -14, -14;
 Herquin bt A. Fernandes 17, 7;
 Pipet/Powell lost to Marques/Moreira
 Pipet/T. Powell bt Marques/O. Menezes
 16, 11;
 Powell lost to Marques -12, -14;
 Rihoy lost to Moreira 14, -11, -18.

Romania 7 Jersey 0

Bohm bt Hansford 6, 14;
 Crisan bt Wykes 14, 14;
 Ferenczi bt Soper 9, 10;
 Bohm/Crisan bt Hansford/Wykes 9, 18;
 Bohm/Ferenczi bt Hansford/Soper 7, 16;
 Bohm bt Wykes 10, 13;
 Crisan bt Hansford 12, 8.

Scotland 6 Jersey 1

Yule bt Wykes 10, 11;
 N. Lovie bt Le Moignan 17, -8, 17;
 Dalrymple bt Soper 5, 16;
 Lovie/Yule bt Hansford/Wykes 16, 20;
 Lovie/Dalrymple lost to Hansford/Soper
 -19, -12;
 Yule bt Le Moignan 13, 15;
 Lovie bt Wykes 19, 18.

Guernsey 5 Iceland 2

Pipet bt Finnbjornsson -17, 15, 16;
 Powell bt Hafsteinsson 16, -19, 11;
 Herquin bt Sigurdardottir 15, 19
 Pipet/Powell lost to Finnbjornsson/
 Hafsteinsson -18, 14, -20;
 Pipet/T. Powell bt Finnbjornsson/
 Sigurdardottir -16, 17, 14;
 Pipet lost to Hafsteinsson 20, -20, -18;
 Powell bt Finnbjornsson 17, 17.

Portugal 0 Rumania 7**Iceland 0 Rumania 7****Guernsey 1 Scotland 6**

Powell lost to Lovie -13, -25;
 Rihoy lost to Yule -12, -18;
 T. Powell lost to Fleming -12, -16;
 Pipet/Powell lost to Lovie/Yule -14, -12;
 Powell/Herquin bt Yule/Fleming -11, 21, 20;
 Powell lost to Yule -10, -9;
 Rihoy lost to Lovie -10, -9.

Jersey 1 Portugal 6

Le Moignan lost to Marques -18, -17;
 Hansford lost to Moreira -11, -9;
 Soper bt Fernandes 10, 18;
 Hansford/Le Moignan lost to Marques/
 Moreira -16, -17;
 Hansford/Soper lost to Marques/Menezes
 -21, 18, -13;
 Le Moignan lost to Moreira -17, -17;
 Hansford lost to Marques -11, -10.

Romania 7 Guernsey 0

Crisan bt Powell 6, 13;
 Bohm bt Pipet 11, 8;
 Ferenczi bt Powell 4, 14;
 Bohm/Crisan bt Pipet/Rihoy 13, 15;
 Crisan/Ferenczi bt Powell/Herquin 8, 9;
 Crisan bt Pipet 8, 11;
 Bohm bt Powell 7, 14.

Scotland 6 Portugal 1

Yule bt Moreira -16, 12, 11;
 Majid bt Marques 18, -18, 19;
 Dalrymple bt Fernandes 18, 16;
 Majid/Yule lost to Marques/Moreira
 -15, 12, -17;
 Yule/Dalrymple bt Moreira/Fernandes
 9, 15;
 Yule bt Marques 7, 15;
 Majid bt Moreira -17, 14, 15.

Jersey 6 Iceland 1

Le Moignan bt Hafsteinsson 20, 15;
 Hansford bt Finnbjornsson 18, 20;
 Soper bt Sigurdardottir 7, 16;
 Hansford/Le Moignan bt Finnbjornsson/
 Hafsteinsson 15, -17, 13;
 Hansford/Soper bt Hafsteinsson/
 Sigurdardottir -16, 20, 16;
 Le Moignan lost to Finnbjornsson -18, -16;
 Hansford bt Hafsteinsson -15, 14, 14.

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Romania	5	5	0	35	0	5
Scotland	5	4	1	25	10	4
Portugal	5	3	2	19	16	3
Guernsey	5	2	3	12	23	2
Jersey	5	1	4	11	24	1
Iceland	5	0	5	3	32	0

EUROPE CLUB CUP — FINALS

Men:

Budapesti Vasutas SC 5
Budapesti Spartacus 3

Women:

Statisztika BP 5
Tolnai Voros Lobogo Budapest 0

SEEDINGS FOR BERNE

The draw in respect of the forthcoming European Championships in Berne, Switzerland will have the following seedings:-

Men's Singles:

- G. Gergely (Hun)
- T. Klampar (Hun)
- S. Bengtsson (Swe)
- M. Orlovski (Cze)
- D. Douglas (Eng)
- J. Secretin (Fra)
- D. Surbek (Yug)
- U. Thorsell (Swe)
- W. Leick (GFR)
- J. Dvoracek (Cze)
- I. Jonver (Hun)
- P. Stellwag (GFR)
- Z. Kalinic (Yug)
- J. Takacs (Hun)
- J. Leiss (GFR)
- A. Stipanec (Yug)

Women's Singles:

- J. Magos (Hun)
- J. Hammersley (Eng)
- G. Szabo (Hun)
- A-C. Hellman (Swe)
- B. Vriesekoop (Net)
- I. Uhlkova (Cze)
- Z. Olah (Hun)
- V. Popova (USS)
- E. Palatinus (Yug)
- U. Kamizuru (GFR)
- G. Perkucin (Yug)
- B. Silhanova (Cze)
- M. Alexandru (Rum)
- C. Bergeret (Fra)
- L. Bakshutova (USS)
- M. Lindblad (Swe)

Men's Doubles

- Gergely/Orlovski
- Stipanec/Surbek
- Jonver/Klampar
- Leiss/Stellwag
- P. Birocheau (Fra)/Secretin
- Bengtsson/U. Carlsson (Swe)
- J. Pansky (Cze)/Dvoracek
- M. Appelgren (Swe)/Thorsell

Women's Doubles:

- Alexandru/L. Mihut (Rum)
- Magos/Szabo
- Hellman/Lindblad
- M. Hrachova (Cze)/Uhlkova
- Palatinus/Perkucin
- Bakshutova/Popova
- Bergeret/B. Thiriet
- Hammersley/L. Jarvis (Eng)

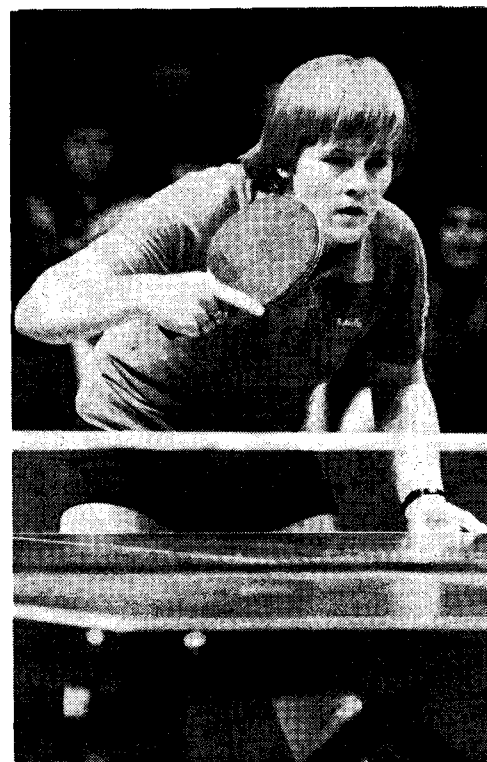
Mixed Doubles:

- W. Lieck/W. Hendriksen (GFR)
- Secretin/Bergeret
- Stipanec/Palatinus
- Jonver/Szabo
- Orlovski/Uhlkova
- Dvoracek/Silhanova
- Bengtsson/E Stromvall (Swe)
- Klampar/Magos

FEDERAL GERMAN OPEN

As in the Stiga Welsh Open, in Cardiff, so it was in the 29th Federal German Open in Russelsheim in the Walter-Kobel-Sports-halle over the period Feb. 22-24. China took six of the seven titles again missing out on the mens doubles won by Patrick Birocheau and Jacques Secretin of France who beat Jochen Leiss and Peter Stellwag of Federal Germany.

Shi Zhihao was the winner of the men's singles; Cao Yanhua the women's singles; Cao Yanhua and Zhang Deying the women's doubles and Li Zhenshi and Zhang Deying the mixed. China I bt China II 3-0 in the men's team final and China II bt Czechoslovakia 3-0 in the women's team final.



Carole Knight, who as stand-in for Jill Hammersley in the Federal German Open, reached the quarter-final of the women's singles.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, SW17.

RESULTS:-**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**

Shi Zhihao (CHN) bt S. Bengtsson (SWE)
 -19, 10, 10, 18;
 D. Surbek (YUG) bt A. Grubba (POL)
 18, 12, 8;
 Wang Huiyuan (CHN) bt P. Stellwag (GFR)
 10, 17, 16;
 Li Zhenshi (CHN) bt E. Hucing (GFR)
 8, 15, 21.

Semi-finals:

Shi Zhihao bt Surbek 17, -17, 11, 19;
 Wang Huiyuan bt Li Zhenshi 15, 17, 12.

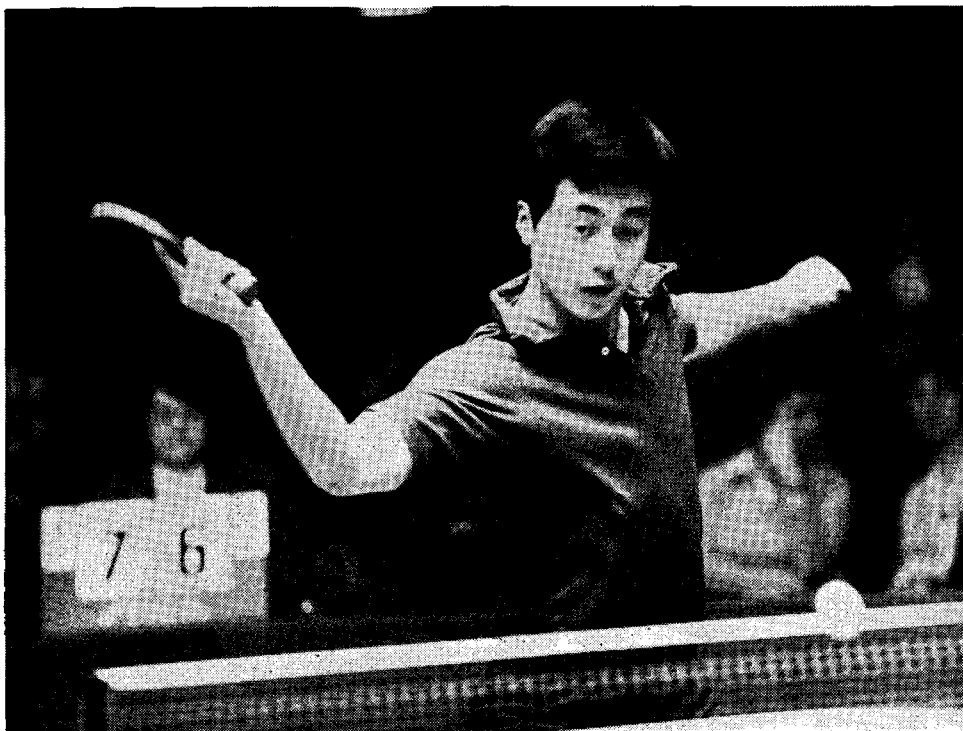
Final:

SHI ZHIHAO bt Wang Huiyuan 12, 16, 10.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

Zhang Deying (CHN) bt Z. Olah (HUN)
 9, -21, -18, 18, 12;
 Bu Quijuan (CHN) bt J. Magos (HUN)
 19, 19, 18;

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Shi Zhihao, men's singles winner in the Federal German Open in Russelheim.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, SW17.

Cao Yanhua (CHN) bt C. Knight (ENG) 8, 13, 10;
 Qi Baoxiang (CHN) bt U. Kamizuru (GFR) 14, 14, 6.

Semi-finals:

Bu Quijuan bt Zhang Deying 12, 18, 15;
 Cao Yanhua bt Qi Baoxiang 6, 20, 13.

Final:

CAO YANHUA bt Bu Quijuan 8, 12, 8.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:

P. Birocheau/J. Secretin (FRA) bt Bengtsson/U. Carlsson (Swe) 18, 20, 18;
 Cheng Yinghua (CHN)/Shi Zhihao bt M. Baum/P. Engel (GFR) 6, 16, 16;
 J. Leiss (GFR)/Stellwag bt H. Abe/M. Maehara (JAP) 7, -19, 8, 19;
 M. Appelgren/U. Thorsell (SWE) bt Huging/M. Plum (GFR) 19, -12, 12, 10.

Semi-finals:

Birocheau/Secretin bt Cheng Yinghua/Shi Zhihao -12, 13, 13, 13;
 Leiss/Stellwag bt Appelgren/Thorsell 12, 17, 22.

Final:

BIROCHEAU/SECRETIN bt Leiss/Stellwag 14, -15, 19, 18.

Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:

Cao Yanhua/Zhang Deying bt M. Kneip-Stumpe (GFR)/Olah 10, 11, 14;
 A. Hernvall/M. Lindblad (SWE) bt W. Hendriksen (GFR)/B. Kishazi (HUN) -6, 16, -16, 16, 14;
 K. Nilsson/E. Stromvall (SWE) bt Kamizuru/K. Kruger (GFR) 21, 17, 16;
 M. Hrachova/I. Uhlíkova (CZE) bt Magos/G. Szabo (HUN) -22, -16, 14, 21, 16.

Semi-finals:

Cao Yanhua/Zhang Deying bt Hernvall/Lindblad 7, 8, 9;
 Hrachova/Uhlíkova bt Nilsson/Stromvall -20, 13, 9, 21.

Final:

CAO YANHUA/ ZHANG DEYING bt Hrachova/Uhlíkova 16, 16, 16.

Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

A. Grubba (POL)/B. Vriesekoop (NET) bt Wang Huiyuan/Qi Baoxiang -19, -22, 18, 11, 18;
 Shi Zhihao/Cao Yanhua bt J. Pansky (CZE)/Hrachova 13, -17, 11, 16;
 Cheng Yinghua/Bu Quijuan bt D. Jurcic/D. Fabri (YUG) -19, 19, 17, 14;
 Li Zhenshi/Zhang Deying bt P. Day/M. Smith (ENG) 19, 18, -18, 17.

Semi-finals:

Shi Zhihao/Cao Yanhua bt Grubba/Vriesekoop 19, 17, 16;

Li Zhenshi/Zhang Deying bt Cheng Yinghua/Bu Quijuan 11, 18, 13.

Final:

LI ZHENSHI/ZHANG DEYING bt Shi Zhihao/Cao Yanhua -13, 12, 12, 8.

Both England's Des Douglas and Jill Hammersley pulled out of the original selections their replacements being Paul Day and Carole Knight along with John Hilton, Dougie Johnson, Karen Witt and Mandy Smith.

In the team events England's men were beaten 3-2 by Yugoslavia II the details being:-

B. Mesaros lost to Johnson -19, -18;
 Z. Kalinic bt Day 16, 7;
 D. Jurcic/Kalinic lost to Hilton/Johnson -17, 18, -18;
 Mesaros bt Day 15, -20, 14;
 Kalinic bt Johnson 18, 15.

And the women, after a first round bye, were beaten 3-0 by China II the scores being:-

Bu Quijuan bt Knight 18, 13;
 Qi Baoxiang bt Witt 10, 19;
 Bu Quijuan/Qi Baoxiang bt Smith/Witt 16, 9.

Day, in the men's singles, had a first round bye; then beat Camille Putz (LUX) (-16, 13, 20, -7, 17) and lost -12, 16, -13, 18, -10 to Wilfried Lieck (GFR).

Hilton had wins over Giovanni Bisi (ITA) (13, 21, 23), Stefan Moraru (RUM) (12, 4, 19) and notably Josef Dvoracek (CZE) (18, 14, 13) before falling to Peter Stellwag (GFR) (15, -13, -10, -8). Johnson departed in the first round when beaten 11, -16, -17, -15 by Czochanski (POL).

Carole Knight had a splendid run in the women's singles reaching the quarter-final following wins over Nadine Daviaud (FRA) (9, 13, 12); Kirsten Kruger (GFR) (17, 17, 14) and Beatrix Kishazi (HUN) (-19, -18, 20, 7, 21!). Carole lost in straight games to Cao Yanhua, the eventual winner.

Karen Witt lost out to Ilona Uhlíkova (CZE) who won 18, 14 and 10 with Mandy Smith also taking a first round fall to Ursula Kamizuru (GFR) who won 22, 17 and 14.

In the women's doubles Miss Knight was paired with An Hae Sook of the Republic of Korea losing in Rd. 2 to Eva Stromvall and Kristina Nilsson (SWE). Miss Witt and Miss Smith also went out to a Swedish

pairing — Anneli Hernvall and Marie Lindblad.

In the men's doubles Day had Hanno Deutz (GFR) as his partner but they were seen off by top seeds Stipancic/Surbek and Hilton/Johnson lost to Engelbert Huging and Michael Plum (GFR).

Day and Mandy Smith had the distinction of reaching the quarters of the mixed losing to Li Shenshi/Zhang Deying.

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STUART GIBBS WINS AT LAST

by Laurie Landry

Stuart Gibbs wielded his hard rubber faced bat as if he had used it all his life to win the men's singles beating former winner Laurie Landry in two close games in the semi and Jeff Ingber in a good three games final. The four semi-finalists, which also included Len Adams, were the same as those of three years ago when Jeff beat Laurie in the final. Stuart added the men's doubles to his main title in partnership with Fred Lockwood, Essex County veteran.

Betty Bird retained her women's singles title with a win over Marjorie Walker, a former winner, with whom she also retained her doubles title. Sally Prowen caused a surprise by beating yet another former winner Gil Locke who was obliged to win the consolation event. Marjorie was also a winner in the mixed doubles with Laurie Landry for the third time in four years.

Marjorie has the rather impressive record of reaching 11 finals in all events in the last five years and winning nine of them (one singles, four women's and four mixed doubles). The tournament was staged at the Barnet Table Tennis Centre as usual and the International Club is most grateful. A special vote of thanks also to Bernard Chatterley who was the Hon. Referee.

RESULTS:-

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Ingber (La) bt F. Lockwood (E) 13, -17, 10;
 L. Adams (Mi) bt A. Lane (Mi) 16, 14;
 L. Landry (Mi) bt M. Waldman (Mi) 13, 10;
 S. Gibbs (E) bt D. Kinnard (K) 15, 23.

Semi-finals:

Ingber bt Adams 19, 17;
 Gibbs bt Landry 17, 20

Final:

GIBBS bt Ingber 19, -8, 14.

Consolation Final:

K. Snaith (K) bt D. Caulder (He) 16, 18.

Women's Singles Group Winners:

B. Bird (K), M. Walker (Mi) and S. Prowen (Mi).

Semi-finals:

Bird (Bye);
 Walker bt Prowen 16, 21.

Final:

BIRD bt Walker 15, 13.

Consolation Final:

G. Locke (E) bt P. Challis (E) 15, 17.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Gibbs/Lockwood bt A. Larking (E)/J. Bender (Mi) 15, 11;

C. Carder (Mi)/J. Payne (Sy) bt Landry/Snaith 17, 14.

Final:

GIBBS/LOCKWOOD bt Calder/Payne 7, 17.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Bird/Walker bt Challis/G. Squier (E) 15, 14;
 Prowen/H. Santon (Mi) bt J. Seabrook (Sy)/Locke 11, 19.

Final:

BIRD/WALKER bt Prowen/Santon -11, 20, 9.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Landry/Walker bt Waldman/Prowen -17, 15, 16;

Lockwood/Challis bt Gibbs/Squier 18, 17.

Final:

LANDRY/WALKER bt Lockwood/Challis 19, 8.

EUROPA TOP 12

JILL'S CROWN IN MUNICH by The Editor

For the second time in their illustrious careers England's **Jill Hammersley**, the 1978 winner in Prague, and **Stellan Bengtsson** of Sweden, who won the event in 1973 in Boblingen, mounted the top level of the rostrum as winners on Feb. 3, 1980 in the Rudi-Stadlmayer-Halle, Munich.

It was quite a feat on the part of Bengtsson who went through his eleven rounds without once tasting defeat unlike Jill who went down to Gordana Perkucin of Yugoslavia and Gabriella Szabo of Hungary who was defending her title.

Desmond Douglas, England's other representative who, in Kristianstadt last year, finished runner-up to Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia, could do no better than 4th losing out to Jacques Secretin (France), Surbek, Istvan Jonyer (Hungary) and Wilfried Lieck (Federal Germany).

This was a particularly disappointing finish for the English No. 1 having overcome two of his bogeymen in the persons of Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia and Ulf Thorsell of Sweden.

Thorsell had the satisfaction of finishing runner-up to his compatriot but Surbek suffered from being the last time winner to No. 8, Gabriella Szabo falling from 1st to 3rd, behind Jill and the ever-improving Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands.

RESULTS of the two English players:-

Desmond Douglas

- Round 1 lost to J. Secretin 13, -17, -18, -20.
- Round 2 bt Kalinic 14, 23, 19.

- Round 3 bt Surbek 24, -18, -20, 22, 15.
- Round 4 bt Stellwag -21, -16, 11, 9, 13.
- Round 5 bt Dvoracek 14, 18, 10.
- Round 6 bt Takacs -19, 12, 17, 21.
- Round 7 lost to Jonyer -19, -14, -16.
- Round 8 lost to Lieck -18, -11, -17.
- Round 9 bt Gergely -16, 18, 15, 17.
- Round 10 lost to Bengtsson -21, -13, -17.
- Round 11 bt Thorsell 18, 12, -19, 17.

Finishing Positions

1	Stellan Bengtsson (SWE)	11-0	33-5
2	Ulf Thorsell (SWE)	8-3	29-16
3	Jacques Secretin (FRA)	7-4	25-18
4	Desmond Douglas (ENG)	7-4	22-19
5	Gabor Gergely (HUN)	6-5	24-19
6	Peter Stellwag (GFR)	6-5	20-20
7	Wilfried Lieck (GFR)	5-6	19-23
8	Dragutin Surbek (YUG)	4-7	22-22
9	Josef Dvoracek (CZE)	4-7	16-25
10	Janos Takacs (HUN)	3-8	18-29
11	Istvan Jonyer (HUN)	3-8	14-25
12	Zoran Kalinic (YUG)	2-9	10-31

Jill Hammersley

- Round 1 bt U. Kamizuru -21, 18, 19.
- Round 2 bt Palatinus 17, 8.
- Round 3 bt Uhlikova 15, 19.
- Round 4 lost to Perkucin -17, -17.
- Round 5 bt Silhanova 11, 14.
- Round 6 bt Bergeret 12, 13.

- Round 7 bt Magos -16, 13, 8.
- Round 8 lost to Szabo -13, -18.
- Round 9 bt Olah 16, 11.
- Round 10 bt Hellman 19, 13.
- Round 11 bt Vriesekoop 18, 11.

Finishing Positions

1	Jill Hammersley (ENG)	9-2	18-6
2	Bettine Vriesekoop (NET)	8-3	16-8
3	Gabriella Szabo (HUN)	7-4	16-12
4	Ilna Uhlikova (CZE)	7-4	16-9
5	Erzebet Palatinus (YUG)	6-5	13-13
6	Blanka Silhanova (CZE)	6-5	13-10
7	Ursula Kamizuru (GFR)	5-6	14-14
8	Szusza Olah (HUN)	5-6	13-14
9	Ann-Christin Hellman (SWE)	5-6	12-16
10	Judit Magos (HUN)	4-7	11-16
11	Gordana Perkucin (YUG)	3-8	10-18
12	Claude Bergeret (FRA)	1-10	5-21

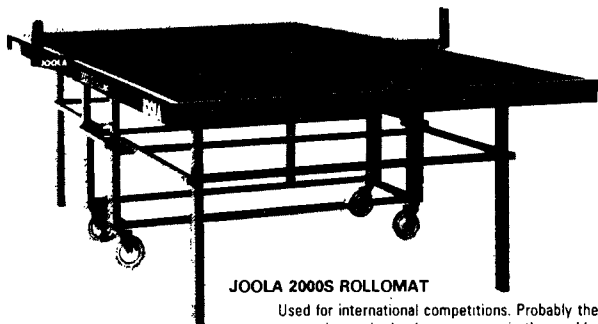
BACK HOME

The good news concerning the Middlesex junior, Eddie Gorniak, is that he has been discharged from West Middlesex Hospital and although he has to report back there thrice weekly he will otherwise be back home at 34 St. Kilda Road, Ealing, London W13. Keep up the good work Eddie. Ed.

Cover Picture

Tom Blunn, ETTA Chairman, consoles Jill Hammersley on her dethronement by Carole Knight (Cleveland) at Woking Leisure Centre in the women's singles event. Jill, who has announced her retirement at the end of this season, was seeking a record seven wins in this event.

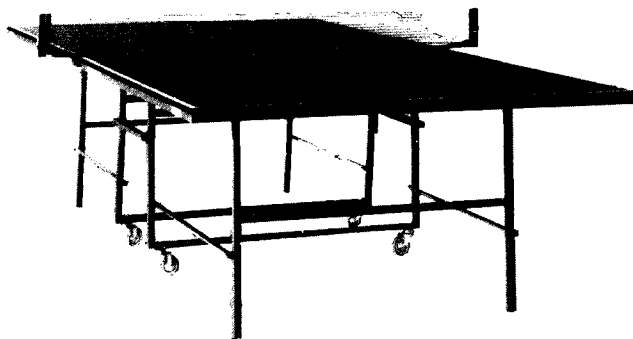
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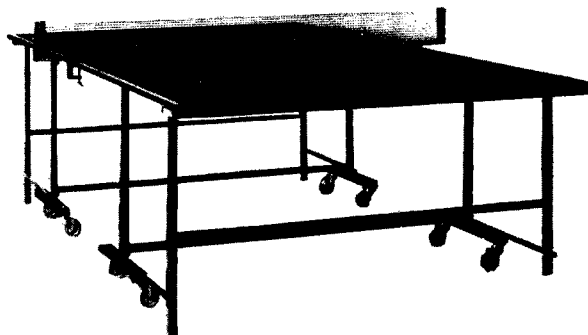


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IRISH AFFAIRS

by WILLIE WALSH

TITLES CROSS THE SEA

For the second year in succession, the Men's and Women's Singles at the Stiga Irish Open Championships crossed the Irish Sea.

The Championships, which were being staged for the first time at the Mayfield Leisure Centre, Belfast, had teams from Switzerland and the four home countries as well as individual entries from the U.S.A. and Canada.

The England team of Max Crimmins, Jimmie Walker and Karen Witt won the team event beating Ireland 1 in the final 5-2, but they had a rare fight in the semi-final when they had to come from behind to beat Switzerland 4-3.

A novel idea in the team event was the entry of an Irish Exiles team of Martin Kinsella, Pat Glynn and Karen Walker. They won their first round match beating Wales 6-1, but lost in the semi-final to Ireland 1, 2-5. This was a match of tremendous spirit and rivalry as Slevin beat Kinsella and Glynn, and Anne Leonard beat K. Walker. Keane beat Glynn, but lost to Kinsella.

The Irish 2 team lost to Switzerland 2-5, but Derek Weir was the revelation of this match when he beat M. Hafen and also made a very valuable contribution to the mixed doubles, which they won.

In the team event final Walker opened the scoring for England when he beat Kevin Keane 13, -19, 13. In the first game Walker lead 10-9, but he then went away from Keane leading, 14-11, 18,12, and 20-12. In the second game they were level at 15-all and then Walker lead 18-17. Keane fought back to lead 20-19 and clinch the game.

The third was a repeat of the first game except this time Keane lead 10-9, but again Walker went away winning five points in a row and continuing to gain control to lead 18-12.

In the Crimmins v Slevin match, the first game was, to say the least, unpredictable. They were level at 5-all and then Crimmins

won five points in a row to lead 10-5. He also lead 15-10, but Slevin fought back to level at 16-all. They then tied at 18-all, 19-all and 20-all, before Slevin clinched it at 25-23. In the second set Slevin lead 11-9, 14-9, 14-11, 16-11, and 17-12. Crimmins drew level at 18-all, and it was then neck and neck with Crimmins winning 22-20. Slevin was never really in the hunt in the 3rd game which Crimmins lead 4-0; 4-1, 7-1, 7-3, 10-5, 13-7, 17-13, 20-14 and won 21-14.

Karen Witt beat Anne Leonard 14, 13, but Ireland got two sets back when Keane and Slevin beat Crimmins and Walker, and Slevin and Leonard beat Crimmins and Witt.

England won the reverse singles when Walker beat Slevin and Crimmins beat Keane.

The big shock in the Men's Singles was the defeat of Jimmie Walker (holder) by Martin Hafen (Switzerland).

Crimmins won his semi-final when he beat Thomas Busin (Switzerland).

