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Much will depend on advertising revenue of course but with it peaceful co-existence can be achieved. And there should be sufficient readership, who constantly moan at the lack of publicity in the national press, to subscribe to both publications.

FILLIP

No greater fillip could have been afforded the sport than the success, in Berne, of John Hilton whose triumph in winning the men's singles title of the European Championships — the first Englishman to do so — is surely without parallel in the annals of international competition.

John has not only considerably enhanced his own standing but must have created a spur to others that with dedication the sky is the limit. Well done John. You have, by your very success, rendered the sport an enormous boost.

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HILTON MELTS THE ICE IN BERNE

by *George R. Yates*

Even allowing for his eleven wins against five losses in the men's team event the odds against Lancashire's **JOHN HILTON** winning the men's singles title of the European Championships must have been tremendous. And yet he duly became the first Englishman to do so when, in the Eisstadion Allmend in Berne, Switzerland, on April 13/'80, he smoothed his way in three-straight games over the final hurdle provided by Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia.

Prior to, in six even more astounding rounds, the 32-years-old Mancunian had left in his wake such notables as Bruno Parietti of France, Bjarne Grimstrup of Denmark, Wilfried Lieck of Federal Germany — to reverse a defeat in the team event — Tibor Kreisz of Hungary, Gabor Gergely of Hungary — the defending champion previously beaten by Hilton in the team match — and, in the semi-final, French ace Jacques Secretin.

Truly this was a remarkable performance, possibly the sporting coup of all times, and most certainly without parallel in the annals of the European Table Tennis Championships. Here was a man, figuring at No. 3 behind Desmond Douglas and Paul Day in the English team, hacking down the giants of Europe whilst still engaged, back home, as an insurance agent, on a door to door collection and sales basis, tramping the pavements of the environs of Manchester.

But what too of the exploits of the 19-years-old Russian girl, **VALENTINA POPOVA**, of the Dynamo club in Baku. Not only did she strike gold by winning the women's singles — beating Gordana Perkucin of Yugoslavia in the final — but added the same to victory in the women's doubles with her compatriot, **NARINE ANTONIAN**, and ultimate success in the women's team event when the **SOVIET UNION** beat Hungary 3-1.

PATRICK BIROCHEAU and **JACQUES SECRETIN** of France took the men's doubles title, beating Anton Stipanac and Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia in the final,

whilst, in the mixed final England's former European Youth champions, Douglas and Linda Jarvis, had to content themselves with the silver medals, the gold being won by **MILAN ORLOWSKI** and **ILONA UHLIKOVA** of Czechoslovakia.

But who will forget the final struggle for gold in the men's team event which, in the small hours was won by **SWEDEN** whose Ulf Carlsson, in the ninth and deciding set, triumphed over Lieck 19 and 19 to deny victory for Federal Germany whose Peter Stellwag had not only beaten Carlsson but his teammates Stellan Bengtsson and Ulf Thorsell as well.

Oh yes, there were drawbacks in this initially cold and draughty stadium but on balance the good outweighed the bad and certainly from England's point of view, with one gold, one silver, and three bronze, the latter in the women's doubles and team championships, our contingent under the captaincies of Peter Simpson and Donald Parker did their country proud. It could even have been better but overall we had a sizeable slice of the cake and Swiss cake is a speciality.

In the upper echelons of the team championships, with twelve first category teams split into equal groups of six, the programme was far from strenuous with just one session in the evening of the opening day, Apl. 5, and two sessions subsequently on the three succeeding days.

England's opening match in the men's event was against Bulgaria, the tenth placed team in Duisburg, and no difficulty was encountered in the 5-0 victory obtained only, Day, in the opening set, being extended to a third and deciding game by Djevat Hassanov, the opposition's No. 2.

But much sterner opposition was to be encountered in the afternoon of the following day against Sweden, the eventual winners. What price then the 5-2 win obtained? And this after the teams had stood level at 2-all!

First to the table for England was Douglas



Victory smile from England's John Hilton.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

Simpson that Hilton would beat Lieck and on paper that was most likely. But it did not happen and the Federal German's 14, 21 victory was tantamount to winning the match as it so proved and thus England were left to battle for third or fourth place instead of striking for gold as they did against Hungary two years previous.

In the other penultimate encounter, between first-placed Hungary from Group A, and second placed Sweden from Group B, a battle royal ensued with the Hungarians pulling back a 0-3 deficit to 3-3 and levelling again at 4-4 before the blonde Carlsson got the Swedes home 5-4 with a ninth set victory 12, 17 over Istvan Jonyer.

England's final encounter with Hungary for positions 3 and 4 was really a non event for I have seldom seen the Hungarians so dispirited and their captain Zoltan Berczik so subdued. England won 5-3 with Douglas obtaining a treble, Hilton beating both Tibor Klampar and Gergely; Day losing to Gergely and Klampar whilst Jonyer chalked up a win against Hilton.

In all honesty one could not get worked up about this victory albeit England qualified for bronze medals . . . but, then, so did Hungary.

TITANIC

Starkly contrasting was the titanic struggle for the gold awards with Sweden losing leads of 2-0, 3-1 and 4-2 to be pulled back to 4-4 before Carlsson, a player in the mold of Kjell Johansson, completed a magnificent hat-trick with a ninth set win over a desperate Lieck whose resistance carried him to 19 points in each of the two games.

Sweden began confidently enough with Carlsson beating Engelbert Hucing and Bengtsson following suit with a 2-straight win over Lieck. Stellwag pulled one back with an easy win over Thorsell only for Bengtsson to restore the 2-set advantage with a third game win over Hucing.

Again the Swedes re-established a 2-set advantage when Thorsell, for once played to his form, to dispose of Lieck but by no means were the Germans throwing in the towel as evidenced by the fighting displays of Stellwag, who completed a glorious treble in beating Bengtsson, and by Hucing whose

who fought back from a 0-1 deficit to account for Carlsson in the next two. Not so Day in the next set whose resistance to Bengtsson was minimal. Hilton was then to make his first real impression in Berne when he beat Thorsell, 19 in the third, to put England's noses in front again.

Reality was again met with equanimity with Bengtsson's third game success over Douglas to bring the match score level for the second time. But from then on the English tails wagged, firstly as Hilton accounted for Carlsson, to be followed by a 2-straight victory for Day over a lethargic Thorsell and, surprise, surprise, Hilton, again, accomplishing a treble with an astute triumph over the opposition's former world champion Bengtsson. How about that then was the cry!

Rumania became England's third victims, the promotees from Duisburg just having one man capable of stretching a set to three games with Serban Dobosi doing so against Day. Thus, for the second night in the Hotel Bristol, heads lay easy on the pillow.

Monday brought England's first and only defeat in the first stage encounters when Czechoslovakia, thanks mainly to young Jindrich Pansky, triumphed 5-4 with Pansky just achieving his maximum with a 22-20 in the third win over a luckless Day.

HOUR OF GLORY

Prior to Hilton and Douglas had both beaten Orlovski and Dvoracek yet fallen in straight games to Pansky whose hour of glory this was. However, England claimed first place in the group following their 5-0 victory over the Soviet Union coincident with Sweden beating Czechoslovakia 5-3.

England's superior set analysis gave them first place in the group with four wins against one loss. Both Sweden and Czechoslovakia had equal success but the former's victory over the latter earned them second place.

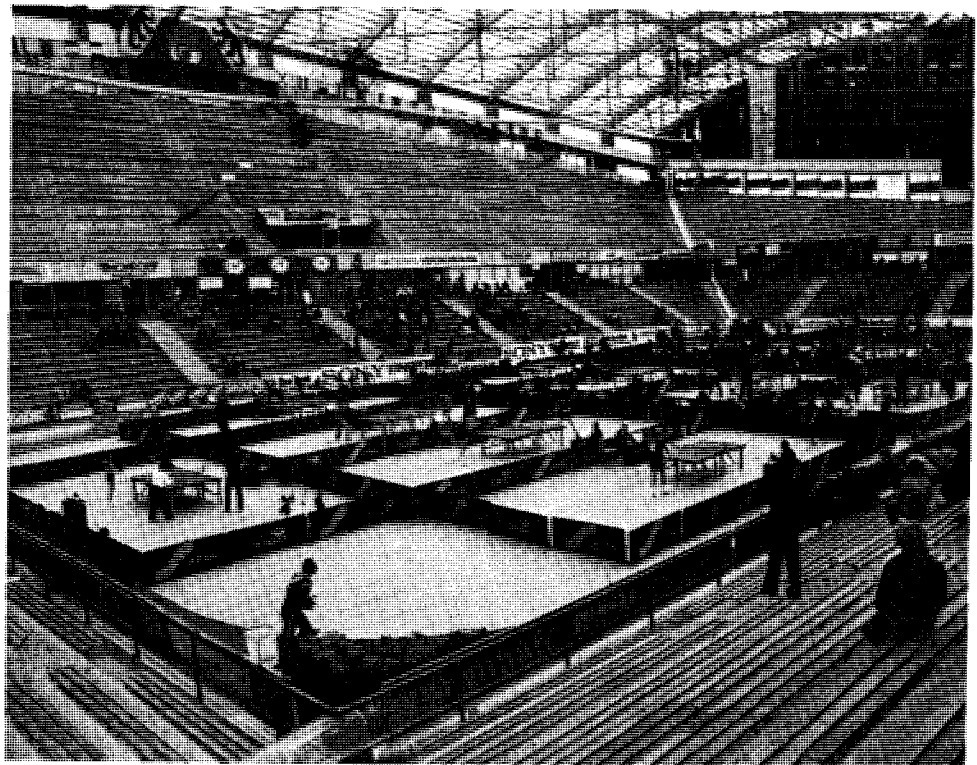
A similar situation in the other group between Hungary and Federal Germany, both winning four and losing one — Hungary to France — had the Hungarians placed at No. 1 as a result of their 5-3 win over the Federal Germans.

England's hopes of emulating their feat in Duisburg by reaching the final were well

and truly shattered on the morning of April 8 when, in the crossover encounters, as the winners of Group B, they took on Federal Germany, the second placed team from Group A.

No better start could have been given than that by Day who, after losing the opening game, came back with a vengeance to beat Stellwag in the next two. But this was the one occasion that Hilton lapsed and in losing all three the treble accomplished by Douglas counted for nought in the final analysis.

It was the firm conviction of captain



General view of the Eisstadion Allmend, Berne, venue of the 12th European Championships.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.



The bears of Berne depicted in this Opening Ceremony shot.

eighth set win over Thorsell which brought the match score level at 4-4.

This was the scene set for the last ditch confrontation between Sweden's former junior champion Carlsson, from Falkenberg, and the vastly more experienced TTC Plaza Altena club player of Federal Germany, the 34-years-old Lieck.

But, just as he did against Jonyer, in the final set against Hungary in the previous encounter, Carlsson again rose to the occasion to drive home the last nail which fastened the blue and gold colours of Sweden firmly to the masthead.

It had been an enthralling struggle throughout, a credit to both teams and a splendid showpiece to put before an audience that remained captivated to the end.

Bulgaria and Italy were the two countries to lose their first category status and their places in Budapest, in 1982, will be taken by Denmark and Austria, both having unblemished records in their initial stage matches, and in the second stage, but Denmark triumphed 5-1 over the Austrians when they finally met.

Scotland, with Keith Rodger and David McIlroy recently returned from Japan, made up two positions from the final 22nd place in Duisburg with Rodger doing best and McIlroy equating with Richard Yule on sets won and lost.

Wales, without Alan Griffiths, Graham Davies and George Evans, slumped from No. 21 to 26 with only David Welsman finishing with a credit balance on set analysis. But all credit to both Nigel and young Mark Thomas whose 9 and 7 successes were heartening.

Ireland also slipped, from No. 23 to 25 their opening 5-1 defeat by Scotland not being conducive to morale. Colm Slevin obtained the best return, perhaps not as good as expected, but Kevin Keane and Martin Kinsella, the Anglo-Irishman who plays for Derbyshire in the County Championships, both recorded ten wins, the latter three against Wales.

BEST RETURN

Overall, the player to come out with the best return in the first category was Douglas — undefeated in Duisburg — whose record was 15 wins against two losses — to Bengtsson and Pansky. Secretin suffered three losses whilst those to lose four were Bengtsson, Huging, Klampar, Orlowski,



Sweden's match winner, both against Hungary and Federal Germany — Ulf Carlsson.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

Pansky and Stipancic. Gergely, the former singles champion, had 8 wins against 9 losses as did Dvoracek.

On the distaff side England's Jill Hammersley, playing in her last European Championships, came through the women's team championship without loss in the 11 sets she contested singly. It was a meritorious performance from the Top 12 champion and on a high note to quit, lamentable though that is from England's point of view.

Having the backing of her conqueror in the Norwich Union English Championships, Carole Knight, gold was the target from the outset and in finishing first in Group B despite losing 2-3 to Sweden in their final first stage matches we were certainly on course as Sweden had lost both to Czecho-

slovakia and Rumania, the latter being beaten 3-1 by England.

As with the men, the programme could not have been easier and we duly coasted home 3-0 against Bulgaria in the opening match. There was a slight falter in the next encounter, against Luxembourg, when Carole and Anita Stevenson disappointed in losing to Nadine Deltour and Carine Risch in the doubles.

But despite losing the corresponding set by the same pairing to Rumania's Maria Alexandru and Liana Macean-Mihut the 3-1 win obtained was a good one, especially with Carole beating the redoubtable Maria in the opening set and Jill doing likewise in the final one after initially beating Eva Ferenczi.

Again, in the subsequent match against Czechoslovakia, matters went right with Jill overcoming a first game deficit to account for Iлона Uhlíkova and Carole beating Marie Hrachova in straight games. But the doubles went wrong again, this time with Jill and Linda Jarvis in combine, necessitating Jill having to return to the table once more this time to see off Miss Hrachova in quick style.

Against Sweden in the final first stage match Jill was rested, the singles being entrusted to Carole and Anita the latter starting out like a greyhound from the trap in beating no less a personage than Ann-Christin Hellman.

This surprise result was immediately countered by Eva Stromvall beating Carole but then Jill and Linda clicked to the extent of two 13's to beat Stromvall and Kristina Nilsson in the doubles.

Carole then inspired by taking the first game off Hellman only to let her game fall apart in the next two leaving Anita with the task of beating Stromvall for victory. Losing the first game -13 the Leicestershire lass fought back to equate, winning 17 in the second, but sadly fell away in the decider to go down -10.

GOLD TRAIL

Still, the loss was by no means a disaster, win or lose England were still on the gold trail with the better prospects of beating the Soviet Union, the second-placed team in Group A, than Hungary who topped it.



Federal Germany's Engelbert Huging, Desmond Douglas's partner in the men's doubles.

Photo by Brian Webster, Dundee.

At least that was the thought but the expected win did not materialise despite wins for Jill over Miss Popova and Ludmila Bakshutova. Sadly to relate Carole went completely to pieces, good leads were tossed away as concentration faltered and she slipped to abject defeat to both Popova and Bakshutova.

Prior to, a doubles defeat for Jill and Linda was one against the book with Antonian and Popova doing the damage which turned out to be unreparable.

So, win or lose, against Rumania — beaten 3-2 by Hungary in the other semi — it was bronze even for fourth position which was ultimately ours as Rumania won 3-2 our two, of course, being wins for Jill over Alex and Ferenczi. Carole had her previous win over Maria reversed, over three games, but Ferenczi did it in 2-straight. And again, in the doubles, Carole and Anita failed for the third time in the event.

Russia went on to take the gold medals, beating Hungary 3-1. Popova accounted for both Gabriella Szabo and Judit Magos and the same Hungarian pair lost in the doubles to Antonian and Popova.

Disappointing as this final day of the team events was, it must not be overlooked that in finishing fourth, our girls did improve two positions on their final sixth place in Duisburg in 1978.

A free day up in the mountains, where the snow still lay thick and heavy, must have braced up Hilton at least, for he was the one to force the attention of all and sundry upon him when the individual events started on April 10.

John, the extrovert, commenced his shattering run on the evening of that day, against Parietti, beating the French No. 4 in straight games to retire for the night and dream, perchance, of further progress on the morrow.

It came on the afternoon of the next day, again in straight games, against the Danish No. 3 Grimstrup, but from then on comparative rabbits were no longer left to feed on hares . . . Hilton excepted of course!

PHLEGMATIC

One such hare then barred the path of the phlegmatic John and one who had beaten him in the team events — Lieck of the Deutscher Tisch-Tennis Bund. The first game went to the German but not the next three which saw Hilton through to the last sixteen in a round which saw the demise of Thorsell, Carlsson, Stipanec, Takacs, Pansky, Jonyer (by Massimo Constantini of Italy!) and Shevchenko, the Russian No. 1.

Kreisz was the next opponent standing in Hilton's path but, after he too had taken the first game off the Mancunian, the next three went against him and John had reached the quarters and the buzz became a barrage as the probings really began. Who is this fellow Hilton?

John showed them just who he was in the quarters when having lost the first two games to defending champion Gergely, the No. 1 seed, he stormed back, valiant of heart, to take the next three, 19 in the fifth, to really set the house on fire. What a day was April 12.

Unlucky for some, the 13th proved anything but for "Gentleman" John whose semi-final morning victory over Secretin had to be seen to be believed. The French ace seemed nonplussed as he attempted to read the varying returns from the different rubbers on John's twisting racket. He just could not and John, after a breather in the third game, triumphed 3-1, 13 in the fourth — a number holding no terrors in the insurance agent's book.

And so on to the afternoon final, against Dvoracek — conqueror of Douglas in the quarters — and here again, despite protesting howls of derision from a certain section of the crowd, doubtless desirous of a more flamboyant final, Hilton stuck to his tried, successful yet non-spectacular method,



Watched over by Louis van Gelder, President of the Belgian TTA, John Hilton ponders over a question put by ETTA Deputy Chairman, George Yates.

Photo by Jose Tomkins, Cleveland.

against which the Czech giant battled in vain.

John was home and dry, metaphorically that is, but as he towelled away the sweat the smile was still there just as it was as he mounted the rostrum to be the first Englishman to be acclaimed European Champion.

A one off job, maybe, but nobody can take that title away from him in the next two years and it could not have happened to a nicer guy. Well played John, you deserved the title.

FOND HOPES

What then of Jill Hammersley, a winner of the counterpart women's title in Prague in 1976? Jill's fond hopes of finishing her outstanding career with another victory were shattered when she was eliminated in

the third round by Gordana Perkucin of Yugoslavia.

Miss Perkucin has always been a difficult opponent for Jill, and the Yugoslav's 12, 16, 19-16, 18 victory, over 90 pulsating minutes, brought down the final curtain on a player who throughout her illustrious career has been a model of consistency both in play and manner, win or lose.

Prior to her loss Jill had swept aside Barbara Wiltche of Austria, a qualifier, and Hrachova, and would have met Antonian of Russia had she been successful in that ill-fated third round meeting with Perkucin.

Of England's other representatives in this event, both Carole and Linda were ousted in the first round, the former, as inconsistent as ever at this level, falling to Alice Pelikanova, the Czech No. 4, and Linda to

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Dr. G. Lakatos, Deputy President of the ETTU, and Hans Husi, President of the Organising Committee, congratulate third-placed England at the medal ceremony for the men's team event.

Photo by Jose Tomkins, Cleveland.

Uhlikova, a former title holder. Anita failed to survive the qualifying competition losing out to Brigette Thiriet of France following an initial victory over Jolanda Noordam of the Netherlands.

In the men's singles Douglas, in receipt of a first round bye, then got himself into a situation much akin to that in the Stiga Welsh Open when taken the distance by the Finn Jarmo Jokinen. On this occasion it was the Italian Giovanni Bisi who took a 2-1 lead after Douglas had scraped home 19 in the first. But all came right in the next two won more than comfortably, 7 and 9 by the English champion.

Further victories by the Warwickshire left-hander, over Mikael Appelgren of Sweden and Jochen Leiss of Federal Germany, carried Douglas to the quarters and to defeat by his bogeyman Dvoracek. It could have been a Douglas-Hilton final and that would have been something!

TOOK THREE

Day had a first round meeting with that Finn, Jokinen, and beat him over four games but it only took three for the Soham left-hander to dispose of Gunter Muller, the Austrian No. 4 in Rd. 2. But what a fight the Cambs man put up in the next round before defeat -22 in the fifth by Anton Stipanovic of Yugoslavia.

England's drink carriers, in the team event Duggie Johnson and Graham Sandley, at last got themselves into the action both being listed in the first round and not being called upon to qualify. Perhaps it might have been as well if they had for, stone cold, they were immediately eliminated, Johnson by Leszek Kucharski of Poland (-7, -13, -17) and Sandley by Claus Pedersen, the bearded No. 1 Dane who won 15, 6 and 17.

Shocks in the men's singles, other than those attributable to Hilton were occasioned by Hugging who knocked out Orlovski, Birocheau's defeat of Surbek and Dvoracek's win over Klampar.

Former women's singles champion, Magos, fell to Popova whilst the other two main seeds, Jill excepted, Hellman and Szabo fell, respectively, to Beatrice Kishazi of Hungary and Bettine Vrieskoop of the Netherlands who took Perkucin to 19 in the fifth in the semis. Some girl this Dutch lass!

DOUBLES

In the men's doubles Douglas was paired with Hugging and the Anglo-German combine prospered as far as Round 3 falling in straight games to Gergely/Orlovski after wins over Poland's Fraczyk/Czochanski and Hartmann/Putz of Austria.

Hilton had Johnson as his partner but after beating Hassonov/Stoyanov of Bulgaria they fell to the Soviet combine of Burnazian/Podnosov. Day and Sandley took a first round tumble to the Poles Dryszel/Jakubowicz.

Secretin/Birocheau were the eventual winners seeing off the top seeds, Gergely/Orlovski in the semis and the second-seeded Yugoslavs Stipanovic/Surbek in the final.

Jill and Linda enjoyed more success in the women's doubles than had been their lot in the team event reaching the semi-final only to be defeated by Alexandru/Macean-Mihut who, in turn, lost to Antonian/Popova in the final. But it was bronze again for us.

Carole and Anita had a good win over the Grefberg sisters of Finland before bowing out to Erzebet Palatinus/Perkucin of Yugoslavia.

Silver came our way in the mixed with Desmond and Linda, the losing finalists, taking the eventual winners, Orlovski/Uhlikova, to five games in the process. Prior to they had disposed of the top-seeded holders Lieck/Wiebke Hendriksen of Federal Germany and Stipanovic/Palatinus.

Hilton paired with Jill had wins over Putz/Risch (Austria) and Dryszel/Sikora (Poland) before falling to Zoran Kalinic and, yes, Perkucin of Yugoslavia. Day, with Anita, survived one round, against Maas/Toussaint (Luxembourg) losing in the next to Stipanovic/Palatinus.