The final did not reach expectations as Crimmins rather comfortably beat Hafen.

In the Women's Singles semi-finals, Anne Leonard played very well to beat the Swiss lady — Renate Weider in straight games. Miss Weider had earlier knocked out Karen Walker in straight games. In the other semi Karen Witt beat Gloria Nesukaitus easily.

In the final Karen Witt won the first game 11, but the second game saw Anne Leonard raise her game to lead 5-1, 6-2, 12-8, but then Witt levelled at 12-all. They were level again at 15-all. Witt then lead 18-16, 19-18, but Leonard lead 20-19 before Witt closed the door winning 22-20.

Crimmins and Walker beat Keane and Slevin in the Men's Doubles final, but Leonard and Karen Walker kept the home flag flying when they beat Karen Witt and Renate Weider.

Jimmie and Karen Walker beat Crimmins and Karen Witt, in the Mixed final.

RESULTS:-

Stiga International

Team Event - 1st Round:

England bt Scotland 7-0.
Ireland Exiles bt Wales 6-1.
Ireland II lost to Switzerland 2-5.
Ireland I w/o U.S.A. Scr.

Semi-finals:

England 4 Switzerland 3.

Ireland I 5 Ireland Exiles 2.

Final:

ENGLAND 5 Ireland 2.
J. Walker bt Kevin Keane 13, -19, 13.
M. Crimmins bt C. Slevin 23, -20, 14.
Karen Witt bt Ann Leonard 14, 13.
Walker/Crimmins lost to Keane/Slevin -19, 14, -16.
Crimmins/Witt lost to Slevin/Leonard 12, -16, -15.
Walker bt Slevin 8, 14.
Crimmins bt Keane 9, 19.
Men's Singles Semi-finals:
M. Hafen (Swi) bt J. Walker (Eng) (holder) -19, 13, 19.
M. Crimmins (Eng) bt T. Busin (Swi) 16, -17, 16.

Final:

CRIMMINS bt Hafen 16, 15.
Women's Singles Final:
K. WITT (Eng) bt A. Leonard (Ire) 11, 20.
Women's Doubles Final:
WITT/R. WEIDER (Swi) lost to Leonard/K. Walker -17, -18.

Men's Doubles Final:

CRIMMINS/WALKER bt Keane/Slevin 19, 14.

Mixed Doubles Final:

J. & K. WALKER bt Crimmins/Witt 17, 18.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

NORWAY v IRELAND

Ireland continued their European Division 2 programme true to form, when they lost to Norway away, 2-5. If we continue to run to form, we should beat Switzerland in Limerick next month as, since we lost to Finland last September, we have won every second match. Another feature of our form is, we win when we are not expected to, and lose when we are favourites.

The match against Norway was no exception and typified the bad luck that has hounded this exceptionally young team.

Colum Slevin lead Paul Guttormson, 14-10 in the third game, only to lose -18. Anne Leonard lead Tone Folkesson 20-19 in the third and lost 20.

In the men's doubles Keane and Slevin lead 20-17 in the second game, after winning the first, only to lose 22-24, and then lost the decider -16.

If we could only have won two of these three sets, then we would have won instead of losing, but then that is what it is all about.

Ah well! There is always next year!

RESULTS:-

T. Johansen (Norway) bt K. Keane 15, 8; bt C. Slevin 16, 9.
P. Guttormsen bt Slevin -17, 15, 18; lost to Keane -16, 13, -19.
Tone Folkesson bt Anne Leonard 8, -11, 20.
Johansen/Guttormsen bt Keane/Slevin -14, 22, 16.
Guttormsen/Folkesson lost to Slevin/Leonard -14, -11.

FERMANAGH OPEN

RESULTS:-

Girls' Singles Final:
J. WHITEMAN bt J. Reid 19, 14.
Women's Singles Final:
V. MOORE bt M. Furey 13, 18.
Boys' Singles Final:
B. Orr bt W. Cherry 18, 10.
Men's Singles Final:
T. Heasley bt D. Weir -21, 11, 21.
Mixed Doubles Final:
J. HAMILL/V. MOORE bt D. Weir/J. Reid 12, 12.
Women's Doubles Final:
V. MOORE/M. FUREY bt M. McMullan/McEvoy 19, 17.

Leinster Senior Rankings

Men:

1 K. Keane, 2 C. Slevin, 3 J. Hickey, 4 T. Caffrey, 5 P. O'Brien, 6 K. Leonard, 8 D. Pemberton, 8 B. Larrigan, 9 M. Greene, 10 N. Hitchcock.

Women:

1 A. Leonard, 2 D. Kilpatrick, 3 D. Keller, 4 G. Leonard, 5 M. McNeill, 6 C. Wann, 7 M. Martin, 8 A. Kelly, 9 L. McKeown, 10 M. O'Connell.

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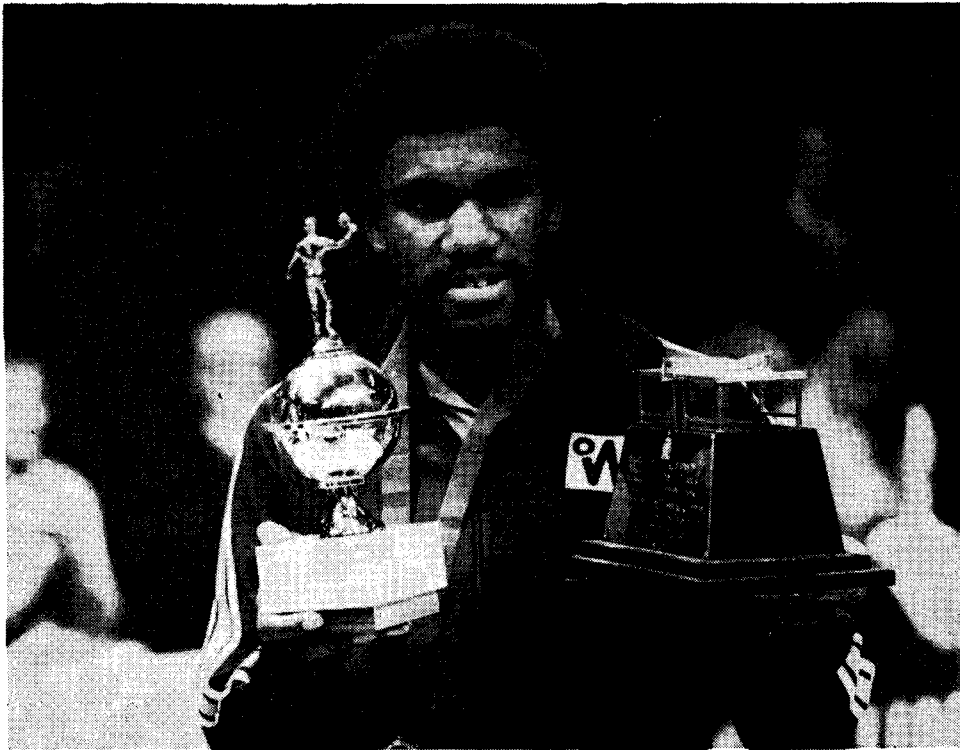
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NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

by **GEORGE R. YATES**



The smile of retention by Desmond Douglas winner of the men's singles event.

Photo by Graham Duncan.

Day of the Underdogs

It was the day of the underdogs at Woking Leisure Centre on Saturday, February 16, when, with the exception of **Desmond Douglas** who retained his men's singles crown, all other titles changed hands.

Nor did Douglas have matters all his own way when taken to a fifth and deciding game by Paul Day but Jill Hammersley, in seeking a record seventh success in the women's singles, was beaten, again over five games, by **Carole Knight**.

Douglas and Jimmy Walker were relieved of their men's doubles title by Day and **Nicky Jarvis**; Mrs. Hammersley and Linda Jarvis were denied a fifth successive win in the women's doubles by **Miss Knight** and **Anita Stevenson** and Douglas and Mrs. Jarvis failed to retain their mixed doubles title when beaten by **John Hilton** and Mrs. **Hammersley**.

A feature of the finals session was that all sets went the distance of five games providing full value for money to an appreciative audience which numbered more than usual in this splendid centre.

Douglas, in reaching the final, had left strewn in his wake — all in straight games — Paul Randell, Richard Jermyn, David Wells, Jarvis and Hilton, the latter by scores of 3, 8 and 10 if you please! It had all been so easy that perhaps the Warwickshire left-hander discounted any threat that Day, the Soham left hander, might pose.

But pose a threat he did and it was with all guns blazing that Day went down -14

in the fifth of a gripping final which forced Douglas to increase the tempo of his game to the bitter end.

Day had battled well in disposing of Tony Martin, Philip Bradbury, Ian Horsham, John Kitchener and Donald Parker, the last two taking a game off the eventual runner-up.

Of the seeds in this event Bob Potton, at No. 4, failed to reach his target when beaten in Rd. 3 by David Barr, whilst Duggie Johnson (No. 5) fell to Mike Johns, and junior champion, Graham Sandley, was just edged out by Walker who got home with scores of -14, -18, 16, 21, 22!

Miss Knight in taking her second English Closed women's singles title accounted for Suzanne Hunt and Melody Ludi having been in receipt of a first round bye, as indeed all the four seeds were. But, numerically, what a poor entry with only 27 contestants and three of these failed to report!

Still it was a creditable performance by **Miss Knight**, who, for the second time in a matter of days, beat Jill Hammersley — the Cleveland girl achieved the feat in Cardiff in the Stiga Welsh Open by scores of 9, -12, 19, -14, 15.

Both the other seeds, Karen Witt (3) and Mandy Smith (4) failed to reach the semis, Miss Witt bowing out to Angela Mitchell and Miss Smith to Melody Ludi who must now be regretting her absence in the Norwich Union International Championships at Brighton.

Miss Ludi had wins over Alison Gordon and Mrs. Jarvis prior to her defeat of Miss Smith and taking the first game off Miss Knight.

All four seeded pairs in the men's doubles reached their target of the semi-finals at which stage Hilton and Johnson, seeded 2, fell to Day and Jarvis (3) who went on to beat the favourites Douglas and Walker in the final.

Again it was the seeded pairs to do battle in the semi-final of the women's doubles with no upsets other than in the final as was the case in the mixed in respect of the top pairings.

But Dave Newman and Mandy Smith eliminated the third seeds, Day and Miss Ludi in Rd. 3 and the fourth seeds, Johnson and Miss Knight fell to Sandley and Alison Gordon in the same round.

RESULTS:-

Men's Singles Round 3:

D. Douglas (Wa) bt D. Wells (Sy) 7, 11, 17;
N. Jarvis (Cv) bt J. Walker (Cv)
17, -17, 13, 12;

M. Crimmins (Sy) bt C. Wilson (Mi)
14, 10, -9, 17;

J. Hilton (La) bt J. Proffitt (He)
16, -15, 12, 18;

D. Barr (Bk) bt R. Potton (E) 19, -11, 18, 14;
D. Parker (La) bt L. Smith (Mi) 13, 18, 19;

J. Kitchener (Sk) bt M. Johns (Ch)
-17, 18, 14, 13;

P. Day (Ca) bt I. Horsham (E)
19, 16, -17, 13.

Quarter-finals:

Douglas bt Jarvis 15, 15, 8;

Hilton bt Crimmins -13, 11, -17, 15, 19;

Parker bt Barr -15, 15, 17, 14;

Day bt Kitchener 16, -17, 11, 12.

Semi-finals:

Douglas bt Hilton 3, 8, 10;

Day bt Parker 16, 14, -22, 14.

Final:

DOUGLAS bt Day 9, -13, 8, -16, 14.

Women's Singles Round 2:

J. Hammersley (Bu) bt I. Kershaw (Do)
7, 11, 11;

M. Reeves (Mi) bt S. Sandley (Mi) 7, 19, 12;

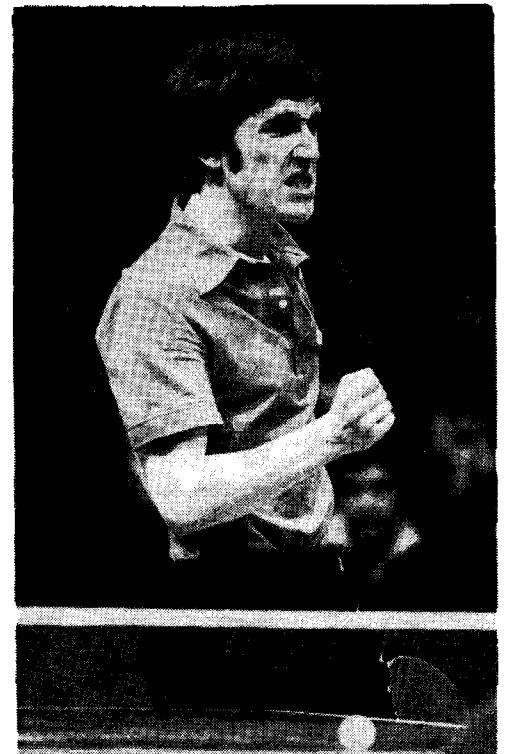
A. Mitchell (Mi) bt S. Midgley (Y) 18, 16, 18;

K. Witt (Bk) bt H. Williams (Mi)

-13, 8, 19, 21;

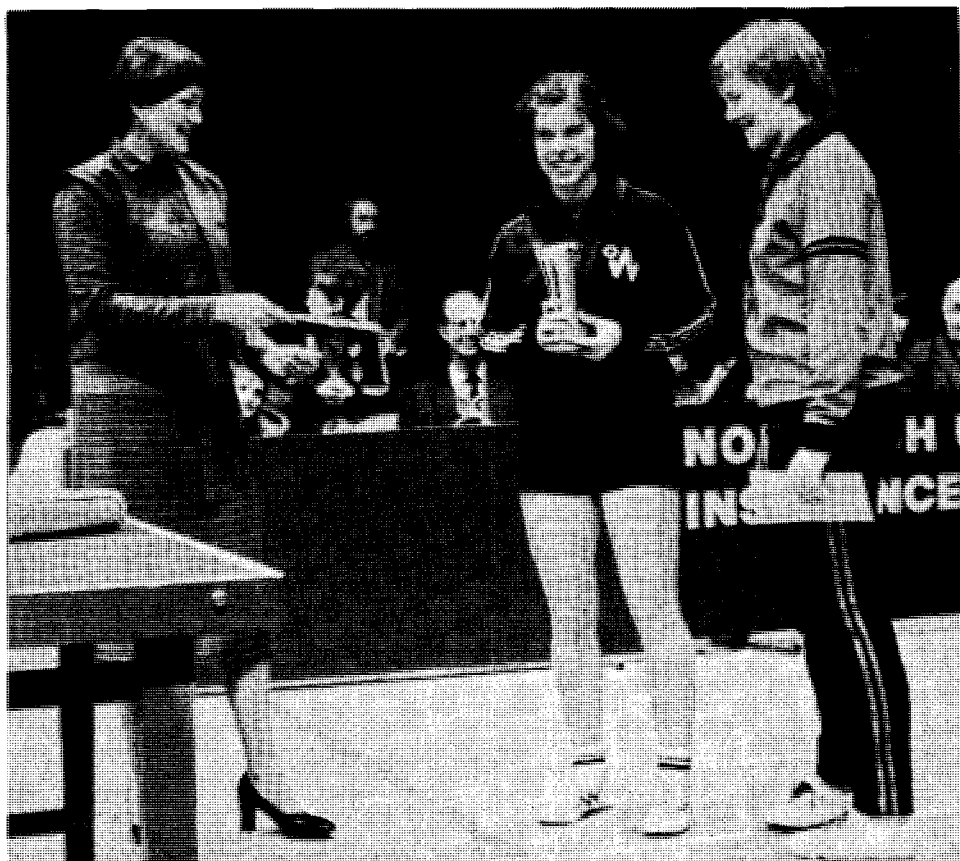
M. Smith (Bk) bt C. Maisey (Wi)

16, 8, -18, 5;



"Come on then"! A typical posture by the gallant loser Paul Day in the men's singles event.

Photo by Graham Duncan.



Anita Stevenson and Carole Knight receive their rewards from Mrs. Linda McDonnell, wife of the Norwich Union Public Relations Manager, following their success in the women's doubles event.
Photo by Paul Edwards, Milford, Surrey.

M. Ludi (Y) bt L. Jarvis (Sy)
-19, 12, 13, -17, 14;
K. Rogers (Le) bt A. Stevenson (Le)
19, 15, -18, 15;
C. Knight (Cv) bt S. Hunt (Li) -19, 7, 20, 10.
Quarter-finals:
Hammersley bt Reeves 10, 12, 11;
Mitchell bt Witt 15, -10, 14, -18, 13;
Ludi bt Smith -18, 15, 14, 19;
Knight bt Rogers 15, 10, 15.
Semi-finals:
Hammersley bt Mitchell 10, 10, 7;
Knight bt Ludi -13, 9, 6, 8.
Final:
KNIGHT bt Hammersley 13, -20, 18, -8, 11.
Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Douglas/Walker bt M. Newman/P. Randell
(Le) 9, 15, 9;
M. Mitchell/G. Sandley (Ml) bt Johns/
I. Robertson (Nd) 18, 16, 14;
Day/Jarvis bt N. Eckersley (Ch)/Parker
13, 17, 14;
Hilton/D. Johnson (Wa) bt D. Charlery (E)/
K. Richardson (Ca) 21, 12, -20, 12.
Semi-finals:
Douglas/Walker bt Mitchell/Sandley
12, 7, 20;
Day/Jarvis bt Hilton/Johnson 21, 12, -20, 12.
Final:
DAY/JARVIS bt Douglas/Walker
-14, -20, 14, 11, 17.
Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:
Hammersley/Jarvis bt Mitchell/Williams
6, 11, 15;
Ludi/Witt bt Midgley/Reeves -22, 15, 20, 10;
A. Gordon (Bk)/Smith w.o. Maisey/R.
Roberts (St) scr;
Knight/Stevenson bt Hunt/Rogers 12, 12, 20.
Semi-finals:
Hammersley/Jarvis bt Ludi/Witt
13, -19, 16, 10;
Knight/Stevenson bt Gordon/Smith
14, 10, -19, 13.

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WHITBREAD COTSWOLD 'SELECT'

by Leslie Smith

USUAL SHOCKS

The Whitbread Cotswold Junior Select held at the Gloucester Leisure Centre for the first time over the weekend of Jan. 26/27 produced the usual number of shock results.

In the Boys' singles, the hot favourite, Graham Sandley, in the absence of Colin Wilson, a non-entrant, lost in the final 2-straight to John Souter. Souter reached the final by beating No. 2 seed Kevin Satchell in the semi-final, which meant that for the second year running, Satchell had lost in the semis.

With the England No. 1 and 2 girls, Alison Gordon and Mandy Reeves not entering, Helen Williams was top seed, but she fell at the last stage to Joy Grundy, the No. 2 seed.

The Boys' Cadet final was also won by the 2nd seed, with Carl Preat the winner over Gary Lambert, Preat thus completing the double, having already retained his U-12 title. For this talented youngster from the Isle of Wight it was a good tournament, for he also reached the quarter-finals of the U-17's before losing to Sandley.

Jean Parker was the winner of the Cadet girls beating Fiona Elliot, top seed Lisa Bellinger having lost in the quarters to Elliot.

The record entry of 176 in the Boys' U-17 meant that the number of tables used had to be increased from 12 as planned to 15 so avoiding having to reject entries. Even so play was still completed by nine p.m. on both days.

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The trophies were presented by the Whitbread representatives, Mr. T. Golding on the Saturday and Mr. H. Moffatt on the Sunday.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

G. Sandley (Mi) bt C. Preat (Ha) 18, 12;
G. Lambert (Dv) bt R. Swift (Ca)
-15, 20, 17;

J. Souter (Mi) bt M. Oakley (Sy) 12, -13, 12;
K. Satchell (Wi) bt S. Palmer (Sk) 16, 16.

Semi-finals:

Sandley bt Lambert 8, 15;
Souter bt Satchell 19, -15, 15.

Final:

SOUTER bt Sandley 12, 17.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Williams bt Creasey 13, 21;
Grundy bt Bolton 20, 14.

Final:

GRUNDY bt Williams 13, 13.

Boys' Cadet Singles Semi-finals:

Lambert bt Dettmar 15, 19;
Preat bt Griffin 15, 10.

Final:

PREAN bt Lambert 17, 16.

Girls' Cadet Singles Semi-finals:

Elliot bt Collier -18, 12, 12;
Parker bt Bardwell 18, 16.

Final:

PARKER bt Elliot 18, 13.

Boys' U-12 Singles Semi-finals:

Preat bt I. Sharp (Cu) 1, 11;
B. Lazarus (E) bt D. Williams (Sp) 18, 16.

Final:

PREAN bt Lazarus 10, 9.

Girls' U-12 Singles Semi-finals:

A. Barker (Sp) bt H. Perrott (Av) 19, 6;
A. Boxall (He) bt D. Simmonds (Sy) 16, 19.

Final:

BARKER bt Boxall 16, 10

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

Oakley/Souter bt A. Withers/G. Jordan
(Ca) 7, 16;

Satchell/Sandley bt P. Rainford (La)/P.
Puddock (Sx) 19, 15.

Final:

SATCHELL/SANDLEY bt Oakley/Souter
-18, 17, 12.

Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Parker/Grundy bt Pritchard/Bolton
16, -21, 8;

J. Deakin (Ch)/Harris bt Creasey/S.
Sandley (Mi) 20, 9.

Final:

PARKER/GRUNDY bt Deakin/Harris 20, 18.

Boys' Cadet Doubles Semi-finals:

Dettmar/Worrell bt M. Mercer/P. Ashcroft
(La) 14, 8;

Lambert/Ellett (Dv) bt I. Doughty (Bu)/
P. Cole (Ca) 10, -20, 13.

Final:

DETTMAR/WORRELL bt Lambert/Ellett
17, 17.

Girls' Cadet Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Seaton (Y)/Ryalls bt N. Hamilton (Bu)/
Parker 10, 14;

M. Denbow (Ox)/Moore bt Judd/L. Bellinger
-12, 17, 11.

Final:

SEATON/RYALLS bt Denbow/Moore 10, 16.

Final:
KNIGHT/STEVENSON bt Hammersley/
Jarvis 17, 12, -19, 18.

Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:
Douglas/Jarvis bt Wilson/Williams
18, 17, 14;

D. Newman (E)/Smith bt Day/Ludi
18, 11, 15;

Sandley/Gordon bt Johnson/Knight
-24, 8, 12, 10;

Hilton/Hammersley bt Jarvis/Stevenson
15, 9, 20.

Semi-finals:

Douglas/Jarvis bt Newman/Smith 8, 11, 9;
Hilton/Hammersley bt Sandley/Gordon
15, 14, 15.

Final:

HILTON/HAMMERSLEY bt Douglas/Jarvis
17, 17, -8, -10, 15.

Men's Veteran Singles Quarter-finals:

D. Schofield (Ch) bt J. Daly (Ha) 9, 9;
S. Battrick (E) bt T. Donlon (Ch) 18, 10;

G. Ailward (Mi) bt G. Chapman (Sy)
-16, 15, 15;

H. Buist (K) bt P. Leckie (Bu) 13, 19.

Semi-finals:

Battrick bt Schofield 13, -17, 19;
Buist bt Ailward 12, 8.

Final:

BUIST bt Battrick 12, 8.



Carole Knight, winner of the women's singles joyfully holds up the coveted trophy.

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JOHN SOUTER (Middlesex), winner of the Boys' Singles at Gloucester.

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Lancashire's JOY GRUNDY, who won the Girls' Singles.

Photo by Leo Black, London.

CS Table Tennis Association's 49th Annual Championships

by Doris L. Moors

(Secretary/Treasurer and Publicity Secretary)

To enable many more men and women to participate the Men's and Women's singles events are zoned and winners from the 11 regions in England, Scotland and Wales enter the main competition in the last 16 which by tradition is held in London.

How often do we see competitors play well during the rounds, knocking out one or two seeds en route only to fade away in the final. This tournament was no exception, Mrs. A. Seager progressed through the Women's Singles without losing a game but came to grief in the final; Henry Buist played like a devil possessed until he got to the semi-final of the Men's Singles and in no way did he look like beating Trevor Smith who earned his place in the final by beating Henry 17 and 19. Stuart Gibbs and Mrs. Kathie Wright were unable to defend their titles this year and the field was wide open although Finals Night turned out to be a Steve Turner benefit night. We can't remember an occasion when one person walked off with four titles. This young Post Office player from Preston will, I'm sure take home many more trophies in the future, his tournament experience is paying dividends. He is placid and his concentration is total, in a tight game he takes no chances but once he gets a lead he goes all out to increase it. His toughest game was against Kim Prashad in the Intermediate Boys' Singles final when both games went point for point until Steve eventually emerged the winner 19 and 18. Kim can gain some comfort as next year Steve will be too old for this event. However Stuart Gibbs will no doubt be back and I think he may be the one person to upset Steve.

Finals night was graced by more VIP's than spectators but that's another story which modesty prevents me from telling.

RESULTS:

Inter Boys' Singles:

S. TURNER (PO) bt K. Prashad (PO) 19, 18.

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

S. Turner bt P. Spencer (Lord Chancellors Dept.) 8, 6;

T. Smith (Defence) bt H. Buist (PO) 17, 19.

Final:

TURNER bt Smith 18, 14.

Women's Singles:

Miss H. PAYCE-DRURY (OPCS) bt Mrs. A. Seager (Defence) 18, 18.

Women's Doubles:

Mrs. S. PROWEN (Export Credit Guar. Dept.)/PAYCE-DRURY bt Mrs. D. Newton (Dept. of Environment)/Seager 10, 15.

Men's Doubles:

A. RIGBY/TURNER (PO) bt G. Holmes (Defence)/N. Richardson (DOE) 13, 16.

Mixed Doubles:

TURNER/Miss P. JACKSON (DHSS) bt S. Kitcher (Defence)/Seager 16, -15, 19.

Veteran Singles:

H. BUIST (PO) bt M. Close (DTI) 10, 10.

SUPPLEMENT TO Miss Moors' Report by the Chairman: John Killmister

The highlight of the 49th Annual Championships was the presentation of a Civil Service Sports Council special Merit Award to Doris Moors. Sir Richard Hayward explained that this newly introduced award is to be one that is not bestowed lightly but it is to recognise really exceptional contributions made by administrators to Civil Service Sport. He then asked Sir Robert Fraser to present the award. The presentation of this award to Doris delighted not only those of us who are fully aware of the incredible contribution she has made to Table Tennis in the Civil Service and beyond, but especially the numerous players who have benefited from the enormous amount of work she has done to develop the regional organisation of the Championships and make them a truly National competition. All concerned appreciate that Doris has more than fulfilled the stringent criteria for the award and are pleased that not only has her contribution been recognised but also has the importance and strength of Table Tennis in the field of Civil Service Sport.

FRIENDLY DEFEAT AT READING

by BRIAN HALLIDAY

Sweden defeated England 7-2 in a friendly international match at Bulmershe College on Feb. 11.

Both countries used the match to experiment with comparative newcomers to the international scene.

The England line-up chosen relied heavily on youth, in fact only Carole Knight from Cleveland was really experienced at this level of competition.

Sweden have developed over the last decade into a world power at table tennis and the pace of their play coupled with brilliant technique was too good for the English squad on the night.

They moved convincingly into a 6-0 lead before Carole Knight beat Anneli Hernvall to register England's first success. The best English male player, the crowd-pleasing Dougie Johnson, then salvaged some of England's respect by beating A. Liljegen in straight games.

The big disappointments for England were Kenny Jackson, Anita Stevenson and Graham Sandley. Sandley and Stevenson were completely out of touch and the big occasion seemed to unnerve them.

Sandley opened for England very nervously against Ulf Bengtsson and was beaten comfortably. Johnson played with great determination against M. Appelgren, winning the first, but a clever change of tactics and pace saw the Swede win the next two games.

Anita Stevenson then was outclassed by Kristina Nilsson, who blocked and counter hit cleverly.

Liljegen made it 4-0 to the visitors with a superb demonstration of backhand killing against Jackson. The Swedes clinched victory with an easy women's doubles success.

Not a very good night for English table tennis, but an excellent one for an appreciative crowd at Bridges Hall.

Distinguished guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Reading as well as three former world champions, who were introduced to the packed audience, Johnny Leach, Stellan Bengtsson and Kjell Johansson.

The match was superbly presented and was a credit to organisers Peter Charters and Alan Dines.

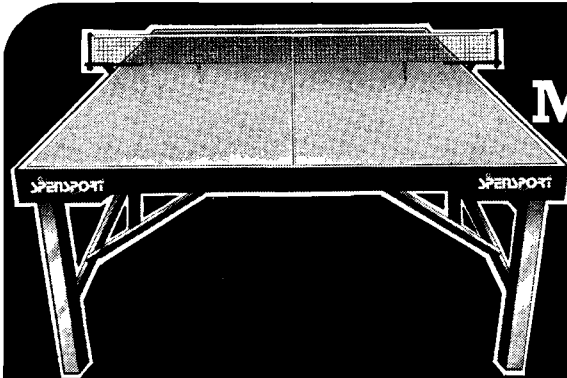
Match referee was John Freeman and local player and National Umpire Mike Skinner officiated. The MC was Mike Watts of the ETTA.