Johnson, paired with Carole, also had a first round win, against Dolleris/Polk of Denmark but then curled up their toes to Secretin/Claude Bergeret, the former world champions of this event in Birmingham.

EPILOGUE

Much justifiable criticism was levelled at the organisers in those bleak, cold and blustery days of the team events. Thin plastic sheeting used to cover in the other-

wise open ends of the stadium was insufficient with an up or down wind situation confronting the players. Tarpaulin sheeting would have been a better alternative but, even then, heating would have remained a difficulty.

Happily, as in Munich where snowstorms gave way to a heatwave, more temperate weather prevailed from the outset of the individual events. The warmth was already there from an English point of view, this being generated by Hilton, but it was good to discard pullovers and the like and sit about in comparative comfort rather than attempt to wrap ones self around the plastic piping into which hot air was con-

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Champion John holds aloft his trophy flanked by the beaten finalist Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia.

Photo by Jose Tomkins.



A sympathetic smile from the new champion for Jacques Secretin of France, John's semi-final victim.

Photo by Jose Tomkins.

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stantly pumped — this an engineering feat in itself.

One thing is for sure, ice stadiums do not make for good table tennis championship venues and doubtless this will be borne in mind when next one is offered. But let us not end on a sour note, the Swiss Association performed miracles as it was and their inexperience in staging a major championship was well countered by the warmth of their hospitality and enthusiasm of their work force.

So here's a pat on the back to Hans Husi, President of the Organising Committee, Urs Wymann, President of the Swiss Table Tennis Association and to Edgar Fahrni, Renzo Giovanola, Ueli Scheidegger and Werner and Yvonne Schnyder who, in their varying roles played their parts to the full.

12TH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Men's Singles Round 3:

G. Gergely (HUN) bt C. Piffits (GRE) 11, 11, 13;
Z. Kalinic (YUG) bt V. Broda (CZE) 9, -16, -13, 15, 12;
J. Hilton (ENG) bt W. Lieck (GFR) -14, 14, 13, 9;
T. Kreisz (HUN) bt U. Thorsell (SWE) -15, 14, -12, 5, 17;
J. Secretin (FRA) bt U. Carlsson (SWE) 15, 13, 21;
A. Stipanovic (YUG) bt P. Day (ENG) -17, 18, 27, -18, 22;
E. Hugging (GFR) bt J. Takacs (HUN) -16, 21, 17, 12;
M. Orlovski (CZE) bt A. Grubba (POL) 17, 15, -19, 12;
S. Bengtsson (SWE) bt J. Pansky (CZE) 19, -19, 10, 10;
M. Constantini (ITA) bt I. Jonyer (HUN) 16, 16, -15, -13, 16;
P. Stellwag (GFR) bt V. Shevchenko (USS) 14, 19, 13;
P. Birocheau (FRA) bt H. Lamgers (GFR) 9, 10, 17;
D. Douglas (ENG) bt M. Appelgren (SWE) 16, 16, 14;
J. Leiss (GFR) bt D. Jurcic (YUG) 18, 20, 17, 18;
J. Dvoracek (CZE) bt C. Pedersen (DEN) 18, 20, -17, 18;
T. Klampar (HUN) bt S. Fraczyk (POL) -21, 20, 8, 15.

Round 4:

Gergely bt Kalinic 14, 18, -12, 5;
Hilton bt Kreisz -18, 13, 18, 18;
Secretin bt Stipanovic 12, 12, 10;
Hugging bt Orlovski 19, 19, 12;
Bengtsson bt Constantini 15, 15, 10;
Birocheau bt Stellwag 16, 21, 12;
Douglas bt Leiss 16, 10, -11, 19;
Dvoracek bt Klampar -10, 18, 18, 12.

Quarter-finals:

Hilton bt Gergely -18, -18, 19, 16, 19;
Secretin bt Hugging -19, 13, 19, -15, 15;
Bengtsson bt Birocheau -20, 15, 9, 18;
Dvoracek bt Douglas 22, 19, 13.

Semi-finals:

Hilton bt Secretin 12, 14, -16, 13;
Dvoracek bt Bengtsson 12, 18, 22.

Final:

HILTON bt Dvoracek 17, 20, 14.

Women's Singles Round 2:

J. Magos (HUN) bt R. Wyder (SWI) 20, 11, 12;
C. Bergeret (FRA) bt S. Grefberg (FIN) 15, -16, 19, 18;
E. Palatinus (YUG) bt P. Lupon (SPA) 13, 16, 22;
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I. Uhlíkova (CZE) bt C. Nilsson (SWE) 11, 13, 18;
M. Alexandru (RUM) bt J. Danilevichute (USS) 10, 10, 9;
U. Kamizuru (GFR) bt C. Risch (LUX) 17, 13, -19, 7;
B. Kishazi (HUN) bt A.-C. Hellman (SWE) 20, 20, -19, 20;
G. Szabo (HUN) bt K. Kruger (GFR) -17, 15, 20, 11;
L. Bakshutova (USS) bt D. Fabri (YUG) 15, 14, -18, 7;
B. Silhanova (CZE) bt K. Poyrazoglu (TUR) 6, 14, 14;
B. Vriesekoop (NET) bt K. Walker (IRE) 8, 12, 9;
E. Ferenczi (RUM) bt W. Hendriksen (GFR) 10, 12, 13;
N. Antonian (USS) bt M. Lindblad (SWE) 14, -13, 16, 13;
G. Perkuciu (YUG) bt E. Nejkowa (BUL) 13, 13, 14;
J. Hammersley (ENG) bt M. Hrachova (CZE) 12, 15, 17.

Round 3:

Magos bt Bergeret 19, 15, 13;
Popova bt Palatinus 11, 13, 20;
Uhlíkova bt Alexandru 13, 14, 14;
Kamizuru bt Kishazi 17, 16, -19, 12;
Szabo bt Bakshutova 17, 16, 14;
Vriesekoop bt Silhanova 13, -24, 12, -20, 18;
Antonian bt Ferenczi 17, 14, 13;
Perkuciu bt Hammersley 12, 16, -19, -16, 18.

Quarter-finals:

Popova bt Magos -12, 19, -19, 9, 17;
Uhlíkova bt Kamizuru -14, -21, 16, 18, 18;
Vriesekoop bt Szabo 11, 13, 20;
Perkuciu bt Antonian 14, 22, 16.

Semi-finals:

Popova bt Uhlíkova 21, 18, 17;
Perkuciu bt Vriesekoop -13, -16, 11, 19, 19.

Final:

POPOVA bt Perkuciu -20, 7, 21, 8.

Men's Doubles Round 3:

Gergely/Orlovski bt Douglas/Hugging 13, 17, 18;
M. Karakasevic/S. Kovac (YUG) bt Bengtsson/Carlsson 30, -17, 15, -18, 16;
Birocheau/Secretin bt J. Hansen (DEN)/Pedersen 8, 12, 17;
Leis/Stellwag bt R. Hijne/J. van Spanje (NET) 10, 19, 14;
Jonyer/Klampar bt B. Burnazian/Podnosov (USS) 9, 15, 12;
Dvoracek/Pansky bt B. Parietti/P. Renverse (FRA) 19, 17, 9;
Z. Kriston (HUN)/Takacs bt Broda/Z. Stepanek (CZE) 16, 10, 16;
Stipanovic/D. Surbek (YUG) bt S. Crisan/E. Florescu (RUM) 12, 12, 7.
Quarter-finals:
Gergely/Orlovski bt Karakasevic/Kovac 18, 20, -18, 19;
Birocheau/Secretin bt Leis/Stellwag 18, 10, -18, 13;
Jonyer/Klampar bt Dvoracek/Pansky 15, -15, 17, -13, 29;
Stipanovic/Surbek bt Kriston/Takacs 14, 17, 17.

Semi-finals:

Birocheau/Secretin bt Gergely/Orlovski 17, 15, -19, 17;
Stipanovic/Surbek bt Jonyer/Klampar 12, -9, 19, -18, 24.

Final:

BIROCHEAU/SECRETIN bt Stipanovic/Surbek 15, -20, 13, 19.

Women's Doubles Round 2:

Alexandru/L. Macean-Mihut (RUM) bt Pelikanova/Silhanova 8, -14, 18, 21;
B. Batinic (YUG)/Fabri bt Kamizuru/Kruger -19, 15, 19, -18, 20;
L. Jarvis (ENG)/Hammersley bt A. Larsen (DEN)/B. Thiriet (FRA) 11, 9, 10;
Hellman/Lindblad bt Bakshutova/F. Bulatova (USS) 16, -10, -14, 13, 15;
Hrachova/Uhlíkova bt Nilsson/E. Stromvall (SWE) 10, 14, 15;
Antonian/Popova bt C. Dalrymple/P. Fleming (SCO) 10, 14, 17;
Palatinus/Perkuciu bt C. Knight/A. Stevenson (ENG) 14, 17, 19;
J. Szatko/M. Urbanska (POL) bt Bergeret/N. Daviaud (FRA) -19, -15, 23, 17, 19.

Quarter-finals:

Alexandru/Macean-Mihut bt Batinic/Fabri -15, 14, 18, 20;
Hammersley/Jarvis bt Hellman/Lindblad 12, 22, -20, -13, 13;
Antonian/Popova bt Hrachova/Uhlíkova -16, 12, 13, 11;
Szatko/Urbanska bt Palatinus/Perkuciu -14, -13, 21, 17, 16.

Semi-finals:

Alexandru/Macean-Mihut bt Hammersley/Jarvis 15, -13, 8, -14, 10;
Antonian/Popova bt Szatko/Urbanska 10, 13, 8.

Final:

ANTONIAN/POPOVA bt Alexandru/Macean-Mihut 13, -22, 19, 16.

Mixed Doubles Round 3:

Lieck/Hendriksen bt Gergely/Z. Olah (HUN) 16, -17, 8, -12, 20;
Douglas/Jarvis bt Parietti/Daviaud 14, 12, 15;
Klampar/Magos bt E. Lindh (SWE)/Lindblad -13, -20, 17, 17, 15;
Stipanovic/Palatinus bt J. Jokinen/M. Grefberg (FIN) 17, 19, 9;
Jonyer/Szabo bt M. Autio (Fin)/S. Grefberg 18, 12, 15;
Kalinic/Perkuciu bt Hilton/Hammersley 13, -18, 9, 17;
Orlovski/Uhlíkova bt Grubba/Vriesekoop 12, 19, -19, -11, 19;
Secretin/Bergeret bt L. Kucharski (POL)/Szatko -18, 20, 14, -15, 19.

Quarter-finals:

Douglas/Jarvis bt Lieck/Hendriksen 18, 11, -16, -20, 17;
Stipanovic/Palatinus bt Klampar/Magos 14, 10, 19;
Jonyer/Szabo bt Kalinic/Perkuciu 12, 11, -13, -8, 19;
Orlovski/Uhlíkova bt Secretin/Bergeret 22, -10, -16, 18, 16.

Semi-finals:

Douglas/Jarvis bt Stipanovic/Palatinus -10, 16, -10, 13, 13;
Orlovski/Uhlíkova bt Jonyer/Szabo 20, 23, 17.

Final:

ORLOWSKI/UHLIKOVA bt Douglas/Jarvis -18, 16, -18, 19, 13.

Men's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:

T. Johansen (NOR) bt C. Slevin (IRE) 14, 15;
A. Jakubowicz (POL) bt A. Hartmann (LUX) 17, 19;
E. Florescu (RUM) bt M. Kinsella (IRE) 15, 15;
D. Johnson (ENG) bt R. Giontella (ITA) 10, -19, 13.

Semi-finals:

Johansen bt Johnson 11, 10;
Florescu bt Jakubowicz 14, 16.

Final:

FLORESCU bt Johansen 17, -19, 13.

Women's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:

E. Deistler (AUT) bt K. Hagen (NOR) -15, 17, 18;
Batinic bt Stromvall 15, 13;
W. Sikora (POL) bt M. Grefberg -9, 17, 19;
E. Malmberg (FIN) bt M. Toussaint (LUX) 14, 13.

Semi-finals:

Malmberg bt Deistler 14, 13;
Sikora bt Batinic 21, -16, 17.

Final:

MALMBERG bt Sikora 13, -13, 16.

HILTON'S GOLDEN ROAD

Round 1

Beat Bruno Parietti (France) 13, 19, 15.

Round 2

Beat Bjarnne Grimstrup (Denmark) 17, 9, 13.

Round 3

Beat Wilfried Lieck (Federal Germany) -14, 14, 13, 9.

Round 4

Beat Tibor Kreisz (Hungary) -18, 13, 18, 18.

Quarter-final:

Beat *Gabor Gergely (Hungary) -18, -18, 19, 16, 19.

Semi-final:

Beat Jacques Secretin (France) 12, 14, -16, 13.

Final:

Beat Josef Dvoracek (Czechoslovakia) 17, 20, 14.

* Defending Champion

MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Soviet Union	3	0	0	3
ENGLAND	1	1	3	5
Czechoslovakia	1	1	2	4
France	1	0	1	2
Sweden	1	0	1	2
Yugoslavia	0	2	1	3
Hungary	0	1	3	4
Rumania	0	1	1	2
Federal Germany	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	0	1	1
Poland	0	0	1	1

English Results:

v Bulgaria (won 5-0)

P. Day bt D. Hassanov 14, -20, 17;
bt I. Stoyanov 17, 12.
D. Douglas bt S. Stefanov 13, 10;
bt Hassanov 15, 17.
J. Hilton bt Stoyanov 12, 14.

v Sweden (won 5-2)

Douglas bt U. Carlsson -16, 13, 14;
lost to S. Bengtsson 13, -12, -15.
Day lost to Bengtsson -11, -11;
bt U. Thorsell 23, 9.
Hilton bt Thorsell -21, 10, 19;
bt Carlsson -14, 12, 16;
bt Bengtsson 19, -13, 11.

v Rumania (won 5-0)

Day bt Crisan 21, 14;
bt Dobosi 17, -20, 17.
Douglas bt Z. Bohm 13, 17;
bt Crisan 13, 12.
Hilton bt Dobosi 9, 13.

v Czechoslovakia (lost 4-5)

Douglas lost to J. Pansky -16, -18;
bt M. Orlovski, 17, -13, 19;
bt J. Dvoracek 12, -12, 16.
Day lost to Orlovski -21, -12;
lost to Dvoracek -15, -17;
lost to Pansky 16, -16, -20.
Hilton bt Dvoracek 10, 8;
lost to Pansky -16, -12;
bt Orlovski -24, 13, 7.

v Soviet Union (won 5-0)

Hilton bt M. Kreeris 14, 18;
bt Podnosov -20, 12, 14.
Douglas bt B. Burnazian 10, 13;
bt Kreeris 19, 14.
Day bt Podnosov 14, 13.

STAGE 2

A6 Italy 2 B5 Rumania 5
A5 Yugoslavia 5 B6 Bulgaria 1
A4 Poland 1 B3 Czechoslovakia 5
A3 France 5 B4 Soviet Union 1
A2 Federal Germany 5 B1 England 4
A1 Hungary 4 B2 Sweden 5

English Result:

v Federal Germany (lost 4-5)

Day bt P. Stellwag -13, 18, 11;
lost to E. Hugging -14, -16;
lost to W. Lieck -16, -7.
Hilton lost to Lieck -14, -21;
lost to Stellwag -15, 12, -15;
lost to Hugging -12, -14.
Douglas bt Hugging 16, 16;
bt Lieck 17, -16, 15;
bt Stellwag -17, 17, 19.

STAGE 3

For Positions 11-12

Bulgaria 5 Italy 2
Stoyanov bt R. Giontella 12, -20, 17;
bt R. Troilo 13, 18.
Stefanov bt Troilo 16, 18;
lost to G. Bisi -14, 15, -17.
Hassanov lost to Bisi -19, 5, -17;
bt Giontella 12, 18;
bt Troilo 17, 16.

For Positions 9-10

Yugoslavia 5 Rumania 2
M. Karakasevic bt Crisan 18, -18, 13;
bt Dobosi -16, 8, 14.
D. Surbek lost to Bohm 7, -18, -8;
bt Crisan 10, 15;
bt Dobosi -12, 12, 10.
Z. Kalinic lost to Dobosi -18, -17;
bt Bohm 16, 14.

For Positions 7-8

Poland 5 Soviet Union 3
L. Kucharski bt Kreeris 18, 14;
bt Burnazian 19, 18;
bt Podnosov 17, 12.
S. Dryszel lost to Burnazian -13, -15;
lost to Podnosov -16, 12, -12.
A. Grubba lost to Podnosov -20, 8, -10;
bt Kreeris 11, 19;
bt Burnazian 10, 29.

TEAM EVENTS

HUNGARY CUP (MEN)

CATEGORY 1 — GROUP A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1. Yugoslavia	x	5-4	3-5	3-5	5-0	0-5	2	16-19	5
2. France	4-5	x	5-2	5-2	5-1	4-5	3	23-15	3
3. Poland	5-3	2-5	x	2-5	5-0	1-5	2	15-18	4
4. Hungary	5-3	2-5	5-2	x	5-1	5-3	4	22-14	1
5. Italy	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-5	x	1-5	0	3-25	6
6. Federal Germany ...	5-0	5-4	5-1	3-5	5-1	x	4	23-11	2

CATEGORY 1 — GROUP B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1. Sweden	x	5-1	5-3	2-5	5-2	5-1	4	22-12	2
2. Soviet Union	1-5	x	1-5	0-5	5-3	5-4	2	12-22	4
3. Czechoslovakia	3-5	5-1	x	5-4	5-1	5-0	4	23-11	3
4. England	5-2	5-0	4-5	x	5-0	5-0	4	24-7	1
5. Bulgaria	2-5	3-5	1-5	0-5	x	1-5	0	7-25	6
6. Rumania	1-5	4-5	0-5	0-5	5-1	x	1	10-21	5

For Positions 5-6

France 5 Czechoslovakia 4

C. Martin bt Pansky 10, -18, 18;
lost to Orlowski -13, -18;
bt Dvoracek 11, 16.

J. Secretin bt Dvoracek 14, 20;
bt Pansky -17, 15, 9;
bt Orlowski 17, 23.

P. Birocheau lost to Orlowski -19, -9;
lost to Dvoracek 18, -10, -14;
lost to Pansky -19, -18.

For Positions 3-4

England 5 Hungary 3

Day lost to G. Gergely -6, -13;
lost to T. Klampar -21, 20, -11.

Douglas bt I. Jonyer 13, 13;
bt Gergely -19, 5, 12;
bt Klampar -19, 13, 16.

Hilton bt Klampar 20, 13;
lost to Jonyer -10, 18, -16;
bt Gergely 17, -18, 12.

For Positions 1-2

SWEDEN 5 Federal Germany 2

Carlsson bt Hugging 11, 10;
Bengtsson bt Lieck 19, 14;
Thorsell lost to Stellwag -12, -16;
Bengtsson bt Hugging 18, -19, 15;
Carlsson lost to Stellwag -11, 21, -14;
Thorsell bt Lieck 11, 15;
Bengtsson lost to Stellwag -17, 19, -18;
Thorsell lost to Hugging -7, 14, -17;
Carlsson bt Lieck 19, 19.

STAGE 2

B9 Malta

A9 Jersey 5 B10 Iceland 3

A8 Guernsey 1 B7 Ireland 5

A7 Wales 5 B8 Portugal 2

A6 Switzerland 5 B5 Belgium 2

A5 Spain 5 B6 Turkey 3

A4 Luxembourg 5 B3 Scotland 1

A3 Norway 5 B4 Greece 0

A2 Finland 3 B1 Austria 5

A1 Denmark 5 B2 Netherlands 1

STAGE 3

Position 31

Iceland

For Positions 29-30

Jersey 5 Malta 3

For Positions 27-28

Portugal 5 Guernsey 1

For Positions 25-26

Ireland 5 Wales 3

For Positions 23-24

Belgium 5 Turkey 4

For Positions 21-22

Switzerland 5 Spain 2

For Positions 19-20

Greece 5 Scotland 3

For Positions 17-18

Norway 5 Luxembourg 3

For Positions 15-16

Finland 5 Netherlands 1

For Positions 13-14

Denmark 5 Austria 1

FINISHING POSITIONS

(Previous position in brackets)

- 1 SWEDEN (7)
- 2 Federal Germany (8)
- 3 England (2)
- 4 Hungary (1)
- 5 France (4)
- 6 Czechoslovakia (6)
- 7 Poland (9)
- 8 Soviet Union (3)
- 9 Yugoslavia (5)
- 10 Rumania (13)
- 11 *Bulgaria (10)
- 12 *Italy (14)
- 13 †Denmark (11)
- 14 †Austria (15)
- 15 Finland (17)
- 16 Netherlands (12)
- 17 Norway (25)
- 18 Luxembourg (16)
- 19 Greece (18)
- 20 Scotland (22)
- 21 Switzerland (24)
- 22 Spain (20)
- 23 Belgium (26)
- 24 Turkey (19)
- 25 Ireland (23)
- 26 Wales (21)
- 27 Portugal (27)
- 28 Guernsey (28)
- 29 Jersey (29)
- 30 Malta (—)
- 31 Iceland (—)

* Demoted to Category 2

† Promoted to Category 1

CATEGORY 2 — GROUP A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	W	Sets	Place
1. Denmark	x	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-2	5-0	5-2	5-0	5-0	8	40-7	1
2. Finland	1-5	x	5-1	5-0	5-2	5-1	5-4	5-0	5-0	7	36-13	2
3. Wales	1-5	1-5	x	5-3	1-5	2-5	0-5	5-0	5-0	3	20-28	7
4. Spain	1-5	0-5	3-5	x	1-5	5-2	0-5	5-0	5-0	3	20-27	5
5. Luxembourg	2-5	2-5	5-1	5-1	x	5-4	2-5	5-0	5-0	5	31-21	4
6. Switzerland	0-5	1-5	5-2	2-5	4-5	x	3-5	5-0	5-0	3	25-27	6
7. Norway	2-5	4-5	5-0	5-0	5-2	5-3	x	5-0	5-0	6	36-15	3
8. Guernsey	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	x	5-2	1	5-37	8
9. Jersey	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	2-5	x	0	2-40	9