RESULTS:-

G. Sandley lost to U. Bengtsson -13, -17.
D. Johnson lost to M. Appelgren 20, -16, -15.
A. Stevenson lost to K. Nilsson -12, -13.
K. Jackson lost to A. Liljegen -10, -19.
C. Knight/Stevenson lost to Nilsson/E. Stromvall -18, -18.
Sandley lost to Appelgren -7, -10.
Knight bt Hernvall 13, 12.
Jackson lost to U. Bengtsson 19, -12, -14.
Johnson bt Liljegen 11, 16.

Development Officer

Mr. Robert Oldfield, the new ETTA Development Officer, took up his duties on Mar. 3 and with his background of University and County table tennis administration he already has much experience to offer. He will also hold the position of National Press Officer and can be contacted at the ETTA Office at 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex (Phone: Hastings (0424) 433121).



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by Philip Reid

YVONNE'S HAUL

Four titles for Yvonne Hall, a tenth Men's Singles title on the trot for Paul Randell — and two marvellous finals. That sums up this year's Leicestershire Closed staged at Hinckley Leisure and excellently run on the day by Mike Holt and his team. Without Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers there, Yvonne took full advantage to win the Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Girls' Singles — not a bad haul for a fifteen-year-old! Her victory over Eileen Shaler in the Women's Singles shows how much she has improved and partnered by Eileen was also successful in the Doubles.

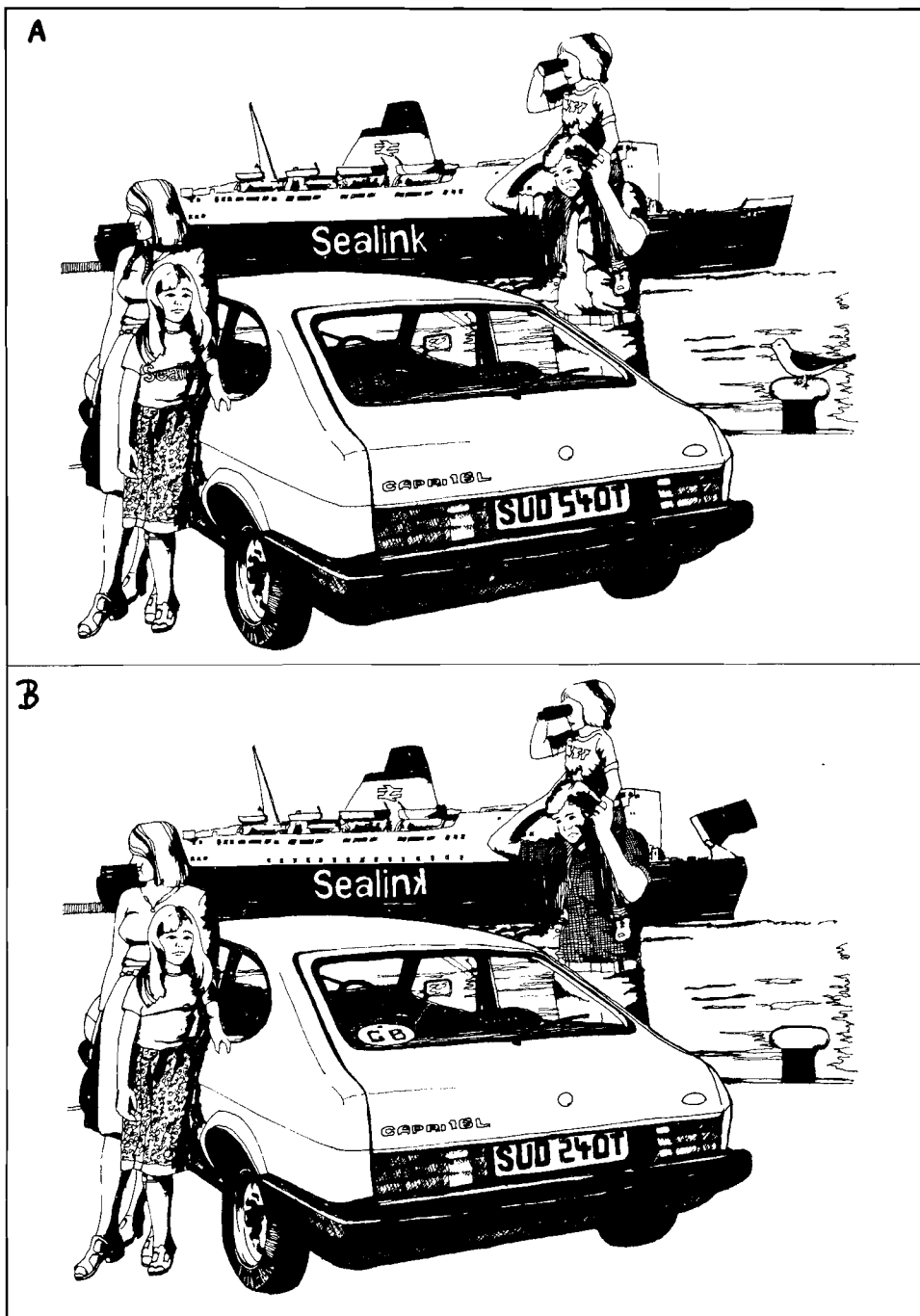
Last season Yvonne and her brother Grahame were narrowly edged out of the Mixed final but they made no mistake this time and to complete her day, Yvonne also took the Girls' Singles. Paul Randell and Maurice Newman were much too good for David Gannon and Philip Smith in the Men's Doubles whilst the vastly-improved Simon Griew beat Colin Jones in the final of the Boys' Singles. Jones had earlier knocked out No. 1 seed Trevor Kerslake but was unable to keep out the new County No. 2, Griew, with Martin Pickles as his partner was also successful in the Boys' Doubles.

The customary pushing game in the final of the Veterans' Singles between the holder Brian Mayfield and Geoff Aldwinckle duly took place with Mayfield retaining his title.

It was, however the Men's Singles and Cadet Singles which really took the eye. Virtually untroubled for the nine previous years, Randell found a real challenger in the final in Gannon. An easy first game win by the champion failed to upset the pretender to the throne and, duly advised by Phil Smith went on to take a marvellous second game led 8-3 in the third. At this juncture Randell started to slow things down and without doing anything spectacular, moved into a 20-18 lead. It looked all over. Yet incredibly back came Gannon with two forehand kills and the score stood 20-all in the third. Two long rallies followed each culminating in Gannon missing a forehand smash and thus Randell retained his crown. Apart from the great match it was, Gannon will surely be remembered for his great sportsmanship in defeat. To get so close and still lose must have been a dreadful disappointment for him yet he not only smiled but also bought me a drink in the bar afterwards — another memorable occasion.

In normal seasons this Men's Singles would have overshadowed everything else but right out of the blue came the most astonishing Cadets' Final anyone can ever remember seeing. Without any doubt at all it provided the most spectacular play of the day, there being no other match in any event which could compare with it. The contestants were 12-year-old David Aldwinckle and Andrew Allen, just fourteen. Aldwinckle's game is mainly a consistent forehand with an occasional really good kill. Allen has a good all-round game but opted on this occasion to defend practically the whole of the time. To start with his tactics paid off but gradually Aldwinckle started to get the hang of things yet only just got home in the second.

The third game was amazingly enough, even better than the other two with the rallies becoming longer and more spectacular. It would be churlish of me to criticise anyone after such a marvellous match but had Andy have come in with an occasional hit to break up Aldwinckle's game I fancy the final game (which Aldwinckle won at 17) could have been even closer. But well done lads on a game which did credit to both table tennis and yourselves.



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European League SUPER DIVISION

POMPEY VICTORY FOR SWEDEN

by David Cosway

Before a packed 1250 house at Portsmouth Guildhall on Feb. 13 England were looking to improve on last season's third place in the Super Division. Again sponsored by IBM (UK) Limited, The Portsmouth Association were staging their record international in three years. In a way it was unfortunate that the match started off with the clash of the giants with European No. 5 Des Douglas, fresh from his showing in the Welsh Open, where he accounted for world No. 4 Li Zhenshi, facing European No. 4 Stellan Bengtsson back from his success in the European "Top 12" tournament.

With neither player prepared to defend the rallies were fought out at lightning speed with Des easing out the first at "deuce", but when Bengtsson comfortably took the second at 13 it did not look good for England but Douglas came back to win the third at 16. Paul Day, back in favour after his runner-up place in the men's singles at Brighton, really did not look the part in the first game against Ulf Thorsell, the European No. 10, with no answer to the Thorsell serve and losing -13. He came more into it in the second to win at 19 but again in the third Thorsell put on the pressure and Day trailed all through eventually losing -13.

On the stage then came Jill Hammersley, probably making the last of her many home international appearances. What a credit Jill is to the game and what a gap for England to fill after her retirement. Her opponent the European No. 2 Ann-Christin Hellman. Attacking more than usual, Jill comfortably won the first at 15 picking off her hits well both on her stronger backhand but also with the forehand. She appeared to lose concentration a little in the second and the Swede after trailing 6-14 won at 19, Jill buckled down again in the third to win easily at 12.

Then came the two vital doubles sets. Sweden sensibly experimenting with up-and-coming youngsters with, in each, Bengtsson the guiding light. England still striving to find a successful men's doubles



The two teams are led into the arena.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London SW17.

pair brought in Donald Parker to partner Douglas while Ulf Carlsson joined Bengtsson. Donald, I thought, played as well as I have seen him perform in the first game which went to the English duo at 12 but the Swedes came back to win the second by the same score. England trailed all through the third up to 18-20 when two fine winners levelled the game at "deuce", only for the next two points to end in mistakes to give the set to Sweden and level the match at 2-2. The mixed doubles, in the past an English strength, brought Linda Jarvis in to partner Douglas with Sweden fielding Eva Stromvall and Bengtsson. Again this England partnership failed and the -15, -16 scoreline clearly reflects the play. How good it must be to have a player like Bengtsson who gets involved in these doubles and so actively encourages his young partners. So 2-3 down and Douglas v Thorsell! Could Des again come to England's rescue and leave Day playing for the match in the last set?

Sadly it was not to be for after Des took the first game at "deuce", Thorsell cruised through the second at 13 and although Douglas fought back from 2-9 in the third to lead 19-18, a net levelled it at 19-19, the next point went to Des 20-19 but a winning hit clipped the top of the net and went off, 20-20 and the next two points went to Thorsell for a 22-20 win. So an anti-climax

last set with Bengtsson just too good for Day winning in straight games. A 2-5 defeat, but if two "deuce"-in-the-third defeats had been reversed it would have been an England victory — it was that close!

But what of the future? With no Jill Hammersley next season, England must find support for Des. He looked jaded and tired in this match and perhaps the pressure of having to win to give England any chance is getting a bit too much for him. As he himself has said, he is not a robot and he needs help to lift his team. The established players this season have not succeeded now is the time to bring in the youngsters. Graham Sandley in particular must now deserve a chance and Carole Knight, back to something like her best form, looks most likely successor to Jill.

RESULTS:-

England 2 Sweden 5

- D. Douglas bt S. Bengtsson 20, -13, 16.
- P. Day lost to U. Thorsell -11, 19, -13.
- Mrs. J. Hammersley bt Miss A.C. Hellman 15, -19, 12.
- Douglas/D. Parker lost to Bengtsson/V. Carlsson 12, -12, -20.
- Douglas/Mrs. L. Jarvis lost to Bengtsson/E. Stromvall -15, -16.
- Douglas lost to Thorsell 20, -13, -20.
- Day lost to Bengtsson -15, -14.



"England's top supporter!" stated Albert Shipley in his commentary at Portsmouth.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London SW17.



The Swedish team (from l to r):- Ann-Christin Hellman, Stellan Bengtsson, Ulf Thorsell and Ulf Carlsson.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London SW17.

County Notes Supplement

NORFOLK NOTES

by Neville Graver

TSB JUNIORS LEAD THE WAY

Recent events in Norfolk have been dominated by events in the Junior world. The TSB Junior first team extended their unbeaten run with a narrow 6-4 victory over Cambridgeshire II, with Martyn Stevenson starring, ably assisted by twin brother Richard, Roger Margetson, Sarah Bignell and Zoe Nichols. Their match against Northants on 1st March could decide the title in the Junior 3rd East Midland. The second team, however are propping up the Junior 3rd East table, although they pushed Herts II to a 4-6 result. The team has yet to score a point this season, but that is not too surprising considering that it is primarily under 14. The experience gained this season has been invaluable, particularly for the likes of Philip Logsdon and Chris Rayment who have both been selected to attend a training weekend at Lea Green for East Midlands under-14's.

It was these two youngsters who played in the best final in the TSB Junior Closed held at Neatherd High School, Dereham, 10th February. They contested the under-13 final and produced a game of the highest standard to thrill the watching crowd. Logsdon eventually winning in the third after losing the first to his aggressive opponent. The remainder of the boy's events were dominated by the Stevenson twins from Norwich, Richard taking the under-15's and Martyn the under-17's title, combining to take the boy's doubles, and opposing each other in the mixed. The two singles finals they contested were very much exhibitions and one could be forgiven for thinking that the sharing of titles was not totally accidental.

In the girls' events, Sarah Bignell of Gt. Yarmouth starred, taking both U-17 and U-15 singles, and also the girls' doubles with Zoe Nichols. The remaining girls' singles, the U-13's, produced two newcomers to the county scene in Sue Jenkinson (Yarmouth) and Karen Burkett (Lynn) the latter being the first finalist from Lynn for many years. The set was a close fought affair, both girls being prepared to attack, with Miss Jenkinson finally taking it at 19 and 17. The trophies were presented by Colin Parnell, Area Marketing Manager for TSB of Eastern England.

On the Senior front, the county first team notched up its first victory of the season against Beds, the day after the 2nd had defeated Beds II, but subsequently lost away to Leics 2-8, despite a fine performance by Doug Bennett in beating both Dave Gannon and Paul Randall in straight games. This was Randall's first defeat in the County Championships. We are now approaching league Closed Championships time, and indeed these have already been held in Wymondham and Lynn. In Wymondham, County Coach Les Rayment caused an upset by taking the Men's title, defeating junior Paul Ninham in the final after Ninham had inflicted a shock defeat on No. 1 seed Steve Howlett. He also took the Men's Doubles with Brian Mondin, and the Mixed with Linda Kowalski. Margaret Hales took the women's singles with Janet Moore runner-up.

In the Lynn Closed, Chuck Hewitt took the Men's title, beating Dave Brammer, the Cambs Junior player, in the final, whilst

Ruth Hunter, another Cambs Junior, beat Sally Hayes. Other winners were:-

Men's Doubles:
S. Barrett/D. Shaw.
Women's Doubles:
R. Hunter/A. Rudd.
Mixed Doubles
J. Defty/S. Hayes.
Veteran Singles:
P. Saunders.
U-17:
S. Balkwell.
U-14:
R. Hunter.

Championships taking place in March and April are:-
Norwich - 16th March at U.E.A. Norwich.
Gt. Yarmouth - 23rd March at Seacroft, Hemsby.
Dereham - 12/13 April at Neatherd High School.

Before finishing this month's notes, congratulations are due to the Sprowston High School Team of Richard and Martyn Stevenson, Philip Logsdon, and Dave Pitchell on winning the E. Region Schools Championships, and to Maurice Ebbs of Lynn for being awarded the 'Nick Bean' trophy by the West Norfolk News for services to sport in West Norfolk. Also, best wishes are extended to the youngsters and officials who will, at the end of March, be forging new links with Novi Sad in Yugoslavia, the venue of next year's World Championships. The possibility of an exchange of seniors is being pursued for the future.

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Doug Moss

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS

The County Association has received good publicity on its activities this season. However, new managements for contribution to this Magazine have not worked out and therefore your "scribe" of past seasons takes up his pen again (and the wife has even more typing to do).

As regards the County teams the first good news was of Jenny Cornock, now living in the County, and Simon Claxton topping the rankings. Both players had previously represented Warwickshire. They have made an important contribution to the 1st team with Jenny being unbeaten in Women's Singles events and Simon having won five out of eight. The remaining members of the team have not been too successful. After having started off with a good 7-3 win over Gwent, results have been disappointing. The 2nd team played a match in October and then waited until early February for their next contest, which is disappointing for the players and does not give opportunity to demonstrate their potential for 1st team play. Obviously arrangements for Divisions of five teams with four matches needs to be improved — a point which the County Championships Committee appreciates.

The County Junior team has played well and probably better than could have been expected. Jeremy Duffield is an experienced player who has been a great asset. Mandy Westwood has also made a good improvement during the season. The team has secured three draws. Against Glamorgan the team was losing 2-5 and made a great fight back for a draw. At this stage Mandy Westwood lost the first game in her singles match and then won 21-18, 21-19. Mark Danks, as he had done previously, fought well to win the final event and the draw.

The Veterans team has a strong experienced and settled team which has played very well and had some first class matches. The introduction of the "expedite" rule in matches has been the norm rather than the exception. The team comprises Janet Hunt, Brian Belcher, Mervyn Wood and Barry White. Janet has played par-

ticularly well losing only one singles event.

The Team K.O. competitions (handicap and straight) ably organised by Peter Bird are again proceeding satisfactorily. Terry Round is again the organiser for the County League. Interest seems to have fallen off over the seasons, mainly due I think to players commitments in playing in two or three leagues. The one Division does, however, have some strong teams and a match in March between Dudley and Worcester will decide the Championship.

The Junior Closed Championships have been played. They were held at the Catshill Youth Club, Bromsgrove, which proved most convenient. The overall standard of play continues to improve each season. The successful contestants were:-

Boys' Singles:
J. Duffield bt A. Clifford 19, 15.
Girls' Singles:
M. Westwood bt D. Hough 18, 11.
Doubles:
Duffield/M. Jukes bt Clifford/J. Ford 18, 22.

The Senior Closed will have taken place by the time this article appears. It is held on Sunday, 17 Feb., at The Abbey Stadium, Redditch. The entry must be one of the largest ever. There are 94 entries for the Men's Singles event as compared with 88 last year. Jenny Cornock and Simon Claxton, as the No. 1 seeds, must be the favourites. However, the No. 8 seed (Trevor Washington) won the title last season — he is No. 2 seed this time! I will reserve further comment for next month's report! Diana Moss and John Mytton (Referee) have been putting in a great deal of work on the preliminary arrangements.

The Worcester League Championships on 9th March should be of a high standard. There are players from Hereford, Bromsgrove, Redditch, Dudley, Evesham, Halesowen, Kidderminster and Birmingham playing in Worcester Division I. However, not all of them have played in a third of the matches, which is a requirement to be accepted for entry.

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

SWEDES DRAW APPLAUSE

The top event in the county this season was the friendly international match between England and Sweden held at the Bulmershe College in Reading. An appreciative crowd came to cheer the home country but unfortunately the cream of England youngsters did not rise to the occasion, and in the end it was the brilliant Swedish squad who drew most applause. Perhaps if our two local lady star players had been selected the crowd would have provided the vocal encouragement necessary to spur our team to victory. Apart from this disappointing result, this was a memorable night for Berkshire table tennis and Peter Charters and Alan Dines deserve the thanks of local fans in presenting the match in such a professional manner.

The county first team continue their inevitable charge towards another play off session in April. Hampshire and Dorset have been beaten with something to spare, and with only Somerset and Wiltshire to play, the prospect of winning the divisional title looks very bright indeed. The young Isle of Wight youngster Carl Preen proved to be a thorn in the Berkshire side for Hampshire but he was unable to really inspire his team mates and Berks ran out 7-3 winners. No alarms against Dorset who were crushed by an almost full strength home side by the maximum 10-0 scoreline.

With all our county sides in action on the same day the county were hard pressed to field a strong 2nd team for the 300 mile round trip to Herefordshire, Roy Mason and Richard Chester were drafted into the side as was Newbury's Karen McKenzie who had a promising debut. A Graham Outrim win

over Mike Prosser and a ladies doubles success was the sum total of our victories in this match.

The first team junior squad spent the weekend at St. Neots with the result that they have been relegated from the Junior Premier Division. From reports received our very young squad impressed spectators with their attitude and application and it should not be too long before they are back with the elite. Mention must be made of Susan Kilford who was drafted into the squad at short notice and took her chance very well. A little more consistency to go with her lethal forehand could make her a force to be reckoned with next season.

The Junior side has had mixed results going down to Kent by 7-3 but winning a tight match against Sussex by 6-4. The opportunity was taken to introduce some more newcomers to the county scene and their progress is being carefully logged for the future.

There has been a fantastic surge of interest in veterans table tennis in the county. The fight for places in the county side is very competitive and such is the interest this season it would have been very easy to have fielded four sides instead of one. Bert Foster continues to inspire the team with a mixture of sportsmanship and skill that many a youngster could copy to good effect. His only two reverses have come at the hands of Essex who have this division sewn up. With wins against Herts I and Huntingdonshire both by 6-3 scores, we seem set fair for the runners-up position. Those evergreen performers Dave Jones and Colin Finden have both provided admirable backing, while Eva Foster has made the ladies spot her own.

The first half of the inter town championships have been completed and Reading are being pressed very hard by the Maidenhead league for the Barbara Peesley Trophy. Only two points separate the two sides and with several star Maidenhead performers due to re-appear in the second half matches in late February, the stage is set for the title to move a few miles east along the Thames. Present positions:-

	Points
Reading	16
Maidenhead	14
Newbury	11
Bracknell	8
Didcot	6
Slough	6

Simon Rowland, the young Reading star, won himself the Reading Individual Handicap title when he just got the better of 11-year-old Paul Andrews of Woodley by the narrowest of margins over three games. There was a total entry of over 100 for this popular event which was held at Bulmershe. Shane Kirton carried off the consolation event by beating county player Jim Stokes in the final.

Derek Basden recaptured the glory of years gone by by dominating the Bracknell Closed Championships. He beat our local Belgium star Philippe Quoilin in the men's singles final, carried off the handicap final against all the odds, and then teamed up with Brian Halliday for a doubles final success over county players Graham Outrim and Roy Mason. Jenny Collins of Reading scored a noteworthy double with a ladies singles win and a mixed doubles success with Simon Rowland. Eddie Cripps won the veterans title, and Steve Everard won the under-21 event.

Related congratulations to Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith of Reading's Omega club for their memorable achievements this season. There is no doubt that the fine crop of players produced by Peter Charters at Omega has put Berkshire table tennis on the map. It seems such a tragedy that the area has not got its own table tennis centre where all players could benefit from match play and practice. Perhaps the progressive Reading Committees development pro-

gramme will come up with something concrete — in more senses than one.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

BEST SEASON EVER

Staffordshire must surely be having one of their best seasons ever in the National County Championships. Within the last month the senior 'A' team has notched up another two wins to keep up their unbeaten record and they must now be favourites to reach the play-off for promotion. The junior 'A' side performed creditably in their matches against the southern counties in the Premier Division and not only retained their place but captured third spot, equal with Sussex, behind all-conquering Middlesex and Devon. And finally, the junior 'B' side ran out winners against Shropshire and Clwyd, and although they now cannot top Derbyshire, their performance this season, with only one point dropped against Derbys, augurs well for the future. Peter Knight, their team captain, points out that they have based the team on a squad system, which emphasises our strength in depth, from which we hope will arise a team capable of capturing top honours in the Premier Division.

The senior 'A' side of Tony Isaac, Andrew Bellingham, Andrew Rich, Janet Carr and Jill Harris had little difficulty in beating Warwicks 8-2 although at one stage when it was 3-2 and with several of the contests closely fought between contrasting styles it looked like being much closer. The ladies remained unbeaten, but Andrew Rich succumbed to the fast hitting Hon Kin Ng and the other two men lost the doubles to the defensive Warwickshire pair, Hayward and Johnson. Against Gwent, Eddie Wilkes came in for the absent Bellingham and Fiona Elliot replaced Jill Harris who was playing for the junior 'A' side. Unfortunately, our efforts to promote the matches round the county is not having too much success and the selected venue not only gave trouble with a slippery floor but also the audience was rather sparse. Our apologies to Gwent from both the County and the local association which staged the match. Again the ladies were unbeaten, with Fiona Elliot, still only a cadet, putting on an impressive performance to win her singles 10 and 7. Eddie Wilkes found the standard hard going, losing both his singles, albeit -20, -20 in the second, and Isaac and Rich lost the men's doubles over three games.

Following the first set of matches in the Junior Premier Division, Staffs were in third position, but they faced a tough second weekend with matches against the strong Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex sides. However the programme started with a good win against Essex 9-1. Staffs were undoubtedly flattered by the score, six of the games going to 21-19 all Staffs way, and Essex showed their strength later with draws against Devon and Yorkshire. But all credit to our team of Paul Barnett, Andrew Dixon, Bill Bridgeman, Jill Harris and Shirley Cain for showing the qualities to win in tight situations. Those qualities faded a little in some of the later matches. I didn't see the draw against Sussex (Paul Barnett was the only boy to win a single) but the match against Surrey was ours for the taking with Bridgeman and Dixon winning four singles between them. It may be that tiredness was beginning to set in, or the disappointment of an undeserved 10-0 defeat by Middlesex was showing, but overall the end result was gratifying and the team are to be congratulated. In the Middlesex match, Dixon took the England No. 1 Graham Sandley to 22-20, 21-19, Barnett and Dixon lost the doubles on 19 in the third, Dixon lost to Souter (England No. 4) 18 in the third and Shirley Cain took Lesley Tyler (No. 10) to three only to lose

on deuce. In the other matches, several good wins were achieved against National ranked players. Dixon beat Mark Oakley (Surrey, No. 10), Barnett beat Stephen Moore (Sussex 9) and Bridgeman held on to beat Baker (Surrey 5) in two straight. Jill Harris won three of her four singles, losing only to No. 2 ranked Mandy Reeves of Middlesex. Incidentally, it was a pleasure to meet an old (not so much of the old, please) playing colleague, Mike Close, who used to be at the Wembley and Sudbury club. He now is a coach and team captain of the Middlesex side, who deserve our sincere congratulations on an outstanding record this season. Shirley Cain won two of her four singles, narrowly going down to Michelle Hams in a game which was really nothing more than a battle of nerves.

The junior 'B' side beat Shropshire 6-4 and Clwyd 9-1 but even with a 10-0 in their last match they will not catch Derbyshire. A more decisive win against Salop would have made all the difference, and certainly, Peter Dawes, coming in at No. 3 and winning both his singles easily, we should, perhaps, have done better. But neither Craig Bakewell or Stephanie Hadley were playing at their normal standard, and both the doubles went against us. Paul Dilger and Fiona Elliot were unbeaten in their singles. In the match against Clwyd, there was a good performance by the whole team of Craig Bakewell, Paul Dilger, Alan Trubshaw, Rachel Roberts and Vicky Bellingham, with the boys' doubles (as usual) being the only set to go against us.

The draw for the second round of the James Beattie Team Handicap Competition is as follows:-
Stone 'B' v Stafford 'B'
Bridgnorth v West Bromwich 'A'
Lichfield 'A' v Walsall 'A'
Stone 'A' v Potteries

The semi-finals and final will be played off at the Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton on Sunday, March 23rd. Results of the Wolverhampton Closed are as follows:-

- Men's Singles:**
A. Bellingham bt A. Rich
- Women's Singles:**
J. Carr bt F. Elliot
- Junior Boys' Singles:**
A. Dixon bt M. Devitt
- Junior Girls' Singles:**
F. Elliot bt S. Cain
- Men's Doubles:**
J. Carr and J. Chubb
- Mixed Doubles:**
A. Bellingham and P. Draisey
- Women's Doubles:**
S. Dunning and J. Carr
- Veteran Singles:**
K. Haynes.

In the County Ranking Lists, Fiona Elliot, following several good performances recently, moves up one place in both the ladies and junior girls, but apart from the Cadet boys, listed below, the other rankings remain unchanged.

- Cadet Boys:**
1 A. Devitt, 2 D. Haynes, 3 Adrian Dixon,
4 R. Bridgeman, 5 A. Clifford, 6 P. Booth,
7 E. Wilkes, 8 J. Campbell, 9 C. Dawes,
10 P. Bosson.

AVON NOTES

by Robert Oldfield

VITAL VICTORY

Although three out of the four county matches played on Feb. 2 ended against Avon, the only victory was vital to ensure Avon First's survival in Div. 2W. The county now needs just one point from their remaining fixture, against Dorset, on March 22.

The venue was the Grove Sports Centre at Nailsea. By the scheduled time of 7 p.m. an expectant crowd had gathered and the home team were well warmed up, impatient

to begin. Delayed, Hampshire finally arrived at 7.28 and Andy Creed, Avon's No. 2, took the table against Derek Holman. Looping to create the advantage and then out-counter-attacking Derek, he won in convincing style 12 and 12; 1-0. With the score evenly balanced at the change of ends Mick Sinnanan then cut down on his errors to run out an easy winner over myself; 1-1. Martyn Smith v Chris Wiltshire; 2-1. The women's doubles -17 in the third to Hants; 2-2.