CATEGORY 2 — GROUP B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	W	Sets	Place
1. Netherlands	x	3-5	5-0	5-2	5-3	5-0	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	8	43-11	2
2. Austria	5-3	x	5-2	5-3	5-1	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	9	45-9	1
3. Greece	0-5	2-5	x	3-5	5-4	5-2	5-2	5-1	5-0	5-0	6	35-24	4
4. Scotland	2-5	3-5	5-3	x	4-5	5-1	5-2	5-1	5-0	5-0	6	39-22	3
5. Turkey	3-5	1-5	4-5	5-4	x	5-1	1-5	5-2	5-0	5-0	5	34-27	6
6. Ireland	0-5	0-5	2-5	1-5	1-5	x	4-5	5-4	5-0	5-0	3	23-34	7
7. Belgium	1-5	0-5	2-5	2-5	5-1	5-4	x	5-1	5-1	5-0	5	30-27	5
8. Portugal	0-5	0-5	1-5	1-5	2-5	4-5	1-5	x	5-0	5-0	2	19-35	8
9. Iceland	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	1-5	0-5	x	0-5	0	1-45	10
10. Malta	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	5-0	x	1	5-40	9

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (MEN)

ENGLAND

Douglas	Day	Hilton	F	A
2-0	2-0	1-0	5	0
1-1	1-1	3-0	5	2
2-0	2-0	1-0	5	0
2-1	0-3	2-1	4	5
2-0	1-0	2-0	5	0
3-0	1-2	0-3	5	5
3-0	0-2	2-1	5	3
15-2	7-8	11-5	33	15

Opponents
Bulgaria
Sweden
Rumania
Czechoslovakia
Soviet Union
Fed. Germany
Hungary

IRELAND

Keane	Slevin	Kinsella	F	A
0-2	1-1	0-2	1	5
2-0	2-0	1-0	5	0
0-2	0-2	0-1	0	5
1-1	0-2	0-2	1	5
0-2	0-2	0-1	0	5
*1-2	2-1	1-2	4	5
0-2	1-1	1-2	2	5
2-0	2-0	1-0	5	0
1-2	2-1	2-1	5	4
2-0	2-0	1-1	5	1
1-2	1-1	3-0	5	3
10-15	13-11	10-12	33	38

Opponents
Scotland
Iceland
Netherlands
Turkey
Austria
Belgium
Greece
Malta
Portugal
Guernsey
Wales

SCOTLAND

Yule	Rodger	McIlroy	Majid	Hannah	F	A
2-0	1-1	2-0			5	1
1-2	2-0	2-1			5	3
	2-0		2-0	1-0	5	0
1-2	1-1	0-2			2	5
	2-0	1-1	2-0		5	1
2-1	1-1	0-3			3	5
1-1	3-0		1-1		5	2
2-1	1-2		1-2		4	5
		2-0		2-0	5	0
0-2	1-1		1-0		1	5
	1-2	1-1		1-2	3	5
9-9	15-8	8-8	7-3	4-4	43	32

Opponents
Ireland
Greece
Iceland
Netherlands
Portugal
Austria
Belgium
Turkey
Malta
Luxembourg
Greece

WALES

N. Thomas	Welsman	M. Thomas	F	A
1-1	0-2	0-2	1	5
0-3	1-1	1-1	2	5
2-1	3-0	0-2	5	3
0-2	0-2	0-1	0	5
2-0	1-0	2-0	5	0
0-2	1-1	0-2	1	5
0-2	1-1	0-2	1	5
1-0	2-0	2-0	5	0
2-1	2-0	1-1	5	2
1-2	1-2	1-1	3	5
9-14	12-9	7-12	28	35

Opponents
Denmark
Switzerland
Spain
Norway
Guernsey
Finland
Luxembourg
Jersey
Portugal
Ireland

TEAM EVENTS

RUMANIA CUP (WOMEN)

CATEGORY 1 — GROUP A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1. Soviet Union	x	2-3	3-1	3-2	0-3	3-0	3	11-9	2
2. Yugoslavia	3-2	x	0-3	3-2	2-3	3-0	3	11-10	4
3. France	1-3	3-0	x	3-2	0-3	3-0	3	10-8	3
4. Federal Germany	2-3	2-3	2-3	x	1-3	3-0	1	10-12	5
5. Hungary	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-1	x	3-0	5	15-3	1
6. Ireland	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	x	0	0-15	6

CATEGORY 1 — GROUP B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	W	Sets	Place
1. England	x	3-1	2-3	3-1	3-1	3-0	4	14-6	1
2. Czechoslovakia	1-3	x	3-1	3-2	3-0	3-0	3	12-7	3
3. Sweden	3-2	1-3	x	2-3	3-0	3-0	3	12-8	4
4. Rumania	1-3	3-2	3-2	x	3-0	3-0	4	13-7	2
5. Luxembourg	1-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	x	1-3	0	2-15	6
6. Bulgaria	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	3-1	x	1	3-13	5

English Results:

v Bulgaria (won 3-0)
J. Hammersley bt Nejkova 9, 7.
C. Knight bt D. Guerguelcheva 13, -14, 12.
Hammersley/L. Jarvis bt Guerguelcheva/Nejkova 14, 13.
v Luxembourg (won 3-1)
Hammersley bt M. Toussaint 10, 9;
bt C. Risch 12, 8.
Knight bt Risch 16, 18.
Knight/A. Stevenson lost to N. Deltour/Risch 13, -20, -17.
v Rumania (won 3-1)
Knight bt M. Alexandru 15, 21.
Hammersley bt E. Ferenczi 10, 16;
bt Alexandru 10, 22.
Knight/Stevenson lost to Alexandru/L. Macean-Mihut -22, -14.
v Czechoslovakia (won 3-1)
Hammersley bt I. Uhlkova -19, 15, 14;
bt M. Hrachova 14, 12.
Knight bt Hrachova 20, 18.
Hammersley/Jarvis lost to Hrachova/Uhlkova -12, -18.
v Sweden (lost 2-3)
Stevenson bt A-C. Hellman 15, 17;
lost to E. Stromvall -13, 17, -10.
Knight lost to Stromvall 18, -12, -16;
lost to Hellman 19, -10, -16.
Hammersley/Jarvis bt K. Nilsson/Stromvall 13, 13.

STAGE 2

A6 Ireland 0 B5 Bulgaria 3
A5 Federal Germany 3 B6 Luxembourg 0
A4 Yugoslavia 3 B3 Czechoslovakia 1
A3 France 3 B4 Sweden 2
A2 Soviet Union 3 B1 England 2
A1 Hungary 3 B2 Rumania 2

English Result:

v Soviet Union (lost 2-3)
Hammersley bt L. Bakshutova 13, 12;
bt V. Popova 18, -16, 18.
Knight lost to Popova -14, -11;
lost to Bakshutova -16, -16.
Hammersley/Jarvis lost to N. Antonian/Popova -18, -17.

STAGE 3

For Positions 11-12
Luxembourg 3 Ireland 2
Deltour lost to K. Walker -20, 16, -13;
bt A. Leonard 13, -15, 17.
Risch bt Leonard -15, 19, 15;
bt Walker 16, 15.
Deltour/Risch lost to Leonard/Walker -10, -8.
For Positions 9-10
Federal Germany 3 Bulgaria 0
K. Krugar bt Nejkova 12, 12.
W. Hendriksen bt Guerguelcheva 16, 10.
U. Kamizuru/Kruger bt Guerguelcheva/Nejkova 19, -16, 16.
For Positions 7-8
Sweden 3 Czechoslovakia 1
Hellman bt B. Silhanova 19, -18, 17;
bt A. Pelikanova 18, 11.
M. Lindblad bt Pelikanova 12, 15.
Nilsson/Stromvall lost to Pelikanova/Silhanova -19, -16.
For Positions 5-6
Yugoslavia 3 France 1
E. Palatinus bt C. Bergeret 10, -14, 15.
G. Perkucin bt N. Daviaud 17, 14;
bt Bergeret 12, -17, 16.
Palatinus/Perkucin lost to Bergeret/Daviaud -21, 20, -15.
For Positions 3-4
Rumania 3 England 2
Ferenczi lost to Hammersley -12, 20, -19;
bt Knight 18, 14.
Alexandru bt Knight 16, -19, 16;
lost to Hammersley -18, 20, -18.
Alexandru/Macean-Mihut bt Knight/Stevenson 19, -15, 18.
For Positions 1-2
SOVIET UNION 3 Hungary 1
Popova bt G. Szabo 19, 17;
Bakshutova lost to J. Magos -16, -8;
Antonian/Popova bt Magos/Szabo 20, 15;
Popova bt Magos 19, 14.

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CATEGORY 2 — GROUP A

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	W	Sets	Place
1. Netherlands	x	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-0	8	24-2	1
2. Spain	0-3	x	0-3	3-0	3-1	1-3	0-3	3-1	3-0	4	13-14	5
3. Denmark	0-3	3-0	x	3-1	3-0	3-2	0-3	3-0	3-0	6	18-9	3
4. Wales	0-3	0-3	1-3	x	0-3	0-3	0-3	3-0	3-0	2	7-18	7
5. Scotland	0-3	1-3	0-3	3-0	x	0-3	0-3	3-0	3-0	3	10-15	6
6. Norway	0-3	3-1	2-3	3-0	3-0	x	0-3	3-1	3-0	5	17-11	4
7. Finland	2-3	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	x	3-0	3-0	7	23-3	2
8. Guernsey	0-3	1-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	1-3	0-3	x	3-2	1	5-23	8
9. Malta	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	2-3	x	0	2-24	9

CATEGORY 2 — GROUP B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	W	Sets	Place
1. Poland	x	3-0	3-0	3-2	3-0	3-0	3-2	3-0	7	21-4	1
2. Switzerland	0-3	x	3-0	1-3	3-0	3-1	3-1	3-0	5	16-8	2
3. Jersey	0-3	0-3	x	0-3	1-3	1-3	0-3	0-3	0	2-21	8
4. Belgium	2-3	3-1	3-0	x	3-0	3-0	1-3	2-3	4	17-10	5
5. Turkey	0-3	0-3	3-1	0-3	x	3-1	1-3	2-3	2	9-17	6
6. Italy	0-3	1-3	3-1	0-3	1-3	x	0-3	0-3	1	5-19	7
7. Austria	2-3	1-3	3-0	3-1	3-1	3-0	x	3-0	5	18-8	3
8. Greece	0-3	0-3	3-0	3-2	3-2	3-0	0-3	x	4	12-13	4

STAGE 2

- A9 Malta
- A8 Guernsey 0 B7 Italy 3
- A7 Wales 3 B8 Jersey 1
- A6 Scotland 3 B5 Belgium 2
- A5 Spain 1 B6 Turkey 3
- A4 Norway 0 B3 Austria 3
- A3 Denmark 3 B4 Greece 1
- A2 Finland 3 B1 Poland 0
- A1 Netherlands 3 B2 Switzerland 0

STAGE 3

- Position 29 Malta
- For Positions 27-28 Guernsey 3 Jersey 2
- For Positions 25-26 Italy 3 Wales 1
- For Positions 23-24 Belgium 3 Spain 0
- For Positions 21-22 Scotland 3 Turkey 2
- For Positions 19-20 Greece 3 Norway 2
- For Positions 17-18 Denmark 3 Austria 0
- For Positions 15-16 Poland 3 Switzerland 0
- For Positions 13-14 Finland 3 Netherlands 1

FINISHING POSITIONS

(Previous positions in brackets)

- 1 SOVIET UNION (4)
- 2 Hungary (1)
- 3 Rumania (3)
- 4 England (6)
- 5 Yugoslavia (5)
- 6 France (9)
- 7 Sweden (7)
- 8 Czechoslovakia (2)
- 9 Federal Germany (8)
- 10 Bulgaria (13)
- 11 *Luxembourg (10)
- 12 *Ireland (14)
- 13 †Finland (17)
- 14 †Netherlands (11)
- 15 Poland (15)
- 16 Switzerland (19)
- 17 Denmark (21)
- 18 Austria (18)
- 19 Greece (23)
- 20 Norway (25)
- 21 Scotland (20)
- 22 Turkey (—)
- 23 Belgium (12)
- 24 Spain (16)
- 25 Italy (22)
- 26 Wales (24)
- 27 Guernsey (—)
- 28 Jersey (—)
- 29 Malta (—)

* Demoted to Category 2
† Promoted to Category 1

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (WOMEN)

ENGLAND

Hammersley	Knight	Stevenson	Hammersley/Jarvis	Knight/Stevenson	F	A
1-0	1-0		1-0		3	0
2-0	1-0			0-1	3	1
2-0	1-0			0-1	3	1
2-0	1-0		0-1		3	1
	0-2	1-1	1-0		2	3
2-0	0-2		0-1		2	3
2-0	0-2			0-1	2	3
11-0	4-6	1-1	2-2	0-3	18	12

IRELAND

Walker	Leonard	Leonard/Walker	F	A
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
1-1	0-2	1-0	2	3
1-7	0-8	1-6	2	21

SCOTLAND

Dalrymple	Fleming	Dalrymple/Fleming	F	A
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0
1-1	0-1	0-1	1	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
2-0	1-1	0-1	3	2
1-1	1-1	1-0	3	2
7-6	5-7	4-6	16	19

WALES

S. Jones	C. Jones	Jones/Jones	F	A
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0
1-0	1-0	1-0	3	0
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
0-1	0-1	0-1	0	3
1-1	0-1	0-1	1	3
2-0	0-1	1-0	3	1
1-1	0-1	0-1	1	3
6-7	2-8	3-7	11	22

- Opponents
- Bulgaria
- Luxembourg
- Rumania
- Czechoslovakia
- Sweden
- Soviet Union
- Rumania

- Opponents
- Yugoslavia
- Soviet Union
- Hungary
- Fed. Germany
- France
- Bulgaria
- Luxembourg

- Opponents
- Malta
- Norway
- Wales
- Spain
- Denmark
- Guernsey
- Netherlands
- Finland
- Belgium
- Turkey

- Opponents
- Finland
- Netherlands
- Scotland
- Malta
- Guernsey
- Norway
- Spain
- Denmark
- Jersey
- Italy

EUROPEAN T.T. UNION

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 10/4/1980

As a mark of respect the assembly stood for a minute's silence in memory of the late respected Mr. Josef Nekvasil of Czechoslovakia, the former Deputy President, whose position on the Executive Committee was taken by Dr. Gyorgy Lakatos of Hungary whose nomination was unopposed as was that of the existing President, Mr. Jupp Schlaf (Federal Germany), the Hon. General Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Evans (Wales) and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Henk van Dilst (Netherlands).

Voting in respect of the Management Committee (7 members) resulted as follows:-

Elected —	Votes
Mr. Mihovil Kapetanic (Yugoslavia)	27
Mr. Sven-Olaf Hammerlund (Sweden)	27
Mr. George Yates (England)	20
Dr. Karl Smekal (Austria)	19
Mr. Jerzy Dachowski (Poland)	18
Mr. Sever Danet (Rumania)	17
Mr. Esa Ellonin (Finland)	16
Not elected —	
Mr. Jaroslav Stanek (Czechoslovakia)	9
Mr. Jean Paul Courtier (France)	8
Mr. Louis van Gelder (Belgium)	8
Mr. Jean Schockmel (Luxembourg)	8

Mrs. Nancy Evans, the Hon. General Secretary, gave notice that she would not be seeking re-election at the next biennial conference in Budapest (1982) thus allowing the Executive Committee sufficient time to consider a successor.

Future options for staging the European Championships were afforded:-

- 1982 Hungary (Budapest)
- 1984 Yugoslavia (Zagreb)
- 1986 Czechoslovakia
- 1988 Sweden
- 1990 Finland

Future options for the European Youth Championships were afforded:-

- 1981 Czechoslovakia
- 1982 Austria

Committee Chairmen 1980/82

- Classification — Sven-Olaf Hammerlund (Sweden)
- Publicity — George Yates (England)
- Referee — Karl Smekal (Austria)
- Technical — Mihovil Kapetanic (Yugoslavia)

- Coaching — Esa Ellonin (Finland)
- Youth — Sever Daneth (Rumania)
- Fitness — Jerzy Dachowski (Poland)

Coaching and Training, formerly under the chairmanship of Sven-Olaf Hammerlund, will again be conducting training sessions which proved so successful in Sweden last year and so beneficial to countries in the lower classifications.

THE TABLE TENNIS PLAYER'S DIARY

The Public Relations department of the E.T.A., with the support of the publishers, Stewart Williams International, are pioneering a new type of table tennis diary for 1980/81. The diaries will be available direct from the publishers, who already produce the well-known "Squash and Badminton Player's Diaries" and the infamous "Boozers Diary" from August, with a retail price of around £2.00 but over a 35% discount on 10 or more copies in bulk order for clubs and leagues!

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On the International Front

EUROPEAN LEAGUE FIXTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR 1980/81 by THE EDITOR

England will commence their Super Division, European League fixtures at home to Federal Germany on Thursday, Sept. 18 and thereafter will play hosts to the Soviet Union, on Dec. 11, to Czechoslovakia, on Jan. 15/81 and to Hungary, in their final match, on Mar. 12. Away matches will be against France (Oct. 9), Yugoslavia (Nov. 13) and Sweden (Feb. 12). Full fixtures are:-

SUPER DIVISION

September 18
Soviet Union v Hungary
France v Czechoslovakia
Sweden v Yugoslavia
England v Federal Germany

October 9
Yugoslavia v Hungary
France v England
Federal Germany v Sweden
Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union

November 13
Hungary v Federal Germany
Soviet Union v France
Sweden v Czechoslovakia
Yugoslavia v England

December 11
Sweden v Hungary
France v Federal Germany
England v Soviet Union
Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia

1981

January 15
Hungary v France
Soviet Union v Sweden
England v Czechoslovakia
Federal Germany v Yugoslavia

February 12
Hungary v Czechoslovakia
Yugoslavia v France
Sweden v England
Federal Germany v Soviet Union

March 12
England v Hungary
France v Sweden
Czechoslovakia v Federal Germany
Yugoslavia v Soviet Union

DIVISION 1

September 18
Netherlands v Poland
Finland v Bulgaria
Luxembourg v Greece
Austria v Italy

October 9
Bulgaria v Netherlands
Poland v Italy
Greece v Finland
Luxembourg v Austria

November 13
Netherlands v Greece
Poland v Bulgaria
Finland v Austria
Italy v Luxembourg

December 11
Austria v Netherlands
Greece v Poland
Bulgaria v Italy
Finland v Luxembourg

1981

January 15
Netherlands v Luxembourg
Poland v Austria
Greece v Bulgaria
Italy v Finland

February 12
Finland v Netherlands
Luxembourg v Poland
Austria v Bulgaria
Italy v Greece

March 12
Netherlands v Italy
Poland v Finland
Bulgaria v Luxembourg
Greece v Austria

DIVISION 2

September 18
Spain v Rumania

Denmark v Belgium
Turkey v Ireland
Norway v Switzerland

October 9
Belgium v Norway
Denmark v Turkey
Spain v Switzerland
Rumania v Ireland

November 13
Switzerland v Belgium
Turkey v Spain
Norway v Rumania
Ireland v Denmark

December 11
Rumania v Switzerland
Belgium v Turkey
Denmark v Norway
Spain v Ireland

1981

January 15
Turkey v Rumania
Ireland v Belgium
Norway v Spain
Switzerland v Denmark

February 12
Denmark v Rumania
Turkey v Switzerland
Ireland v Norway
Belgium v Spain

March 12
Norway v Turkey
Switzerland v Ireland
Rumania v Belgium
Spain v Denmark

CALENDAR

1980

June
6/8 Czech Junior Open (Nova Dubnica).
13/15 Hungarian Junior Open (Solnok).
20/22 Austrian Junior Open (Modling).

July
12/13—French Junior Open (Lille).

August
8/17 **EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS** (Poznan, Poland).
24/30 Turkish Junior Open (Ankara).

September
12/14 Yugoslav Junior Open (Zagreb).

October
17/19 *Netherlands Open (The Hague).
30/Nov. 2 Italian Open (Venice).

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November
 19/22 *Yugoslav Open (Zagreb).
 27/30 *Scandinavian Open (Karlskrona).
 December
 2 Norwich Union Trophy.
 4/7 *French Open (Paris).
 1981
 January
 22/24 *Stiga Welsh Open (Cardiff).
 February
 6/8 TOP 12 (Miskolc, Hungary).
 20/22 *Czech Open (Prague).
 27/Mar. 1—Polish Open.
 March
 20/22 Scottish Open (Edinburgh).
 April
 14/26 36TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
 (Novi Sad, Yugoslavia).
 17/19 Federal German Junior Open.
 30/May 3 Swiss Open (Zurich).
 May
 7/10 Norwich Union Masters.
 * Norwich Union Grand Prix Tournament.

CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS

Sept. 19/21 — 1st Round.
 Oct. 24/26 — 2nd Round.
 Dec. 19/21 — 3rd Round
 Jan. 30/Feb. 1 — Semi-finals.
 May 15/17 Finals.

FAIR CITIES CUP

Sept. 19/21 — Preliminary Round.
 Oct. 24/26 — 1st Round.
 Dec. 19/21 — 2nd Round.
 Jan. 30/Feb. 1 — 3rd Round.
 May 15/17 — Semi-finals.
 June 5/7 — Finals.

ITTF COUNCIL

At the Biennial General Meeting of the ETTU in Berne the election resulted as follows:-

	Votes
Elected —	
M. Kapetanic (Yugoslavia)	26
S. O. Hammerlund (Sweden)	23
H. van Dilst (Netherlands)	23
Mrs. Nancy Evans (Wales)	21
G. R. Yates (England)	16
L. van Gelder (Belgium)	11
Not elected —	
G. Enache (Rumania)	10
V. Palacek (Czechoslovakia)	10
G. Tartigin (Soviet Union)	8
H. W. Gab (Federal Germany)	7

Subsequently Mrs. Evans who, in Berne, announced her intention to retire from the position of Hon. Sec. of the ETTU, in Budapest, has considered it appropriate to withdraw and a further election, by postal ballot, is now being conducted. The two candidates are Messrs. Enache and Palacek who each polled 10 votes in Berne.

WESTERN LEAGUES NOTES

by Grove Motlow

POOLE THE CHAMPIONS

Despite still having one more match to play, away to Newport, Poole have placed themselves beyond reach to champion the Western Counties League having to date, won five matches on the trot.

Following on their 6-3 success at home to Bristol at St. James Institute, they achieved the same scoreline against Plymouth. Against Bristol, Jason Creasey, Martin Abbott and John Robinson all registered two successes. Creasey, Martin Abbot and John Robinson all registered two successes, Creasey losing to Andy Creed -19, -18, Abbott to Paul Jackson -18, -6 and Robinson to Jackson -13, 19, -18.

Abbott registered a maximum against Plymouth as did his new teammate, the wandering Yorkshireman Tony Clayton, whilst Robinson suffered three defeats in going under to Mike Shearman, Mike Short and Paul Whiting.