Then Avon took command, 19 and 20 in the men's doubles for Martyn and Andy. A third success for Andy, this time over Sinnanan, at 18 in the third and a good win for Tina Shortman over Angie Gilbert. This was a perplexing game. Tina won the first at 19 and was then 10-20 down in the second. Realising that she had been asleep for most of the match she rallied to lose at 18 but inspired by her run of success with controlled looping and pushing, she built up an unassailable lead to win at game-11.

Holman and Serina Sinnanan beat Martyn and Helen Gore respectively, in straight games, so at 5-4 it was left to Wiltshire and myself to contest the final set. Poor Chris was handicapped by the ligament trouble in his wrist and could only accumulate 16 points in the two games. An important win then for Avon, presented in superb conditions by the Nailsea Table Tennis Club — an illustration of the good presentation that is so crucial for the advancement of the game.

The following day, in the early hours, a car set out for Bournemouth from Bristol. The North Bournemouth 1-Star, at Winton Y.M.C.A., illustrated other facets of the game. By repeating his wins of the previous day, Creed reached the final where he met 'twiddler' Malcolm Francis. Andy found the Tackiness/Feint combination too difficult to predict and some tremendous defensive play from Francis took the men's singles back to Uckfield. The final finished at a quarter to midnight. No comment!

Now for the first of the county's Closed Championships. Thanks to the sponsorship of Home and Hearth Ltd., a local firm dealing in fires, grates and sports trophies, this annual event, of the Bath and District League, has been elevated to a new level of table tennis promotion in this area. Now known as the Home and Hearth Ltd. Closed Championships of Bath, no less than twenty one events were held involving half the league's players. Starting on Monday night at 8.30 p.m., the minimum facilities used were eight tables, individually lit, in half of the large Sports hall at Bath Sports Centre complete with tiered spectator seating.

Throughout the week there was good local press coverage and for the selected finals themselves, on Saturday evening, a grand arena, tastefully decorated with flowers, Mayoral presentations, press photographs and local radio bulletins. A great credit to Paul Hewitt and the Championship Committee members, backed by the sponsors and the excellent staff relationship at Bath Sports Centre, under the management of Morton Evans. Magnificent — and already I have heard of plans of even greater expansion, in preparation for the League's Golden Anniversary in 1982.

For the records Mike Baker was a triple winner, taking home the huge Williams Cup (MS), the Chelsea Sports Trophy (VS) and the Russell Cup (MD) whilst the husband and wife partnership of John and Judy Higgs lined their mantelpiece with half the Russell Cup, the Anchor Cup (WS), the Hillier Rose Bowl (XD), half the Corsham Trophy (LD) as well as the Women's Singles Handicap R/U and the Div. 3 Singles Handicap title. The finals themselves were well contested — the outstanding clash being that between Keith Harford and Wayne Coombes in the Junior final. The two left-handers, specialising in away-from-the-table looping, provided a fine spectacle for the crowd of 350 — Keith

winning the Rossiter Cup after a three game tussle.

One final note. It may not have escaped your notice that the county will need a new Press and Publicity Officer from this year's A.G.M. onwards. It is a position that I personally have found very rewarding and perhaps this short mention might encourage someone who might like to become involved. Don't delay — get in contact with myself or any other members of the county Executive.

GLoucestershire NOTES

by Leslie Smith

SCHOOLS' PROGRESS

It is pleasing to report on the progress that is being made with table tennis in schools, with 19 teams taking part in five different events in the Gloucestershire Schools' Team Championships.

The winners were:-

Boys'

- U-19: Marling, Stroud.
- U-16: Linden Sec., Gloucester.
- U-13: Rednock, Dursley.
- U-11: Chalford, Stroud.

Girls'

- U-16: Charlton Park, Cheltenham.

Frank Newell Memorial Shields were presented to the winning schools in the boys and girls under-16 age groups by yours truly. The boys at assembly at Linden School brought back memories to the writer, and the girls at the end of the match when Charlton Park School beat Denmark Road High, Gloucester to take the title.

Of the schools that took part in the Area Finals at Swindon, pride of place must go to the girls of Charlton Park who won their group and who now return to Swindon for the Regional finals along with the boys from Chalford.

Arrangements are now in hand for the Individual Schools Championships to be held at Chosen Hill School, Churchdown, Gloucester.

Inter-Town teams playing in the Midland League have been having some success, with pride of place going to the Stroud Men's team who have remained unbeaten in winning the 4th division, the first championship that a Stroud team has ever won. The Gloucester Men's team have only just lost their unbeaten record when they went down 4-6 to Chesterfield, while the Cheltenham teams have also been having their share of wins with young Nina Tsakarianos having some success in the Cotswold Ladies' League

The contests for the Division 1 title in each of the three leagues have developed into two horse races. In Cheltenham, Civil Service "A" and Saracens "A" lead the division, with Gordon League "A" hoping to regain the title from Tayton & Tibberton "A" in the Gloucester League. The Stroud League sees Woodchester "A" and defending champions, Nailsworth "A" neck and neck.

The first-ever County Dinner & Dance has been arranged for Friday, March 28 at the De La Bere Sports & Country Club, Southam, Cheltenham. Bob Griffin, the former England International, is the resident coach at the club. Tickets are available from John Boyd, 376 Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

STILL NO VICTORY

Defeats in their matches against Berkshire and Avon leave the county First Team going into their last match still without a victory. Against a strong Berkshire team the 3-7 deficit was not without its promise for the future. Carl Prean continued his

marvellous first season for the senior county team with wins over David Reeves and Graham Outtrim while Captain Derek Holman, as usual leading by example, got the better of Andy Welman. Serina Sinnanan looked like causing a major upset when she took the first game off Mandy Smith at 13 but lost the next two -14 -16 — still a good performance.

Against Avon, Prean was missing as being an evening match transport back to the Isle of Wight was its usual problem. Chris Wiltshire, still not fully fit, lost his two singles but Holman gained a good win over Martyn Smith while Miki and Serina Sinnanan each had singles wins and Serina combined with Angie Gilbert in the women's doubles to gain the county's fourth set.

The county second team had good wins over Somerset II (8-2) and Cornwall (7-3). The team for both matches was Martin Gilbert, Ramah Bhalla, Gary Longland, Kathy Conlon and Ann Longland. All have contributed to these victories with Longland and Kathy Conlon unbeaten in their singles in these two matches, in this their first regular season of county table tennis.

The Junior 'A' team after a good 9-1 victory over Middlesex II really came unstuck against Bucks going down 2-8. Tracy Kneller and John Roberts each won a singles but the other singles for Roberts resulted in his first county defeat of the season.

The Junior 'B' team are finding life difficult and lost 0-10 to Devon II and 3-7 to Cornwall. Maria McCabe of Aldershot was responsible for two of the county's wins in this latter defeat.

The Veterans 'A' team beat Dorset II by 8-1 and reversed last season's vital defeat over Avon to gain a very good 5-4 win. Ray Lush won his two singles and combined with Ged Holly to win the doubles to help his unbeaten team to the top of the West division with only Dorset I standing between them and the Championship Play-Offs. The Veterans' second team lost 4-5 to Kent II with Mike Barrett of Aldershot and Mai Allen of Southampton each winning two sets.

In the inter-town league mixed division Aldershot are the early leaders with five points from four matches but Portsmouth and Basingstoke are close behind on four points with matches in hand. The champions Bournemouth have so far only played one of their five matches scheduled to date. They look like having a hectic end to the season fitting all these matches in amongst their other commitments. Bournemouth and Aldershot are unbeaten at the top of the men's division. The clash of these two teams is again an unplayed match to be rearranged. Basingstoke, winners of this division since the 1974/75 season look out of it this season after a 1-9 reversal at Aldershot. Last season they dropped only seven sets in remaining unbeaten. Best performances in this division are by two juniors. Graham Toole (Gosport and Fareham) has only dropped two of 18 sets and John Roberts (Southampton) two of 15 sets.

Bournemouth "A" and Southampton "A" lead the Junior Division 1 with nine points from five matches having drawn their earlier match. A good win for Bev Nicholson in this match over County No. 1 Junior Joanna Bush. Last season's winners Aldershot lost 3-7 to Southampton. Last season's two re-instated relegated teams, Bournemouth "B" and Gosport and Fareham are again in danger of filling the relegation positions.

The Isle of Wight and Southampton "B" have identical records at the top of the Junior Div. 2 and the championship could well be decided when these two teams meet in the last match of the season. Andover having finished bottom last season without a point are doing much better having lost only to Southampton. Paul Davis (Aldershot

"C"), Mark Adams (Southampton "B"), Helen Frost (Andover) and Alison Bilmore (South East Hants) are unbeaten to date in the Junior Divisions.

Portsmouth "A" lead the Veterans Div. 1 with Bournemouth "B", the surprise 8-2 winners over the current champions Bournemouth "A" in second place. Ivy Kershaw helped the "B" team to this win with the first veteran inter-town defeat of Joyce Coop. Southampton "B" are clear leaders of the veteran "B" division.

A quick look now at the local leagues, I have heard from. In Bournemouth Merton "A" are three points clear at the top of the Premier Division having won every match. Similarly, Kinson "B" are unbeaten leaders of Div. 1.

In the Winchester first Division Hursley "A" are three points clear of champions Winnall "A". In the first half Hursley's 7-3 win over Winnall included maximums for Longland and Peter Parsons.

Southampton's John Jaques-sponsored premier division 'A' is led by the unbeaten Snobs "A" from champions Lyndhurst "A". The Premier 'B' is very open with five teams still in with a chance of the title. Alpha "D" narrowly lead the first division from Post Office "A". Fleetlands Wasps lead the Gosport and Fareham first division with Tony Holt, Alan Long and Mark Saywell, but both Graham Toole and Steve Kitcher are unbeaten in this division. The league are hoping to obtain sponsorship for the first time for their closed tournament.

VRS (Sports) Limited head the Portsmouth top division having dropped only one point all season. They beat De La Rue, Champions for the last four years, 6-4 in the first half but their meeting in the last match of the season will doubtless decide the winners this season.

In the National Club K.O. competition VRS fought back from 1-4 against Lytchett of Poole to level at 4-4 before Bob Cox lost to Taffy Davies 19, -21, 17 to give Lytchett a 5-4 victory.

I hear the E.T.T.A. has decided to agree to the Isle of Wight's plea for independence and that as from next season they will be considered a separate county. I have mixed feelings on the matter. While I can appreciate that the Island may not have got the best deal from their inclusion with Hampshire where they have been treated very much as outsiders they may well lose as much as they gain by this decision. Transport will always be the Island's greatest problem and how county teams will feel having the extra time and expense of a sea crossing after a long car journey remains to be seen. Whether the Island will wish to be included in the inter-town league, or whether Hampshire will want them is another matter to be resolved. Similarly the loyalties of Carl Prean must be very divided after his success in this season's Hampshire team in Division 2.

All seats sold for the European League clash between England and Sweden at Portsmouth with standing room only on the day. Credit to the Portsmouth Association and surely with the success of the earlier Southampton match Hampshire can be proud of the way they have proved capable of staging international table tennis.

Most Leagues are holding their closed tournaments during March and if I can receive details of the results and any other information regarding the local leagues I will endeavour to include it in my May report.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

BETTER TIDINGS

After three successive defeats, things have really begun to happen for the County first team. A great win over Lincolnshire at

Byker Community Centre on Jan. 19 was followed by an equally tremendous victory away to Cheshire II at Hyde on Feb. 10.

Both matches were won by 6-4. In the Lincolnshire match, Barbara Kearney, back in the side after illness, and Kit Cheung, were unbeaten in both singles and doubles with Barbara scoring a magnificent 18 in the third victory over England No. 11 ranked Susanne Hunt. Each of the men won one singles, Ian Robertson and Dave Armstrong both beating David Skerratt, and Andrew Clark overcoming Neil Parkin. The Cheshire game, with John Burke — having already played in the junior match that afternoon — replacing Armstrong, saw first one way and then the other. Robertson, Clark and Burke (on his first team debut) won the opening three men's singles against Derek Schofield, Brian Johns and Wayne Percival respectively, and all the good work nearly proved to be undone when Northumberland lost the next four sets in a row, including both doubles, to slump to 3-4 down. Happily, Robertson beat Johns, Clark achieved victory over Percival, and Barbara had a fine win against Doreen Schofield to finally clinch the match.

The juniors unfortunately suffered their second successive 4-6 defeat to the Cheshire II junior team at the same venue. Christine Burke was again undefeated, winning a marathon singles (-21, 21, 15) and the doubles with Caron Buglass. John Burke and Neil McMaster each won a singles, both beating the No. 1, S. Davies.

The second team will be in action on Feb. 23, when they travel to Kendal to play Cumbria. No juniors have been considered for this match, because of the Crow's Transport Northumberland Junior Closed Tournament being held on the same day. The team has been selected as Dave Armstrong, Chris Shepherd, Martin Young, Pauline Jackson and Shirley Laver, with Bob Dodds, Michael Watson, Susan Norris and Daphne Russell standing by as reserves.

Following her win in the mixed doubles event at the National Civil Service Championships, in London recently, Pauline Jackson has been included in the Civil Service women's team to meet the Combined Services side at Aldershot — on the day before the County match. Hopefully, no transport problems will arise on the return journey!

The Northumberland League representative side came through the third round of the Wilmott Cup competition by beating the Stockton League 5-3 at Byker Community Centre. Andrew Clark was undefeated, winning his three sets against Malcolm Corking, Terry Murphy and Paul Crawford, while John Burke and Chris Shepherd both beat Crawford. They will be at home to either the Sunderland or Carlisle League in the next round.

On the tournament front, Peter White-man, Northumberland's No. 7, reached the quarter-finals of the men's singles event at the Pontefract Open, losing in three excellent games to Cheshire's Derek Schofield.

The third round of the Knock-Out Cup produced one or two surprises and some narrow escapes. Northumberland Fire Brigade of Div. 2A were given a fright by the young Div. 4C side Brandling Hall before scraping home 5-4, while Byker C.C. 'D' suffered the indignity of losing 2-7 to their own 'G' team. Tyne Gas 'A' of Div. 3C scored a very good 6-3 win over Div. 2A side Wills 'A'. This round is due to be completed by Feb. 18.

The Royal Grammar School Under-13 team of Martin Schapira, Andrew Drapkin, W. Shakoor and John Miller have won their way through to the National Finals, to be held at Matlock in March. At the Regional Finals held in Leeds, they beat Millom 5-3, and teams from Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire 7-1 and 6-2 respectively. Congratulations go to the boys on a fine achievement,

and hopefully a good performance at the "National".

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

UNCHARTED HEIGHTS

Sussex Juniors scaled heights previously uncharted when they finished equal third in the premier division of the county championships after two wins and two draws in the second series of matches at St. Neots.

The Moore brothers Stephen and Adrian, plus the power of the new Sussex junior champion Peter Pudduck and the incredible 12-year-old Teresa Moore were the star players, although Crawley are beginning to bring forward another crop of talented juniors including Tina Curran, Gary Bonner, Peter Venis and another real youngster Sally Weston from Horsham.

Next season Stephen Moore and Pudduck become seniors, but there will still be two Moores left to cause some havoc, so things are still looking bright on the junior front.

Invitations are now out for the Seaman and Nicholls cups for the Top-8 Sussex men and women to be held at Haywards Heath. This is a very popular event for the top people, but there are snags with competing events as usual. Hopefully for next campaign the date can be set months in advance. Another snag is the lack of seeding. I believe that to programme two outstanding men like Roger Chandler and Graham Gillett in the first round is a mistake. They should be placed in opposite halves and generous old-timer Charlie Seaman might be persuaded that this is the best plan.

Most people will know by now that Jimmy Moore, talented veteran player and father of the dynamic Moore family trio is unwell in a London hospital. Best wishes of all those who know him go to Jimmy for a swift recovery.

The most aspiring umpire in Sussex at the moment is county chairman Bert Fretwell. He was as surprised as anyone to find himself on television at Woking umpiring what turned out to be an historic occasion, the men's singles final between Des Douglas and Paul Day, the first time that the Birmingham maestro has been seriously challenged by an Englishman for three years.

It looks like farewell after nearly four years in the Sussex ranks for P.E. teachers Linda Budd (Essex) and Julie Reading from Bournemouth. Both girls have made their marks in many tournaments and matches at all levels and showed great sporting spirits. Best wishes to them as they start their teaching careers.

BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Dimmock

GIRLS ARE GREAT

As expected the veterans lost to the very strong Essex team of L. Fountain, B. Stevens and S. Batrick with only Jim Woolscroft able to take a single game. This was in the very first set of the evening against Fountain but he eventually lost -18 in the third. This 9-0 defeat was a shock to the team as they had combined well in previous matches. But it was played in a wonderful spirit the unanimous decision being a very enjoyable evening and a good match.

The Junior 1st team have consolidated themselves in this their first season in the higher division by two sound performances. The first, a draw against Gloucs, which could have been so easily a win, Colin Luscombe and David Sharpe each taking a singles with Jackie and Lisa Bellinger, as usual,

confidently taking the maximum number of sets.

This match was closely followed by an away fixture against Worcs in which we saw confident performances from Luscombe and Ian Doughty. For Ian this was his first county win and one wonders why, when we see him overwhelm an opponent as he did in this match. Colin continues to show the fight and determination that has become his hallmark by giving 100% and never believing that he can possibly be beaten.

He won both his singles despite, at times, being under pressure. But he weathered the storm showing his character and, we say, well done. Jackie and Lisa maintained their 100% record in both singles and doubles making for a final result of Beds 6 Worcs 4. The Junior 2nds lost 2-8 to Essex in a match which saw Andrew Conquest, playing as we know he can, winning both his singles. For the other members of the team Stephen Barrett, Mark Luscombe, Julie Miles and Mary Jarratt, it was their debut into County TT. They all showed potential for future advancement.

Against the high riding and very strong Suffolk side they again lost 2-8. But it was not as one-sided as the score might suggest. The boys fought tooth and nail against nationally-ranked Stuart Palmer in particular. The two Julie's, Miles and Dimmock, each won their singles but as a combination were not able to make a clean sweep of the girls' events.

The senior teams did not have fortune on their side, both the first and second teams lost 4-6 to Norfolk sides. The first team playing away only managed to win one men's singles, and that by Dave Cartwright who is maturing well in county play. Barbara Hammond and Lisa Bellinger won both their singles and doubles and we certainly have depth in this department.

The second team match, the following evening, was certainly exciting and full of entertainment with the result in the balance right to the very last game. Paul Birch, Cartwright and Lisa Bellinger each won a set with Lisa and Julie Dimmock taking the women's doubles.

In the match against Hunts the second team drew, thanks to Cartwright, who won both his singles, and the girls Lisa and Julie who beat two of their Regional training squad team-mates Melanie Ringrose and Janet Randle in singles and doubles.

In the National Team competitions, the Dunstable League faced teams from their close neighbours Luton, in two events, with honours shared. In the Carter Cup, Luton won 6-3. Sharpe obtaining a treble with the Luscombe brothers, Colin and Mark chalking up the rest, Doughty won twice for Dunstable and Barratt the other.

Only Barbara Hammond for Luton was able to make any impression against the young Dunstablians, in the Rose Bowl, beating Jackie Bellinger and Julie Dimmock the final score being 8-2 in Dunstable's favour. The same Dunstable trio play together in the Bromfield Trophy and, last year, reached the final. To date they have beaten Leamington 9-0 and in the next round play the winners of the tie between Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

This season the Luton League are experimenting by running mid-season divisional tournaments in addition to the end of the season closed championships. For some divisions the support has been disappointing but the most recent, for Div. 1, was very successful with most of the league's best players turning out and being beaten!

Chambers, Wooliscroft, Barby, Cartwright and Sharpe to mention a few. Colin Luscombe pulled off his finest achievement to date when he beat Jackie Bellinger in the final "deuce" in the third. And, with his partner Sharpe, Colin also reached the doubles final but fell to county veterans Wooliscroft and Ron Chambers.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

INTER-LEAGUE TOURNEY

The Bucks Inter-League Tournament reached its conclusion during January, the Women's, Veterans' and Junior sections being held at Stoke Mandeville School, Aylesbury.

Slough were the winners of the Women's tournament overcoming Maidenhead 3-2 in the vital match. Brenda Stevens and Ann Finlay formed the winning team with Brenda remaining unbeaten throughout.

In the Junior Boys' section, Aylesbury were the victors with Maidenhead runners-up. Alex Pratt (county No. 2) and Jonathon Bradbury (younger brother of Phillip) formed the winning team.

The Junior Girls' event was won by Maidenhead with Slough (1) runners-up. Maidenhead fielded a very strong pairing of Blackburn and Collins. Both girls remained unbeaten, although Susan Blackburn had a tough fight against Bucks No. 2 Dawn Robbins winning 19 in the third.

The biggest surprise was in the Veterans where the hot favourites, Aylesbury, went down to the High Wycombe side of Alan Catchpole and Dave Nash. Due to the high standard of play in this section it is being considered that Bucks should run a Veteran's side next year.

The disappointment in all of these events was the none entry of the very strong Milton Keynes League. It is unfair on the other leagues when some of the counties top players are missing. The league blame lack of interest in the players, while players I have spoken to say that they haven't been asked. Please put your house in order M. Keynes, so that the tournament has all the best players.

Milton Keynes did have three teams in the first half of the Men's tournament. The second half was held at Sir William Ramsay School, Hazlemere, minus the M. Keynes ('B') team who failed to turn up.

Milton Keynes (1) led the 'A' section after the first half and were favourites to take the title. M.K. had two matches left to play while close rivals High Wycombe had three matches to play. High Wycombe won the match in hand 7-2 to close the gap. The second set of matches brought M.K. against H.W. and M.K. seemed only to need a victory to take the title. However, a maximum from Alec Watson supported by Keith Bartlett and Mick Dean gave H.W. a deserved 6-3 victory. The final set of matches saw M.K. play Maidenhead and H.W. v Chiltern. M.K. had a one point lead with H.W. having the easier match. H.W. as expected trounced Chiltern 9-0 and with Milton Keynes going down 3-6, High Wycombe scored a deserved victory.

Alec Watson won the Roland Sewell Trophy for the best individual performance only losing once. The first half leader, Stuart Lines, did not take part in the second half. John Barton (Slough) was the player who impressed most and the county selectors rewarded his efforts by including him in the latest ranking list and selecting him for the Senior second team.

The 'B' section was won by Slough (2) and the 'C' section by High Wycombe (3).

The latest round of county matches ended with three losses against one victory. The Senior 1st team went down 8-2 to Suffolk. Phillip Bradbury winning a singles and Stephanie Lines and Ann Finlay combining to win the doubles.

The Senior 2nd team lost 9-1 to a very strong Sussex II side with Dave Martin the only victor. This match did provide some cheer in the form of debut girl Linda Phelps. Playing in her first ever county match she had a most exciting tussle before going down in the third to Miss Haffenden.

On this form Linda has a promising future on the county scene.

The Junior 1st team provided our only victory with a surprise win over Hampshire. This team had been the subject of complaints of lack of effort and bad discipline in their previous match against Essex. The players concerned showed their true worth and the selection Committee are most pleased with the change in attitude. Stuart Lines (2), Alex Pratt (2), Jonathon Wright (1) and Dawn Risby (1) won singles. Stuart and Alex teamed up for yet another doubles victory and Dawn teamed up with Dawn Robbins to win the Girls' Doubles.

The Junior 2nd team went down 7-3 to Sussex II. Mark Curtis (2) and David Gatiss (1) were the winners. This was a disappointing result as with a little more conviction it could have been a victory.

Slough League

As was forecast last month, Chippenham have gone to the top of the division and look certain to take the title. The division averages are headed by county No. 5 Steve Brindle. The Chippenham team of Earls, Poutney and Barton are all close on his heels.

The biggest surprise in this league was the defeat of county No. 4 Viv McCarthy by veteran Leo Thompson. I could not find out Leo's age, but I am told he won the English Closed Veterans' in the late 1940's. I am open to correction on this item. If my info is correct, Leo must be around seventy.

Milton Keynes League

A major upset in the Premier Division of the Milton Keynes League took place at the County Arms. The County Arms side contained Gary Hamilton (ranked 3) and Jonathon Wright (ranked 12). A.H.W. contained Stuart Lines (ranked 6) and sister Stephanie (No. 1 woman). A.H.W. trounced County Arms 9-1 with Stuart recording a maximum. Stephanie's maximum included the scalps of the two county ranked players and a 21-4 victory over Jonathon.

The county are desperately short of umpires and would be pleased to hear from anybody interested. Contact A. Emery on Gerrards Cross 82817 for more info.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

FIRST WIN

The county Junior 1st team had their first win of the season when they beat Clwyd by the impressive margin of 9-1. This now gives them three points in the Junior 2nd North and so their remaining two matches against Yorkshire 2nd and Cleveland will decide whether or not we stay in this division. Our senior team is in real danger of relegation from 2nd North for having gone down 1-9 to Derbyshire, Suzanne Hunt being our only success in this match, this means that we only have one point from four matches. The remaining matches are against Yorkshire 2nd and Cheshire 2nd and it is vital that we get at least two points from these matches. The veterans continued their winning ways by comfortably beating Clwyd 9-0. Their remaining match against Cheshire will decide who wins the Veteran Midland Division and hence compete in the Veteran Challenge.

In the inter-town competitions, Grimsby added another trophy to their collection this season — they already have won the Butlin Cup — when their Veterans defeated Louth 8-2 and therefore won the newly-formed Veteran division. One interesting item of this match was the win by Albin Black over Brian Allison 18, 17.

The Haigh Cup will probably be decided by the result of the Wyberton and Louth match, both teams being at present unbeaten. In fact, Wyberton have only dropped one rubber in five matches —

Kevin Adlington of Gainsborough defeating David Skerratt. Other matches of interest include Louth against Grimsby. Louth won 9-1, Roger Blow having a fine win over Matt Shearer for Grimsby's only win. Both Brian Allison and Marcus Emmerson were unbeaten, the other Grimsby players being M. Newbould and C. Tay. Scunthorpe bt Grantham 6-4, Steve Cuthbertson taking all three against the Grantham team of Brown, Bryan and Pullen. All the Grantham players beat S. Barnes and Simon Pullen had a very good win over Neil Parkin. Scunthorpe were then defeated by the same score on playing Lincoln. Stuart Worrell of Lincoln, our England No. 3 cadet, was the star of this match for he won all three singles against S. Cuthbertson, Neil Parkin and A. Thompson.

In the Butcher Cup, Grimsby need only draw against Wyberton in their last match to ensure the Cup as Wyberton only drew against Louth. Tim Cook was Wyberton's saviour for he took all three singles and the doubles.

League tables up to Feb. 15, 1980:-

Haigh	6	5	1	0	44	26	11
Louth	5	5	0	0	49	1	10
Scunthorpe	7	4	0	3	36	34	8
Grimsby	6	4	0	2	35	25	8
Grantham	7	2	0	5	25	45	4
Gainsborough	6	1	0	5	16	44	2
Boston	6	0	0	6	9	51	0

Butlin	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Grimsby	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Spalding	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Lincoln	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Grantham	4	0	1	3	13	27	1

Butcher	8	7	1	0	58	22	15
Grimsby	9	6	1	2	54	36	13
Louth	7	5	1	1	51	19	11
Lincoln	6	4	2	0	37	23	10
Wyberton	8	4	0	4	37	43	8
Spalding	8	3	1	4	47	33	7
Grantham	7	1	2	4	33	37	3
Scunthorpe	7	1	1	5	24	46	3
Gainsborough	7	0	1	6	16	54	1
Boston	5	0	0	5	3	47	0

Veteran	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Grimsby	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Lincoln	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Louth	3	0	0	3	4	26	0
Grantham							

On the coaching front, the rally held at N. Kesteven on Sunday, Feb. 17 was very well attended and it was good to see so many coaches present. Congratulations should also go to Steve Cuthbertson who recently was awarded his club coach badge.

Now is the time many leagues hold their closed tournament. If you wish the results to be published in this report or in the News Report please send me the results as soon as possible. Finally, two tournaments which may be of interest to Lincs players will be held in April. The first is the Caistor Rubber Bat Open to be held at Clee Sports Hall, Grimsby on Saturday, 19 April. Only rubber bats, i.e. no sponge, may be used and play will be on a group basis with each player in a group of 4. The top two will go into the main competition on a knockout basis and the bottom two into a consolation singles so each player will have a minimum of four sets. The second is the Clee Sports Hall Open which is restricted to Under-21's. This proved very popular last year with the events being Boys' 0-16, Boys' U-16, Girls' 0-16, Girls' U-16 and the team event. This will be held on Sunday, 27 April at Clee Sports Hall. Entry forms are available for both events from myself at the following address:- 44 Edge Avenue, Grimsby, S. Humberside.