Plymouth had no better fortune when away to Newport, they were again on the wrong end of a 6-3 scoreline with Brian Jeanes recording a treble for the winners supported by two from R. Goulding and a solo from Graham Sell. Mike Shearman had two wins for the losers with P. Giles accounting for Sell. Table:-

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Poole	5	5	0	33	12	10
Newport	5	3	2	28	17	6
Plymouth	6	3	3	33	21	6
Bristol	6	3	3	28	26	6
Weston	5	2	3	24	21	4
Yeovil	5	2	3	22	23	4
Torbay	4	0	4	6	30	0

JUNIOR HAPPENINGS

END OF SEASON RANKINGS

Meeting in London on May 12, the National Selection Committee issued an end of season ranking list in respect of Juniors and Cadets which supercedes that formulated on Apl. 2 and too late for publication in this journal. For many players this will be the last time they appear in these age groups before they have the task of attempting to make an impact on the Senior rankings. New rankings (previous place in brackets):-

Boys

- 1 Graham Sandley (Mi) (2)
- 2 Colin Wilson (Mi) (1)
- 3*John Souter (Mi) (3)
- 4*Philip Bradbury (Bu) (4)
- 5 Kevin Satchell (Wi) (5)
- 6*Mark Oakley (Sy) (6)
- 7*Carl Prean (Ha) (13)
- 8 Stephen Moore (Sx) (8)
- 9*Gary Lambert (Dv) (15)
- 10*Paul Rainford (La) (12)
- 11*Jeremy Duffield (Wo) (17)
- 12 Stuart Palmer (Sk) (7)
- 13 Glen Baker (Sy) (11)
- 14 Martin Les (Mi) (9)
- 15 Peter Puddock (Sx) (10)
- 16 Paul Whiting (Dv) (14)
- 17 Robert Swift (Ca) (18)
- 18*Adrian Moore (Sx) (A)
- 19 Stephen White (E) (A)
- 20 Anthony Booth (Sk) (A)

Girls

- 1 Alison Gordon (Bk) (2)
- 2*Helen Williams (Mi) (1)
- 3 Mandy Reeves (Mi) (3)
- 4*Joy Grundy (La) (4)
- 5*Jean Parker (La) (-)
- 6*Gina Pritchard (Dv) (7)
- 7*Jackie Bellinger (Bd) (5)
- 8*Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (13)
- 9 Jill Harris (St) (10)
- 10*Helen Bardwell (He) (A)
- 11 Janet Deakin (Ch) (6)
- 12 Lesley Tyler (Mi) (8)
- 13 Sandra Peakman (Wa) (A)
- 14*Amanda Judd (Ca) (-)
- 15 Yvonne Hall (Le) (9)
- 16*Jennifer Collins (Bk) (11)
- 17*Susan Collier (Bk) (-)
- 18*Nina Tsakarisianos (Gs) (-)
- 19*Nikki Hamilton (Bu) (-)
- 20*Mary Denbow (Ox) (-)

GROUP A (Alphabetical Order)

Boys

- Neil Abbott (Ox) (A)
- Garry Bonner (Sx) (-)
- Peter Brownlow (He) (A)
- Andrew Creed (Av) (-)
- *Andrew Dixon (St) (19)
- *David Dodd (K) (-)
- Julian Hall (Sk) (-)
- *Paul Jackson (Av) (A)
- *Paul Namdjou (K) (-)
- *Graham Russell (Sy) (A)
- Stephen Scoweroff (La) (A)
- Lindsay Taylor (Cv) (A)
- Tony Taylor (Ch) (16)
- Andy Withers (Ca) (A)

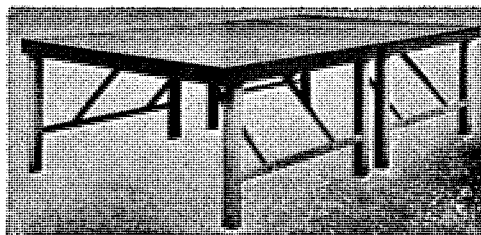
Girls

- *Susan Blackburn (Bk) (A)
- Elaine Bolton (K) (17)
- Lesley Broomhead (Y) (18)
- *Carol Butler (Dv) (A)
- Shirley Cain (St) (16)
- Cheryl Creasey (Do) (12)
- Julie Dimmock (Bd) (A)
- Julie Dowsett (E) (14)
- *Lynn Fennah (Ch) (A)
- *Teresa Moore (Sx) (-)
- *Sarah Sandley (Mi) (A)
- Melanie Seaton (Y) (A)
- Gillian Sharpe (Le) (A)
- Julie Speight (Y) (15)

* Please note that the players shown with an asterisk against their names will be Juniors next season.

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CADETS

Boys

- 1 Gary Lambert (Dv) (1)
- 2*Carl Preat (Ha) (2)
- 3 Nicholas Hoare (Sy) (5)
- 4 Alan Cooke (Dy) (8)
- 5 David Polasek (Cv) (14)
- 6 Phillip Cole (Hu) (6)
- 7 Steven Detmar (E) (4)
- 8 Stuart Worrell (Li) (9)
- 9 Steven Sharpe (Y) (3)
- 10*David Rook (Y) (15)
- 11*Ivan Smith (Sp) (10)
- 12 Paul Ashcroft (La) (11)
- 13 Mark Ellett (Dv) (12)
- 14 David Dewsbury (Sy) (18)
- 15 Michael Mercer (La) (13)
- 16*Ian McLoughlin (La) (16)
- 17 Julian Wheel (Ca) (-)
- 18 Andrew Barker (E) (-)
- 19 Paul Coffey (E) (-)
- 20 Darren Griffin (Gs) (-)

Girls

- 1 Jean Parker (La) (1)
- 2*Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (2)
- 3 Helen Bardwell (He) (4)
- 4 Nina Tsakarisanos (Gs) (14)
- 5 Melanie Seaton (Y) (3)
- 6 Nikki Hamilton (Bu) (12)
- 7 Amanda Judd (Ca) (5)
- 8*Susan Collier (Bk) (7)
- 9 Mary Denbow (Ox) (8)
- 10 Fiona Elliott (St) (6)
- 11 Josette Ryalls (Y) (9)
- 12*Alison Barker (Sp) (18)
- 13*Laura Goldsmith (Mi) (-)
- 14 Ruth Hunter (Ca) (10)
- 15 Vicki Bellingham (St) (13)
- 16 Alison Hillard (Hu) (15)
- 17 Denise Boughey (Sp) (-)
- 18 Rachel Roberts (St) (-)
- 19 Michelle Hams (Sy) (17)
- 20*Teresa Moore (Sx) (16)

* Players with an asterisk against their names will be Cadets next season.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Selection Committee have chosen the following team to represent England in the European Youth Championships which will be held in Poznan, Poland

(August 8/17, 1980):-

Junior Boys

- Graham Sandley
- Colin Wilson
- John Souter
- Philip Bradbury

Junior Girls

- Alison Gordon
- Helen Williams
- Mandy Reeves

Cadet (U-14) Boys

- Gary Lambert
- Carl Preat

Cadet (U-14) Girls

- Jean Parker
- Lisa Bellinger

Captain: Donald Parker, Susan Lisle and David Fairholme.

In preparation for these Championships, the premier event in the Junior competitive calendar, many of the chosen players will be competing in the Hungarian Junior Open in Nova Dubnica (June 13/15) and in the Austrian Open in Modling (June 19/22).

Reserves for European Youth Championships

Junior Boys

- Kevin Satchell
- Mark Oakley

Junior Girls

- Joy Grundy
- Jackie Bellinger

Cadet Boys

- Nicholas Hoare
- Alan Cooke

Cadet Girls

- Helen Bardwell
- Melanie Seaton

Squad for Hungarian Junior Open

- Sandley, Bradbury, Lambert
- Mandy Reeves and Jean Parker

Reserves: Carl Preat and Lisa Bellinger.
Captain: Donald Parker.

Squad for Austrian Junior Open

- Sandley, Wilson, Souter
- Alison Gordon and Helen Williams

Reserves: Bradbury and Mandy Reeves.
Captain: Donald Parker.

ROCK GO NORTH

Rock Motor Parts are to sponsor a National (English) U-21 championship at the Castle Leisure Centre, Bury, Greater Manchester on Sept. 8/9, 1980. Entry forms from the ETTA Office, 21 Claremont, Hastings, East Sussex. TN34 1HA as and when available.

ILLEGAL TREATMENT OF RACKETS

There have been several enquiries recently about the use of various liquids, usually in the form of a spray, on the striking surface of the racket.

Under Law 3.11.1.5 a player loses a point 'if he strikes the ball with a side of the racket blade whose surface does not comply with the requirements of 3.4.4 - 3.6.6'. These paragraphs of the racket Law specify the permissible types of striking surface, which may be plain wood, pimples rubber with the pimples outwards or sandwich rubber with the pimples inwards or outwards. When any of these surfaces are sprayed or otherwise covered with a film of liquid, or any residue left when the liquid has evaporated, it no longer comes into contact with the ball when the ball is struck and the effective 'striking surface' is the covering film. Consequently, a player who strikes the ball with a surface which has been treated in this way loses a point when he does so. In an event played under the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions, a player who persists in applying such treatment after being warned risks disciplinary action by the referee for unfair behaviour under the provision of Regulation 4.6.6.3.

Associations, their officials and umpires are urged to ensure that players are made aware of the illegality of modifying any of the permitted striking surface materials by the addition of an artificial covering film, however thin it may be.

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH VENUES

During the 1980/81 season, four countries are due to visit England to play European League matches. They are Federal Germany, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. We have asked each country if they are willing to play a friendly international match and for those who agree, we will require a venue and a committee to organise the match.

The organising body will be required to pay the travel expenses of the England players, the travel of the visiting team from the venue of the previous evening's European League match and on to the airport of departure, plus 24 hours hospitality for both teams. The total of these expenses will obviously vary in accordance with the players selected and distances involved, but it should be possible to cover them by gate money, programme advertising and by sponsorship or donations.

It must also be stressed that the England team for friendly matches is unlikely to include Douglas or Hilton as the opportunity will undoubtedly be taken to give our reserve players valuable international match experience

If any League is interested in staging a match on these terms, would they please contact the E.T.T.A. office so that they may be kept informed of developments.

FORMER CHAIRMAN DIES

On the eve of going to press it is with sorrow that we record the death, in hospital on May 24, of Ivor Eyles a former chairman of the E.T.T.A. (1962/68) and Deputy Chairman (1958/62).

A forthright Bristolian, Ivor leaves a widow, Kathleen, and a daughter to whom we extend our deepest condolences. The funeral took place at Bristol on May 28.



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County Notes Supplement

SUFFOLK SCENE



by Steve Richards

SPORTS CENTRE DESTROYED

March will be remembered as a black month in Suffolk. The new Bury Sports Centre which had become the centre of so much table tennis activity was completely gutted by fire. The Manager, John Binks, is hoping it will be rebuilt within two years.

The Bury League committee, with co-operation from the organiser at the Corn Exchange and John Stemp of the Bury Centre Youth Premises, transferred the Bury Championships with two days left... well done all concerned.

RESULTS:

Divisional Singles:

- Div. 1**
Winner: Stuart Palmer
Runner-up: Mick Palmer
- Div. 2**
Winner: Dave Moss
Runner-up: Tony Martin
- Div. 3**
Winner: Julian Wheel
Runner-up: Don Roper
- Div. 4**
Winner: Ray Stapleton
Runner-up: Mark Cracknell
- Div. 5**
Winner: Kevin Lowman
Runner-up: Shaun Pettit

Girls' Singles:

- Winner: Jane Leonard
Runner-up: Jane Richards

Boys' Singles:

- Winner: Anthony Booth
Runner-up: Julian Hall

Handicap Singles:

- Winner: Steve Palmer
Runner-up: Anthony Booth

Men's Doubles:

- Winners: Julian Hall/Stuart Palmer
Runners-up: Les Rayment/Anthony Booth

Mixed Doubles:

- Winners: Stuart Palmer/Joanne Palmer
Runners-up: Anthony Booth/Jane Richards

Veteran Singles:

- Winner: Gerald Webster
Runner-up: Terry Kirby

Women's Singles:

- Winner: Joanne Palmer
Runner-up: Jane Richards

All the trophies were donated and presented by Mr. Brown of the Trustee Savings Bank and superb they were!! Secretary Roy Hayes, who is retiring, also received a gift... well done Roy on a superb job. The Bury League also completed their fixtures trophies being awarded to:-

- Div. 1**
Winners: Lakenheath "A"
Runners-up: W.E.G. "A"
- Div. 2**
Winners: Green King "A"

- Runners-up: W.E.G. "D"
Div. 3
Winners: Newmarket Upper School "A"
Runners-up: Marauders "A"
- Div. 4**
Winners: Treatts
Runners-up: W.E.G. "F"
- Div. 5**
Winners: Chalkstone
Runners-up: W.E.G. "G"

Lakenheath, Green King and Newmarket Upper School won all their 20 matches. Lakenheath won the 1st Division for the tenth successive season while Newmarket became the first schools side to win a division in living memory. I am hoping the Head will have Table Tennis on the Time Table next season!!

The Ely League should also be won by Lakenheath. Div. 2 champions are Pye Electro (Newmarket) and Div. 3 favourites are Centre "E".

On the County scene Suffolk Juniors have won the 3rd Div. East title for the first time in five years. Well done Stuart Palmer, Anthony Booth, Julian Hall, Jane Richards and Jane Leonard. Anthony and Julian now join the senior ranks and we wish them well.

The senior side of Mick Palmer, Stuart Palmer, John Kitchener, Kathy Brierley and Sue Welham defeated Beds 10-0 to finish third in their division.

Congratulations to Dan Dewell who umpired his first county match and best wishes to Joyce Love who is bidding to be an international referee... you ladies are certainly hitting the headlines these days.

The youngsters from Newmarket Upper School have certainly set Suffolk a standard and I must now thank Mr. MacDonald, the Headmaster for his full co-operation in allowing table tennis to be a major sport. On July 5 Mick Palmer and Paul Day will be coaching at the school and twenty students from various schools will receive the benefit.

Results have reached me, for the first time, from the Stowmarket League. Div. 1 winners were Constitution "A". Div. 2 - Sports Centre "A". Div. 3 - Old Buckenhall Hall and Div. 4 - Constitution Juniors. Finals night was played at Stowpland Club which was itself celebrating its 21st Birthday.

Peter Moss beat Peter Clarke in the final of the men's singles watched by a group of Vietnamese. Finally congratulations to Russell King and Louise Harris who have announced their engagement.

NORFOLK NOTES

by Neville Graver

SAFETY FOR SENIORS

Norfolk senior first team finished its County Championships programme with a narrow 6-4 victory over Northants, finally easing all relegation problems and giving it a mid-table position. The match was played at a new venue for the county in Beeston Hall School, West Runton, near Cromer. The conditions were excellent and drew praise from all concerned, as did the efforts of the Cromer League in organising the match.

The match itself was in some ways a match of two matches, with the Norfolk men too strong for the opposition, whilst the Northants women had the edge over Norfolk, despite a very close set between Mandy Wallis and Wendy Hogg. For the men, Doug Bennett continued his unbeaten run from the last four matches, and Richard Stevenson, making his senior debut, played extremely well to win both his singles, particularly against the experienced Steve Lyons. Also making his senior debut was Martyn Stevenson who, despite the remnants of a heavy cold, played well enough to win one singles, and to take the

all-important doubles with Richard.

In the other final fixtures, the senior seconds lost 3-7 to Cambs II, best point for Norfolk being the form of Sue Hazel in beating Val Parkes. The TSB Junior second team finished their season with a close match against Beds II, but ended the wrong side of a 4-6 result.

With the season coming to a close there has been the inevitable spate of Closed Championships, and of course the settling of championship issues in the local leagues. A brief summary is given below:

Norwich

Closed Championships — a hectic day for the organisers, with 419 sets taking place. At the end of the day the major titles stayed with the holders, Doug Bennett beating Russell King in the men's singles, and Wendy Hogg staving off the challenge of Margaret Hales.

In the league and cup, CEYMS "A" were victorious, edging their "B" team into second place in both. The final of the Readwin cup was probably the most evenly contested for years, with the "A" team coming back from 3-4 to take the doubles at 26-24 in the third to make it 4-4, winning the last singles to make it 5-4 in their favour. The Handicap Cup final was to be contested between Taverham and Carrow.

Dereham

Events were dominated by three players in Trevor Bunn, Sue Hazel and Neville Graver. In the men's singles Bunn beat Graver in a closely contested and spectacular three game, whilst Miss Hazel defended her title in a straight games win over Glynis Pearson. In the men's doubles Bunn teamed up with Costessey team mate Dave Smith to beat the combination of Graver and John Turner, like Smith a beaten semi-finalist. Miss Hazel added to her tally, partnering Graver to victory in the mixed against Bunn and Dawn Donovan. Other winners include David Loveday (boys' singles) and Dave Hardy (veterans). In the league, Costessey were champions, edging Hippos into second place, the Craske Cup being won by Hippos "B" 5-1 against Beetley.

Great Yarmouth

The Closed Championships were held at Seacroft Holiday Camp and resulted in wins for Doug Bennett over Roger Margetson in the men's singles, and for Sue Allen over Sarah Bignell in the women's event. In the league the title is a battle between Power Station "D" and Potters "A".

Wymondham

Although the Closed was held some time ago, interest in the league is intense to the last, with the championship likely to be decided on the last match. Tarmac are one point behind leaders Gaymers Social, but with one outstanding match to play.

Fakenham

League title still wide open, with Legion "B" one point ahead of Exiles "A", both teams with two outstanding fixtures.

Cromer

Men's Singles was contested by coaches John Vaughan and Roger Grief. Vaughan coming out on top, the two combining to take the doubles. The junior singles was won by Paul Rich and the veterans by Sid Redgrave. The league title finally went to Tyneside "A".

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

LESS MEMORABLE SEASON

Apart from our veterans' team, this has been one of the less memorable seasons in the County Championships. The seniors and both junior sides all finished either bottom or second from bottom in their respective divisions. The senior team, playing in 2nd Division North could only manage one point from six matches. The fact must be faced

that apart from Brian Hill we have no male players capable of winning consistently at this high level. This season, both David Skerratt and Neil Parkin have been given an extended run in the senior side on the basis of their results this season and in the summer league at the end of last season and their results have shown them to be among the top players in the county but there is still a long way to go before they reach the necessary standard.

Added to this is the problem that since the retirement of Jean White from the senior side, the county has not found an adequate replacement to give Suzanne Hunt the necessary support. The two most likely replacements were Gillian Galloway, who retired, and Cheryl Buttery who because of her studies at Nottingham elected to play for Notts while at university. The next best female players are our juniors who are not yet ready for the seniors and are needed anyway in the junior sides. Unless our junior players are brought on quickly this state of affairs will continue — to the detriment of our senior side. To help remedy this, the Lincs Summer League was introduced last season and the improvement in play of many of our under-21's — in particular Dave Skerratt, Neil Parkin and Steve Cuthbertson — this season shows its benefit. However the county can only aid the player to improve. The players themselves must be prepared to practise hard and get sufficient matchplay if they are to raise their game to a good county standard.

The junior 1st team can consider themselves unfortunate in finishing second from bottom for they got three points from six matches. In fact, the last match of the season against Cleveland was extremely close. With the match score at 4-4, Gillian Sharpe lost -20 in the third to Helen Robinson and then Simon Pullen lost by the same score in the third to Lindsay Taylor and so Lincs lost the match 4-6. The junior 2nd team gained two draws from their first two matches but then lost 0-10 in the remaining two.

The veterans went to Cheshire with maximum points from their previous five games and despite a great start in the match with Matt Sheader beating Peter D'Arcy in the opening rubber, they went down 2-7 and so it is Cheshire who go into the Veteran Challenge. Still, they have yet again proved to be the most successful county side.

In the inter-town competitions, Grimsby added a third title to their collection when their Butcher Cup side gained the necessary draw against Wyberton. Grimsby's saviour was Jeremy Sandham who took all his three singles, including a fine win over a very in form Paul Barnes. John Whitfield took Grimsby's other two rubbers, losing only to Paul -18, -10. The Haigh Cup will not be decided until the last match of the season is played, the rearranged match between Louth and Wyberton. With Wyberton having dropped only two rubbers this season, they must be favourites to win the title once again. It is very interesting to note that of the six players Wyberton have used in their town sides this year four live in Scunthorpe — a town which is well over 50 miles away. Although this says much for the dedication of Tim Cook — the transport by which this is possible — it must be of concern to the Scunthorpe officials that players are prepared to go to these means rather than play for their home town.

League Tables

Haigh	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wyberton	6	6	0	0	58	2	12
Louth	6	5	1	0	44	16	11
Grimsby	7	4	0	3	36	34	8
Scunthorpe	7	4	0	3	36	34	8
Lincoln	7	3	1	3	36	34	7
Grantham	7	2	0	5	25	45	4
Gainsborough	7	1	1	5	15	55	3
Boston	7	0	0	7	10	60	0

Butcher

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Grimsby	9	7	2	0	63	27	16
Wyberton	9	6	3	0	59	31	15
Lincoln	9	6	2	1	66	24	14
Louth	9	6	1	2	54	36	13
Spalding	9	4	1	4	42	48	9
Grantham	9	3	1	5	47	43	7
Scunthorpe	9	2	2	5	46	44	6
Gainsborough	9	2	1	6	37	53	5
Boston	9	2	1	6	33	57	5
Mablethorpe	9	0	0	9	3	87	0

This year's Lincs Summer League starts on Friday, May 2 at N. Kesteven Sports Centre commencing at 7.15 p.m. Once again there are two divisions with each containing eight teams of two players. Most of the top county players will be in action so you should see some good table tennis if you wish to spectate — there are viewing facilities from the bar.

Matt Sheader became the first winner of the Caistor Rubber Bat Open — the only hard bat tournament in Lincs — defeating Neil Parkin in the final. Although the tournament did not attract as many entries as expected, the competitors all seemed to enjoy the tournament and looked forward to next year's. The third place play-off was won by Rod Oglesby who defeated Andy Dibdin — Andy having pulled off the best win of the competition when he beat No. 1 seed Brian Allison in a very close 3-gamer. The consolation event was won by Mick Corry of Grimsby who beat George Stanforth also of Grimsby. The third place in this was won by Stuart Worrell who beat Gillian Sharpe.

If anyone is interested in a five day coaching week, Dennis Worrell and myself are running two such weeks in the last two weeks of July. The course is held in Lincoln and is similar to the Tees-sport one except that instead of having Nicky Jarvis, Carol Knight, Bryan Merrett and Alan Ransome (cost £150), you get Dennis and myself for £25. Dennis is providing camping facilities if you wish to stay in Lincoln during the course. Further details from Dennis — Lincoln (0522) 683027.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

SURPRISE FOR GANNON

It has, all in all, been a pretty good season for the Hunting shire. Despite losing their last match in the 2nd Division (East) they still topped the division. They had, in fact already done so before skipper Steve White decided to rest all the first team against Cambridgeshire. With the 2nd team also topping their division, things look good but the juniors, who failed to win a match in Division 2 (Midland) are obviously not yet as strong as we would wish. There are though, encouraging signs in this direction. The Veterans did as well as expected but with Colin Truman and John Iliffe approaching qualification age, things could improve.

Kingscroft comfortably topped the Hinckley League first division whilst Market Bosworth took the second division with the same ease.

In the 'Leicester Closed' Paul Randell took the Mens Singles and it seems only Chris Rogers on the local scene is really in the same class. Although David Gannon reached the final the result was another win for Randell after losing the first. Gannon was involved in what was one of the surprises of the day when he lost in the Intermediate Singles to Yvonne Hall! The Leicester junior is a very promising player indeed but she could hardly have expected to beat Gannon, who is, after all, ranked three in Leicestershire. With Maurice Newman as his partner, Randell was also successful in the Men's Doubles whilst Yvonne won the Ladies

Singles and, with Steve Day as her partner, the Mixed Doubles. Lincolnshire Junior Chris Bryan won the Intermediate Singles and, if he competes when the event is held later, should be a good bet for the Boys' Singles.

The Veterans' Singles saw Brian Mayfield playing Geoff Aldwinckle yet again in the final. Mike Jackson travelled up from Cambridge especially for this, anticipating an 'expedite' and it duly arrived. This time, though, the result was different. At 20-19 in the third, Geoff put away a forehand, let out a whoop of delight and shook hands with Mayfield — his first victory over him! As usual the graded events were well supported with D. Patel (under 100), D. White (under 150), R. Pratt (under 200), B. Grat (under 250) and S. Day (under 300) emerging victorious.

For reasons which are mentioned elsewhere, the Promotion Challenge (Senior) was discontinued soon after it had started and the fate of who goes into the Premier Division is at the moment unknown.

Finally, on a sad note, yet another death to report. David Sugden, a powerful figure in local table tennis circles (and still coaching at the time of his death) collapsed and died outside his home recently. This is another name to the alarming list we have seen recently.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

JUNIORS PROMOTED

The last County matches of the season, involving the senior first and junior teams against Durham at Byker Community Centre, on March 22, resulted in a hard-earned 5-5 draw for the seniors and an excellent 6-4 win for the juniors — which has ensured that the latter have finished top of Junior 3 (North) and therefore gain promotion, having lost only one match 4-6 away to Cleveland II. Congratulations are due to all players who took part in this season's matches, namely John Burke, Neil McMaster, Malcolm Aitchinson, Chris Reed, Martin Schapira Christine Burke and Caron Buglass. In the Durham match, Christine and Caron were yet again undefeated in both singles and doubles, and in addition John won both his singles and Neil one to clinch victory. Unfortunately, next season, John, Malcolm and Caron will all be over junior age, but there will be no shortage of enthusiasts ready to take their places, and they can only benefit from the experience.

Meanwhile, in the senior match, Northumberland held the lead for most of the game, but Durham came back strongly at the end to eventually share the spoils. Barbara Kearney was undefeated, winning her singles and the doubles with Kit Cheung, while for the men Ian Robertson and Andrew Clark each won a singles and together took the doubles. They should now finish in a reasonable position in 2nd North, having beaten both Lincolnshire and Cheshire II by 6-4, as well as gaining one point for the draw.

The final County rankings of the season are as follows:

Men

1 Ian Robertson, 2 Andrew Clark, 3 John Burke, 4 Martin Young, 5 Fred Short, 6 Dave Armstrong, 7 Peter Whiteman, 8 Chris Shepherd, 9 Bob Dodds, 10 Michael Watson, 11 Malcolm McMaster, 12 Bill Dial, 13 Arnold Warents, =14 Steve Robinson and Dave McAllister, =16 Charlie Robertson and Bill Arkle.

Women

1 Barbara Kearney, 2 Kit Cheung, 3 Pauline Jackson, 4 Nancy Kirsop, 5 Christine Burke, 6 Caron Buglass, 7 Julie Hobson, 8 Shirley Laver, 9 Susan Norris, 1 Daphne Russell, 11 Janice Fowles, 12 Claire Mouzon, 13 Susan Yeung, 14 S. Woolfson.

Junior Boys

1 Burke, 2 Neil McMaster, 3 Malcolm Aitchison, 4 Chris Reed, 5 David Maughan, 6 Simon Montague, 7 Derek Williamson, 8 Jimmy Brumby, 9 Dean Hastie, 10 Martin Schapira, 11 Nicholas Jeffreys, 12 Nicholas Ringrose, 13 Kevin Burdis, 14 Keith Robson, 15 Gary Stephenson, =16 M. Tate and David Oxley.

Junior Girls

1 Burke, 2 Buglass, 3 Mouzon, 4 Yeung, 5 Dawn Nicholson, 6 Paula Daglish, 7 S. Shakoor, 8 K. Trenholm.

Cadet Boys

1 McMaster, 2 Schapira, 3 Gordon Watson, 4 A. Behrsing, 5 Andrew Drapkin, 6 Colin Moore, 7 Nigel Cameron, 8 G. Heatley, 9 R. Jassal, 10 Paul Curry, 11 W. Shakoor, 12 Peter Curry, 13 R. Hall, 14 Graham Elsender.

Cadet Girls

1 Mouzon, 2 J. Hindmarsh, 3 Lindsay Jackman, 4 Denise Wilkinson, 5 Judith Drapkin, 6 Karen Wilkinson, 7 D. Campbell, 8 R. Newby.

The Durham Open tournament was held at Peterlee on the day following the County matches, and Andrew Clark, partnered by Durham's Tony Gelder, put in a splendid effort to win the men's doubles title. Ian Robertson was runner-up to Mark Hankey of Cheshire in the men's singles final, whilst Kit Cheung and her partner Julie Speight were the losing women's doubles finalists. Kit also reached the women's singles semi-final, while Ian Robertson — paired with Peter McQueen of Surrey — went out at the same stage of the men's doubles, as did Bill Newham in the veterans' singles.

The Bromfield Trophy team of Christine Burke, Caron Buglass and Claire Mouzon travelled to Sheffield for their quarter-final match during the weekend Apr. 19-20, but lost by 3-6. Christine, however, put in an excellent performance to win two of her three sets, with Caron winning the other, but unfortunately it was not quite enough. However, this was a most encouraging re-entry into this competition, as Northumberland had not previously entered a team for many years.

The Evening Chronicle Northumberland Open tournament at the Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington, on Apr. 26, will obviously have been played by the time this edition of "Table Tennis News" is published, but if details cannot be included in the May issue, then they will be held over until October. At the closing date, the tournament had attracted just under 200 entries, including Max Crimmins, Nigel Eckersley, Nicky Jarvis, Carole Knight and Melody Ludl (England), Bill Sichel (Scotland) and Debbie Coulthard (Wales). This brings me to mention that Ron Wilson has now joined Aubrey Drapkin as a qualified National Umpire, while Matty Clark, father of Andrew, has qualified as a County Umpire. Congratulations to both on their achievements.

The Northumberland League season should have been completed by Apr. 4, but for one reason or another, there are still outstanding matches to be played, so final league tables at the time of writing are not yet available. The men's Knock-Out Cup has reached the semi-final stage, with Gladstone Terrace 'A' to play Briarside's conquerors, New Collingwood 'A', and Newton 'A' to meet Byker C.C. 'A'. It was decided to play the women's Knock-Out Cup on one day, March 30, at Blyndon Youth Club. Eight teams of two-a-side contested the competition, and this resulted in a repeat of last season's final between the holders, D.H.S.S. (Pauline Jackson and Pat Small) and Briarside (Christine Burke and Caron Buglass). However, this time the result was completely reversed, with Briarside hitting top form in singles and doubles to win the match 3-0 and the trophy for the first time.

The Tyneside Summer League season was due to commence on May 5 — outstanding Northumberland League results permitting!

— with 88 teams contesting 11 divisions, and 13 included in the Cadet's division. An entry of 66 has been received for the Knock-Out Cup Handicap Competition, so it looks like a busy summer ahead at least until the first or second week in August.

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

TWO NATIONAL TITLES FOR THE GROVE

Shropshire schools, represented by The Grove School, Market Drayton, recorded several firsts in the English Schools Table Tennis Association's Team Championships at Matlock.

Their U-13 Boys' and Girls' teams both won the National titles. This was the first time Shropshire had two titles in the same year and the first time a school has won titles for boys and girls in the same age group in the history of the finals.

The Boys' U-13 team of David Williams, Sean Groom, Adrian Bloore and Graeme Wallwyn were the same quartet who last year won the national title at U-11 level and this was the first time a team has won titles in successive seasons. This team are young enough for another year at U-13 level so more records could go.

The Girls' U-13 team of Alison Barker, Carol Wickstead, Maria Roddy and Nicola Thornycroft beat Wibsey Middle School, Bradford 5-3 and Brampton Manor School, Needham 8-0.

Alexandra Road Junior School, Market Drayton, were our third representatives at the finals. The team of Lorraine Pidd, Dawn Wickstead, Stephanie Thornycroft, Susan Claydon and Ginette Roberts getting second place.

The enthusiasm and hard work of Ian Marshall and Bob Bayliss is certainly paying off at Market Drayton. Long may it continue.

Shrewsbury Junior team in the second division of the Midland League finished runners up, which should mean promotion. Ivan Smith won 20 sets, Tony Cheetham 16 and Dean Pountney 14.

Shrewsbury Seniors finished fifth in Div. 3 with Clive Roberts winning 6/15, Martin Chambers 5/15, Bill Herbert 8/21, Mike Beaman 5/7 and Malcolm Green 3/3. With a more settled team I have no doubt they could have done better.

Finally, congratulations to Harlescott 'A' on winning the Shrewsbury League Premier Division with a 100 per cent record.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

TWO COUNTY TITLES

Cambs collected their second County Championships title of the season when their Senior second team beat Norfolk II 7-3 at Soham. This win, in their final match, gave them maximum points from their five matches to win them the Div. 3 East title for the first time. For four of the team Robert Swift, Andy Withers, Gary Jordan and Mandy Judd, it completed a unique double, for earlier in the month the quartet had helped the Cambs Juniors to win the Div. II Midland Championship.

The match started badly for the home county with Withers losing his unbeaten record to Stephen Howlett in the opening set. They went two down when Jordan struggled in vain against the hard bat of Dave Hardy. Swift and Judd, however, had a steady influence when they went through the match unbeaten, while Withers and Jordan made no mistake in their other singles. Valerie Parkes, like Andy Withers, lost her 100% record when she went down to

Sue Hazell in an exciting three games.

On the previous day, Cambs 1st team completed their season unbeaten with a 6-4 win over Leicestershire at Wisbech in a Div. II East match. Leicestershire, already certain of winning the championship, fielded a below strength team. They were without their international stars Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers but still managed to pick up all three women's sets with replacements Julie Revill and Yvonne Hall. These two proving too strong for Joanne Palmer and Jane Hunter. Cambridgeshire's men, however, rectified this deficiency by winning six of their sets. Keith Richardson and Geoff Davies were both unbeaten while Mick Harper lost only to Maurice Newman. This win gave Cambs nine points from three wins and three draws leaving them in second place, one point behind Leicestershire.

The Junior first team, already champions of their division, travelled to Worcestershire and beat the home county 8-2. Cambs defeats came in the third and eighth sets when Withers and Swift were beaten by the rapidly improving Jeremy Duffield.

In the Cambs League Titleist in Div. VA were the first team to win their division. Their 6-4 win over Electricity in their penultimate match proved to be their closest, but it was enough to ensure them winning the division. It also coincided with the first defeat for Tony Plett who was beaten by Taylor. There was a big surprise in Div. IIIB when the bottom club Pye beat Saffron Walden 10-0. Pye looked doomed for relegation at Christmas, but they have been regularly picking up three or four points per match since mainly through the efforts of Norman Hedger. Now his colleagues Savage and Jones have come good with the resultant big win over Walden.

The Essex club were without top player Cameron Alexander but this was a fine win for Pye who now have jumped two places above Impington IV and Wesley III and recently beat the latter team 6-4 who now seem doomed to relegation especially as they lost a recent encounter with Eastern Gas 0-10. As Gas beat Sawston 9-1 they now look likely winners at the top of the division although General Accident and Shire Hall are still there with a chance. This division has been very evenly fought and all the teams must be congratulated on a fine season. Another team who know their fate are Press III who are now doomed to finish bottom of Div. IIIA. TSB Soham have clinched the Div. 1 title once again and the two University teams are at the head of Div. II and will almost certainly be promoted.

In the Cambs K.O. Handicap Trophy Wesley IV had their hopes dashed of reaching the final when they were beaten 6-3 by Soham I in the semi-final. Peter Melton won two for Wesley and Martin Livermore one but the strong Soham team of Keith Richardson, Andy Withers and Mick Palmer proved too strong in the end. South Cambs R.D.C. lost 3-6 to Soham II in the other semi-final so that two Soham teams will contest the final with Soham I the favourites.

Soham player Keith Richardson had a fine win over Australian Champion Bob Tuckett, but his team were beaten 6-3 by the touring Australian team at Soham. Soham were on the losing end of some close sets in the early stages and were soon 0-4 down. Kenny Jackson then opened the scoring for Soham with a comfortable win over the enigmatic Bobbie Javor, a casual looking player who suddenly unleashed devastating hits on both wings. Richardson continued the revival with his win over Tuckett but Soham had to wait till the final set for their third success when Jackson completed a double with a straight-games win over the Australian champion.

MEMORIES — CAMBS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1964

"After 14 hours of table tennis during

which 368 competitors played nearly 370 sets, the main event in the first Cambs Open Table Tennis Championships, held at the Cambridge Corn Exchange on Apr. 26, brought together in the Men's Singles final the country's two top players, Chester Barnes and Ian Harrison, both English International stars, seeded to meet in the final and there were no upsets! both won through their rounds without difficulty to meet in the highlight of the day's events. Unfortunately Harrison was not up to the occasion and his young rival was never really extended to win 11, 14.

Barnes had had a hard match in his semi-final against Brian Hill of Boston who fully extended the champion before going down -19, -18.

Local players were never really in the hunt for any of the titles although two of the younger players, J. Constable and E. Sharpe, both teenagers did reach the last 32 in the Men's Singles.

Barnes, as expected, won two other events. He beat Alan Hydes of Barnsley in the final of the Boys' competition 19, 13. Then, partnered by Harrison, he triumphed in the Men's Doubles over Hydes and M. Jones 19, 9. These three events did not give Barnes much trouble but the large crowd was still treated to some fine table tennis as competitors tried to topple the champions. One of the biggest surprises was the dismissal of Lesley Bell, the England No. 1 Junior girl. She went out of both Women's and Girls' competitions when she was beaten in one event by B. Sayer and in the other by G. Sayer the second of a formidable twin combination. The twins met in the final of the Girls' event and after a tense struggle that went to three sets, B. Sayer beat her sister 14, -15, 17.

Betty Cassell, who won the singles in the Cambs Closed Competition a few years ago, was the only player with any local connections to reach the final stages. She teamed up with Miss Henwood but was unable to combat the power and precision of Miss Bell and Miss Canham who won comfortably 15, 8.

In the final of the Women's Singles Miss B. Sayer beat Mrs. B. Andrews 17, 17 and in the final of the Mixed R. Stevens and Miss B. Sayer beat A. Pidcock and Miss P. Piper 14, 19.

After the Championships the Organising Committee were pleased with their efforts and intend to run another similar event next season.

No doubt many players will remember the names in these championships of 16 years ago when Chester Barnes was the up-and-coming prodigy!

WORCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Doug Moss

TRIPLE FOR JENNY

Main news concerns the County Closed Championships. There was the largest entry for many seasons with 95 players in the Men's Singles. The most successful player was Jenny Cornock, who became a triple champion, on first entering the Worcestershire Championships. She did not drop a single game in the Women's Singles event beating Janet Hunt in the final. Janet and Lynda Reid, who are constant rivals, met in the semi-final. This time Janet was successful 12 in the third. The women's doubles entries left Jenny Cornock and Sheila Randle, the current title holder, without partners. They teamed up and won the Championship. Lynda Reid and Mandy Mytton again appeared in the final putting up a good fight before losing -15 in the third. In the mixed Jenny and Trevor Washington won the final, against Lynda Reid and Steve Moreman, rather easily but they had a hard fight in the semi against Mandy Mytton and Jeremy Duffield before winning 19 in the third.

Simon Claxton played very well to win the Men's Singles and Doubles events. In the singles he did not drop a game until the final against Moreman. He lost the first game but won convincingly in the third. Simon partnered Nick Bottomley in the Men's Doubles and won the Championship without dropping a game. A surprise result was the defeat of the experienced pairing of Moreman and Simon Gray by juniors John Ford and Adrian Clifford.

The Veterans' events were again dominated by Brian Belcher and Mervyn Wood. Mervyn won the singles after a long hard game against Brian. He lost the first game easily, scraped home 23-21 in the second, and then won 15 in the third. No-one could match these two players in the veterans' doubles event. Janet Hunt had no difficulty in the Veteran Women's event — the scores of her matches being 7, 12; 4, 16; 12, 9. Vera Royal reached the final beating Molly Hough on the way.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles:

S. CLAXTON bt S. Moreman -18, 17, 10.

Men's Doubles:

CLAXTON/NICK BOTTOMLEY bt R.

Brown/T. Washington 12, 18.

Women's Singles:

J. CORNOCK bt J. Hunt 14, 12.

Women's Doubles:

CORNOCK/S. RANDLE bt L. Reid/M.

Mytton 13, -18, 15.

Mixed Doubles:

CORNOCK/WASHINGTON bt Reid/

Moreman 13, 8.

Veteran Men's Singles:

M. WOOD bt B. Belcher -13, 21, 15.

Veteran Women's Singles:

HUNT bt V. Royal 12, 9.

Veteran Doubles:

BELCHER/WOOD bt R. Butterson/J.

Mytton 12, 13.

In the County Championships the 1st team concluded with a 1-9 defeat at the hands of Staffs. The match at Woodfield Club, Wolverhampton provided a good atmosphere and enthusiastic support. There was an exciting battle, with some excellent rallies, between Claxton and Bellinger who just got home 17 in the third.

The 2nd team denied Herefordshire the Championship of Div. 3 South Midland. The team comprising Washington, Derek Baddeley, Gray, Mandy Mytton and Mandy Westwood played well and the result never looked in doubt — a 7-3 win for Worcs II. Mark Owen was the only player to achieve any success for Herefordshire although Washington was unlucky to lose -19 in the third.

The Veterans' team finished their programme with a 5-4 win over Avon II. With Janet Hunt not available Beryl Shammon played and met Joan Collier, one of her rivals from many seasons ago.

The Juniors performed very well in Div. 2 Midland. Four of the seven matches resulted in draws. Duffield lost only one singles during the season. He recently played in a Junior Ranking event winning 9 of 15 singles. It seems likely he will be on the national ranking list in his first season after leaving the Cadet class.

The County K.O. Team Competitions have made good progress. Lea and Perrins (Worcester) seem likely to reach the final of the Handicap event for the second season running and to meet a team from Leominster. In the Scratch competition Redditch Roamers will meet either Leominster or Ledbury 'A'.

Bryan Merrett, with the able assistance of Frank Southam, has conducted a course of eight prospective Club Coaches from Worcester.

The Worcester League Championships Finals were due on Apr. 20. In the preliminaries the biggest surprises were in the women's singles event. Janet Hunt (No. 1 seed) lost in the first round to Mandy Mytton who, in turn lost to Debbie Hough

(Worcs, Junior). Debbie meets Lynda Reid in the final. Claxton seems likely to meet Lester Bertie in the Men's Singles final and Bertie partnered by Mandy Mytton must be favourites for the Mixed title.

It gives no satisfaction to comment that the people prepared to be committed to help in the Association's affairs seems to reduce each year. At the A.G.M. Janet Hunt intends to relinquish the County Match Secretaryship, in which she has given excellent service. This situation is not unique to Worcestershire. It will unfortunately mean the curtailment of activities if there are not the people to take on the various jobs. Let us hope for keen volunteers at the A.G.M.!

OXON NOTES

by A. Chilvers

SUCCESS AT LAST

Success comes rolling in for Oxon at long last. Both the Senior and Junior teams have won their respective divisions.

Last year the seniors narrowly missed promotion as a result of having to field a reserve in the first match of the season. It seemed that history would be repeated this season when the seniors had to field three reserves in their first fixture against Herefordshire. The reserves showed tremendous character in losing the match by only 4-6 with three close sets being lost by Oxon.

However, after this set back Oxon cruised safely through their other fixtures and all depended on Herefordshire dropping a second point. In fact they lost their match and so gave Oxon promotion.

The juniors left things even tighter. Depleted through Juniors playing at Senior level they were forced to field inexperienced players who settled into the county match atmosphere remarkably well. As Kent's last match was after Oxon's the Oxon youngsters had the pressure of having to win by as large a margin as possible knowing that Kent should finish level on points with them.

Well, when the dust had settled everyone got down to doing the arithmetic. The points were level, sets difference was the same and so it went to games difference where Oxon were marginally superior.

The following players represented Oxon at Junior and Senior levels this season:

Men

N. Abbott, C. Alcock, A. Chilvers, A. Hammett, D. Harse, G. Jones, R. Denbow, P. Jones, C. Morris, P. Mabbutt.

Women

J. Belcher, M. Denbow, C. Filmer, E. Hughes, W. Parker, J. Woodward.

The County would like to thank all these players for their efforts throughout the season.

As I said in my earlier article, Oxon are at last going up in the T.T. world.

Neil Abbott has at last won recognition for his fine performances this season by being included in the England Junior 'A' list. As if not to be out-done Mary Denbow made a superb effort to move up to number eight in the Cadet ranking.

Oxfordshire held their county championships at the Redefield Sports Centre on Mar. 22-23. The small number of spectators at the finals was very disappointing. This is mystifying to me because the standard of Table Tennis now being provided by the players is far superior to that seen locally since the days of the Oxon open tournament.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles:

A. CHILVERS bt A. Hammett.

Women's Singles:

W. PARKER bt M. Denbow.

Intermediate Singles:

HAMMETT bt W. Parker.

Men's Doubles:

C. MORRIS/N. ABBOTT bt Hammett/
Chilvers.

Women's Doubles:

C. FILMER/PARKER bt C. & J. Belcher.

Mixed Doubles:

C. BELCHER/ABBOTT bt J. Belcher/C.
Alcock.

Veteran Singles:

A. EVANS bt P. Kent.

Boys' Singles:

C. MORRIS bt P. Jones.

Girls' Singles:

FILMER bt M. Denbow.