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

SHREWSBURY CLOSED — DOUBLES FOR MALCOLM AND ALISON

Only two No. 1 seeds — Malcolm (MS) and Graham Cheetham (VS) — won titles in the Shrewsbury Closed Championships held at Sundorne on Sunday, 3 February, 1980.

Jane Cheetham seeded No. 1 in the Women's singles and Ivan Smith No. 1 in the Junior lost to the respective No. 2's Alison Barker and Tony Cheetham and these were not the only upsets.

In the Men's event No. 5 Mike Beaman went out in Round 1 to unseeded Junior Paul Morgan, No. 2 Clive Roberts and No. 4 Ivan Smith lost to No. 9 Martin Chambers. No. 3 Les Baker lost in the Second Round to Maurice Alcock No. 15 and No. 7 Graham Cheetham lost to another unseeded Junior David Williams.

Malcolm was therefore never under any pressure and retained his title without looking like dropping a game. With Clive Roberts he also retained the Doubles Trophy without any real problems although Juniors Ivan Smith and Tony Cheetham did quite well in the final.

Alison Barker (England-ranked Cadet) became easily the youngest Women's title holder — at 12 years of age — and she comfortably beat higher ranked Jane Cheetham and Colette Soan. Then, teaming up with Colette she completed a very efficient double.

Tony Cheetham upset the form book when beating England Cadet-ranked Junior Ivan Smith in the Junior final, and his father Graham regained the Veterans title won last year by Nobby Johnston.

RESULTS:-

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

Malcolm Green (Harlescott) bt Maurice

Alcock (Grove) 16, 15.

Martin Chambers (Harlescott) bt Clive

Roberts (Harlescott) 21, 12.

Final:

GREEN bt Chambers 13, 9.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

Jane Cheetham (Harlescott) bt Anne Dodds

(NALGO) 8, 8.

Alison Baker (Grove) bt Colette Soan

(Grove) 12, 8.

Final:

BARKER bt Cheetham 13, 8.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Green/Roberts bt Stuart Balshaw

(Harlescott)/Darren Powis (Harlescott)

8, 7.

Tony Cheetham (Harlescott)/Ivan Smith

(Pontesbury) bt Bob Croy (Grove)/

Maurice Alcock (Grove) 13, 15.

Final:

GREEN/ROBERTS bt Cheetham/Smith

11, -13, 8.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Barker/Soan bt Clare Jones (Berrington)/

Pat Butler (Berrington) 10, 8.

Cheetham/Denise Boughey (Grove) bt Pam

Bailey/Kath Oakley (Berrington) 6, 8.

Final:

BARKER/SOAN bt Cheetham/Boughey

12, 17.

Junior Singles Semi-finals:

Ivan Smith (Pontesbury) bt Roger Morris

(Pontesbury) -13, 13, 20.

Tony Cheetham (Harlescott) bt Dean

Pountney (BVYC) 19, -20, 13.

Final:

CHEETHAM bt Smith 18, -17, 12.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

Graham Cheetham (Harlescott) bt Nobby

Johnston (Rolls Royce) 12, -22, 18.

Tony Smith (Castle) bt Bill Stephens

(Pontesbury) 14, 14.

Final:

CHEETHAM bt Smith 18, -17, 14.

Consolation Singles (for first round losers)

Men's Final:

Mike Beaman (Woodfield) bt Darren Powis

(Harlescott) 12, 12.

Women's Final:

Sandra Nevett (Berrington) bt C. Jones

18, -19, 11.

As usual the tournament was efficiently organised by President Bill Harris, Secretary Barry Taylor and committee members John Casewell and David Jones. League Chairman Dereck Ruddock presented the trophies.

The National Cadets Alison Barker and Ivan Smith stole the limelight in this year's County Schools Individual Championships run by Ian Cosser, who never ceases to amaze with his solo organisation efforts.

RESULTS:-

Boys' U-19:

Ivan Smith (Mary Webb) bt Hugh

Wauchope (Priory) 12, 11.

Boys' U-16:

Smith bt Roger Morris (Priory) -18, 17, 14

Boys' U-13:

David Williams (Grove) bt Sean Groom

(Grove) -17, 21, 12.

Boys' U-11:

Steve Morrison (Alexandra Road) bt A.

Grainger (Ercall) 11, 8.

Girls' U-19:

Jane Cheetham (Meole Brace) bt Tracey

Powell (Idsall) 18, -19, 15.

Girls' U-16:

Alison Barker (Grove) bt Denise Boughey

(Grove) 16, 19.

Girls' U-13:

Barker bt Julie Ballard (Orleton Park)

12, 12.

Girls' U-11:

Joanna Smith (Pontesbury) bt Lorraine

Pidd (Alexandra Road) 15, 14.

Also on the Schools front it is pleasing to report that two Shropshire Teams are through to the Regional Team Finals, with one already through to the National Finals.

The first two are Grove U-13 Girls (Alison Barker, Carol Wickstead, Maria Roddy and Nicola Thorneycroft) and Grove U-13 Boys (David Williams, Sean Groom, Adrian Bloore and Graeme Walwyn). Neither team dropped a set in the Area Finals.

Through to the National Finals are the U-11 team from Alexandra Road Junior School, Market Drayton — all ten year old girls (Lorraine Pidd, Suzanne Claydon, Dawn Wickstead and Stephanie Thorneycroft, with reserve Jeanette Roberts). Last year four boys from the same school won the National U-11 title so the girls are hoping to do the same. The boys incidentally are now the Grove U-13 team.

Again not much success to report for the County Teams. The Seniors lost 3-7 to Leicestershire Seconds, Junior 1 lost 4-6 to Staffordshire Seconds and Junior 2 drew with Gwent but lost to Devon. Malcolm Green retained his unbeaten record for the Seniors, beating Maurice Newman and Keith Fellows, and the girls did very well in all matches with Alison Barker outstanding with a straight games (11 and 11) win against higher ranked Stephanie Hadley (Staffs)

The County Junior Closed Championships will be held at Sundorne on Sunday, 9 March, 1980 and as new Junior Ranking Lists will follow there is bound to be keen competition and I anticipate a very good entry.

CLWYD REPORT

by Roy Williams

MARATHON MATCH

On Friday, 15 February, the Rhyl and District League organised their first Junior International table tennis match at the St. Asaph Sports Centre theatre, and with a crowd of about 200 the match proved to be a success. The match was between Wales

and Ireland and after a tussle that lasted almost five hours the result was a draw. The teams consisted of eight-a-side and were divided into Junior and Cadet sections.

Rhyl's Mark Thomas who was the star attraction for local fans had to withdraw with a leg injury but reserve Mark Byles from Flint won both his singles, and doubles with Brian Jeanes of Newport who also won a vital singles for the Welsh team.

Kevin Davies of Llanelli had given Wales the lead but Ireland won the next three sets and the home team had to pull everything out to level the match at the halfway stage. The Irish then went ahead taking the next two sets but Wales fought back winning the next three, but with the forty or so supporters cheering them on Ireland won the last set to gain a deserved draw

The following day our friends from Ireland competed in the North Wales Junior Open championship at the Deeside Leisure Centre reported elsewhere in this issue.

On Sunday, 17 February, also at the Deeside Leisure Centre, the North Wales Closed championship was held and a new Men's Singles champion emerged when Trevor Manning of Wrexham beat the holder, Byles, in three games. Manning looked the complete master in all his sets, but in the first game of the final he showed just a hint of nerves. In his semi he beat Greg Powell and Byles had to beat John Hook a former holder.

Sandra Bennett won her first Women's title in the singles event beating Veteran Shiela Rogers in three. Sandra had a hard fought semi with Sue Powell, Nalda Holden being the other semi-finalist.

Jim Bishton won the Veteran title beating Dave Murphy in a close final. In this event three of the seeds hit the dust before the semi-final stage.

Byles retained his Junior title from a very large entry with a final victory over Llandudno's Roger Isherwood. The new Cadet champion is Paul Griffiths of Flint who was a reserve for the international match.

Wylfa Power station still dominate the Anglesey League and with Veteran Don Hobbs leading them it looks very much as if Holyhead have to wait until next season if they want to win the championship.

Clwyd are in the same position in the Rhyl league but R.A.F.A. and Egatube are still fighting it out for the runner-up spot.

Colwyn Bay Cricket Club lost their first point of the season when Colwyn Bay T.T. Centre were the visitors. For the home team Hook was outstanding winning all his sets fairly easily but Powell and new signing Emlyn Williams played well to win two sets apiece and the doubles to spoil Cricket Club's record.

Connahs Quay Power Station still rule supreme in the East Flint league but Caergwrle and I.E.P. Sandycroft are both still after every point to secure second place.

Queens Park rule the roost in Wrexham and look set to take the first division championship. Llay Royal British Legion and Malpas are still in with a chance but again this tussle between these two looks like a battle for second place.

European Championships

Mark Thomas has been selected by Wales for their European squad for the championships in Berne in April. Mark who has made rapid strides in international circles since the beginning of the year has had to decline a football tour with Clwyd Schools of the U.S.A. but he is delighted with his selection. Three North Wales umpires will also travel to Berne with Len Jones of Merthyr Tydfil making up the Welsh umpires' team. They are Harry Maddison (Hawarden), Les Jones (Llandudno) and Roy Williams (Rhyl).

North Wales Closed

RESULTS:-

Men's Singles:

T. MANNING (W) bt M. Byles (EF).

Women's Singles:

S. BENNETT (EF) bt S. Rogers (W).

Veteran Singles:

J. BISHTON (W) bt D. Murphy (R).

Junior Singles:

BYLES bt R. Isherwood (LI).

Consolation Singles:

P. GRIFFITHS (EF) bt L. Stansfield (EF).

Men's Doubles:

MANNING (W)/D. STANSFIELD (EF) bt J. Hook/K. Fitzsimmons (R).

Women's Doubles:

N. HOLDEN/C. CLUTTON (W) bt Rogers/K. Buckle (W).

Mixed Doubles:

D. STANSFIELD/HOLDEN (EF) bt A. Williams (R)/Bennett (EF).

Junior Doubles:

S. CONWAY/ISHERWOOD (EF) bt S. Roberts/M. D. Jones (W).

Key:-

A—Anglesey, R—Rhyl, LI—Llandudno, EF—East Flint, W—Wrexham.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

BATTLE OF THE CHAMPIONS

Sheffield's home Wilmott Cup tie against Preston, billed locally as the "Battle of the Champions" (the teams being champions of the Yorkshire League and Lancashire and Cheshire League respectively) provided an absorbing match for the spectators at Abbeydale Sports Club, the scene of the conflict. Sheffield won 5-3, the decisive set being that in which Kevin Beadsley defeated Donald Parker. Chris Rogers and Steve Mills each won one set to add to Beadsley's three. Sheffield now play Manchester in the Zone 2 final.

Rose Bowl holders Bradford, weakened by an absence of Misses Ludi, Midgley and Hryzko for a re-arranged fixture, went out of the competition, defeated 2-5 at Liverpool in the second round. Hull received a walkover against Carlisle and now face Sunderland in the Zone 1 final.

In Round 3 of the Carter Cup, Harrogate just failed 4-5 against Sunderland, but in two "Roses" battles, Leeds took out Preston 5-2 and Sheffield defeated Bury 5-1, with Barnsley's Illingsworth brothers Mark and David joining Neil Bailey in the Sheffield squad. Leeds now play Sheffield in the Zone 2 final. In a similar tie in Round 2 of the Bromfield Trophy, Sheffield won 5-2 to reach their third zone final and an away match against Market Drayton.

Bradford's Unity, having overcome York Railway Institute in Round 2 of the National Club K.O. Championships, took out Liverpool's Wavertree in Round 3.

In an unprecedented move, Hull have withdrawn their first team from Division 1 of the Yorkshire League because of organisational difficulties and an increasing non-availability of the league's top players.

In the County Championships, Yorkshire's first team have played all their matches and are likely to finish in a respectable mid-table position, despite the absence of Alan Fletcher. England selector Tony Clayton is now within two seasons of breaking Raymond Hinchliff's record of 80 senior appearances for the county. Andrew Metcalfe's move south and Mike Harrison's early retirement from competitive play have left gaps in the senior second team which have yet to be satisfactorily filled. The junior first team managed to retain their Junior Premier Division status by a margin that was too close for comfort, but there are some bright prospects in the young junior second team and the cadet ranks.

Chesterfield table tennis entrepreneur

Colin Deaton has arranged an individual knock-out competition for allcomers in the South Yorkshire/North Derbyshire area in conjunction with the Sheffield Star newspaper and Stiga, who are providing equipment worth £500 as prizes. There are four events (men, women, boys, girls) with the early stages zoned into areas (Barnsley, Rotherham, Worksop, Chesterfield and Sheffield) to minimise travel. Accorded "good standing" recognition by the E.T.T.A., the competition is the first of its type within the county and has attracted entries from 88 men and 142 boys, but only 22 women and 25 girls.

It is pleasing to see that South Yorkshire County Council are continuing to support financially the South Yorkshire 2-Star Open despite the local government spending cuts. Organised by the Sheffield League, the tournament will be held at the Concord Sports Centre, Sheffield, on April 12 with a prize fund of £465.

The County has several items for sale, including large and small holdalls, badges, tee-shirts and ties, all suitably printed with the "White Rose" emblem. The holdalls cost £4.50 and £3.50, excluding postage. All items are obtainable from Keith Sutton, 11 Scatcherd Grove, Morley, Leeds LS27 9LY (Tel. Leeds 531449) and can be displayed at league functions such as closed tournaments and other special events.

The Leeds League will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary with a Jubilee Dinner and Disco at the Allerton Hotel, Leeds, on May 9. Tickets are £5 each, obtainable from Keith Sutton.

The provisional date for the one day conference on "Development in Table Tennis", mentioned in last month's notes, is Sunday, 25 May, and some interesting and entertaining speakers are being lined up. The Carnegie School at Leeds Polytechnic is being sought as a venue.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

CHANCE GONE

Cambs chances of retaining the Div. II East title in the County Championships virtually disappeared when they drew their third successive match against Suffolk at Soham. The home county were up against an in-form John Kitchener who plays for Ellenborough in the National Club League and Stuart Palmer, a member of the Soham squad in the same league. These two players won all five Suffolk sets between them. Two Cambs players made their first appearance at this level and had good results. Mandy Judd, the new Women's County Champion won her singles against Jane Richards and also won the Women's Doubles in partnership with Joanne Palmer. Andy Withers won the vital last set against Mick Palmer when Cambs trailed 4-5.

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RESULTS:-

(Cambs names first)

K. Richardson bt M. Palmer 13, 7;

lost to J. Kitchener -12, 14, -10;

M. Harper lost to S. Palmer -11, -18;

lost to Kitchener -10, -17.

A. Withers lost to S. Palmer -17, -14;

bt M. Palmer 19, 12.

J. Palmer bt K. Brierley 13, 18.

A. Judd bt J. Richards 14, 18.

Richardson/Harper lost to Kitchener/S.

Palmer -18, -16.

Palmer/Judd bt Brierley/Richards 13, 20.

Cambs Juniors stay top of Junior Two Midlands after an easy 9-1 victory over Warwickshire at Wisbech.

Warwickshire had previously dropped only one point, but they were no match for the leaders who won seven of their nine sets in straight games. With maximum points from their four matches Cambs look well placed to win the division for the first time. Only Glamorgan who have dropped one

point and visit Cambs on March 1 look to have any chance of overhauling them.

RESULTS:-
(Cambs names first)

R. Swift bt K. Grundy 13, 10;
bt A. Pilgrim 20, 14.
A. Withers bt Pilgrim 18, 16;
bt C. Morgan 8, 18.
G. Jordan bt Morgan 20, -22, 14;
bt Grundy 18, 15.
A. Judd bt J. Williams 8, 7.
T. Fisher lost to H. Rainbow -18, -15.
Swift/Withers bt Grundy/Pilgrim 14, -17, 14.
Judd/Fisher bt Williams/Rainbow 15, 19.

The Senior second team had another big win in Div. 3 East beating Hunts 9-1 at St. Neots. They have now won all three matches played with a set average of 26-4. Robert Swift, Withers and Valerie Parkes all maintained their unbeaten records. Parkes had an incredible singles against Melanie Ringrose. After winning the first game at 18, she led 20-10 in the second but Melanie won the next 11 points to lead 21-20! Then the Hunts player had a faulty service and Valerie went on to win, 23-21 Hunts solo success came in the opening set when Gus Albon beat Geoff Davies.

The Junior second team were the only ones to lose going down to Hunts at St. Neots. Julian Wheel the County "Under-14" Champion had his first double in county colours which included a fine win over England-ranked Cadet Phillip Cole. Ruth Hunter maintained her unbeaten record with a win over Sandra Randall. Michael Lister playing his first County match completed the scoring with a win over Paul Rogers.

After their victory over Warwickshire, Cambs Juniors had little difficulty in beating Leicestershire at Melton Mowbray by a similar 9-1 margin. The visitors took time to settle on a slow table and Swift and Gary Jordan were both taken to three in their opening sets. From then on, however, Cambs were in complete command winning the remainder in straight games except when Yvonne Hall defeated Amanda Judd. Cambs have now taken maximum points from their five matches played and have two more to play against Glamorgan at home and Worcestershire away.

RESULTS:-
(Cambs names first)

R. Swift bt P. Brindley -17, 11, 11;
bt S. Griew 14, 16.
A. Withers bt Griew 11, 19;
bt C. Jones 7, 14.
G. Jordan bt Jones -17, 17, 14;
bt Brindley 17, 10.
A. Judd lost to Y. Hall -15, -15.
T. Fisher bt S. Meredith 19, 14.
Swift/Withers bt Griew/M. Pickles 19, 10.
Judd/Fisher bt Hall/J. Heath 12, 13.

After three consecutive draws the Senior team finally reproduced the form that won them the Div. II East title last season when they beat Northamptonshire 9-1 at Wellingborough. Richardson, Harper and Davies, back in the first team after an ankle injury, won all seven men's sets and Joanne Palmer and Mandy Judd were both successful in the Women's singles. Cambs only defeat came when Palmer and Judd lost the Women's doubles to the Wallis sisters, Mandy and Ann.

The Junior second team finished the season losing 4-6 to Norfolk I at Soham. This was their third successive defeat by this margin and they finish bottom of Div. 3 East Midlands with one point from four matches. The team was let down by the failure of the boys, only Wheel winning with any consistency. Jamie Frost and Alison Edge win in the singles and Edge combined with Ruth Hunter to win the Girls' doubles.

In the Cambridge and District League Soham I dashed any hopes St. Ives had of getting to the top of Div. I by defeating them 10-0. Richardson, Mick and Stuart Palmer were in command throughout. St.

Ives managed just one leg when Les Wooding took Mick Palmer. New County Champion Swift showed St. Ives how it was done when he won his three for Soham II against the first team although they still lost 4-6. At the bottom of the Division Press did themselves a good turn by beating fellow strugglers Y.M.C.A. 7-3 with Mick Williams being unbeaten for Press.

Three wins for David Jarvis could not save Impington from a 4-6 defeat against Guildhall but their four sets keep them out of the bottom two places. In Div. II Telephones I lost ground in their struggle to keep with the University teams. They went down 4-6 to Torchbearers and had to thank Harlow, who won three singles that the score was not worse. University I with matches to make up went into action with two 9-1 victories over Press II and Telephones II. In both matches it was Crorkin who dropped a set losing to Alan Spilman in the Press match and to David Smart against Telephones.

The second team had tougher opposition in Telephones I and they trailed for most of the match but three late wins gave them a 6-4 victory. University I also had a 10-0 victory over Wesley I but the latter team had two good 9-1 victories over Haverhill I and Press II. University I and II head the Division. A win for "Chick" Pigden over Bill Turner was all St. George's II could manage against TSB Soham V who continue to dominate Div. IIIA. The battle for second place continues with N.C.I. III gaining on their rivals with a 9-1 win over Bassingbourn. Two other promotion hopefuls St. George's I and Impington II met each other with the latter club gaining a 7-3 verdict.

University IV and Wesley IV continue neck and neck in 4A. The Varsity had the edge by beating Telephones IV 9-1 while Wesley scored one less against Saffrons II. Wesley also defeated G.O.R.D. II 10-0 and are well in contention with their two youngsters Martin Livermore and Peter Melton in fine form. Saffron III go back on top of IVB beating the previous leaders Telephones III 7-3 with Lightfoot being Saffrons' hero with three singles victories. Saffron VII have withdrawn from Div. VA and all points will be deducted.

In the Cambs League K.O. Handicap Trophy the position is most interesting. TSB Soham have, at the moment, two teams in the quarter-finals with a possible third if their first team beat Fisons II. Wesley IV had a good 5-2 victory over N.C.I. I with Peter Melton winning all his sets. Soham II beat Telephones II 5-3 with Swift winning all his sets for Soham. Two wins for Harlow and one from Bob Pettit were the 'Phones winners. Soham III had a struggle against Saffrons IV and scraped home 5-4, the final set being the decider with Steve Palmer beating Eves to give Soham another quarter-final place. Saffron III from Div. IV, who had beaten some higher division teams in previous rounds found themselves at the end of a giant killing act, losing 3-5 to Div. V Torchbearers IV. Mike Grant rallied Torchbearers after they had lost the opening two sets, and he went on to win his three. General Accident from Div. III fell to a Div. V team, losing a close match to South Cambs R.D.C. 4-5. They led 3-1 at one stage, but Bob Parkin's defeat by Viney proved their downfall. In the quarter-final draw the Soham teams have avoided each other but there are still some other good teams left including Caravans International and Wesley IV.

Draw for the quarter-finals is:-
Telephones IV (+18) v TSB Soham II (+5)
Torchbearers IV (+22) v South Cambs R.D.C. (+22)
Wesley IV (+20) v TSB Soham III (Scr)
Caravans Intl. (+22) v TSB Soham (Scr) or Fisons II (+22)

TSB Soham I and University I occupy the top positions in Div. I and II respectively in the Cambs League while Soham V occupy top position in Div. 3A. The most com-

petitive division in the league is 3B where only three points separate the top four clubs.

Top positions are:-

	Points
Div. I:	
TSB Soham I	107
St. Ives	98
Div. II:	
University I	81
University II	75
Div. IIIA:	
Soham V	92
Impington II	81
Div. IIIB:	
Easter Gas	75
Ely Fire Station	74
Div. IVA:	
University IV	72
Wesley IV	71
Div. IVB:	
Saffrons III	86
'Phones III	84
Div. VA:	
Titleist	90
'Phones V	62
Div. VB:	
MAFF	84
Shire Hall II	78
Div. VC:	
Soham VIII	83
Caravans Intl.	67
Div. VD:	
South Cambs	83
Fisons II	82

In the Wilmott Cup Cambridge were defeated by Dagenham in the third round after successes against Dereham and Hunts Central by 5-4 margins. The match against Dagenham was lost 0-6 and Dagenham included Ian Horsham and David Newman in their ranks both ranked England Senior players This was too much for the ageing Cambridge team although Jackson had a "deuce" game against Denny the Dagenham No. 3. The Cambridge team of Thurston, David Tiplady and Jackson have performed well in this competition and have certainly not been disgraced!

In the Rose Bowl, Cambridge were defeated by Dunstable after a walkover against Wellingborough. The team of Valerie Parkes, Mandy Judd and Joanne Palmer went down 2-7 to a powerful Dunstable trio.

In the Carter Cup, Cambridge had a peculiar experience. After receiving a walkover against Northampton they then had to concede against West Bromwich owing to a congestion of fixtures which involved all their players. The problems of travel and time certainly can take their toll with young players!

PROFILE — DAVID TIPLADY

Since first being coached in the 1960's at the old Y.M.C.A. which also used to be the place where almost countless other Juniors first entered the table tennis arena, David Tiplady has shown exceptional promise and during the last few seasons has improved his game to a high level. The climax came when he defeated Keith Richardson in a Cambs League match this season when playing for New Chesterton Institute against TSB Soham I. He has represented the County second team and has also played in the Wilmott Cup for Cambridge with moderate success. A very likeable character, David also plays a good game of Golf with a small handicap. His father Victor Tiplady still plays in the Cambs League and is also a player not to be trifled with and has some good victories to his credit. Sister Sandra who has not played for some time was also a fine player so that the Tiplady family has served Cambs table tennis well during the last decade!

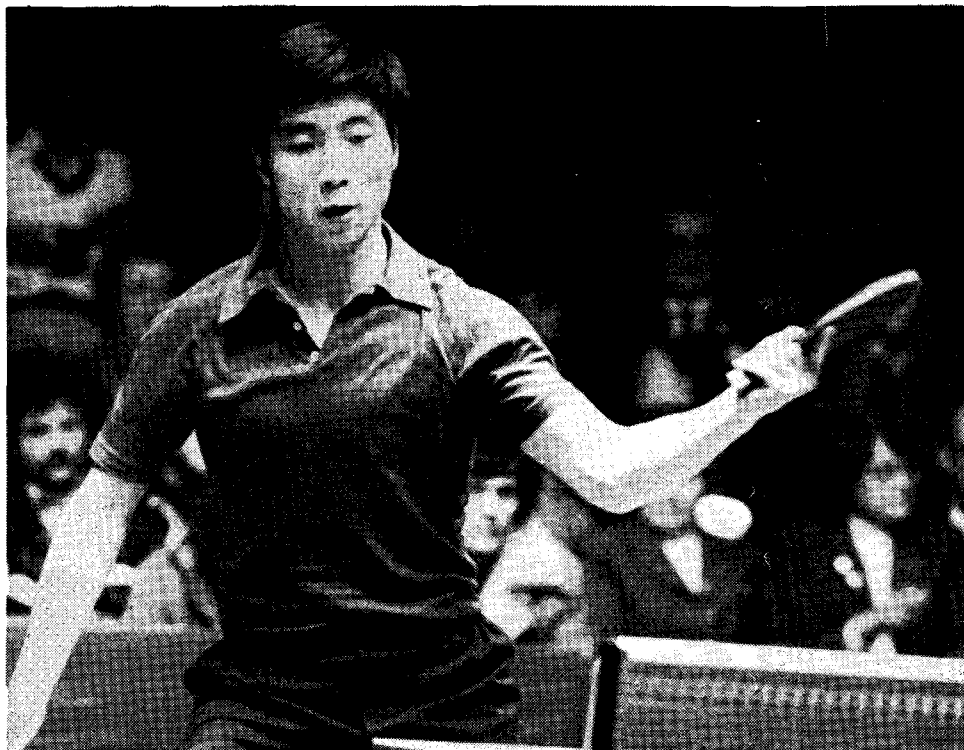
P.S. In a recent County match at Wisbech there were SIX Umpires in attendance.

"Things are looking up
No matter what they say,
Things are getting better,
Better every day!"

STIGA WELSH OPEN

ANOTHER CARDIFF SWAMP

by George R. Yates



Wang Huiyuan, winner of the men's singles title in the Stiga Welsh Open.

Following on the disaster of last December when the River Taff overflowed its banks, resulting in the ground floor of the National Sports Centre in Cardiff being four feet under water and silt, the second wave sprung up in the South China Sea resulting in six of the seven titles at stake in the Stiga Welsh Open being engulfed by players from the People's Republic of China.

The only island not to have been awashed was that of the men's doubles in which Chinese pairings ebbed in the second round leaving the field to Europeans in general and Istvan Jonyer and Tibor Klampar in particular, the Hungarian combine beating Mikael Appelgren and Ulf Thorsell of Sweden in the final.

Otherwise it was the Chinese players who reigned supreme with Wang Huiyuan beating his compatriot Shi Zhihao in the final of the men's singles and Qi Baoxiang accounting for Cao Yanhua in the counter-part women's event.

Again in the doubles, both women's and mixed, it was all China with Cao Yanhua and Zhang Deying winning the former and Li Zhenshi and Zhang Deying the latter. Add the two team events and there you have it China 6 The Rest 1.

But all credit to Roy and Nancy Evans and those similar Welsh folk of stout heart who rallied round and made these championships possible albeit in three separate halls on the upper floor of the Sports Centre and a transfer to the University of Wales in Park Place for the televised finals. Lesser mortals would have called the whole thing off.

Missing from the top four seeds in the men's singles were Dragutin Surbek, who did not make the journey and Gabor Gergely who did, but with a damaged hand

which prevented him from playing. Top seed Klampar fell in Rd. 4 to Shi Zhihao whilst the No. 2, Li Zhenshi was ousted, over five games by the 1978 title winner Desmond Douglas.

STIR

But there was to be no repeat for the England No. 1 on this occasion for up against the eventual winner Wang Huiyuan, after winning the first game in the semi-final, the Warwickshire left-hander fell sadly away.

A great stir was created within the Cardiff sports complex when news got around that Douglas was 0-2 down to the Finn, Jarmo Jokinen, and the rush was on to get within sight of the table. And it was true, Douglas had a fight on his hands and I doubt whether Jokinen has ever played better in his life although, in the end, he was beaten 19, 21, -16, -17, -18. Phew! It was that close.

What then other English players? Well it was none other than Mike Johns, once the leading light in Cheshire, who stole the limelight in Cardiff almost reaching the last eight losing -21 in the fifth to the Swede Ake Liljegren in Rd. 3. Bob Potton too reached the third round having beaten Scotland's Richard Yule and Skylet Andrew of Essex but then he had to face Wang Huiyuan and that was that.

Paul Day, England's other official entry with Douglas, took a first round departure when beaten by Simon Crisan of Rumania. Graham Sandley, after beating Tom Johansson of Norway, fell to Shi Zhihao, Duggie Johnson to Cheng Yinghua and Max Crimmins to Claus Pedersen of Denmark. John Hilton was a non-participant.

But what of Europe's standing? Against

four Chinese in the quarter-finals were aligned Klampar, Liljegren, Stellan Bengtsson — the Top 12 champion — and Douglas. Only one of those four sets went to four games, that involving Bengtsson, which gives some indication of the strength in depth of the players from the People's Republic.

It was equally so in the women's singles for the likes of Liana Mihut (Rumania), Judit Magos (Hungary), Bettine Vriesekoop (Netherlands) and England's Carole Knight all crashed out to Chinese opposition.

However, it was quite a tournament for Miss Knight who, after overcoming Sweden's Marie Lindblad in Rd. 1 then beat Jill Hammersley and only lost -15 in the fifth to Bu Qijuan.

FALLER

Miss Knight was the only English player to reach the last eight for in the previous round Anita Stevenson lost to Zhang Deying and Linda Jarvis to Magos. Karen Witt was a first round faller to Edit Urban of Hungary.

The lack of interest in the men's doubles shown by the Chinese might have benefitted England whose top duo Douglas and Day began with an impressive win over Donald Parker and Nigel Eckersley to be followed by an even more convincing win over Janos Takacs of Hungary paired with Engelbert Huing of Federal Germany.

It was somewhat disappointing when the English pair lost -20, in the fifth to the Federal Germans Hans-Joachim Nolten and Ralf Wosik in the quarters. Nicky Jarvis and Jimmy Walker, those one-time formidable Clevelanders, were the only other English pair to clear the first round losing to Jonyer and Klampar in the second.

Jill Hammersley and Linda Jarvis did get through to the semis in the women's doubles before coming up against the "great wall" of China but all credit to Mandy Smith and Karen Witt who had a first round win over Magos/Urban.

Former European Youth mixed doubles champions, Douglas and Linda Jarvis, reached the quarters of the mixed but there again China had a pair to stop them in the persons of Wang Yuiyuan and Qi Baoxiang.

Yet this dominance of the Chinese took nothing away from the enjoyment of the tournament, yet again a veritable League of Nations affair with old friends met at every corner and a splendid finals night dinner/dance which had everyone tapping their feet.

Oh yes, the floods were conquered, the show went on but few will know of the labours involved behind the scenes. But it was ever thus as administrators the length and breadth of the British Isles well know. Kicks come aplenty, plaudits only rarely.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Round 3:

T. Klampar (HUN) bt U. Thorsell (SWE) 18, -14, -10, 9, 10;
Shi Zhihao (CHN) bt O. Stellwag (GER) 14, 8, 14;
A. Liljegren (SWE) bt M. Johns (ENG) -16, -17, 6, 18, 21;
Cheng Yinghua (CHN) bt R. Wosik (GER) 14, 12, 14;
Wang Huiyuan (CHN) bt R. Potton (ENG) 15, 16, 13;
S. Bengtsson (SWE) bt N. Jarvis (ENG) 12, 12, 13;
D. Douglas (ENG) bt J. Takacs (HUN) 16, -22, 19, -18, 17;
Li Zhenshi (CHN) bt C. Pedersen (DEN) 17, -19, -18, 14, 12.

Quarter-finals:

Shi Zhihao bt Klampar 17, 16, 19;
Cheng Yinghua bt Liljegren 11, 10, 14;
Wang Huiyuan bt Bengtsson 19, 15, 11, 10;
Douglas bt Li Zhenshi 15, 21, 19.

Semi-finals:

Shi Zhihao bt Cheng Yinghua -18, 13, -20, 15, 13;
Wang Huiyuan bt Douglas -18, 12, 19, 15.

Final:

WANG HUIYUAN bt Shi Zhihao 15, 17, -13, 14.

Women's Singles Round 2:

Zhang Deying (CHN) bt A. Stevenson (ENG) 13, 4, 17;
L. Mihut (RUM) bt B. Kishazi (HUN) -21, 11, -18, 15, 20;
Qi Baoxiang (CHN) bt A-C. Hellman (SWE) 16, 16, 14;
J. Magos (HUN) bt L. Jarvis -17, -21, 12, 14, 15;
C. Knight (ENG) bt J. Hammersley (ENG) 9, -12, 19, -14, 15;
Bu Qijuan (CHN) bt P. Bibaut (FRA) 5, 12, 7;
Cao Yanhua (CHN) bt E. Urban (HUN) 16, 10, 15;
B. Vriesekoop (NET) bt E. Ferenz (RUM) 11, 15, 15;

Quarter-finals:

Zhang Deying bt Mihut 13, 13, 11;
Qi Baoxiang bt Magos 19, 10, -18, 12;



Li Zhenshi and Zhang Deying, winners of the mixed doubles title both at the Welsh and the Federal German Open.

China "A" 3 Federal Germany "A" 1
 Li Zhenshi lost to Leiss -20, 14, -17;
 Wang Huiyuan bt Stellwag 11, 12;
 Li Zhenshi/Wang Huiyuan bt Leiss/Stellwag 16, 15;
 Li Zhenshi bt Stellwag 12, 15.

Final:
CHINA "A" 3 Sweden "A" 0
 Li Zhenshi bt Thorsell 10, 8;
 Wang Huiyuan bt Bengtsson 12, -19, 12;
 Li Zhenshi/Wang Huiyuan bt Bengtsson/Thorsell
 -10, 19, 19.

WOMEN

Round 1:

Belgium 3 Wales "A" 0
 L. Lauwers bt S. Jones 17, -14, 19;
 B. Lippens bt C. Jones 12, 13;
 Lauwers/Lippens bt Jones/Jones -14, 10, 10.

Netherlands "B" 3 France "A" 0

Denmark "A" 3 Scotland 0
 D. Haugh bt C. Dalrymple 9, 15;
 A. Larsen bt P. Fleming 10, 16;
 Haugh/C. Polk bt Dalrymple/Fleming -15, 16, 9.

Sweden "B" 3 Guernsey 0

Netherlands "A" 3 Turkey 0

France "B" 3 Canada 0

China "B" 3 Luxembourg 0

Rumania 3 Portugal 0

Finland 3 Wales "B" 0

E. Malmberg bt K. Wheatley 4, 7;
 S. Grefberg bt D. Coulthard 14, 8;
 Grefberg/Malmberg bt Coulthard/Wheatley 17, 7.

Denmark "B" 3 Ireland 0

S. Pedersen bt D. Kilpatrick 9, 15;
 A. Larsen bt M. Sheehan 17, 14;
 Pedersen/Larsen bt Kilpatrick/Sheehan 11, -20, 11.

Round 2:

China "A" 3 Belgium 0

Netherlands "B" 3 Norway 2

England 3 Denmark "A" 0

J. Hammersley bt Hauth 5, 8;
 L. Jarvis bt Polk 14, 17;
 Hammersley/Jarvis bt Hauth/Polk 13, 20.

Federal Germany 3 Sweden "B" 0

Sweden "A" 3 Netherlands "A" 1

China "B" 3 France "B" 0

Rumania 3 Finland 0

Hungary 3 Denmark "B" 0

Quarter-finals:

China "A" 3 Netherlands "B" 0

Federal Germany 3 England 1

U. Kamizuru bt Jarvis 11, -15, 12;
 W. Hendriksen lost to Hammersley -19, -12;
 Hendriksen/Maizuru bt Hammersley/Jarvis 17, 13;
 Kamizuru bt Hammersley 19, -10, 14.

China "B" 3 Sweden "A" 1

Rumania 3 Hungary 0

Semi-finals:

China "A" 3 Federal Germany 0

Cao Yanhua bt Kamizuru 9, -19, 14;
 Zhang Deying bt Hendriksen 15, 7;
 Cao Yanhua/Zhang Deying bt Hendriksen/Kamizuru 13, 12.

China "B" 3 Rumania 1

Qi Baoxiang lost to E. Ferenczi -16, -14;
 Bu Qijuan bt L. Mihut 13, 16;
 Bu Qijuan/Qi Baoxiang bt Ferenczi/Mihut 11, 15;
 Bu Qijuan bt Ferenczi 15, 13.

Final:

CHINA "A" 3 China "B" 0

Zhang Deying bt Bu Qijuan 10, 8;
 Cao Yanhua bt Qi Baoxiang 11, 20;
 Cao Yanhua/Zhang Deying bt Bu Qijuan/Qi Baoxiang
 9, 14.

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 TOOTING BEC, SW17.**

Denmark "A" 3 Turkey 0

Sweden "B" 3 Norway 0

China "A" 3 Scotland "B" 0

Wang Huiyuan bt D. Hannah 10, 13;
 Li Zhenshi bt N. Lovie 15, 6;
 Li Zhenshi/Wang Huiyuan bt Hannah/Lovie 10, 12.

Round 2:

Hungary 3 Finland 0

Poland 3 Netherlands 1

China "B" 3 Federal Germany "B" 1

Sweden "A" 3 Switzerland 0

England 3 Wales "B" 0

Douglas bt N. Thomas 4, 8;
 Day bt D. Welsman 16, 9;
 Day/Douglas bt Thomas/Welsman 20, 18.

Federal Germany "A" 3 Rumania 1

Denmark "A" 3 v France "A" 0

China "A" 3 Sweden "B" 0

Quarter-finals:

Hungary 3 Poland 1

Sweden "A" 3 China "B" 1

Federal Germany "A" 3 England 1

P. Stellwag lost to Douglas -18, -17;
 E. Hugin bt Day 14, 16;
 J. Leiss/Stellwag bt Day/Douglas 15, 15;
 Stellwag bt Day 12, 14, 16.

China "A" 3 Denmark "A" 0

Semi-finals:

Sweden "A" 3 Hungary 2

Thorsell lost to T. Klampar -17, -18;
 S. Bengtsson bt I. Jonyer 18, 15;
 Carlsson/Bengtsson lost to Jonyer/Klampar -14, 17, -17;
 Bengtsson bt Klampar -19, 13, 12;
 Thorsell bt Jonyer 16, 19.

Final:

LI ZHENSHI/ZHANG DEYING bt Wang Huiyuan/Qi Baoxiang 27, 15.



Wang Huiyuan, receiving advice from Chinese coach Li Furong.

Bu Qijuan bt Knight 18, 20, 25;
 Cao Yanhua bt Vriesekoop -20, 13, 15, 17.

Semi-finals:

Qi Baoxing bt Zhang Deying 15, 17, 12;

Cao Yanhua bt Bu Qijuan 17, 17, 19.

Final:

QI BAOXING bt Cao Yanhua -15, -18, 12, 10, 18.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:

J. Leiss (GFR)/Stellwag bt U. Bengtsson (SWE)/Liljegren
 -13, -21, 21, -18, 11;

I. Jonyer (HUN)/Klampar bt S. Bengtsson/U. Carlsson
 (SWE) -19, 20, 14, 16;

M. Applegren (SWE)/Thorsell bt Z. Bohm/S. Crisan
 (RUM) 15, 9, 12;

H-J. Nolten (GFR)/Wosik bt P. Day (ENG)/Douglas
 12, -17, -13, 14, 20.

Semi-finals:

Jonyer/Klampar bt Leiss/Stellwag 4, 11, 12.

Appelgren/Thorsell bt Nolten/Wosik 18, 20, -10, -10, 14.

Final:

JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Appelgren/Thorsell 12, 10, 16.

Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:

Cao Yanhua/Zhang Deying bt W. Hendriksen (GFR)
 Kishazi 11, 14, 11;

Hammersley/Jarvis bt J. Walker/A. Gordon (ENG)
 11, -17, 16, 13;

Bu Qijuan/Qi Baoxiang bt S. Grefberg/E. Malmberg (FIN)
 12, 9, 18;

A. Hernvall (SWE)/Z. Olah (HUN) bt M. Smith/K. Witt
 (ENG) 17, 21, 13.

Semi-finals:

Cao Yanhua/Zhang Deying bt Hammersley/Jarvis
 -20, 11, 5, 15;

Bu Qijuan/Qi Baoxiang bt Hernvall/Olah 13, 10, 17.

Final:

CAO YANHUA/ZHANG DEYING bt Bu Qijuan/Qi Baoxiang 12, 15, 13.

Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

Li Zhenshi/Zhang Deying bt E. Caetano/M. Domonkos
 (CAN) 3, 7;

U. Bengtsson/M. Lindblad (SWE) bt Jonyer/Urban 17, 17;

Shi Zhihao/Cao Yanhua bt Carlsson/Hernvall 14, 11;

Wang Huiyuan/Qi Baoxiang bt Douglas/Jarvis
 -13, 4, 17.

Semi-finals:

Li Zhenshi/Zhang Deying bt Bengtsson/Lindblad 6, 7;

Wang Huiyuan/Qi Baoxiang bt Shi Zhihao/Cao Yanhua
 14, 11.

Final:

LI ZHENSHI/ZHANG DEYING bt Wang Huiyuan/Qi Baoxiang 27, 15.

TEAM EVENTS

MEN

Round 1:

Hungary 3 Denmark "B" 0

Finland 3 Guernsey 0

Netherlands 3 Wales "A" 1

R. van Spanje lost to M. Thomas -14, -16;

P. Swier bt G. Davies 15, 17;

Spanje/Swier bt Davies/Thomas 19, 19;

Spenje bt Davies 10, 10.

Poland 3 Portugal 0

China "B" 3 France "B" 0

Federal Germany "B" 3 Belgium 0

Switzerland 3 Scotland 0

T. Busin bt A. Majid 11, 15;

M. Hafen bt R. Yule -17, 18, 19;

Busin/Hafen bt Majid/Yule 19, 19.

England 3 U.S.A. 0

D. Douglas bt C. Butler 10, 9;

P. Day bt M. Bush 15, 20;

Day/Douglas bt Bush/Butler 19, 13.

Rumania 3 Luxembourg 0

Federal Germany "A" 3 Iceland 0

France "A" 3 Ireland 0

E. Guilbert bt C. Slevin -16, 16, 19;

F. Farout bt K. Keane 10, 15;

Farout/Guilbert bt Keane/Slevin 8, -13, 15.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

CHAMPIONSHIP SECURED

Clobbering Derbyshire 10-0 at Clitheroe on Mar. 1, Lancashire clinched the Div. 2 North County Championships title and are now all set for the play-offs leading to Premier Division status.

And for good measure, on the same day at Hyde, Lancs II accounted for Cheshire III 8-2 and they too have the Div 3 North title within their grasp. Both teams boast a 100% record with one fixture remaining, the firsts away to Yorkshire II and the seconds away to Cumbria on Mar. 22.

Bolton's ace Junior Stephen Scowcroft made his senior county debut at Clitheroe where he had impressive wins over Paul Wilson and Robert Albutt in an under-strength Derbyshire team.

RESULTS: (against Derbyshire)

D. Parker bt R. Albutt 15, 10;

bt P. Vickers 11, 18.

S. Turner bt Vickers 17, -17, 20;

bt P. Wilson 19, 11.

S. Scowcroft bt Wilson 15, 13;

bt Albutt 7, 8.

Miss J. Grundy bt Mrs. M. Corkin 14, 12.

Miss J. Parker bt Miss D. Padley 14, 12.

Parker/Turner bt Vickers/Wilson 17, 13.

Grundy/Parker bt Corkin/Padley 12, 7.

RESULTS: (against Cheshire)

N. S. Hallows bt T. Taylor 15, 11;

lost to J. Weatherby -14, -12.

C. Heap bt Weatherby 13, 16;

bt T. Worthington 13, 10.

K. Williams bt Worthington 8, 17;

bt Taylor 16, 19.

Miss C. Scowcroft bt Miss A. Hepple

-10, 20, 12.

Miss J. Myers bt Miss M. Turner 19, 18.

Hallows/Heap bt Taylor/Worthington 19, 15.

Scowcroft/Myers lost to Hepple/Turner

-15, 11, -18.

Sandwiched between the Lancashire Senior and Junior Open the county played hosts to the national team of the People's Republic of China with the City of Salford Recreation Department welcoming the visitors at Broughton Recreation Centre on Feb. 11 and British Aerospace in conjunction with the Bolton League hosting the visitors on Feb. 13 at Lostock.

At Salford Denis Neale, Nigel Eckersley and Alan Fletcher failed to make any impression unlike Li Zhenshi and Cheng Yuihua who brought the evening to a successful conclusion with an exhibition that had the locals enthralled.

The same pair repeated the act at Lostock two nights later but the set voted the best was the women's singles between Zhang Deying and Bu Qijuan. It was really something. Stephen Scowcroft and Joy Grundy, representing the Centre of Excellence, were also afforded the chance to pit their skills against the Chinese watched by the entire Lostock squad.

On the Lancashire and Cheshire League front, Manchester have won the Men's first division title finishing off their 7-match programme with a 10-0 quick-style victory over St. Helens. Phil Bowen, Mark Hankey and Tony Boasman administered the 'whitewash' the title passing from the hands of Preston.

St. Helens would appear doomed to relegation and with them it could be Bolton whose 5-5 draw away to Salford was less than the Trotters had hoped for despite young Scowcroft notching a treble against John and Ron Weatherby and Brian Clements. Much will now depend on the final matches involving Bolton v Farnworth on Mar. 28 and Salford v Stockport on Mar. 31.

Stockport are odds-on favourites to retain their Women's Div. 1 title having completed their programme with six wins and two draws. Only Preston can overhaul them but

it will take two 10-0 victories from Lytham and Manchester to do it. In the Manchester /Stockport encounter on Feb. 22 only Mary Leigh, from the Mancunians, stopped the gallop of Stockport's Di Johnson, Doreen Schofield and Debbie Coulthard. Miss Leigh had wins over Miss Coulthard and Mrs. Johnson.

Salford are having matters all their own way in the Junior Division 1 with six wins from as many matches their latest by nine sets to one over Rochdale with only Billy Gleave succumbing to Craig Lord. For the winners John and Ian Weatherby were unbeaten.

Leading positions:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Men: Division 1							
Manchester	7	7	0	0	58	12	14
Preston	6	5	0	1	42	18	10
Farnworth	5	3	1	1	29	21	7

Women: Div. 1

Stockport	8	6	2	0	59	21	14
Liverpool	7	4	3	0	47	23	11
Preston	6	4	2	0	40	20	10
Manchester	7	5	0	2	50	20	10

Junior: Div. 1

Salford	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Bury	6	5	0	1	42	18	10
Manchester	5	4	0	1	31	19	8
Preston	7	3	2	2	37	33	8

The Finals of the Bury League's closed championships will take place at the Castle Leisure Centre on Thursday, Apl. 3 commencing at 7.15 p.m.



Lancashire's County Match Secretary, Gordon Campbell, had no luck here with signing on Cao Yanhua despite shaking her hand at the Chinese exhibition match at British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton. Also in the picture (from left) Mr. Aubrey Taylor and David Wolstencroft of Unit Pallets Ltd., Golborne who made the tiered seating possible.

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PING COMMENTARY

JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent,
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

WELSH BOUQUET

Let's start with a bouquet — in complete contrast to this time last season when I was shooting at the Stiga Welsh Open for their Press arrangements. Despite the immense difficulties under which the tournament was run, this time all the important problems were sorted out. Fleet-street were supplied with results within minutes of the matches coming off the table and the catering was excellent.

So its thanks to Nancy and Roy Evans, Martin Foulser (Stiga AB), and the willing band of helpers for putting things right. We (Fleet Street sportswriters) now feel that in future we can look with confidence at the Cardiff event and recommend that even more of our colleagues come down to sample the Welsh air, rain or snow — Pity about the river that flows angrily alongside the Sports Centre! It seems that to avoid the main hall flooding again, the level of the floor will have to be raised considerably.

Now that the Great Controversy over the future of this magazine is on and the new publication "TABLE TENNIS" is planned to appear in September, it is time to note that the vast majority of the National Council is in favour of events so far. In favour that is, of table tennis uplifting its image to the level of competing sports on the bookstalls of England.

It is interesting to see that Marsh Publications are apparently all in favour of two magazines to choose from. They say that in badminton this is the situation and it works well. I fear that may not be the case in table tennis. I fear that there are many players who will not buy both, either because they are not that interested or they cannot afford the cash.

Only time will tell. Obviously, two thriving publications would be delightful, if only both become viable and profitmaking. It will be a sad day for table tennis if our Editor George Yates, breaks his links with the E.T.T.A. and other august bodies to edit a publication that eventually fails.

George Yates would only contemplate breaking his links should this magazine cease publication. Ed.

SELECTIONS FOR BERNE

Desmond Douglas and Jill Hammersley spearhead England's teams for the forthcoming European Championships in Switzerland (April 5-13) with Linda Jarvis recalled to renew her partnership with Mrs. Hammersley and Carole Knight with Anita Stevenson making up another good pairing

The surprise in the men's squad is the inclusion of Graham Sandley, the 17-years-old Potters Bar schoolboy who rates No. 1 Junior but No. 6 Senior in the national rankings and he takes preference over the No. 4 Robert Potton, as does Dougie Johnson, ranked No. 5.

Squad: Men - Desmond Douglas (Wa), Paul Day (Ca), John Hilton (La), Dougie Johnson (Wa) and Graham Sandley (Mi). Women - Jill Hammersley (Bu), Carole Knight (Cv), Linda Jarvis (Sy) and Anita Stevenson (Le).

Although only ranked Nos. 8 and 9, Mrs. Jarvis and Miss Stevenson got the vote over the higher ranked Karen Witt, Mandy Smith, Angela Mitchell, Melody Ludi and Alison Gordon.

North Wales Junior Open

UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

by PHILIP LEDDY

In only its second year the North Wales Junior Open held on Feb. 16 proved an unqualified success for both the organising East Flintshire League and the 208 competitors who contested the six titles at stake.

Having been forced to look for an alternative to its scheduled November date the tournament committee plumped for the English Closed weekend and judging by the mammoth entry received their choice was indeed a wise one.

Not only was there quantity but quality as well. Besides the full Welsh squad there was a number of English-ranked players present including a strong party from neighbouring Lancashire. Adding further icing to the cake was the presence of the full Irish squad minus only Colm Slevin who was on European League duty. The Irish Association had shown its support in the tournament's inaugural year and this time the number of players making the trip totalled 38 in all under the capable leadership of Tommy Rowsome.

Venue was the superb sports hall of Deeside Leisure Centre, Queensferry where facilities proved ideal for staging an event of this size. A total of £167 was available in prize money and the committee wish to thank six local firms concerned for their generous sponsorship.

In order to ensure that proceedings went as smooth as possible and also that all competitors received best value for their entry fees, Tournament Secretaries Mike Holden and Dave Tapp decided to run the preliminary stages of both the BS and GS on a group basis. A total of 14 tables in the main hall accommodated the 50 boys' groups, while in another hall four tables were used to decide the 20 girls' groups.

Welsh interest in the boys' singles suffered a setback with top junior Mark Thomas a non-starter due to injury. In fact it was Lancashire's Paul Rainford who retained his title with a straight-games win over surprise finalist Jeremy Duffield of Worcester. Duffield had a tremendously close tussle with Brian Jeanes in the semis just taking the verdict 19 in the third.

The other semi saw Rainford in full flight against county teammate Steve Scowcroft, both players produced fluid and exciting rallies. Earlier Scowcroft had good wins over Essex cadet Steven Dettmar and local champion and Welsh international Mark Byles. Duffield had also beaten three Welsh players on his way to the final, but Rainford fully justified his England ranking with an impressive win.

The girls' final also saw another Lancastrian triumph. This time it was top-seeded Joy Grundy who took the honours, again 2-straight, against the elegant Cheshire player Janet Deakin. Janet's educated backhand was not enough to contain a strong and forceful Joy whose power and consistency proved decisive.

The Cadet boys' entry was of the highest quality with six of the top 14 English-ranked players present. With rankings always a debatable issue the lads were determined to make their mark.

The Cadet girls brought yet another Lancashire success, this time the talented Jean Parker the victor.

On hand for the occasion was Harry Maddison's team of international umpires who added the final chapter to end a highly successful day. Plans are already under way in respect of the 1981 event, when the organisers will be looking for a major sponsor to help continue to support tournament finances.

RESULTS:-

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

B. Jeanes (Wal) bt C. Morgan (Wa)

-14, 14, 19;

J. Duffield (Wo) bt A. Jones (Gn) 17, 18;

S. Scowcroft (La) bt S. Dettmar (E)

-18, 18, 7;

P. Rainford (La) bt I. Duxbury (Y) 18, 13.

Semi-finals:

Duffield bt Jeanes -24, 19, 19;

Rainford bt Scowcroft -16, 13, 13.

Final:

RAINFORD bt Duffield 15, 19.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Grundy (La) bt J. Parker (La) -19, 15, 16;

G. Leonard (Ire) bt A. Reilly (Ire);

J. Deakin (Ch) bt S. Jones (Gn) 16, 14;

S. Peakman (Wa) bt B. Annand (Wal)

23, -17, 13.

Semi-finals:

Grundy bt Leonard 11, 11;

Deakin bt Peakman 19, 15.

Final:

GRUNDY bt Deakin 19, 15.

Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Worrall (Li) bt A. Marshall (Ire);

I. Smith (Sp) bt K. Davies (Wal) -18, 9, 16;

Dettmar bt A. Walsh (Ire) 17, -19, 17;

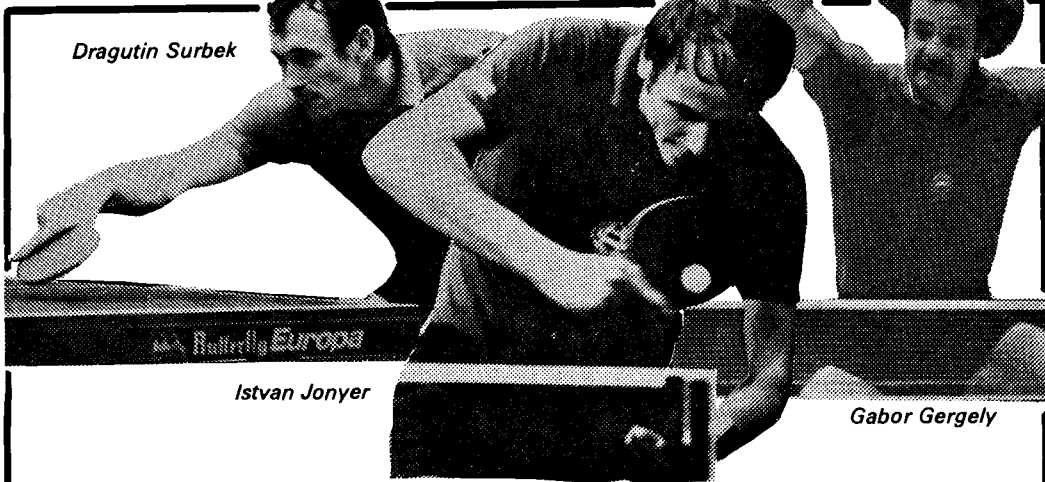
P. Gunn (Wa) bt D. Griffiths (Wal)

-23, 11, 11.

Semi-finals:

Smith bt Worrell -18, 9, 16;

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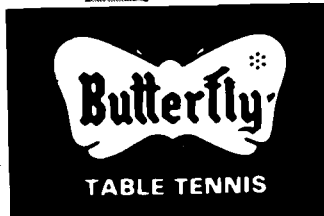
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Dettmar bt Gunn -19, 17, 8.

Final:

SMITH bt Dettmar -14, 16, 15.

Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Parker bt M. Kirkham (Ch) 6, 15;

V. Bellingham (St) bt N. Tsakarisianos (Gs);

S. Hadley (St) bt S. Sayer (Cw);

F. Elliot (St) bt J. Sully (Wal) 10, 13.

Semi-finals:

Parker bt Bellingham -17, 12, 15;

Elliot bt Hadley 12, 19.

Final:

PARKER bt Elliot 17, 19.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

D. Flanagan (Ire)/Scowcroft bt R. Lewis/

S. Yoing (Wa) 15, 16;

A. Christopher (La)/P. Dawes (St) bt

K. Grundy/C. Morgan (Wal) -14, 18, 17.

Final:

FLANAGAN/SCOWCROFT bt Christopher/

Dawes 10, -15, 14.

Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Grundy/Parker bt C. Greene/S. Slevin (Ire)

12, 18;

Bellingham/Hadley bt J. Myers (La)/

Peakman 16, 21.

Final:

GRUNDY/PARKER bt Bellingham/Hadley

19, 13.



WORTHING 'DEBENHAMS' JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Junior International Championships for 1980 will be held at the Worthing Sports Centre, Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing, Sussex on May 10/11, 1980. Entry forms will soon be distributed to Junior County Match Secretaries and ranked players and will also be available from the ETTA Office at 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1HA. (Phone: Hastings (0424) 433121.