Boys' Doubles:

R. DENBOW/R. ARGYLE bt C. & M. Morris.

Girls' Doubles:

A. HINE/J. WOODWARD bt S. Ives/C.
Belcher.

Junior Mixed Doubles:

R. & M. DENBOW bt C. Morris/ Miss J.
Woodward.

Consolation Boys' Singles:

R. ARGYLE bt M. Morris.

Consolation Girls' Singles:

M. DENBOW bt J. Woodward.

U-12 Singles:

W. MASON bt P. Wickson.

Consolation Boys' Doubles:

ARGYLE/M. NORTON bt D. Short/M. Cox.

New champions have emerged in the Oxford and District League this year. Kiddlington Forum relieved Morris Motors of the title they have held for the past eleven years. Forum unceremoniously smashed the Motor men 9-1 in their final fixture to end any hope of them hanging on to the pot for the twelfth year. This was no mean feat by the Forum Team which, consists of two youngsters Clive Morris and Andy Hammett, who have come up through the club. Arthur Chilvers who was recruited by the club to help the Juniors was the third player. Also, this was only the third season in the first division for the Forum.

I understand the Forum is now contemplating entering the national club competition. This will be welcomed by most people in Oxford as it will be the first time they have been represented in this competition by their champions.

The Witney League also threw up new champions in Thames Valley Police. They needed at least a 9-1 win against Swinbrook in their last match and in fact won 10-0. My snouts tell me that Swinbrook were in no way intimidated by the riot squad going through their drill outside the venue.

T.V.P. consist of two Oxon juniors, Mary and Richard Denbow plus Andy Wheeler with Jim Denbow reserve. The dedication of not only Mary and Richard but also their Father is a credit to Oxfordshire, and this success is just reward for all the effort and sacrifices made by this family.

The T.V.P. and Forum have broken too long a dominance of the R.A.F. Brize Norton Jesters and M.M., Bletchington in their respective leagues. The table tennis community in the two areas appreciate the wind change.

Finally the County League is heading for an exciting climax in its first year. The title will go to either M.G. Athletic or Vikings 'A'. These teams still have to play their second fixture and the outcome of this match will decide the issue.

On behalf of the Oxon people who read this magazine, may I say thank you to George Yates for yet another year of splendid news and views from the Table Tennis world. Here's to next year George.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

RARE FEAT

In the final round of County Championships matches our two junior sides were in action against Kent. With Phillip Bradbury strengthening the first team we sent a confident team to take on a Kent side with

a 100% record and a play-off place already won. A victory would give us an outside chance of qualifying for the play-offs.

Our girls produced a rare feat for Bucks in winning all their sets with a first county win for Linda Phelps who also figured in a doubles success with Dawn Robbins who further recorded her second county win. Bradbury (2), Stuart Lines (1) and Alex Pratt (1) contributed to a 7-3 victory.

Due to Wiltshire not wishing to compete this victory provided us with opportunity to compete with Kent, Bedfordshire and Lancashire in the play-offs. The junior 2nd team were thrashed by Kent II 9-1 with Mark Curtis our only winner. Mark has been our most successful 2nd team player this season, his last as a junior, and hopefully he can now progress into the senior ranks with continuing success.

HIGH WYCOMBE LEAGUE

The Wycombe League held their championships on the weekend of Mar. 15/16 with the major finals being held on Mar. 21. The junior singles events went with seeding Dawn Robbins (1) beating her sister Julie in the girls' final and Pratt (1) and Curtis (2) reaching the boys' final.

The women's singles had a strange situation with the holder, V. McCorkell unseeded. Viv soon proved the seeding wrong by defeating the No. 1 seed Jill Knightley very comfortably. In the other half No. 2 seed D. Robbins reached the final without dropping a game. The women's doubles lost its seeds before the final, Viv McCorkell/Inga Lewis overcoming the junior pairing of J. Robbins/J. Illett, giving McCorkell/Lewis their fourth victory in five years.

In the mixed Mrs. McCorkell/Watson came through as No. 1 seeds to meet the unseeded D. Robbins/A. Pratt in the final. The men's singles was responsible for the shock of the season when holder and winner seven times in the last eight years, Alec Watson fell at the first hurdle to unseeded A. Gatcombe in straight games. The other top seeds all reached their allotted semi-final places with M. Dean (2) opposed by A. Pratt (4) and K. Bartlett v Gatcombe. Finals night attracted yet another large audience and the players responded by making it one of the most entertaining to date.

RESULTS:**Restricted Singles:**

M. Curtis (1) bt N. Hansell (2) 11, 17.

Boys' Singles:

A. Pratt defeated M. Curtis in a match rated to be the best ever boys' final, the scores show how close it was 23, -20, 19.

Women's Singles:

Dawn Robbins became the first junior to win the women's and girls' events in the same season easily overcoming Mrs. McCorkell 9 and 15. This could be the first of many titles for Miss Robbins whose hard work this season received just reward.

Men's Doubles:

The unseeded Gordon/Foster pairing defeated the holders Hansell/Gatcombe 14 and 24, but oh how close they came to losing the second.

Mixed Doubles:

The holders Mrs. McCorkell/Watson prevented the boys' and girls' winners from winning a title together beating them comfortably 17, 11. At least it gives Miss Robbins/Pratt something to try and win next season.

Men's Singles:

The last event of the evening saw Pratt equal Miss Robbins' achievement of junior and senior titles in the same season when beating Gatcombe 15, -19, 13. High Wycombe have nominated two people for Sport in the South Awards this year — Chairman Brian Webb for the Administration Award and Dawn Robbins for the Achievement for Girls' U-18 section.

CHILTERN LEAGUE

The Chiltern held its championships on a

weekend for the first time and it proved to be most successful. D. Seaholme (No. 1 seed) took the men's singles title. Tournament Secretary J. Rance took the Div. 2 title, much to the annoyance of his son Alan who was the No. 1 seed. The Div. 3 title went to the unseeded D. Robbins, yet another title for young Dawn. N. Massa won the boys' singles defeating Alan Rance in the final.

TEAM HANDICAP

Hazlemere (Div. 3), last season's runners-up, again reached the final and had to give 165 points start to Cesterham 'B' from Div. 6. Dawn Robbins, that girl again, got Hazlemere off to a good start but then yours truly made life very difficult winning 13 and then losing -20 in the second. The match was even until the sixth set when Hazlemere had a convincing doubles victory followed by an even more convincing singles success and going on to win by 31 pts.

Finally best wishes to the Junior 1st team in reaching the Junior Premier Play-offs the results of which will doubtless appear elsewhere.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

GLEAM OF HOPE

In their final match the senior first team's performance really summed up their season — so near but yet so far! A 4-6 defeat against Devon left the county without a victory all season but two draws and three 4-6 defeats must leave a gleam of hope for the future. Martin Gilbert recalled to replace Chris Wilshere, who has not really been fit all season, had wins over M. Short and M. Shearman while Derek Holman beat Shearman, and Carl Prean beat Short to give Hampshire four of the six men's singles. The women did not win a game with Serina Sinanan for once, out-classed by Elaine Lamb. So the county finish a clear bottom of the division but they could be saved from relegation by the good performance of their second team who finish as runners up to Dorset II in the third division.

The second team finished their season with an 8-2 win over Avon II with Kathy Conlon maintaining her 100% singles record Ann Longland also won her singles as did both Gary Longland and Gilbert with two singles apiece.

The Junior 'A' after a promising start to the season lost to both Essex II and Hertfordshire.

The Junior 'B' team picked up their first point of the season in a draw with Somerset. Graham Pointer and Tony Palaczky each won a singles as did Maria McCabe and Beverley Nicholson who combined to win the girls' doubles.

A disaster in their final match against Dorset I by 2-7 cost the veterans' 'A' team the championship of the west division. To add salt to the wounds two leading Dorset players Cyril Bush and Joyce Coop are ex Hampshire players!

The Veteran 'B' team after a 1-8 reversal against Middlesex had a good 6-4 win over a weakened Kent team with Danny Allen and Mike Barrett each winning two singles. Danny combined with wife Mai to win the mixed and Mike partnered Maurie Shave to win the men's doubles.

The Hampshire Schools Team competition winners were:-

U-19 Boys'

Portsmouth Grammar School
(Russell Yearworth, Tim Farmer, Steve Kneller, Julian Richards).

U-19 Girls'

Itchen College, Southampton
(S. Brewer, T. Jupp, J. Andrews, T. White).

U-16 Boys'

Fareham Park School
(Andy Broughton, John Goodyear, Paul

Finnegan, Jason Fall, Graham Toole).
U-16 Girls'
 Crofton School, Stubbington.
U-13 Boys'
 Glen Eyre School, Southampton.
 (S. Jackson, C. Hannides, T. Gray, N. May).
U-13 Girls'
 Crofton School, Stubbington.

In the individual championships the winners were:-

U-19 Boys'
 John Roberts (Southampton).
U-19 Girls'
 Susan Brewer (Southampton).
U-16 Boys'
 Graham Toole (Fareham).
U-16 Girls'
 Tracy Kneller (Portsmouth).
U-13 Boys'
 Christos Hannides (Southampton).
U-13 Girls'
 Sarah Hammond (Southampton).
U-11 Boys'
 Paul Whyton (Andover).
U-11 Girls'
 Sarah Winmill (Stubbington).

INTER-TOWN

The inter-town leagues ground to the end of the season with the usual indifference meaning several matches remaining unplayed and resulting in the H.T.T.A. declaring them void. Selectors these days have the job more of finding players prepared to turn out rather than choosing the best! A situation which must be considered by next season as the cost of running teams is a major expense of the competing towns.

Portsmouth pick up their first mixed division title since 1972/73 while Aldershot take the men's division championship for the first occasion since 1968/69 from Bournemouth. Aldershot beat Bournemouth 6-4 in the deciding match in this division.

Bournemouth 'A' regain the Junior Div. 1 leadership after a close dual with Southampton 'A'. Both teams remained unbeaten after a drawn match in their encounter earlier in the season. The second junior division was settled when Southampton 'A' beat their closest rivals the Isle of Wight 7-3. Portsmouth and Bournemouth appear to take it in turns to win the veteran 'A' division. This year it was Portsmouth 'A's' turn leading Bournemouth 'B' who were surprisingly ahead of their 'A' team. Southampton 'B' take the veteran 'B' division title.

Now a round up of the local leagues from whom I have received news. Firstly Bournemouth where sadly printing delays have meant I have only just received Harold Pearce's February "21 up" but Harold has kindly up dated me. Merton 'A', the unbeaten leaders of the Premier Division, are now certain of the championship from their traditional challengers Bournemouth Y.M.C.A., with Kinson 'B' the likely first division champions. In the Times Directory handicap cup competition Merton 'A' (-17) will meet Winton Y.M.C.A. (-13) in the final. I understand Tony Clayton and Simon Heaps now play in the Bournemouth League and with David Constance also around it is possible the team could have the basis of a National League Team. Also Julie Reading may well be back to Bournemouth after her studies in Sussex — what an asset she could be to the town and Hampshire next season.

In the Bournemouth individual championships almost 150 spectators at the finals night showed what an asset to an Association a staged event of this nature can be. Martin Abbott won three events, the men's singles, premier division, the men's doubles, with John Robinson. Ivy Kershaw won the women's singles and doubles with Betty Brislane. Sally New and David Woodcock won the mixed. What a day for young Mark Werner winning four events, the first division, the U-15 and U-17 as well as the handicap which he won 31-29 in the third against M Toole. As usual the tournament was in the capable hands of referee Bob

Hudson. I understand the Bournemouth chairman Dickie Brooks is retiring from the chair at the end of the season. What a debut of gratitude the Association must owe to him for over 20 years of dedicated service!

In Gosport a close Div. 1 championship finished with Generation II winning the title for the third successive time with Graham Toole missing only one match and having an unbeaten record. He was supported by John Dubber and Andy Broughton. Fleetlands Wasps after leading for most of the season just pipped their clubmates, the Gazelles, for runners-up spot.

In the closed tournament the star was 19-year-old Steve Billmore. Without the benefit of coaching or centre of excellence play Steve has come through purely on endeavour and dedication added to his obvious natural ability. He comfortably beat Broughton 8, 4 in the final of the men's singles. Andy was also on the wrong end of a final defeat in the Juniors by Graham Toole and the doubles when partnered by Toole he lost to Tony Holt and Alan Long. Brian Pitcher won the veterans and combined with Di Winmill to win the mixed. Jo Richards beat Thora Arthur to win the women's singles.

Probably my last opportunity of reporting on Isle of Wight affairs before they go their separate way. They are an association who have in the past fed me information for my notes and I would like to thank John Prean in particular for his help in this respect. Champions for the last six years Ryde were pipped for the first division title by Columbia 'B'. Rose Grimaldi, Maurice Feen and Paul Morton were the backbone of this team with Carl Prean, who only played about half the matches, remaining unbeaten. Carl retained both the men's and Junior singles titles but in the men's he was taken to 18 in the third by the county veteran champion Jim Daley. Carl partnered by Paul Morton ended the long reign of Steve Harris and Jim Daley in the men's doubles. Rose Grimaldi retained her women's singles title for the sixth time and combined with Steve Harris to win the mixed. Jill Fothergill and Mary Wheeler beat the many times winners of the women's doubles title Rose Grimaldi and Joy Batten.

In Portsmouth a good entry of 62 in the men's singles with champion Alan Wilcocks going out -14, 24, -18 to Serina Sinanan, the Hampshire women's No. 1! They must have some strange rules in Portsmouth but clearly none of them involve a physical! However brother Miki came to the rescue of all M.C.P.'s by knocking Serina out in the quarter-finals.

Last season's finalist Stuart Langridge also made an early exit to Billmore who went on to beat Tim Farmer in the quarters. At that stage Ray Lush beat Adrian Lee and Steve Kitcher beat VRS team mate Bob Cox. Probably the best set up of the day was the semi-final win of Miki Sinanan over Billmore 17 -24, 20. Kitcher had a comfortable 13, 12 win over Lush in the semi and an equally convincing 11, 11 win over Sinanan in the final. The women's entry of only nine was sensibly the P.T.T.A.'s reason for allowing Miss Sinanan to enter the men's event as clearly she is in a class of her own. Angie Gilbert reached the final with an 18, 13 win over junior Tracy Kneller while Serina beat H. Clemmett 12, 17. The final resulted in Serina retaining her title with a 4, 14 victory.

Kitcher added two more titles to his record with a men's doubles victory with Bob Cox over Steve Barker and Miki Sinanan. Not a good day for Miki — three final appearances and three runners-up medals! With the two top county women on the same side of the net, not surprisingly Angie Gilbert and Serina Sinanan had little difficulty in winning the women's doubles. A. Billmore and H. Wood being their final opponents. Toole beat Broughton for the

junior title while Ged Holly inflicted a rare veterans defeat on Lush. De la Rue (Martin Gilbert, George Clay and Len Plant) registered their sixth successive first division title after a 7-3 victory over their close rivals VRS. Kitcher retained his 100% record for VRS in this match; his team mates could not win the other two sets needed to gain the draw which would have given them the title.

DISAPPOINTING

A disappointing entry for the Southampton closed with only 54 men's singles entrants. A financial disaster for the S.T.T.A. with the lack of entries combined with higher rent and table transport costs meaning this tournament must be completely re-thought before next season. Few surprises in the top half of the men's singles with champion Martin Abbott and No. 3 seed John Robinson reaching the semi. County No. 2 Wilshere made an early exit to veteran George Philpott. John Summerbell the No. 4 seed also reached his allotted semi-final place but the nigger in the woodpile from the seeders point of view was Chris Shetler who put out No. 2 seed Kitcher in the quarters. In the semis Abbott beat Robinson 12, 23 while Shetler after dropping the first game at eight to Summerbell won the next two 17 16. He led 9-1, 15-7 in the second to make a third game look a certainty but it was not to be and he lost at 17. What a player Shetler is and what an example of fighting play for any youngster. Chris has hardly played this season yet he comes back to win his first Southampton title since the 1972/73 season. As with Portsmouth the women's was, if she will pardon the expression, another one horse race, with Serina Sinanan not dropping a game in winning her first Southampton title. Her final victory was 16, 12 over Leslie Jerram.

Shetler gained his second title when he combined with Gary Longland to beat Wilshere and Summerbell 14, 11 in the men's doubles final. Ann Longland and Leslie Jerram, beat Barbara Byron and V. Matthews in the women's doubles 13, 11. John Roberts beat Graham Pointer 14, -20, 9 to win the juniors while Maurice Shave had a good day in the veterans beating Philpott in the semi and Norman Staggs 10, -18, 16 in the final.

The divisional champions were Shetler (Premier), Jeff Brixton (first), R. Svendsen (2nd), R. Hayes (3rd), K. Hewitt (4th), T. Witt (5th), D. Jacobs (6th).

In the Southampton Premier Division Snobs 'A' pipped champions Lyndhurst 'A'. The drawn match at the end of the season being sufficient to give them the title. I was pleased to see the young Alpha 'D' team take the first division championship and again a draw with their closest rivals GPO 'A', keeping them at the top. In the Masters (over-50) tournament champion Ken Palmer went out to Stan Mahood who went on to win the title with a final 18, 18 victory over Ken Miles.

With the finals not being held until May I cannot give you the results of the Winchester Closed Tournament. However top seeds Wilshere and Summerbell will contest the men's singles final. Strange events in the junior singles, Roberts, who has represented Hampshire Juniors all season, was told after reaching the semi-final he was over age and was scratched. It appears the Winchester Association have different rules to the I.T.T.F. and have a qualifying date for juniors of Oct. 1 instead of June 30. Should one ask Winchester to get in line or the I.T.T.F.?

It looks as if Winnall 'A' will retain their Div. 1 title after thrashing their nearest rivals Hursley 'A' 9-1. They lost in the first half to Hursley who blew their chance of the title by drawing with lowly IBM who had brought in two star players especially for the match! I am all in favour of strong players appearing in a minor league like Winchester but only if they play regularly — that can only strengthen the standard.

Occasional appearances like this ruin the league!

Finally the commercial! The four T's One-Star Tournament will be held at Southampton University on Sunday, Sept. 21. Entry forms from Mr. R. Bennett, 54 Brookwood Road, Millbrook, Southampton to be returned by Sept. 2. Book early to avoid disappointment!

BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Dimmock

PREMIER SIDE

The County teams completed their fixtures on a positive note by taking six points from a possible ten. The first team however continues to find the going tough and were beaten by a very strong Suffolk team 10-0. The 2nds collected two points from Suffolk and in their final match against neighbouring Hertfordshire lost 3-7. Dave Sharpe played well to beat T. Pleasance "deuce" in the 3rd, this reversed a scoreline in which the same player had previously beaten Dave Cartwright. Julie Dimmock won her singles and with Dawn Campbell won the doubles. Dawn very nearly won her singles losing -17 in the third.

The Junior 2nds had a good win against Norfolk 6-4. Russell Beard who has had a successful season winning twice. Steve Barratt who is now beginning to make his presence felt in the local leagues, also chipped in with a win. The girls Julie Miles and Mary Jarrett kept up their tradition by winning all their sets. We must be the envy of many counties with our wealth of talent!

The Junior first team continued their excellent run by defeating Nottinghamshire 7-3. The boys Sharpe, I. Doughty and C. Luscombe all won a singles and the combination of Sharpe and Luscombe convincingly won the doubles. Jackie Bellinger and Julie Dimmock completed the result by winning their singles and doubles in straight games.

This result against Notts ensured that we finished third in the division and we hoped an outside chance of an invitation to the play-offs. We were not disappointed for Cambs, who finished top of the table decided they had insufficient depth of talent for Premier Division table tennis next season and the Beds invitation duly came.

At the play-offs, held in Cheshire, we were face to face with such teams as Kent, Bucks and Lancashire. In our first match, against Kent, we were beaten 7-3 a result that in some respect did not reflect how close the games were. The girls Jackie and Lisa Bellinger won all their sets and the boys with a little more fortune on their side could have reversed the score, but all credit to Kent, they kept their heads when the pressure was on.

Bucks, our next opponents, were expected to be our toughest hurdle but the team rose to the occasion and pulled off a fine result by winning 6-4. Colin Luscombe won twice and Sharpe once and, as expected, the Bellinger sisters took the three girls' sets and a memorable result was recorded. The situation was now tense, all four teams had won once, so it was going to be the final day that really counted.

Lancashire, our opponents, were going to be difficult to beat, since we could not bank on our girls to take their sets. The reason Joy Grundy and Jean Parker who are ranked above the Beds girls and had beaten them very recently. They also had Paul Rainford who is ranked No. 7 in the E.T.T.A. listings.

The atmosphere was tense and dramatic as the match was played and you've guessed we won. With good wins by Jackie and Lisa

in all their sets and by Sharpe, who recorded a fine win over Rainford, and Luscombe who won twice showing the character that we know they possess. Premier Division here we come!

One point that is worth mentioning is the expense. Surely the E.T.T.A. could give the teams some financial help on this special occasion. The Bedfordshire funds became of negative value — but it was worth it.

The County closed tournament was once again held in the Vauxhall Motors Canteen and we thank them for offering us these very fine facilities. A smaller than usual entry was received but it was a successful day well organised by G. Hammond and K. Beddall.

Peter Taylor was never really extended by Steve Barby in the men's singles final showing uncanny anticipation which gives him ample time to return the ball in a most relaxed and casual manner. What an asset he will be next season if he decides to make a return to County play.

In the women's final, experience overcame youth, Barbara Hammond beating Julie Dimmock showing that her defensive style combined with sound tactics still makes her a very good player. The veterans' final saw Jim Wooliscroft, after convincingly beating D. Holden in the semis, at last overcoming the "chop" and forehand smashes from the "killer" rubbers of Ron Chambers.

In the boys' singles final we saw a very exciting set between Sharpe and Luscombe with fortunes swinging in both directions before David triumphed in the end. In the girls' final the general steadiness and counter hitting of Julie Dimmock overcame the all-out aggression of Julie Miles.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

P. Taylor bt D. Beddall 10, 8;
S. Barby bt J. Wooliscroft 12, 11.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Barby 10, 8.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

B. Hammond bt D. Campbell 16, 15;
J. Dimmock bt J. Miles 13, 12.

Final:

HAMMOND bt Dimmock 19, 17.

Veteran Singles:

WOOLISCROFT bt R. Chambers -18, 15, 13.

Mixed Doubles:

BARBY/MILES bt D. Cartwright/Hammond 14, 19.

Men's Doubles:

TAYLOR/K. THOMPSON bt I. Doughty/B. Ingram 11, 18.

Women's Doubles:

A. & L. ROBINSON bt Dimmock/Hammond 14, -18, 18.

Boys' Singles:

D. SHARPE bt C. Luscombe -18, 15, 15.

Girls' Singles:

DIMMOCK bt Miles 16, 6.

Junior Mixed Doubles:

DOUGHTY/DIMMOCK bt P. Edwards/J. Doughty 8, 8.

Boys' Doubles:

LUSCOMBE/SHARPE bt R. Beard/A. Fordham 14, 14.

Consolation Boys' Singles:

I. DOUGHTY bt A. James 12, 18.

Consolation Girls' Singles:

M. JARRETT bt L. Robins 7, 18.

Consolation Boys' Doubles:

S. CARTWRIGHT/DOUGHTY bt James/N. Starkey 18, 10.

At the recent Reading Junior tournament Lisa Bellinger was in devastating form beating Helen Bardwell in the cadet girls' final, partnering Amanda Judd to success in the cadet girls' doubles, and her sister Jackie to victory in the girls' doubles. All this and also reaching the quarters of the girls' singles where it took none other than the eventual winner, Alison Gordon, to prevent Lisa making a clean sweep.

The Dunstable girls moved another step towards reaching the final of the Bromfield Trophy competition by beating Nottingham 6-3. Jackie Bellinger and Julie Dimmock won their singles but it was encouraging to

see yet another promising youngster Mary Jarrett playing with such confidence. Mary could quite easily have won twice losing at "deuce" twice. The Dunstable League are holding their Annual Dance and Presentation of Trophies on June 7. Tickets are available to all T.T. players and I am assured that the price offers excellent value for money.

NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

An epic finish between hosts Wellingborough and holders Northampton confirmed the first single — weekend staging of the Northamptonshire County League, as an unqualified success at the Queensway Hall.

Ten matches were played at the two-table venue, and it was not until the final rallies were concluded late on Sunday evening that the destiny of this year's trophy was decided.

In the final encounter Wellingborough's Dave Marsh and former Middlesex county cricketer Keith Jones of Northampton carried the hopes of their respective side after both had suffered an unhappy time in previous games.

Ultimately it was Marsh who knew too much for his opponent in attack and defence, and so clinched Wellingborough's first County League success since its reconstitution, and at the same time halted Northampton's run of three successive titles.

Marsh then had the honour of leading Wellingborough up to collect their awards from England international Alan Hydes, President of the Northants County Table Tennis Association, while Roy Blackmore, manager of the local Trustee Savings Bank, which sponsored the event, received a special award from the association for services rendered to local table tennis during the three years of T.S.B. sponsorship.

Although Marsh kept his nerve to claim the final glory, Wellingborough's splendid triumph was almost entirely due to Mandy Wallis whose magnificent achievement included the winning of all her singles sets against Northampton, Kettering, Towcester and Daventry, and seven of the eight doubles events in which she participated.

Earlier Wellingborough's shortage of players for the men's events had looked likely to cost them the title but, despite the enforced absence of Gary Alden, they surged on to victory with useful contributions from Graham Feakin and Richard Malfait, who both won three of their four games, while Mick Hawes, rested until the final confrontation, beat county pair Romano and David Gallo, before joining brother Alan to take the men's doubles.

Juniors Graeme McKim and Neil Knott were unbeaten for Northampton but disappointing performances from Tim Chamberlain and Jones were their undoing.

Kettering who finished just two points behind the leaders, became the only team to complete a clean sweep when they destroyed Daventry without trace. Additionally Kettering's male trio of Keith Nicoll — the only man to preserve an unbeaten record — Ken Nicoll and John Sanders were surprisingly much the strongest of the men's teams on view, winning 17 of their 24 singles, three more than Northampton and four more than Wellingborough.

Towcester's Brian Wooding was another player to emerge with an enhanced reputation, as he conducted a one man show with a six out of eight singles return.

RESULTS:

Kettering 5 Wellingborough 6

Northampton 9 Towcester 2
 Wellingborough 9 Towcester 2
 Daventry 3 Northampton 8
 Towcester 2 Kettering 9
 Wellingborough 9 Daventry 2
 Kettering 3 Northampton 8
 Towcester 6 Daventry 5
 Daventry 0 Kettering 11
 Wellingborough 6 Northampton 5

Detailed Scores:

(Wellingborough names first)

D. Marsh lost to D. Gallo -17, 14, -18;
 bt K. Jones 13, 14.

M. Hawes bt D. Gallo -16, 6, 19;
 bt R. Gallo 20, -15, 19.

A. Hawes lost to Jones -11, -14;
 lost to R. Gallo -16, -18.

M. Wallis bt S. Lines -21, 12, 12.

I. Hawes lost to N. Knott 9, -17, -17.

Wallis/I. Hawes bt Lines/Knott -16, 22, 13.

Wallis/Marsh lost to Lines/R. Gallo
 11, -13, -15.

M. Hawes/A. Hawes bt D. Gallo/Jones
 -19, 8, 15.

Final League Table

	P	W	L	P
Wellingborough	4	4	0	30
Northampton	4	3	1	30
Kettering	4	2	2	28
Towcester	4	1	3	12
Daventry	4	0	4	10

News from the leagues is customarily quiet, but Rothborough 'A' are certain to remain as Wellingborough's top team after winning the newly established Premier Division, even without the services of Gary Alden while at the last count, Y.M.C.A. 'A' seemed likely to retain their title at Northampton.

It was the same story at Kettering where an ever present Dennis Millman, combined with any two of the talented threesome John Palmer, John Sanders and Chris Handshaw, to take a fifth consecutive Premier Division title for Kettering Town 'A' with the final league table as follows.

	P	W	D	L	P
Kettering Town 'A' ...	20	20	0	0	171
Rothborough 'A'	20	18	0	2	150
Electricity 'A'	20	12	3	5	120

Although Rothborough finished second best on this occasion, the club had an outstanding season for in addition to winning the Wellingborough Premier, their sides in the Kettering League won the Borough Trophy, the Points Cup and the Second Division and also provided the runners-up in First and Second Divisions.

Another significant factor in the Kettering League saw teams entirely composed of teenagers take the First, Second, Third and Fourth Division titles, but strangely for an outfit so involved with youngsters, the Rothborough Invitation Handicap Tournament was dominated by Shirley Everard, who won both Singles and Doubles events in a competition for once without any semblance of publicity. Shirley who has played for the Kettering Town club for thirty years, and has served both club and league in many capacities, certainly deserves her success.

When I began my opening notes of the season with - "Another season dawns, with the usual teething troubles rapidly being swept aside by the enthusiasm of dedicated officials, who keep the game alive in this, and every other county", - I was not to know that the troubles would persist throughout the year, and that at the end of it, most of those dedicated officials would be tendering their resignation at the Annual General Meeting, due to take place at Kettering Recreation Centre on Thursday, May 22. Let all those interested in Northamptonshire Table Tennis either take the initiative in their own hands, or alternatively fervently pray that some more public spirited enthusiasts will come to the rescue, before all is lost.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Mary I. Rose

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The Warwickshire Closed Championships held at the Rover Co., Solihull was a most enjoyable and successful event which, as usual, produced its surprises. Many of the Juniors competing must have given the County Selectors hope for the future as there were many fine performances from our younger players.

The entry for all events was very high and unfortunately many of the Senior Finals had to be held over. However, all have now been played the results being:-

Men's Singles:

P. Glynn bt R. Gunnion 17, 19.

Women's Singles:

S. Peakman bt K. Groves -12, 18, 22.

Men's Doubles:

B. Hayward/B. Johnson bt Hon Kin NG/
 P. Judd -13, 15, 12.

Women's Doubles:

Groves/D. Hardy bt J. Harper/Peakman.

Mixed Doubles:

Glynn/Hardy bt L. Bertie/Peakman 19, 17.

Boys' Singles:

A. Pilgrim bt K. Grundy.

Girls' Singles:

Peakman bt L. Brison.

Boys' Doubles:

Grundy/Pilgrim bt I. Gunn/D. Rudge.

Girls' Doubles:

Brison/J. Green bt T. Jones/Peakman.

Consolation Boys' Singles:

P. Gunn bt S. Bertie.

Consolation Girls' Singles:

F. Sutton bt M. McHayle.

Veteran Singles:

A. Sutton bt T. Bache.

An interesting point from the finals was that whilst Arthur Sutton was winning the Veterans' final, his daughter Fiona was winning the cadet girls' singles - a fine family performance. The girls' singles final was a most exciting contest and Lynn Brison of Leamington played very well in taking the County No. 1 Junior. Sandra Peakman (B'gham) to three games. Well done Lynn and thanks for a nail-biting final girls.

Pat Glynn retained his Warwickshire title and congratulations to Sandra Peakman, the County No. 1 Junior who defeated Karen Groves, the County No. 1 senior in the women's final.

April was certainly a very happy month for Pat Glynn as he also retained his Birmingham Closed singles title, defeating Barry Hayward 14, -18, 14 in the final. The women's singles title was won by Janet Carr who beat Karen Groves 21, 12 in the final. Other results in the B'gham Closed were:-

Men's Doubles:

Hon Kin NG/P. Judd bt K. Ashman/Glynn
 18, -14, 14.

Women's Doubles:

J. Harper/S. Peakman bt J. Harris/Groves
 14, -19, 11.

Mixed Doubles:

Hon Kim NG/Harper bt L. Bertie/Peakman
 11, 18.

Veteran Singles:

B. Belcher bt A. Sutton -18, 18, 17.

Boys' Singles:

R. Lewis bt K. Grundy 15, 12.

Girls' Singles:

Harris bt Peakman 10, 6.

Consolation Boys' Singles:

P. Gunn bt T. Duncan -16, 18, 13.

Consolation Girls' Singles:

F. Sutton bt D. Bromley 13, 11.

Boys' Doubles:

Lewis/R. Young bt Grundy/C. Morgan
 19, -12, 18.

Girls' Doubles:

Harris/Peakman bt P. Earp/J. Jones 11, 17.

The County teams have now completed their fixtures, the Premier team finishing 5th. It has been a reasonably successful season for our teams, the Junior 2 Midland side finishing in second place.

WARWICKS CLUB COMPETITION

The final of this competition was held at the West Warwickshire Club between Longacre "A" (B'gham) and GEC "B" (Coventry). The match was played in a most competitive but sporting manner, enjoyed both by players and spectators alike. The Competition is run on a Closed Handicap basis so every point was strongly contested. Longacre finished with a total of 378 points, GEC - 144 points and received 198 points which made a total of 342. Longacre winning by just 36 pts. "Man of the match" was Cliff Benson of Longacre who won one game 21-1 and his points over the whole match totalled 98 for his team, a great effort.

WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

With only one or two matches still to be played there is no doubt that the league has been won by Birmingham. Due to ever increasing commitments it is hoped to re-organise this competition next season so that matches could be played over two weekends.

COACHING

The Warwicks Coaching Committee have run a series of Sunday coaching sessions for the 24 most promising youngsters (under-16) and have been very pleased with the improvement which showed up well in the last series of county matches. Next season this policy will continue with the possibility of a weekend at Lilleshall, hopefully with Bryan Merrett in charge. Before leaving the coaching scene our congratulations are extended to John Taylor (County Coaching Sec.) on his marriage to Caroline at Solihull.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Birmingham's Sun Life Second City team competing in Div. 2 of the National League played their most important match of the season at the West Warwickshire Club when they entertained Unity (Bradford) the only team to have beaten them. We had to win this match to stand any chance of competing in the Premier Division next season.

Unfortunately our team of Andrew Bellingham, Pat Glynn, Derek Munt and Barry Johnson were beaten 5-4 with Barry going down 20-22 to Tony Bottomley in the third game of the ninth set.

COVENTRY 1-STAR OPEN

Barry Johnson was again on the wrong end of a 10, 18 scoreline against Malcolm Francis of Sussex in the final of the men's singles in the Coventry 1-Star Open.

Karen Groves reached the final of the women's singles without dropping a game, but No. 2 seed Eileen Shaler (Oxford) fell to young Eleanor Hughes of Oxford. Miss Hughes showed maturity beyond her years with a scintillating display against Karen in the final and hit her off 20, 11 to clinch a superb victory.

COVENTRY CLOSED

Chris Martin is the Coventry League's men's singles champion winning the title for the first time in a pulsating final against John Green at Dunlop Social Club. Martin produced the shock result in beating hot favourite Kevin Pilgrim in the semis. Madge Lasek showed no lack of concentration in beating 13-years-old Melanie McHayle 11, 10 in the women's singles final. Results in the other finals were:-

Men's Doubles:

A. Pilgrim/K. Pilgrim bt C. Hughes/D. Ward.

Mixed Doubles:

A. Pilgrim/A. Nash bt F. and M. Lasek.

CLWYD REPORT

by Roy Williams

RHYL RETAIN TITLE

Rhyl retained their championship title of the Welsh League (North) after a close tussle with runners-up East Flintshire. Keith Fitzsimmons (Rhyl) topped the averages from Derek Stanfield (East Flint) with 83.3%.

In the Veterans' Division Llandudno just pipped Rhyl and Wrexham to also retain their title. Anglesey's Don Hobbs won the averages with a 100% return, followed by Roy Williams (Rhyl) and Jim Bushton (Wrexham) both with 88.9%.

Wrexham, unbeaten, won the Junior Division and looked winners all the way. M. D. Jones topped the averages with 100% with Wrexham teammate S. Roberts on 95%. East Flint won the depleted Women's Division.

Llandudno's Les Jones, who was press-ganged into the job of Secretary is to be congratulated on his first season running the competition.

HARD BAT TOURNAMENT

The Rhyl Hard Bat tournament was held for the first time at the Coventry Co-op Holiday Camp, Kinnel Bay and proved to be a great success. The first winner of the Malcolm Hook Trophy was Mark Kane (RAFA), a sandwich bat player, who beat Howard Green (Prestatyn Tennis) in a very good final that went to three games. In the semis, Mark defeated Malcolm Hook whilst Green beat Rhyl Rugby captain Stan Liptrot. The earlier rounds had been played in four sections each winner gaining a semi-final place.

FINAL TABLES (leading positions)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Men's Division							
RHYL	10	10	0	0	76	24	20
East Flint	10	8	0	2	66	34	16
Llandudno	10	6	0	4	48	52	12
Wrexham	10	4	0	6	44	56	8
Junior Division							
WREXHAM	14	14	0	0	118	22	28
East Flint	14	10	2	2	110	30	22
Llandudno	14	8	4	2	92	48	20
Anglesey	14	6	0	8	60	80	12
Veteran Division							
LLANDUDNO	12	8	2	2	78	42	18
Rhyl	12	8	0	4	80	40	16
Wrexham	12	8	0	4	62	58	16
Anglesey	12	6	2	4	58	62	14
Women's Division							
EAST FLINT	4	2	2	0	30	10	6
East Flint II	4	2	0	2	12	28	4
Wrexham	4	0	2	2	18	22	2

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

ALL IS NOT GLOOM

The two final first team county fixtures have been completed and once again Berkshire stand on the brink of the Premier Division. Our march to the championship of Div. 2 West received a temporary setback at the hands of Somerset, where we were a little fortunate to come away with a point.

Caroline Reeves and Alison Gordon played well in this match as did our Belgian friend Phillipe Quoilin whose singles victory proved to be so valuable. The squad were almost back to full strength when we entertained Wiltshire, and from the first game onwards there was little doubt that Berkshire were going to achieve a handsome victory and so clinch the title.

The second team completed their fixtures with a visit to Oxford and were soundly beaten, only veteran Mick Dean scoring a victory. The Junior second team, also weakened by team calls elsewhere, went down to the Oxford junior first team by 1-9 on the same day. Our solitary win here was by Shane Kirton.

The veterans have fielded a settled side most of the season and expertise plus a fine team spirit has brought gratifying results. They finished as runners-up to Essex, and such is the interest and enthusiasm shown that they could go one better next season.

To sum up then, Berkshire had a fair season from a playing point of view but

from an administrative aspect there have been many and varied problems. With so many of our star players committed to tournaments and National League matches most weekends, it has proved extremely difficult to select a settled, and at times adequate line-up. With the increase in fees that all players will inevitably have to pay next season, the play-for-fun, grass roots player from Division VI is entitled to ask whether he is getting full value for money from County play. It is refreshing in these times of galloping inflation, where a number of our players seem to put loot before loyalty, that our veterans' team have come forward and offered to pay for the privilege of representing their county.

Finally all is not gloom on the County scene, for although our junior squad were relegated, there is infinite promise here for the future. The County believe we have possibly the most promising 11-year-old in England in Jimmy Stokes. Jimmy has won both the Kent and Cleveland titles this season and provided progress and enthusiasm are maintained, will surely reach the top. Congratulations also to Jenny Collins who has made her name known outside the county with a series of fine wins.

Another youngster to take the county by storm has been Sue Collier from Maidenhead who has won most of the local titles available to her this season. With the marked improvement shown by Iain Fullerton and Simon Rowland the county can look forward with confidence to a successful campaign next season.

In the inter-town championships Reading retained their title. Final placings were Reading 17 pts., Maidenhead 13, Newbury 12, Bracknell 11, Slough 8 and Didcott 6. Leading players were 12-0 G. Davies (Reading), 11-1 S. Kirton (Bracknell), 9-1 S. Kilford (Reading) and B. Halliday (Bracknell), 8-0 C. Reeves (Newbury), P. Halliday, J. Stokes Jr., M. Childs, R. Rowlands (all Reading), P. Andrews and M. Andrews (Bracknell), 6-0 S. Heaps, A. Wellman, S. Harmer, J. Stokes (all Reading), J. Barton (Slough).

Andy Wellman from Reading's Omega club won the men's singles title at the Berkshire Closed Championship, he beat Simon Heaps with something to spare and then for good measure won the U-21 title, completely mastering the defensive wiles of David Barr by single figure scores.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

S. Heaps bt D. Barr 13, 13;
A. Wellman bt S. Harmer 11, 16.

Final:

WELLMAN bt Heaps 16, 13.

Women's Singles:

C. REEVES bt A. Burke 5, 13.

Men's Doubles:

BARR/D. REEVES bt Harmer/Wellman 17, -10, 15.

Women's Doubles:

S. COLLIER/J. COLLINS bt S. Blackburn/A. Shaw 12, 11.

U-21:

WELLMAN bt Barr 9, 8.

Boys' Singles:

I. FULLERTON bt J. Stokes 5, 12.

Girls' Singles:

COLLIER bt Burke 9, 15.

Boys' Doubles:

S. COULSON/FULLERTON bt M. Barr/T. Simmons 15, -14, 16.

Girls' Doubles:

COLLIER/COLLINS bt R. Champion/L. Green 19, 13.

Consolation Boys':

M. CHILDS bt Stokes 13, 11.

Consolation Girls':

COLLIER bt Green 14, 10.

Veteran Singles:

C. DYKE bt E. Cripps 14, 15.

READING CLOSED

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Mens' Singles Semi-finals:

Wellman bt Stokes 11, 16;
Heaps bt Harmer -21, 17, 22.

Final:

Wellman bt Heaps 15, 15.

Women's Singles:

Collins bt Burke 5, 17.

Men's Doubles:

Harmer/Wellman bt Childs/P. Halliday 18, 10.

Mixed Doubles:

Harmer/Collier bt Stokes, Snr./Collins -19, 13, 14.

Veteran Singles:

Dyke bt Cripps 18, -18, 16.

Boys' Singles:

Fullerton bt Stokes 11, 12.

Girls' Singles:

Burke bt Collins 16, -14, 12.

Boys' Singles (U-15):

Fullerton bt P. Halliday 18, 12.

Girls' Singles (U-15):

Collier bt Green 18, 19.

Boys' Singles (U-13):

Stokes bt A. Syed 17, 14.

Boys' Singles (U-11):

Stokes bt Syed 11, 18.

Girls' Singles (U-11):

K. Ledger bt K. Nixon 15, 17.

Boys' Doubles:

S. Rowland/Stokes bt Champion/Kirton 11, 15.

Divisional Champions:

II—S. Everard, III—R. Hambridge,
IV—T. Webb, V—P. Collins,
VI—R. Elmore, YOUTH—R. Champion,
Senior Vets—V. Harding.

MAIDENHEAD CLOSED

(Sponsored by the South of England Building Society)

Mens' Singles Semi-finals:

D. Gloster bt Fullerton -18, 19, 14;
Coulson bt D. Tasker 17, 19.

Final:

Gloster bt Coulson 8, 6.

Women's Singles:

Collier bt Blackburn 16, 13.

Men's Doubles:

Fullerton/Gloster bt F. Earis/D. Pountney 19, 14.

Women's Doubles:

Blackburn/Collier bt R. Egby/A. Finlay -18, 11, 14.

Mixed Doubles:

Fullerton/J. Gloster bt D. Henry/C. Webb 20, 14.

Boys' Singles:

Fullerton bt Coulson 10, 8.

Girls' Singles:

Collier bt Blackburn 16, 18.

Veteran Singles:

M. Dean bt Dyke 15, 11.

Divisional Champions:

I—G. Davis, II—J. Lloyd, III—P. Spooner,
IV—M. Ash, V—S. Newbold,
VI—P. Bennett.

The local leagues in Berkshire will be holding their A.G.M.s in May and it is virtually certain that swingeing increases in fees will have to be agreed if table tennis is to survive in its present form. Among the many proposals for fee increases there is an interesting suggestion coming before the Newbury A.G.M. There is a move here to form an elite Premier Division of half a dozen 'super' clubs in an endeavour to attract star players from the Reading and Maidenhead areas. Opinion on this controversial issue is divided and a lively A.G.M. is expected on May 29.

Congratulations to Omega "A" and Wokingham "A" who have won the 1st Division championships of the Reading and Bracknell leagues respectively. Legion Tigers appear to have the Maidenhead League title sewn up.

The County have issued their final ranking list of the season. The major changes are in the men's list where Wellman reverts to No. 1 and Barr slips to No. 3. Heaps is back at No. 2 and Dave Reeves moves above Jim Stokes to No. 4. The most significant jump is by 15-year-old Iain Fullerton who moves from 14 to 9. In the women's list it is much the same as before but Alison Burke is back in favour at No. 4 at the expense of Jenny Collins.

There are wholesale changes in the Boys' list. Fullerton takes over the No. 1 spot. Simon Rowland moves up from 5 to 2 and Jimmy Stokes from 6 to 3. Shane Kirton is up to No. 4 and M. Childs leaps 5 places to No. 5. Simon Coulson slips three places to No. 6 and Michael Barr moves from No. 4 to No. 11 after what for him has been a rather indifferent spell. In the Veterans' list Colin Dyke moves up to take the No. 4 spot after an impressive run of local successes.