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The large arena which is surrounded by fixed tiered seating will house twelve Butterfly Europa Tables individually screened and lighted — providing conditions equivalent to most open events. The organising committee are hoping the success of this event will encourage the use of this venue for other more major events.

The Guardian Gazette Group of newspapers currently has a weekly circulation of around 100,000 copies and celebrated its centenary in 1976. It covers the north-eastern part of London as well as the Metropolitan parts of Essex and Hertfordshire. Probably one of the oldest local papers in the area, it started life in Walthamstow during 1876 and now publishes the Guardian, Gazette and Independent editions. Its Managing Director, Rex Pardoe, is himself a keen table-tennis player, and he still remembers the time many years ago when his paper printed the ETTA Table Tennis News; unfortunately at present pressure of work does not allow him to play competitively.

Kay De-el Sports, the Wanstead-based Mail Order racket specialists, are naturally keen to encourage the sports which represent the largest of its four racket sports departments, the others being squash, badminton and tennis. The Company which was the brain child of Director Ken Levin has in two and a half years established itself among the big three in the table-tennis Mail Order market, but unlike its competitors, it is solely Mail Order which tends to make it unique, especially in the field of strung rackets — offering customerized equipment in all four sports.

Guardian Newspaper's Managing Director Rex Pardoe (extreme right) looks on as East London League Treasurer Ron Parmeter studies the cheque he has just received. Meanwhile Group Sports Editor Nigel Sargent (extreme left) discusses the format of the entry form with General Manager of Kay De-el Sports, Ken Levin.

DEVON NOTES

by Keith Ponting

THREE CHEERS FOR OUR JUNIORS

All who are connected with table tennis in the county will, I am sure, be delighted with the performance of our Junior Premier Division team in finishing runners-up to the mighty Middlesex. To have lost just one match — and that to the best team in the country — during two Premier Division week-ends is a very fine achievement from one of the so called 'back water counties'. To Paul Whiting, Gary Lambert, Paul Waldron, Gary Wiltshire, Carol Butler and Gina Pritchard we extend our very sincere congratulations on putting Devon firmly on the table tennis map.

We would also like to extend our very warm thanks to Len Saywell and his colleagues at St. Neots for their wonderful hospitality. They did everything they could for us and we are deeply grateful.

News from the Plymouth League is that Mike Short and Carol Butler are the new singles champions. Congratulations to Mike who won the title for the first time by beating Barry Davis and Carol for over-

coming our number one lady, Elaine Lamb.

The Exeter Junior Open was again very well supported and it proved a particularly worth-while trip for the Dodd family from Charlton, in London, as Andrew and David made a clean sweep of the boys' events. We are again indebted to International Referee Stan Ford for carrying out the duties of Referee, very ably assisted by Valerie Addicott.

RESULTS:

Boys' Singles U-17:

D. Dodd bt P. Namdjov -13, 19, 16.

Boys' Singles U-15:

D. Dodd bt S. Dettmar 27, 12.

Boys' Singles U-13:

A. Dodd bt M. James 17, 1.

Girls' Singles U-17:

S. James bt N. Tsakarisianos 19, 16.

Girls' Singles U-15:

Tsakarisianos bt L. Hardman 23, 14.

Girls' Singles U-13:

A. Hegarty bt S. O'Leary 15, 18.

Boys' Doubles:

A. Golding/D. Griffin bt J. Okosieme/P.

Namdjov 18, 20.

Girls' Doubles:

Tsakarisianos/M. Williams bt S. James/P.

Collins 18, -11, 14.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1980

by DEREK OLDMAN

The Student Championships returned to the University of Bath for the third time in recent years. What an excellent venue it is and how welcome we are made. Whilst there are not as many top class players at University this year, the overall standard continued to improve and a great deal of credit for this is undoubtedly due to the tremendous work put in by the English Schools Association; the Universities are certainly reaping now where others have sown before.

Thankfully the withdrawals were not as severe as in previous years. In most cases, where a player couldn't come, a reserve replaced him and this meant that the timetable continued much the same as planned.

In the men's singles, the favourite Chris Rogers had little difficulty getting to the final without dropping a game. The Swansea student A. Crook, a former Welsh Junior International, was seeded through to the semis but failed to reach the last eight because of Simon Ball of London, who was then disposed of by the Aberdeen player C. Gerrard whose reward was a semi-final against Rogers. In the other half Kevin Edwards came through to the semis from a low seeded position beating D. Butina, another London student and G. Jones from Oxford, both seeded above him. Bryn Tyler the second seed, like Rogers had a comfortable passage until meeting Edwards and this for me was the match of the tournament, Tyler eventually getting home in the third but not without great effort and sweat on his part.

The final although very good to watch belonged to Rogers from a very early stage and he eventually won in fine style. This was Tyler's third final of the Championships and by the end he was a very tired man with unfortunately only three runners-up medals to show for all his efforts.

The women's singles was undoubtedly spoilt by the non-appearance of Mandy Mellor. What was expected to be a well

contested event turned out as a one horse race for Cheryl Buttery of Nottingham University. This Lincoln student, also star of "It's a Knockout", won in a canter. Her opponent in the semi-final was Marilyn Sangster of Loughborough who had a great deal of difficulty beating the former Surrey Junior, Sue Head, representing Reading University. With Cheryl in such good form, no one could live with her on the day and we had another finalist who didn't drop a game. The other semi-final was between the Manchester pair Anne Sweeney and Debbie Coulthard and on this occasion Debbie won a very close game. The final was not disappointing although Cheryl in the end won easily but some of the rallies lasted a fair length of time and the spectators were delighted.

Yet another Universities Championships had been successfully contested. Admirably refereed by Pat Archdale assisted by two of her Avon colleagues, the tournament was enjoyed by all who took part. The excellent co-operation and help given by the Sports Centre staff deserves a special mention as does the contribution of Susan Lisle from the B.U.S.F. Sub-Committee.

RESULTS:-

Men's Singles:

C. ROGERS (Sheffield) bt B. Tyler (Warwick) 13, 18.

Women's Singles:

C. BUTTERY (Nottingham) bt D. Coulthard (Manchester) 17, 13.

Men's Doubles:

ROGERS/K. AH-CHONG (Sheffield) bt Tyler/P. Brugge (Warwick) 18, 13.

Women's Doubles:

A. SWEENEY/COULTHARD (Manchester) bt A. Rotter/J. Webb (Warwick) 7, 11.

Mixed Doubles:

K. EDWARDS/BUTTERY (Nottingham) bt Tyler/Rotter 11, 17.

12TH TABLE TENNIS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980

BIG DEMAND FOR TICKETS

From 5th to 13th April the Ice Stadium Allmend in the Federal Capital of Switzerland — in Berne — will be hosting the 12th European Championships. The Organising

Committee, consisting of 19 members, has been working for almost two years and preparations are proceeding according to plan. Already, the organisers, who are all working on a honorary basis, can enjoy the first success of their endeavours. There are more than 1,000 ticket orders from abroad, including 300 season tickets! And also in Switzerland, the demand for ticket and hotel accommodation is daily increasing. (Official address for tickets: Reiseburo Marti, Bubenbergplatz 8, Berne, Telephone 031/22 38 44). The demand of tickets is a proof that the prices fixed by the organising committee are considered to be favourable, and this applies especially for the season tickets. Berne expects for the European Championships about 450 players coming from more than 30 countries! The Draw was due to take place on Saturday, 1st March, 1980 at the Hotel "Sternen" in Belp.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MEN'S VETERAN SINGLES

One of the disappointments at Brighton this year apart from the poor entry in the Norwich Union International Championships was the omission of the above event, which followed the previous year's cancellation of the Women's Veterans Singles (admittedly through lack of entries). However, there is no lack of entries for the Men's Veterans Event if held at Brighton. The transfer of this event to the Norwich Union English Championships at Woking was a dismal failure resulting in a poor entry.

This event when played at Brighton on the Saturday morning has always been popular, not only with players, but with their supporters and other spectators, particularly as by mid-morning the Mixed Doubles are reduced to the two tables in the Dome, leaving all the tables in the Corn Exchange free, so why not make use of them? It is a fact that the Veterans command quite a lot of support and the sporting rivalry of the individuals participating and their supporters is one of the joys of the championships. The standard of play is such that any keen table tennis enthusiast, including up-and-coming juniors would learn much from the skill and tactics of the over 40's . . . mind you I have always held the opinion that this age is too low for this event, however there is no doubt that at this age the skill is still there.

So let the Veterans return to Brighton and continue to entertain table tennis enthusiasts, often bored by the insignificant Mixed Doubles.

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SUFFOLK SCENE

by Steve Richards

MICK'S DECADE

Mick Palmer achieved the distinction, last month, of playing for his County continuously since 1970. He also has the unique record of not having missed a match. Well played Mick! He spends most evenings either playing or coaching and it can truly be said that Mick lives for table tennis.

On the County front the 1st team has done well in beating Bucks (8-2) and Northants (6-4) and drawing with Cambs (5-5) the players responsible being Mick Palmer, John Kitchener, Stuart Palmer, Sue Welham and Kathy Brierley.

The 2nd team have been less successful losing to Hunts II (4-6) and Herts III (4-6) but drawing with Norfolk II (5-5).

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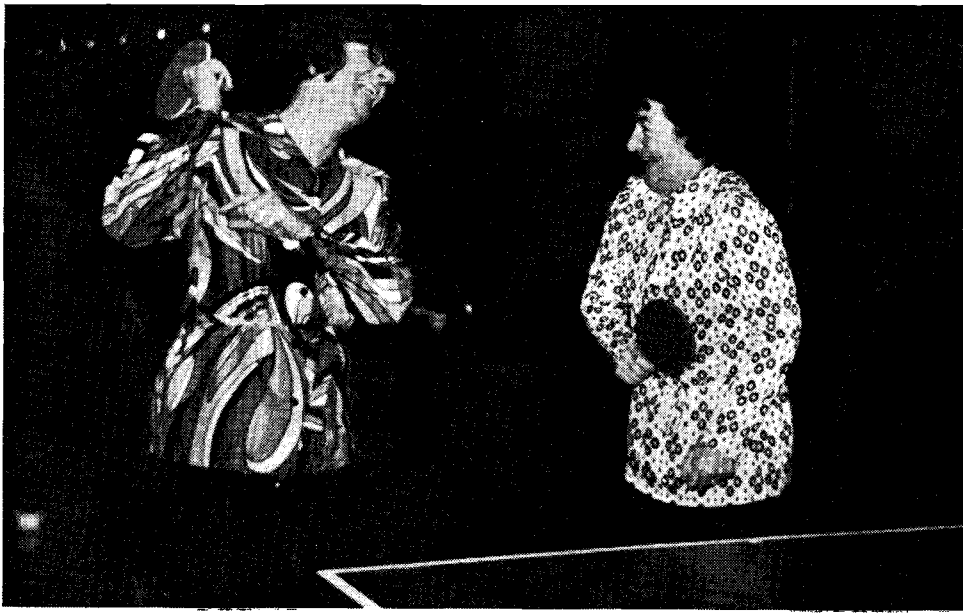
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Norton 6 Ormesby II 3
 Briarside 2 Unity 7
 Mar. 2 —
 Unity 9 Norton 0
 Ormesby II 0 Sunlife Second City 9
 March 2 Salford 7
 Seagulls 7 Briarside 2

Latest positions:-

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Unity	9	9	0	70	11	18
Sunlife Second City ...	9	8	1	64	17	16
Seagulls	8	5	3	41	31	10
Salford	8	4	4	37	35	8
Briarside	9	4	5	33	48	8
Norton	9	3	6	28	53	6
Ormesby II	9	2	7	27	54	4
March	9	0	9	15	66	0

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

1980

March

22/23 The National Girobank Scottish Open in association with the "Evening News", Meadowbank Sports Centre, London Road, Edinburgh (from 9.30 a.m. each day. Finals at 2.30 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 23).

23 The Durham County 2-Star Open, Easington District Leisure Centre, St. Cuthberts Road, Peterlee, Co. Durham (from 9.00 a.m. Finals at 7.30 p.m.).

28/29 Merseyside 2-Star Open, Kirkby Sports Centre, Valley Road, Liverpool (from 6.30 p.m. Friday/9.30 a.m. Saturday).

29/30 Junior Ranking Tournament (by invitation).
 30 National League.

April

5/6 Yorkshire Junior 2-Star 'Select', Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull, North Humberside.

5/13 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Berne, Switzerland.

12/13 Debenhams South of England 2-Star Open, Woking Sports and Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road, Woking, Surrey (from 9.00 a.m. each day. Finals at 4.00 p.m. Sunday, Apl. 13).

12 South Yorkshire 2-Star Open, Concord Sports Centre, Sheffield.

13 Bedford 1-Star and Wrexham Open.
 19 Sedgefield 2-Star Open (Newton Aycliffe).

19/20 Reading Junior Open, Meadow Sports Centre, The Meadow, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks. (U-11 and U-14 events - Saturday from 9.00 a.m., U-17 events - Sunday from 9.00 a.m.).

19 National Council (London).

26 Northumberland 2-Star Open (Cramlington).

26 Colne Valley Junior 1-Star Open (Holstead).

26 E.S.T.T.A. National Individual Finals.

27 Merton Junior 1-Star (Bournemouth).

27 16th Cheshire 1-Star Junior Open, Grange Road West Sports Centre, Birkenhead, Merseyside. (from 9.30 a.m.) (Closing date: Tuesday, Apl. 8).

27 National League.

National League

SEALINK CRUISE ON COURSE

by The Editor

Sealink Milton Keynes cruised to a comfortable two points against Denmark on Mar. 2 to stay top of the ETTA National Club League. It was a match that the team were expected to win well so it was perhaps surprising that they dropped three sets to the League's bottom team in the Premier Division.

Denmark had to thank their England No. 12-ranked David Constance for that because he was in sparkling form winning both his sets and teaming up with John Souter to take the doubles. Constance edged out a below par Richard Yule, 18 in the third, and brought Denmark right back into the match at 3-3 by beating John Hilton — again in the third at 15.

Sealink's No 3 Dougie Johnson and No. 4 Nigel Eckersley proved far too strong for their opposite numbers Joey Kennedy and John Burleton and with both winning their sets in straight games, the Milton Keynes side eventually won the match 6-3. Sealink's next match is against Macleans Maidenhead at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Mar. 30.

Other matches on that date are:-

Soham v Kelly Girl International

Denmark v Ormesby I

Ellenborough v Newham

Other results on Mar. 2 were:-

Soham 5 Ormesby I 4

Newham 5 Macleans Maidenhead 4

Kelly Girl Intl. 2 Ellenborough 7

PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Sealink Milton Keynes	9	8	1	50	31	16
Soham	9	7	2	53	28	14
Ellenborough	9	6	3	47	34	12
Ormesby I	9	6	3	45	36	12
Newham	9	3	6	40	41	6
Kelly Girl Intl.	9	2	7	35	46	4
Macleans Maidenhead	9	2	7	28	53	4
Denmark	9	2	7	26	55	4

Prior to, on Feb. 17, Sealink Milton Keynes defeated Ellenborough (5-4) — the only team to beat them in the first half of the season, again 5-4.

Meantime, on Feb. 17, Soham 'white-washed' Denmark 9-0 and Ormesby I were keeping themselves in the title race by beating Newham 5-4 on Teesside, coming back from a 1-3 deficit to take the next four sets for victory.

In the other match on that date Macleans Maidenhead beat Kelly Girl International 6-3 with the final set conceded to Peter McQueen by David Reeves suffering from an injured ankle.

SECOND DIVISION

Unity, Bradford, maintained their stranglehold on the Second Division beating Briarside (7-2) on February 17 and Norton (9-0) on Mar. 2. But still in the hunt are Sunlife Second City (Birmingham), having lost only to Unity, still fighting with wins over March (9-0) and Ormesby II (9-0) to improve their set analysis.

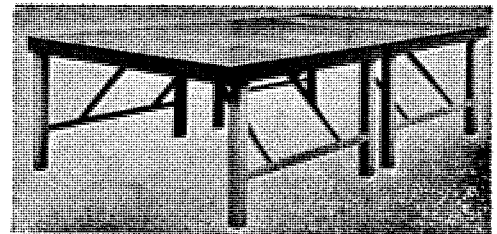
RESULTS:

Feb. 17 —

Salford 4 Seagulls 5

Sunlife Second City 9 March 0

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WESTERN LEAGUES NOTES

by Grove Motlow

POOLE'S TITLE THREATENED

Plymouth with four wins to their credit against Weston (7-2), Bristol (7-2), Torbay (9-0) and Yeovil (9-0) are posing a real threat to Pooles retention of the League title, albeit the champions are also undefeated with wins recorded against Torbay (7-2), Weston (8-1) and Yeovil (6-3).

Perming any three from Martin Abbott, John Robinson, Howard Davies and Jason Creasey the defending champions will have their work cut out to contain the young Plymouth team of Paul Whiting, Mike Shearman and Mike Short.

League newcomers Torbay and Yeovil are finding the going hard and have, to date, only succeeded in winning four sets apiece.

TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Plymouth	4	4	0	32	4	8
Poole	3	3	0	21	6	6
Bristol	3	2	1	15	12	4
Weston	5	2	3	20	25	4
Newport	2	1	1	12	6	2
Torbay	3	0	3	4	23	0
Yeovil	4	0	4	4	32	0

Leagues not yet having sent in their affiliation fees are now urged to do so and action on fixing dates of outstanding matches is requested re the following fixtures:-

Weston v Plymouth, Poole v Bristol, Bristol v Newport and Newport v Poole Please note my new 'phone number as Newport 277964.

CONGRATULATIONS

May I, through the medium of your columns, congratulate those selected to represent England in the coming European Championships and wish them every success.

BOB POTTON,

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ROCK UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

At a recent meeting with Rock Motor Parts Ltd., it was agreed that the International U-21 Championships would be run in alternate years, omitting 1980.

The Rock National U-21 Championships originally scheduled for March 22/23, 1980 have been postponed until September 1980 at a northern venue to be arranged. Full information will be circulated in due course.

NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

SUCCESSIVE 'GRAND SLAM'

Despite signs that the many problems affecting the local steel industry are beginning to play an increasing part in everyday activities, they were not allowed to prevent another record entry at the Kettering Closed Tournament, nor to prevent Keith Nicoll from carrying all before him as he completed his second successive 'grand slam' of Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Junior Boys' Singles and Junior Doubles titles.

With the final shot of the day, he accounted for John Palmer — his opponent in the final for the third year in a row — to take the Men's Singles crown for an unprecedented fourth consecutive time, and earlier with twin brother Ken, he had achieved a feat that will surely never be bettered — five junior doubles in succession.

The mixed doubles posed greater difficulties for the man of the day, as Nicoll, partnered by Mandy Wallis, lost the first end 21-6, to Steve West and Christine Price, before fighting back to gain narrow wins in

the remaining two, an unfortunate reversal for West and Mrs. Price who themselves had been in dire straits in a hard fought semi-final against Dennis Millman and Glennis Hooper.

Mandy Wallis, who has stood in the shadows for five years during sister Anne's reign as Women's champion, stepped into the absent Anne's shoes, with a comfortable win over young Jane Nicoll, whose turn must come in the not too distant future.

Miss Wallis also helped Gillian Philpott to bring about a shock in the doubles with a -9, 15, 18 over top seeds Christine Price and Glennis Hooper, but her hopes of a treble were dashed in the final when the second seeds Jane Wallis and Jane Nicoll became the youngest ever winners in a keenly contested match.

Earlier in the girls' event, the pair had found themselves in opposition with a 17, 14 margin giving the Nicoll family yet another trophy, to add to an ever growing collection.

John Palmer, who has won every Veterans event he has competed in since reaching the 'over 40's', survived a war of attrition against Dave Pipe in a semi-final which went to 'expedite' halfway through the first end, before accounting for Peter Bliss in the final, a win which extended his record of winning at least one title since he first entered the Kettering Tournament in 1971.

RESULTS:-

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

Keith Nicoll bt Ken Nicoll 15, -20, 16;
John Palmer bt Steve West 8, 12.

Final:

NICOLL bt Palmer 17, 18.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

Jane Nicoll bt Glennis Hooper 16, 13;
Mandy Wallis bt Christine Price 14, 17.

Final:

WALLIS bt Nicoll 6, 13.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Keith Nicoll/Atkinson bt Dave Simmons/
John Hunt 10, 15;
Palmer/Dennis Millman bt West/Chris
Handshaw 12, 21.

Final:

NICOLL/ATKINSON bt Palmer/Millman
6, 16.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Jane Wallis/J. Nicoll bt Shirley Everard/
Jackie Rowson 2, 16;
M. Wallis/Gillian Philpott bt Mrs. Price/
Miss Hooper -9, 15, 18.

Final:

J. WALLIS/NICOLL bt M. Wallis/Philpott
10, -18, 16.

Mixed Doubles Final:

NICOLL/WALLIS bt West/Price -6, 17, 18.

Veteran Singles Final:

JOHN PALMER bt Peter Bliss 9, 12.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Ken Nicoll bt Neil Ridge 16, -14, 4;
Keith Nicoll bt Ian Hawes -16, 11, 14.

Final:

KEITH NICOLL bt Ken Nicoll 12, -19, 11.

Girls' Singles Final:

JANE NICOLL bt Jane Wallis 17, 14.

Junior Doubles Semi-finals:

Nicoll/Nicoll bt S. Kendall/Hawes 12, 13;
Ridge/T. Cardwell bt John Connors/David
Adam -22, 18, 7.

Final:

NICOLL/NICOLL bt Ridge/Cardwell
-20, 6, 7.

Under-15 Singles Semi-finals:

Ian Hawes bt Steve Kendall 19, 14;
Mark Nannery bt Paul Egan 17, 12.

Final:

HAWES bt Nannery 8, 11.

Under-13 Singles Semi-finals:

Stephen Rogers bt Andrew Edmonds 14, 18;
Matthew Hughes bt Susan Nannery 8, 18.

Final:

ROGERS bt Hughes 14, -14, 18.

Men's Consolation Singles:

PETER BLISS bt Stephen Kendall
-17, 16, 16.

Premier Handicap Singles:

STEVE BROWN (+7) bt Alan Hawes (+4)
-18, 15, 16.

First Division Handicap Singles:

PAUL TEESDALE (+3) bt Jane Wallis (+9)
-17, 20, 19.

Senior Divisional Handicap:

JOHN KIMBELL (+7) bt Martin Myrick
(+7) -21, 24, 26.

Junior Divisional Handicap:

STEPHEN ROGERS (+6) bt Kevin Bird
(+7) 15, 18.

For once the dates of the Kettering and Northampton tournaments clashed, leaving some players with a difficult choice. Keith Nicoll certainly made the right decision, thereby giving his close rival Tim Chamberlain the opportunity of creating a surprise at Northampton, where applying himself conscientiously to the task in hand, he beat Tim Forster, Keith Jones and Romano Gallo before meeting another shock finalist in Brian Wooding.

The final was another tense battle, with both Chamberlain and Wooding, in their turn, looking likely winners, until Chamberlain called on his greater big match experience to take the deciding game 21-15, and so win his first Northampton Men's Singles title.

Newcomer Celia Abrahams was another player to reach peak form at the right time, beating the formidable Stephanie Lines 18, 18 in the final of the Women's Singles, and then combining with Miss Lines to take the Doubles by easily accounting for Joyce Porter and Margaret Maltby 8, 12.

Other RESULTS:-

Men's Doubles:

Steve Lyon/Dave Marsh bt Keith Jones/
Brian D'Hooghe -24, 18, 12.

Mixed Doubles:

John Horne/Margaret Maltby bt Romano
Gallo/Joyce Porter 17, -15, 15.

Veteran Singles:

Dave Marsh bt R. Denny 17, -15, 15.

Boys' Singles:

Richard Malfait bt Neil Knatt -19, 19, 16.

Girls' Singles:

E. Hogg bt J. Purser.

Junior Doubles:

Knatt/Malfait bt R. Allen/J. Chamberlain
20, 9.

Boys' U-14 Singles:

R. Allen bt R. Bashford -14, 12, 24.

Division 1-3 Singles:

Richard Malfait bt A. Bennett 12, 22.

Division 4-7 Singles:

M. Hall bt J. Chamberlain 17, 22.

APRIL ISSUE LATE STARTER

Owing to the Editor's attendance at the 1980 European Championships in Berne during early April the issue of T.T. News for that month will be unavoidably delayed.



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SAD PROLOGUE

Welsh European League results provided a sad prologue and an even sadder epilogue to the undoubted success of the Stiga Welsh Open. We played Denmark on the eve of the Welsh Open, at Swansea, and Finland on the Monday following, at Bridgend.

Both matches were excellently organised by the Swansea and Bridgend Leagues respectively, but both lacked that essential ingredient — Welsh success. Of course, we knew we faced the two strongest teams in the Second Division, but we felt we were in with a chance, especially against Denmark despite Claus Pedersen's presence.

Graham Davies started us off promisingly enough against Hansen, and it looked as if the Selectors' decision to recall Graham in place of Dave Welsman was going to pay off. But he just failed in that vital opening set. Then Nigel Thomas went off like a bomb against Pedersen, but the wily Dane soon imposed his own tactics on the proceedings, and from an exciting start, Nigel also went down.

Stephanie Jones pulled us back, with a very good win against Polk, but in the doubles which followed there was no sign of combination between Nigel and Graham, and we went 1-3 down. After a bad first game, Graham and Stephanie came back with a good second game win against Pedersen and Polk, but fell away in the third, and the match was now lost.

Graham couldn't get going in his first game against Pedersen, but did much better to reach 20-all in the second, but then lost, whilst Nigel, after winning the first against Hansen, made little impression in the next two.

RESULTS:-

Davies lost to Hansen -14, 15, -18;
lost to Pedersen -7, -20.
Thomas lost to Pedersen -16, -17;
lost to Hansen 21, -14, -11.
Stephanie Jones bt C. Polk -17, 12, 17.
Davies/Thomas lost to Hansen/Pedersen -16, -13.
Davies/Stephanie Jones lost to Pedersen/Polk -10, 14, -16.

The Selectors delayed final choice of the team to play Finland until the closing stages of the Welsh Open, and on the basis of results there Welsman was recalled in place of Davies.

Despite a "whitewash", this match produced some fine table tennis, with the opening encounter between Welsman and Ikonen providing a good Bridgend crowd with some brilliant points. Dave played as well as I have ever seen him play, but Ikonen was uncanny in defence, and devastating when he came in for his occasional hit. There was one period when the Finn took fourteen points in a row to recover from a Welsman onslaught, and it seemed then that there was no way he could possibly lose a point! A fine game went Finland's way.

Nigel Thomas was far from happy against Autio, and rarely looked in control, so it was no surprise when we went two down. Nor

did Stephanie Jones ever look able to impose her game on Sonja Grefberg, and we were now losing 0-3.

After an indifferent start, Dave and Nigel took the second game of the doubles, but didn't get double figures in the decider. Finland then introduced the thirteen-year-old Malmberg into the Mixed. Dave and Stephanie took the first game at 22-20, but the young Finnish girl was now getting into a very impressive pattern, and it was no surprise when the Welsh pair lost the next two.

Welsman still battled on, and gave Autio a good run, losing 21-23, 18-21, but Nigel couldn't make much of Ikonen, who thus completed Finland's complete triumph, another in their unbeaten run for promotion to the First Division. Even their non-playing captain said he'd never seen them play so well.

RESULTS:-

Welsman lost to Ikonen -13, 16, -15;
lost to Autio -21, -18.
Thomas lost to Autio -10, -17;
lost to Ikonen -13, -15.
Stephanie Jones lost to S. Grefberg -10, -15.
Thomas/Welsman lost to Jokinen/Ikonen -12, 18, -9.
Welsman/Stephanie Jones lost to Jokinen/Malmberg 20, -18, -12.

Wales must now win the last match of the season to escape relegation. This is against Belgium away on March 8, and the Selectors decided to pick the same team of Nigel Thomas, Dave Welsman and Stephanie Jones to go into the last vital battle.

For the European Championships in Bern, from April 5 to 13, the Selectors are continuing their policy of building for the future, and the emphasis is on youth. Junior Mark Thomas gains his place with good performances in junior and senior events. Nigel Thomas is again No. 1 and Dave Welsman is selected after his brave efforts against Finland. Stephanie Jones and Cathryn Jones again team up in the women's events. Brian Everson and Betty Gray are captains.

An interesting Junior event took place at St. Asaph on the eve of the North Wales Junior Open. Ireland were bringing over a big group of top youngsters for the Open, and we agreed to play a match against them in junior boys and girls, and cadet boys and girls categories.

Excellently staged at the St. Asaph Sports Centre, the match ended in an honourable draw, both sides showing signs of nerves, it being the first time some of them had played before a crowd.

RESULTS:-

Cadet Girls (1-2):
Heidi Cotter lost to A. Reilly 17, -14, -13.
Jayne Sully bt E. Tuohy 13, -20, 18.
Cotter/Sully lost to Tuohy/Reilly -17, -14.
Cadet Boys (2-1):
Kevin Davies bt A. Marshall 11, -19, 17.
David Griffiths lost to A. Walsh 19, -13, -6
Griffiths/Davies bt Marshall/Walsh 18, -13, 14.
Junior Girls (0-3):
Brenda Annand lost to L. Gibson -15, -18.
Linda Leggett lost to G. Leonard -14, -18.
Leggett/Annand lost to Gibson/Leonard 18, -14, -16.
Junior Boys (3-0):
Mark Byles bt D. Flanagan 13, -22, 12.
Jeanes bt M. Greene 17, -8, 22.
Byles/Jeanes bt Green/Flanagan 18, -11, 14.

TABLE HIRE SCHEME

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**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
LEAGUE TABLES
(as at 13/2/80)**

Prepared by **Aubrey Drapkin**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
PREMIER							
Middlesex	5	5	0	0	36	9	10
Cheshire	7	5	0	2	36	27	10
Yorkshire	7	4	0	3	39	24	8
Essex	4	3	0	1	26	10	6
Warwickshire	5	3	0	2	26	19	6
Glamorgan	5	2	0	3	23	22	4
Kent	6	1	0	5	12	42	2
Cleveland	7	0	0	7	9	54	0
2 SOUTH							
Surrey	4	3	1	0	29	11	7
Sussex	4	2	1	1	25	15	5
Essex II	4	2	1	1	20	20	5
Herts	4	1	2	1	18	22	4
Middlesex II	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Kent II	4	0	0	4	11	29	0
2 NORTH							
Lancashire	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Derbyshire	4	2	1	1	24	16	5
Yorkshire II	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Durham	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Northumberland	5	2	0	3	22	28	4
Lincolnshire	4	0	1	3	11	29	1
Cheshire II	3	0	0	3	11	19	0
2 MIDLAND							
Staffordshire	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Warwicks II	4	3	0	1	27	13	6
Gwent	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Worcestershire	4	1	1	2	18	22	3
Gloucestershire	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
Glamorgan II	4	0	1	3	9	31	1
2 EAST							
Leicestershire	5	5	0	0	40	10	10
Cambridge	4	1	3	0	24	16	5
Suffolk	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Norfolk	4	1	1	2	15	25	3
Northants	4	1	1	2	15	25	3
Bedfordshire	4	1	0	3	17	23	2
Buckinghamshire	5	0	2	3	17	33	2
2 WEST							
Berkshire	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Wiltshire	4	1	2	1	21	19	4
Devon	4	1	2	1	19	21	4
Somerset	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Dorset	4	1	2	1	17	23	4
Avon	5	2	0	3	21	29	4
Hampshire	5	0	2	3	21	29	2
3 SOUTH							
Sussex II	4	3	0	1	31	9	6
Surrey II	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Essex III	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Herts II	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Bucks II	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
3 NORTH							
Lancs II	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Cheshire III	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Cleveland II	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Northumberland II	2	1	0	1	7	13	2
Cumbria	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
3 NORTH MIDLAND							
Leics II	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Notts	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Derbyshire II	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Clwyd	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Salop	3	0	0	3	11	19	0
3 SOUTH MIDLAND							
Hereford	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Oxford	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Berkshire II	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Northants II	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Worcestershire II	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
3 EAST							
Cambridgeshire II	3	3	0	0	26	4	6
Huntingdonshire	4	2	1	1	19	21	5
Herts III	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Norfolk II	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Bedfordshire II	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Suffolk II	4	0	1	3	13	27	1
3 WEST							
Dorset II	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Hampshire II	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Cornwall	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Avon II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Somerset II	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUNIOR PREMIER (Final Table)							
Middlesex	7	7	0	0	64	6	14
Devon	7	5	1	1	46	24	11
Sussex	7	2	4	1	38	32	8
Staffs	7	3	2	2	38	32	8
Surrey	7	2	3	2	33	37	7
Yorkshire	7	1	2	4	28	42	4
Essex	7	1	2	4	26	44	4
Berkshire	7	0	0	7	7	63	0
JUNIOR 2 SOUTH							
Kent	5	5	0	0	39	11	10
Hampshire	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Buckinghamshire	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
Hertfordshire	5	2	1	2	20	30	5
Wiltshire	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Middlesex II	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Surrey II	5	0	3	2	23	27	3
Essex II	5	0	1	4	16	34	1
JUNIOR 2 NORTH							
Yorkshire II	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Lancashire	5	3	0	2	27	23	6
Cheshire	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Cumbria	4	1	2	1	17	23	4
Lincolnshire	4	1	1	2	21	19	3
Cleveland	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Clwyd	5	1	0	4	18	32	2
JUNIOR 2 MIDLAND							
Cambridgeshire	5	5	0	0	37	13	10
Warwickshire	5	3	1	1	24	26	7
Glamorgan	5	2	2	1	29	21	6
Bedfordshire	5	1	2	2	22	28	4
Nottinghamshire	4	1	1	2	21	19	3
Gloucestershire	4	0	3	1	19	21	3
Worcestershire	5	0	3	2	23	27	3
Leicestershire	5	0	2	3	15	35	2
JUNIOR 3 SOUTH							
Oxfordshire	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Kent II	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Berkshire II	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Sussex II	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Buckinghamshire II	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
JUNIOR 3 NORTH							
Durham	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Cleveland II	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Cheshire II	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Northumberland	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Cumbria II	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
JUNIOR 3 NORTH MIDLAND							
Derbyshire	4	3	1	0	31	9	7
Staffordshire II	3	2	1	0	20	10	5
Salop	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Warwickshire II	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Clwyd II	3	0	0	3	4	26	0
JUNIOR 3 SOUTH MIDLAND							
Avon	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Gwent	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Devon III	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Hereford	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Salop II	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
JUNIOR 3 EAST MIDLAND							
Northants	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Norfolk	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Huntingdonshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Lincolnshire II	3	0	2	1	10	20	2
Cambridgeshire II	4	0	1	3	17	23	1
JUNIOR 3 EAST							
Suffolk	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Essex III	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Hertfordshire II	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Bedfordshire II	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Norfolk II	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
JUNIOR 3 WEST							
Devon II	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Cornwall	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Dorset	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Somerset	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Hampshire II	3	0	0	3	6	24	0
VETERAN SOUTH							
Middlesex	5	5	0	0	31	14	10
Essex II	4	3	0	1	26	10	6
Sussex	4	2	0	2	17	19	4
Kent I	5	2	0	3	20	25	4
Kent II	4	2	0	2	15	21	4
Hampshire II	4	1	0	3	17	19	2
Hertfordshire II	4	0	0	4	9	27	0
VETERAN MIDLAND							
Lincolnshire	5	5	0	0	38	7	10
Cheshire I	4	4	0	0	29	7	8
Notts	4	2	0	2	20	16	4
Cheshire II	4	2	0	2	14	22	4
Leicestershire	4	1	0	3	10	26	2
Clwyd	4	1	0	3	10	26	2
Cumbria	5	0	0	5	14	31	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
VETERAN EAST							
Essex	4	4	0	0	35	1	8
Hertfordshire I	5	3	0	2	26	19	6
Berkshire	4	3	0	1	20	16	6
Bedfordshire	5	2	0	3	17	28	4
Huntingdonshire	4	2	0	2	13	23	4
Hertfordshire III	4	1	0	3	14	22	2
Oxfordshire	4	0	0	4	10	26	0
VETERAN WEST							
Dorset I	5	5	0	0	34	11	10
Hampshire	5	5	0	0	33	12	10
Avon I	5	3	0	2	25	20	6
Worcestershire	5	3	0	2	24	21	6
Wiltshire	5	2	0	3	18	27	4
Avon II	5	1	0	4	16	29	2
Dorset II	5	1	0	4	15	30	2
Somerset	5	0	0	5	15	30	0

**SEALINK MILTON KEYNES
TO PLAY AUSTRALIA**

Sealink Milton Keynes are to play Australia in a friendly table tennis International match at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Wednesday, 26th March 1980, start 7 p.m.

The match is just reward for the club's achievements this season. Sealink Milton Keynes is at present, two points clear at the top of the ETTA National

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lost to C. Wilson -7, -15.
A. Dixon lost to Sandley -20, -19;
lost to J. Souter 18, -11, 18.
W. Bridgeman lost to Wilson -12, -19;
lost to Souter -18, -16.
Miss J. Harris lost to Miss M. Reeves -15, -21.
Miss S. Cain lost to Miss L. Tyler 22, -12, -20.
Barnett/Dixon lost to Sandley/Souter
16, -10, -19.
Miss Harris/Miss Cain lost to Miss Reeves/
Miss Tyler 16, -15, -17.

Yorkshire 3 Sussex 7

S. Madden lost to S. Moore -10, -18;
lost to P. Pudduck 19, -17, -18.
M. Illingsworth lost to S. Moore -15, -15;
lost to A. Moore -14, -18.
N. Bailey lost to Pudduck -20, -17;
lost to A. Moore -13, -14.
Miss L. Broomhead bt Miss T. Moore
16, -18, 12.
Miss M. Seaton bt Miss T. Curran 9, 20.
Illingsworth/Bailey lost to A. Moore/S.
Moore 18, -11, -11.
Miss Broomhead/Miss Seaton bt Miss
Moore/Miss Curran 15, 11.

Essex 4 Devon 6

I. Attridge bt P. Whiting -19, 19, 18;
bt G. Lambert 18, 19.
S. White lost to Whiting -16, 12, -6;
bt P. Waldron 9, -18, 19.
I. Carson lost to Lambert -14, 14, -16;
lost to Waldron -17, -18.
Miss K. Mudge lost to Miss C. Butler -16, -11.
Miss D. Taylor lost to Miss G. Pritchard
-14, -20.
Attridge/White bt Whiting/Lambert
-15, 17, 19.
Miss Mudge/Miss P. Taylor lost to Miss
Butler/Miss Pritchard -10, -8.

Middlesex 8 Yorkshire 2

G. Sandley bt M. Illingsworth 15, 13;
bt D. Illingsworth 11, -13, 17.
C. Wilson bt M. Illingsworth 12, 18;
bt N. Bailey 19, 17.
J. Souter bt D. Illingsworth 11, -13, 17;
bt Bailey 17, 16.
Miss M. Reeves bt Miss L. Broomhead 16, 13.
Miss L. Tyler lost to Miss M. Seaton
21, -13, -16.
Wilson/Souter bt Madden/D. Illingsworth
10, 16.
Miss Reeves/Miss Tyler lost to Miss
Broomhead/Miss Seaton 21, -21, -22.

Surrey 5 Staffordshire 5

M. Oakley bt P. Barnett 12, 9;
lost to A. Dixon -14, 13, -13.
G. Baker bt Barnett 16, 17;
lost to W. Bridgeman -18, -20.
G. Russell lost to Dixon -13, -15;
lost to Bridgeman -19, 15, -19.
Miss S. Cresswell lost to Miss J. Harris
-13, 22, -13.
Miss M. Hams bt Miss S. Cain 21, -18, 17.
Oakley/Baker bt Barnett/Dixon -17, 16, 19.
Miss Cresswell/Miss Hams bt Miss Harris/
Miss Cain -14, 15, 18.

Sussex 10 Berkshire 0

S. Moore bt S. Rowland 11, 11;
bt J. Stokes 6, 19.
P. Pudduck bt Rowland 7, 12;
bt M. Childs 14, 19.
A. Moore bt Stokes 15, 6;
bt Childs 15, 15.
Miss T. Moore bt Miss J. Collins 21, 18.
Miss T. Curran bt Miss S. Kilford 17, 7.
A. Moore/Pudduck bt Rowland/Stokes 13, 9.
Miss Moore/Miss Curran bt Miss Collins/
Miss Kilford 17, 12.

JUNIOR 2 SOUTH

Hampshire 9 Middlesex II 1

Kent 8 Wiltshire 2

Surrey II 5 Essex II 5

Two wins each for Michael Hammond and
Nicky Hoare gave Surrey a good point.

JUNIOR 2 NORTH

Lincolnshire 9 Clwyd 1

Yorkshire II 10 Cumbria 0

In a match in which nine of the ten sets
went to three, it was astonishing that Lincs
won by a 9-1 margin. Cumbria put up
spirited challenge against Yorks, but rarely
looked like taking a set.

JUNIOR 2 MIDLAND

Leicestershire 1 Cambridgeshire 9

Warwickshire 6 Glamorgan 4

Worcestershire 4 Bedfordshire 6

Cambridgeshire deservedly top of the
division. Nobody can match their strength
in depth. Leics only took GS where Yvonne
Hall is still 100%. Two good wins by Adrian
Pilgrim (plus BD) brought Warwicks back
from 0-2 to win the next six sets. In the
past three matches wins from the Bellinger
sisters haven't been sufficient to win a
point. On this occasion (v Worcs) Colin
Luscombe supplemented their three with
two singles wins and Ian Doughty chipped
in with another although nobody could beat
Jeremy Duffield.

JUNIOR 3 SOUTH

Buckinghamshire II 3 Sussex II 7

M Curtis two good wins for home side but
visitors almost totally in command.

JUNIOR 3 NORTH

Cumbria 4 Cleveland 6

Glenn Skipp on top form for the visitors.
Cumbria won all the girls' events — but not
quite enough for a point.

JUNIOR 3 NORTH MIDLAND

Clwyd 1 Staffordshire 9

Derbyshire 10 Warwickshire II 0

Clwyd could only collect BD. This young
Derbys side looks a team with a future.

JUNIOR 3 EAST MIDLAND

Cambridgeshire II 4 Norfolk 6

The loss of the first three sets proved too
much for Cambs to make up. Martyn
Stevenson, star of the visitors, while Alison
Edge shone for the home team.

JUNIOR 3 SOUTH MIDLAND

Devon 6 Salop 4

Gwent 6 Herefordshire 4

Two wins from N. Wilson and two more
from M. Weymouth (including a 17, -21, 19
last set) gave Devon a close victory.

JUNIOR 3 EAST

Suffolk 8 Bedfordshire II 2

Suffolk, with their strong boys continue
to look too good for all opposition — with a
similar team they would take some stopping
in Div. 2!

JUNIOR 3 WEST

Cornwall 7 Hampshire II 3

Dorset 4 Devon 6

I. Scandrett and J. Williams never
extended for Cornwall. Miss McCabe in-
volved in two of the three Hants wins. T.
Sweet (Devon) only unbeaten player in BS
in their match with Dorset.

VETERAN SOUTH

Essex II 7 Sussex 2

Hampshire II 4 Kent II 5

Kent I 2 Middlesex 7

Essex back from 1-2 down to win 7-2.
Hants II gave Kent II a good run, but B.
Maxted and L. Koutikoff just a bit too
strong. Middlesex with both Alan Lindsay
and Laurie Landry in their side, easily took
care of Kent, the latter wins coming in the
two sets in which Mrs. Butcher played.

VETERAN MIDLAND

Cumbria 1 Cheshire 1 8

Lincolnshire 9 Leicestershire 0

Nottinghamshire 7 Clwyd 2

Cheshire and Lincolnshire maintained
their challenge for the divisional title.
Cumbria took the Men's Doubles title but
Clarice Rose finally lost her 100% record —
to Mary Leigh. Good win for Roy Williams
against John Ellis.

VETERAN EAST

Hertfordshire I 8 Bedfordshire 1

Oxfordshire 1 Essex I 8

Nothing stops Essex but Bill Ladmore did
at least manage to salvage the final set —
against Steve Batrick — to prevent a
"whitewash".

VETERAN WEST

Hampshire I 5 Avon I 4

Somerset 4 Dorset II 5

Wiltshire 5 Avon II 4

Dorset 7 Worcestershire 2

Ray Lush ensured victory for Hants in
this important fixture where Mrs Watts
played impressively for Avon. Two wins by
T. Browne failed to give Somerset victory.
John Cleveland on form for Wilts.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS DIARY

MARCH 22

Div. 2 East

Cambs v Leics, Trinity Methodist Centre, Norfolk Street,
Wisbech (6.30 p.m.).

Suffolk v Beds, The Dome, Defoe Road, Ipswich (6.45 p.m.).

Norfolk v Northants, Drill Hall, Aylsham (6.30 p.m.).

Div. 2 West

Devon v Somerset, Devonport Guild Hall, Iter Street,
Plymouth (3.00 p.m.).

Div. 3 West

Somerset II v Dorset II, Westlands Sports Club, Yeovil
(6.00 p.m.).

Junior 3 East

Suffolk v Essex III, The Dome, Defoe Road, Ipswich
(2.30 p.m.).

Junior 3 West

Somerset v Dorset, Westlands Sports Club, Yeovil (2.30 p.m.).

Veteran East

Essex v Herts I, Japan Road Club, Japan Road, off
Chadwell Heath High Road, Essex (6.30 p.m.).

Veteran West

Dorset II v Wiltshire, International Time Recording Co.,
Fleets Lane, Poole (2.30 p.m.).

MARCH 23

Div. 3 East

Cambs II v Norfolk II, 'Windayle', Hall Street, Soham
(2.30 p.m.).

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

EXTREMELY PROUD

I had a phone call from Jeff Sandley
(Graham's father) after publication of the
January edition, objecting to the wording of
my note regarding the Middlesex ranking
lists. I should have made it clear that the
lists were those compiled in September-
October for registration for the County
Championships, although the Selection
Committee did not get round to giving
them to me until early December. My
apologies to Jeff and Graham for any
"aggro" I may unwittingly have caused.

The Selection Committee have now
revised the Men's list in the light of per-
formances in the first half of the season
and as a result Graham is ranked No. 1,
Mark Mitchell at No. 2, John Souter at No. 3
and Colin Wilson at No. 4. No other changes
have been made at the moment.

Needless to say Middlesex are extremely
proud of all their players, both young and
old, not only for their performances in
representing the county but also for their
National achievements. It augers well for
the future when we can use junior players
in the Senior Premier Division of the
County Championships and win all our
matches so far. In the meantime the Junior
Premier team has won the Championship
and the Veterans have not been beaten. Is
this our year for the triple crown?

Incidentally I notice that in the
Debenhams Junior Grand Prix, the points
position at 18th December was that Graham
headed the Boys' List with a clear lead of
10 points with John Souter in 4th position
and Colin Wilson at joint No. 8. In the Girls'
List, Mandy Reeves and Helen Williams
share second place and Lesley Tyler is at
joint No. 7. Well done, all of you.

Sadly I have to report that Eddie Gorniak
has been very ill but my latest information
is that good progress is being made and I
am sure all his friends will join me in
wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.
We hope it will not be too long before we
welcome him back to the table tennis scene.

Arrangements for the Debenhams
Middlesex National Junior Ranking Tourna-
ment are well under way. The event will be
held at the Harrow Leisure Centre on 29th
and 30th March and by the time this article
is published, all invitations will have been
issued. With new sponsors and a new venue
we hope the event will prove successful.

County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

GLAMORGAN SAFE

Glamorgan's 9-0 win over Kent guarantees their place in the Premier Division and at the same time relegates Kent.

Congratulations to Middlesex who have once again topped the Junior Premier Division. Whilst they dropped the odd set along the way, their superiority was never in doubt. With a consistent team of Graham Sandley, Colin Wilson, John Souter, Mandy Reeves and Lesley Tyler they looked too good for the rest of the field.

Berkshire were seemingly destined for relegation from the start but the failure of Essex to retain their place in the top sphere will probably come as a shock. However with their vast reservoir of junior talent it will be a surprise if they fail to bounce back next season.

PREMIER DIVISION

Glamorgan 9 Kent 0

A. Griffiths bt J. Kennedy 11, 16;
bt J. Burleton 14, 19.

G. Evans bt Kennedy 10, 14;
bt C. Morris 9, 8.

G. Davies bt Burleton 19, 19;
bt Morris 19, 15.

Miss S. Jones bt Miss E. Bolton -9, 4, 8.
Griffiths/Davies bt Kennedy/Burleton
-19, 18, 16.

Evans/Miss Jones bt Morris/Miss Bolton
14, 17.

2nd SOUTH

Essex II 5 Hertfordshire 5

Middlesex II 6 Kent II 4

Sussex 5 Surrey 5

Richard Jermyn on form for Herts. Two wins from M. Francis to no avail for Kent. Surrey, without Crimmins and McQueen, held to a draw by Sussex but Dave Welsman on form.

2nd NORTH

Derbyshire 9 Lincolnshire 1

Yorkshire II 4 Durham 6

Without Brian Hill, Lincs were no match for Derbyshire whose only win came from Suzanne Hunt. Three wins on the distaff side for Yorks not enough to gain a point against Durham for whom D. Svenson and A. Gelder shone.

2nd Midland

Staffordshire 7 Gwent 3

Warwickshire II 9 Glamorgan II 1

Worcestershire 3 Gloucestershire 7

Even without Andrew Bellingham, Staffs able to maintain their 100% record fairly comfortably. Warwickshire's young team did very well with Andrew Jones the only Glamorgan winner.

2nd EAST

Leicestershire 8 Norfolk 2

Northamptonshire 1 Cambridgeshire 9

Suffolk 8 Buckinghamshire 2

Cambridgeshire win at last, dropping only the WD. Philip Bradbury impressive for Bucks against Suffolk, beating Mick Palmer and losing narrowly to John Kitchener (-16, 11, -20).

2nd WEST

Avon 6 Hampshire 4

Berkshire 10 Dorset 0

Devon 5 Wiltshire 5

Young Andy Creed once again outstanding for Avon. A strong Berkshire team crushed Dorset and on this form look 'certs' for the play-offs. Good draw at Plymouth — Elaine Lamb outstanding for home team with Bill Moulding and Terry Bruce unbeaten for visitors.

3rd SOUTH

Buckinghamshire II 1 Sussex II 9

When D. Martin beat Robin Stace in the second set of the match it looked as though things might be close but Sussex took all remaining sets.

3rd NORTH MIDLAND

Ciwyd 2 Derbyshire II 8

Stephen Yallop spear-headed Derbys to good win.

3rd SOUTH MIDLAND

Herefordshire 8 Berkshire II 2

Oxfordshire 9 Worcestershire II 1

M Owen, L. Owen, S. Owen and M. Owens all unbeaten in singles for Hertfordshire! What a strong Oxon side this is! Clive Alcock, Arthur Chilvers, David Harse, Carol Filmer and Eileen Hughes look a bit too good for the third division!!

3rd EAST

Bedfordshire II 5 Hunts 5

David Cartwright two MS, and three women's events to Beds — everything else to Hunts.

3rd WEST

Dorset 6 Avon 4

Hampshire II 7 Cornwall 3

P. Riley outstanding for Avon but Dorset's all-round strength gave them the verdict. Hants came back from 2-3 down to win 7-3. Two good wins by Gary Longland supplemented by another good performance from Kathy Conlon, still 100%.

JUNIOR PREMIER

Berkshire 0 Middlesex 10

M. Barr lost to G. Sandley -18, -8;

lost to C. Wilson -11, -11.

S. Rowland lost to Sandley -8, -9;

lost to J. Souter -13, -17.

J. Stokes lost to Wilson -5, -12;

lost to Souter -16, -15.

Miss J. Collins lost to Miss M. Reeves

-11, -20.

Miss S. Kilford lost to Miss L. Tyler -11, 19.

Rowland/Stokes lost to Sandley/Wilson

-14, -15.

Miss Collins/Miss Kilford lost to Miss

Reeves/ Miss Tyler -18, -12.

Devon 5 Sussex 5

P. Whiting lost to S. Moore 11, -18, -14;

lost to P. Puddock 16, -11, -16.

G. Lambert bt S. Moore 19, -11, 17;

bt A. Moore -7, 15, 20.

G. Wiltshire lost to Puddock -14, -19;

lost to A. Moore -18, -10.

Miss C. Butler lost to Miss T. Moore

-16, 12, -11.

Miss G. Pritchard bt Miss T. Curran 16, 15.

Whiting/Lambert bt A. Moore/Puddock

17, 21.

Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss Moore/

Miss Curran 12, 20.

Staffordshire 9 Essex 1

P. Barnett bt I. Attridge 14, -12, 15;

bt S. White -18, 19, 9.

A. Dixon bt Attridge 19, -17, 19;

bt I. Carson 16, -16, 19.

W. Bridgeman bt Carson 12, 18;

lost to White -14, -16.

Miss J. Harris bt Miss K. Mudge 12, 17.

Miss S. Cain bt Miss D. Taylor 17, 19.

Barnett/Dixon bt Attridge/ White 12, -17, 18.

Miss Harris/Miss Cain bt Miss Mudge/Miss

Taylor 13, 19.

Yorkshire 5 Surrey 5

S. Madden lost to M. Oakley -18, -12;

lost to G. Baker -16, -18.

M. Illingsworth bt Oakley 20, -12, 15;

bt G. Russell 14, -13, 18.

N. Bailey lost to Baker -18, -12;

bt Russell 19, 18.

Miss L. Broomhead lost to Miss S. Cresswell
13, -14, -22.

Miss M. Seaton bt Miss M. Hams 18, 8.

M. Illingsworth/D. Illingsworth lost to

Oakley/Baker -13, 17, -9.

Miss Broomhead/Miss T. Robertshaw bt

Miss Cresswell/Miss Hams 16, -19, 18.

Essex 5 Yorkshire 5

I. Attridge bt S. Madden 6, -21, 9;

lost to M. Illingsworth -15, -12.

S. White bt Madden 12, 18;

bt N. Bailey 15, 19.

I. Carson bt Illingsworth 13, 7;

lost to Bailey -9, -10.

Miss K. Mudge lost to Miss L. Broomhead

-6, -16.

Miss P. Taylor lost to Miss M. Seaton

-14, -14.

Attridge/White bt M. Illingsworth/D.

Illingsworth 17, 14.

Miss P. Taylor/Miss D. Taylor lost to Miss

Broomhead/Miss Robertshaw -17, 18, -17.

Middlesex 7 Devon 3

G. Sandley bt P. Whiting 15, 9;

bt G. Lambert 17, 13.

C. Wilson lost to Whiting -15, 18, -15;

bt P. Waldron 11, 18.

J. Souter bt Lambert 15, 19;

bt Waldron 12, 13.

Miss M. Reeves bt Miss C. Butler 17, 15.

Miss L. Tyler lost to Miss G. Pritchard

-18, -15.

Sandley/Wilson bt Whiting/Lambert 9, 18.

Miss Reeves/Miss Tyler lost to Miss Butler/

Miss Pritchard -13, 18, -17.

Surrey 8 Berkshire 2

M. Oakley bt M. Barr 13, 18;

bt J. Stokes 11, 19.

G. Baker bt Barr 9, 14;

bt M. Childs 18, 11.

P. Holloway bt Stokes 14, 15;

bt Childs 7, 12.

Miss S. Cresswell lost to Miss J. Collins

-18, 18, -20.

Miss M. Hams lost to Miss S. Kilford

-15, -15.

Oakley/Baker bt Stokes/S. Rowland

16, -19, 16.

Miss Cresswell/Miss Hams bt Miss Collins/

Miss Kilford 10, -14, 12.

Sussex 5 Staffordshire 5

S. Moore lost to P. Barnett -16, -18;

bt A. Dixon 14, 12.

P. Puddock bt Barnett 16, -18, 11;

bt W. Bridgeman 15, -19, 8.

A. Moore bt A. Dixon 12, 14;

bt Bridgeman 11, 15.

S. Moore/A. Moore lost to Barnett/Dixon

-14, 13, -16.

Miss T. Moore lost to Miss J. Harris

18, -8, -13.

Miss T. Curran lost to Miss S. Cain

18, -19, -17.

Miss Moore/Miss Curran lost to Miss Harris/

Miss Cain -16, -12.

Berkshire 1 Essex 9

M. Barr lost to I. Attridge -17, -15;

lost to S. White -26, 17, -16.

S. Rowland lost to Attridge -16, 19, -15;

lost to P. Sayer -14, 18.

M. Childs lost to White -15, -7;

lost to Sayer -20, -15.

Miss J. Collins bt Miss D. Taylor 17, 19.

Miss S. Kilford lost to Miss P. Taylor

-20, -18.

Rowland/J. Stokes lost to White/I. Carson

-16, -9.

Miss Collins/Miss Kilford lost to Miss P.

Taylor/Miss D. Taylor -13, -13.

Devon 8 Surrey 2

P. Whiting bt M. Oakley 9, -25, 17;

lost to G. Baker 14, -12, -16.

G. Lambert bt Oakley 16, -15, 15;

bt G. Russell 17, 16.

G. Wiltshire bt Baker -18 20, 16;

lost to Russell -16, -19.

Miss C. Butler bt Miss S. Cresswell 15, 9.

Miss G. Pritchard bt Miss J. Bennett 15, 14.

Whiting/Lambert bt Oakley/Baker 17, 10.

Miss Butler/Miss Pritchard bt Miss

Cresswell/Miss M. Hams 17, 18.

Staffordshire 0 Middlesex 10

P. Barnett lost to G. Sandley -16, -9;

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