AVON NOTES

by Robert Oldfield

TWO TRIPLE CHAMPIONS

Held at Worle School, Weston-super-Mare on Sunday, April 20, the County Closed Championships ended with two junior triple champions, Andy Creed and Tina Shortman. With Avon No. 1, Martyn Smith, out due to the after-effects of glandular fever, Creed looked a good bet for a clean sweep in all five of his events but, at the start of the finals session, Paul Jackson gained revenge for his two defeats in the recent Bristol Championships by capturing the boys' singles title. Undaunted, Andy recovered to take the junior doubles with Terry Luxton and the men's with yours truly at the expense of his clubmates, Tony Brown and Paul Jackson. By this time Andy was shattered, so Tina Shortman (and her partner!) were able to capitalise on this for a "deuce"-in-the-third win in the mixed. Tina then took the women's singles to add to the junior girls' title and Andy encountered little resistance in the men's singles final.

In the other events Mike Baker went home to Midsomer Norton with the Veterans' cup. Fortunately this does mean that he has to keep the trophy polished as everyone would know who was responsible if it appeared tarnished. The Bath ladies of Judy and Julie (Higgs and Cruse) won the women's doubles.

In the leagues, Weston YMCA had a double win with both the Bristol and the Weston titles, although fielding different teams in each. Only the Bristol League championships changed hands in fact, in the County's four leagues, with Fry's and YAA maintaining their dominance of the Bath and Mendip leagues respectively. Former Bristol champions, Failand, faded a little towards the end of the season — but not so much, I understand, thanks to the return to form of a slim-line Colin Feltham. Next season there could be a different story to relate as I hear that Totterdown YMCA are aiming to regain their former supremacy with a couple of discreet signings to join Martyn Smith. With Creed and Jackson playing for the same Knowle and Brislington team, I can safely predict that next year's title will go to the east side of the city.

In the Somerset and Avon League, Bridgewater won the Premier division, with Jill Green undefeated in both singles and doubles and Somerset county tennis player, Betty Norman, losing only one set. But a promising performance by Jill's young brother, David Wilson, who finished his first season with a very creditable 60% record. Promoted from the first division, Taunton will rejoin the top flight after many years absence and no doubt they will be joined the following season by Knowle and Brislington who are making their way through the league. In the Junior division, the rules not covering a games or points count-up in the event of a sets tie, the title will be shared this year with Bristol and Weston-super-Mare taking care of the trophy for six months each. Chris Ross passed the season undefeated for Bristol as did Rebecca Russe for the seaisiders.

Finally a note about champions past. I understand that Chris Sewell, having told everyone else 'to get knotted' in the past to

earn his living at table tennis in Germany, is intending to do the same to himself this summer. Good luck, and for your life in Deutschland next season.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

TITLES DECIDED

Although one or two matches remain outstanding in the County League, the divisional titles have all been decided. Wolverhampton 'A' have again topped Div. 1, but the runners-up position is still open with Stafford 'A', Wolverhampton 'B' and Potteries 'A' in contention. Stone 'A' are clear winners in Div. 2 with Wolverhampton 'C' runners-up, and Leek 'A', Wolverhampton 'E' and Bridgnorth 'A' head the remaining divisions respectively.

Leading positions:-

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton 'A' ...	5	5	0	35	10	10
Wolverhampton 'B' ...	6	4	2	24	30	8
Stafford 'A'	5	3	2	27	18	6

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stone 'A'	6	6	0	43	11	12
Wolverhampton 'C' ...	5	4	1	36	9	8
Walsall 'A'	5	3	2	25	20	6

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leek 'A'	6	5	1	0	42	18	11
Cannock 'B'	6	3	2	1	39	21	8
Leek 'B'	5	3	1	1	34	16	7

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton 'E'	6	6	0	0	53	7	12
Cannock 'C'	6	4	0	2	40	20	8
Lichfield 'A'	6	4	0	2	35	25	8

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth 'A'	7	7	0	0	64	6	14
Stafford 'D'	7	6	0	1	53	17	12
Stone 'C'	7	4	1	2	41	29	9

Some close results came in the finals of the Beattie Trophy, demonstrating the accuracy of the handicapping. In the semi-finals Stafford 'B' beat Lichfield 'A' by 25 points and Potteries 'A' just got the better of Bridgnorth 'A' by 12 points, and in the final Stafford 'B' ran out winners by 27. Congratulations to the Stafford team of Bill Bridgman, Paul Dilger and Alan Burgess, and especial thanks to Don Pritchard for organising the event so successfully.

The Annual General Meeting of the County Association will take place at Burton Manor, Stafford in the afternoon of Sunday, June 22nd. A good representation from the leagues within the County is required as there are a number of controversial issues to be discussed, including increased expenditure on extra teams in the County Championships.

EAST MIDLANDS CADETS

by Philip Reid

Coventry topped the East Midlands Cadet League when they beat Lincoln 7-3 in the final fixture. Stuart Worrell who has played magnificently throughout the season again won all three but lacked support. Coventry have picked regularly from a squad of five and clearly no league can match them in depth. Derby lost 4-6 to Nottingham but still finished above them in the chart with a superior sets average. A maximum by Dave Billings swayed things in Nottingham's favour including a surprisingly easy 14, 8 win over Alan Hearn who lost only four sets all season.

Leicester I had a surprising defeat by Loughborough, but there is little doubt the latter are a greatly improved team with Louise Forster and Paul Bumpus outstand-

ing. Even a maximum from David Aldwinckle failed to unsettle them. The rich potential of Andrew Allen and improved form of Wayne Harris and Richard Walker ensured they would finish in a reasonable position.

With Chris Bache and Dave Brearley both averaging over 50% Nuneaton are perhaps unlucky to find themselves so low in the chart.

Grantham were almost a "one-girl" team with Cathy Bryan winning nine of their 22 sets — could she be another Suzanne Hunt?

Leicester II? well the less said about them the better, but they must surely improve on this record next season if Leicester — the only town with two teams competing — enter two teams next season.

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

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coventry	9	9	0	0	78	12	18
Lincoln	9	7	1	1	63	27	15
Derby	9	6	1	2	64	26	13
Nottingham	9	6	1	2	53	37	13
Leicester I	9	4	1	4	46	44	9
Hinckley	9	4	0	5	46	44	8
Loughborough	9	3	0	6	35	55	6
Nuneaton	9	2	1	6	38	52	5
Grantham	9	1	1	7	22	68	3
Leicester II	9	0	0	9	5	85	0

LEADING AVERAGES

(Qualification - 5 matches)

	P	W	%
Stuart Worrell (Li)	27	27	100
Jaz Singh (Co)	24	22	92
Michael Thomas (Co) ...	18	16	89
Alan Hearn (De)	27	23	85
Dave Billings (No)	21	16	76
David Slack (De)	21	16	76
Michael Archer (No)	24	17	71
David Aldwinckle (Le) ...	27	18	67
Andy Allen (Hi)	27	18	67
Clive Geelan (Co)	15	10	67

NORTHUMBERLAND 2-STAR OPEN

NIGEL A WORTHY WINNER

by PAULINE JACKSON

England ranked No. 9 Nigel Eckersley was a worthy winner of the £110 Men's Singles prize in the Evening Chronicle Northumberland 2-Star Open at Concordia Leisure Centre, Cramlington, on April 26th.

His final opponent was Scotland's Keith Rodger who had ousted Welshman Alan Griffiths in two close games in the semi-final. The other semi-final completed a truly international line-up with the unseeded Chu Van Que, a recent arrival to this country from North Vietnam, whose systematic progress to this stage was stopped only by Eckersley.

In the counterpart women's event, England-ranked No. 12 Sally Midgley surprised her higher ranked opponents Carole Knight (7 and 17!) in the semi-final, and Melody Ludi in the final to carry off the winner's cheque for £50. However, Carole at least had the consolation of partnering Barbara Kearney to a good Women's Doubles final win over Melody and Sally.

The men's doubles was won by Lancastrians Tony Boasman and Phil Bowen over Griffiths and George Evans in three

hard fought games, while in the junior girls' event, a similar situation occurred with Helen Robinson eventually triumphing over Caron Buglass. The junior boys' singles produced a surprise, with Lindsay Taylor completely outclassing the higher-ranked Steve Brunskill to take this title.

We express our thanks to the Concordia management and staff for their help and co-operation, and special thanks also go to our tournament sponsors, the "Evening Chronicle", who make it possible for us to have a prize fund totalling £504.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Rodger (Sco) bt I. Svenson (Du) 12, 18;
A. Griffiths (Wal) bt K. Paxton (Cv) 11, 18;
Chu Van Que (Nd) bt D. McIlroy (Sco)

12, 13;
N. Eckersley (Ch) bt G. Evans (Wal) 12, 14.

Semi-finals:

Rodger bt Griffiths 18, 17;
Eckersley bt Chu Van Que 14, 14.

Final:

ECKERSLEY bt Rodger 11, 10.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Knight (Cv) bt P. Jackson (Nd) 13, 11;
S. Midgley (Y) bt A. Holden (Cv) 5, 5;
B. Kearney (Nd) bt K. Cheung (Nd)

16, -20, 19;
M. Ludi (Y) bt J. Smith (Du) -16, 11, 15.

Semi-finals:

Midgley bt Knight 7, 17;
Ludi bt Kearney 14, -17, 15.

Final:

MIDGLEY bt Ludi -13, 13, 16.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Evans/Griffiths bt A. Clark (Nd)/Eckersley
-17, 7, 18;

A. Boasman/P. Bowen (La) bt P. Gorman/
J. Scope (Nd) 12, 11.

Final:

BOASMAN/BOWEN bt Evans/Griffiths

14, -17, 18.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Ludi/Midgley bt C. Buglass/K. Cheung (Nd)
14, 9;
Kearney/Knight bt J. Drapkin/O. Drapkin
(Nd) 10, 11.

Final:

KEARNEY/KNIGHT bt Ludi/Midgley 22, 18.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Brunskill (Cv) bt G. Skipp (Cv) 19, 18;
I. McLean (Sco) bt M. McKay (Sco) 14, 20;
L. Taylor (Cv) bt G. Walker (Cv) 17, -10, 15;
J. Burke (Nd) bt D. Fletcher (Sco)

Semi-finals:

Brunskill bt McLean 14, 13;
Taylor bt Burke 14, 15.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Brunskill 12, 11.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

H. Robinson (Cv) bt V. Wilson (Y) 15, 8;

C. Buglass (Nd) bt A. Curie (D) 14, 8.

Final:

ROBINSON bt Buglass -18, 13, 18.

BEDFORD 1-STAR

Peter Taylor was the winner of the men's singles title in the Bedford 1-Star, played on Apl. 13, his final victim being Mick Harper. In the semis Harper ousted the top seed Keith Richardson whilst Taylor disposed of the No. 2 seed Kevin Caldon. Elaine Sayer won the women's singles title beating Amanda Judd.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

M. Harper (Ca) bt K. Richardson (Ca)

-11, 14, 20.

P. Taylor (Bd) bt M. Palmer (Sk) 18, 24.

Final:

TAYLOR bt Harper 14, 23.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

A. Judd (Ca) bt J. Palmer (Ca) 13, 16;

E. Sayer (E) bt M. Wallis (Np) 12, -8, 15.

Final:

SAYER bt Judd 10, 16.

Men's Doubles:

HARPER/TAYLOR bt R. Brown/Caldon

9, 14.

Women's Doubles:

JUDD/SAYER bt H. Bardwell/J. Smith

16, 19.

Mixed Doubles:

CALDON/SAYER bt Palmer/J. Richards

17, 11.

TRIANGULAR AT WOODLEY

On Saturday, May 3 at Rivermead School, London Bridge Road, Woodley Table Tennis Club entertained 47 visitors from the Cobra (Waterloo — nr. Brussels, Belgium) and Wattignies (nr. Lille, France) table tennis clubs in the inaugural match of an international club tournament to take place annually between the three clubs.

The visitors arrived at lunch time after spending two days in London sightseeing and shopping. The Cobra and Wattignies club players, looking impressive in their sponsors' team track suits and sweaters, were introduced to the Woodley players.

Teams consisted of four players and each pair of players in each team played each other and a doubles. Cobra fielded three teams and Woodley and Wattignies four teams each. After seven hours of continuous play on six tables the Wattignies club emerged the outright winners by a comfortable margin of 27 points from runners-up Woodley and third placed Cobra.

All the overseas visitors were entertained to an evening dinner at the homes of Woodley club members before returning to the match venue for a Disco evening during which England International Karen Witt (of Earley) presented the Trophy to the winning French club and a bottle of Champagne to the Wattignies 'B' team who were adjudged the 'players of the tournament'. The Cobra club presented both the Woodley and Wattignies clubs with a memento to record their visit.

After overnight accommodation with their Woodley hosts the visitors left for Dover and home in their coach at 9.30 a.m. with everyone looking forward to renewing their friendship in Wattignies during the 1981 Easter weekend.

Woodley Table Tennis Club is indebted to their sponsors of the tournament and wish to acknowledge the contributions of Messrs Formlock Ltd., Adwest and Parkers Estate Agents of Woodley.

Wattignies 'A' 8

(J-C. Lesur 2, B. Vanlanduyt 2, Doubles,

J-M. Lesur 2, Doubles)

Cobra 'A' 2

(M. Flamand, J. Buisseret)

Wattignies 'A' 6

(J-C. Lesur 2, Vanlanduyt, J-M. Lesur 2,

Doubles)

Woodley 'A' 4

(P. Quoilin, Doubles, S. Everard, S. Hodder)

Cobra 'A' 3

(Flamand, Buisseret, Doubles)

Woodley 'A' 6

(Quoilin 2, C. Dyke 2, Everard 2)

Wattignies 'B' 10

(A. Roussel 2, P. Buisine 2, Doubles, R.

Barbreux 2, P. Normand 2, Doubles)

Cobra 'B' 0

Wattignies 'B' 9

(Roussel, Buisine 2, Doubles, Barbreux 2,

Normand 2, Doubles)

Woodley 'B' 1

(E. Holmes)

Cobra 'B' 1

(J. Mertens)

Woodley 'B' 9

(Holmes 2, R. Pritchard 2, Doubles, M.

Hayes 2, D. Crombie, Doubles)

Wattignies 'C' 6

(P. Devillers 2, F. Bonnel 2, G. Louvet 2)

Cobra 'C' 1

(M. Swolfs)

Wattignies 'C' 6

(Devillers, Ronnel, Louvet 2, A. Caigney,

Doubles)

Woodley 'C' 2

(V. Harding 2)

Cobra 'C' 3

(M. Baut, Swolfs 2)

Woodley 'C' 3

(Harding, R. Vickers, M. Harris)

Wattignies 'D' 2

(D. Avital 2)

Cobra 'C' 5

(Swolfs, G. Brieven, Baut, F. Neelemans 2)

Wattignies 'D' 7

(Avital 2, A. Bour 2, Doubles, J. Krajewski 2)

Woodley 'D' 2

(A. Robiette, G. Kemp)

Cobra 'C' 6

(Swolfs 2, Brieven, Baut 2, Neelemans)

Woodley 'D' 1

(J. Ledgerwood)

	P	W	D	L	P
Wattignies (France)	8	7	0	1	55
Woodley	8	2	1	5	28
Cobra (Belgium)	8	2	1	5	21

EAST OF ENGLAND 2-STAR OPEN

HAT-TRICK FOR MELODY

by P. Taylor

Melody Ludi became the women's singles champion for the third year running when she defeated Gloria Nesukaitis of Candada in the final. Last year she took all three titles but this time since the mixed doubles was replaced by a mixed class 2 singles she was unable to repeat the performances and had to be content with winning just the womens doubles as well — this with a scratch partner in Pauline Cameron of Notts. Kevin Beadsley was also expected to win the men's singles for the third year running but Mark Hankey of Cheshire put paid to Kevin's hopes by beating him in the final. This is the first time that Mark has won this event and in his own words it was a welcome return to form. He also took the men's doubles title with Peter D'Arcy again defeating Kevin, playing with K. Guy, in the final.

The clash with the National Club League on the same day inevitably made its impact, the standard of the men's entry being far lower than in previous years. It is encouraging however to see such good players as Melody, Kevin and Peter D'Arcy continuing to support our tournament. The women's events were supplemented by the entry of the Canadian pair, Gloria Nesukaitis and Colleen Johnson and the semi-final between these two in the singles proved to be a very entertaining match.

Robert Watson of Notts. besides taking the boys' singles, also reached the semi-final of the men's singles losing in three to Hankey. Trevor Kerry, also of Notts lost, to Beadsley in the other semi. The mixed class 2 singles was won by M. Smith (Gloucester) who had a fine win over D'Arcy in the semis and then beat local player Peter Taylor in the final. The girls' singles was won by Gillian Sharpe of Lincs who defeated Nicki Hamilton (Bucks) in a very good final. The veterans was won by D'Arcy beating Lincs player Brian Allison in the final.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

K. Beadsley (Y) bt T. Kerry (Ng) 14, 19;

M Hankey (Ch) bt R. Watson (Ng) -14, 7, 13.

Final:

HANKEY bt Beadsley 21, 17.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

M. Ludi (Y) bt C. Buttery (Ng) 12, 13;

G. Nesukaitis (Cam) bt C. Johnson (Cam)

21, -17, 17.

Final:

LUDI bt Nesukaitis 6, 17.

Mixed Class 2 Final:

M. SMITH (Gs) bt P Taylor (Li) 18, 16.

Veterans' Final:

P. D'ARCY (Gs) bt B. Allison (Li) 12, -19, 16.

Boys' Final:
WATSON (Ch) bt C. Bryan (Li) -17, 14, 17.
Girls' Final:
G. SHARPE (Li) bt N. Hamilton (Bu)
16, -15, 17.
Men's Doubles:
D'ARCY/HANKEY bt Beadsley/K. Guy (Y)
13, 23.
Women's Doubles:
LUDI/P. CAMERON (Ng) bt Nesukaitis/C.
Johnson 20, 20.

DEBENHAMS ESSEX 2-STAR SELECT JUNIOR OPEN

HISTORIC OCCASION AT HARLOW

by Alan Shepherd

Some sort of history was made at Harlow over the week-end of May 3/4 when 12-years-old Carl Pream from Isle of Wightshire (I) captured both the Cadet and Boys' titles. It all really hinged on the withdrawal of the top two seeds, Graham Sandley and Colin Wilson, who were required by their club for a National League match. As Referee I was naturally disappointed at this but I do not for one moment blame the two boys. I just find it incredible that the Calendar Working Party of the E.T.T.A. should deliberately create clashes of this kind. At one time there was a policy strictly adhered to that a Three-Star Tournament should be inviolate. Junior 'Select' Tournaments were treated similarly, although the restrictions were not so severe. Now anything goes, and hardly any major event can be staged without something else of importance being fixed for the same date.

Despite the absence of Graham and Colin, the entry was huge in quality and quantity, virtually all of England's leading juniors and cadets being present, plus a lively group of Norwegian cadets, being the advance party of the squad due to play at Worthing on the following week-end. In addition we welcomed Mark Thomas, Brenda Annand, and the Cotter sisters, all being ranked Welsh players.

Saturday morning saw cadets group play, and no group result was more interesting than that in which Lisa Hayden, of Billericay, celebrated her 11th birthday by defeating tough opponents in Stephanie Hadley and Laura Goldsmith. Lisa has already this season won under-11 events at Folkestone and Reading, so perhaps Essex have at last found that elusive girl star they have been seeking since the days of Susan Backwith, Elaine Tarten, Janet Hellaby and Gillian Taylor.

When battle was joined in earnest David Polasek surged through to the semi-finals by topping Nicky Hoare and David Rook there to be joined by Oivind Fladberg (Norway) who put out Paul Ashcroft (Lancs) and then No. 1 seed Gary Lambert, all this without dropping a game. In the bottom half of the draw Steve Dettmar was looking good until he met Morten Gustavsen (Norway) while Pream sailed through unconcernedly. Eventually he beat both Norwegians with almost contemptuous ease, to prove that he is something special in the English game.

The Cadet Girls' rounds saw Lisa Hayden score one more good victory over Tracy Fisher (Cams) before falling to Helen Bardwell. This proved to be no disgrace as Helen went on to beat top-seeded Jean Parker and only lost at the last hurdle, to Lisa Bellinger who did not drop a game to anybody.

The Cadet Boys' Doubles saw more success for our Norwegian visitors. Fladberg/Gustavsen beat off all challenges in the top

half of the draw including that of the No. 1 seeds Lambert/Pream. Meanwhile in the bottom half there were some titanic struggles. Mark Taylor/Steve Dorking (Essex) had good wins over Nigel Tyler/Andrew Dodd and seeded Rook/Polasek before bowing out to Hoare/Alan Cooke. Dettmar/Stuart Worrell edged through against Philip Cole/Ian Doughty but in turn lost to Hoare/Cooke, the ultimate winners.

The Cadet Girls' Doubles proved to be a triumph for the unseeded Teresa Moore/Mary Denbow partnership. They were helped by the withdrawal of the No. 1 seeds, Lisa Bellinger/Amanda Judd, due to an unfortunate injury to Amanda, but nevertheless scored a meritorious final win over No. 3 seeds Helen Bardwell/Alison Hillard.

Sunday had the big guns swinging into action. Biggest surprise of the early rounds was the exit of Mark Thomas in his first game, at the hands of Dodd. Andrew had another good win over Paul Jackson (Avon) before losing to Mark Oakley. In the third quarter of the draw Jeremy Duffield was one surprise packet; unseeded, he ousted Philip Bradbury and Glen Baker! Steve White was another — he beat the two Suffolk players, Stuart Palmer and Anthony Booth, the latter having put out Martin Les. Finally we had Kevin Satchell coming through to what most people thought was the formality of a quarter-final against Pream, only for the I.O.W. wonder boy to be the winner. Having beaten Duffield, Pream faced the redoubtable John Souter in the final. Mid-way through the second game this looked like being a straightforward two-game win for John, but suddenly the picture changed and Carl not only took that second but surged through the decider for an amazing victory.

The Girls' Singles was a great day for big Mandy Reeves. She beat her two greatest rivals, Helen Williams, her County colleague, then Alison Gordon in a hotly contested final.

In the Boys' Doubles we had two surprise semi-finalists. First Dettmar/Worrell carried the flag for the Cadets. They reached the quarter-final easily and then put out fellow seeds Peter Brownlow/Steven Young who had put paid to the No. 5 seeds Peter Puddock/Paul Rainford. Perhaps not all that surprising was the arrival in the semi-finals of Paul Whiting/Ian Attridge — after all they were the Holders! They reached this stage after victories over Duffield/Andrew Dixon and Les/Baker. They went on to their finest moment when they eliminated Souter/Oakley and secured a final place. Satchell/Bradbury made their way through the rounds, got rid of the upstart Cadets in the semis, and the holders in the final, for a well deserved title.

The Girls' Doubles event had many closely contested matches, most of which involved the Mandy Reeves/Helen Williams pairing. They scraped through to the Final over two unseeded pairs who had battled their way onwards, namely Kim Mudge/Julie Dowsett and Helen Bardwell/Jeanine Smith. Alison Gordon/Lesley Tyler had no such problems but their final against Reeves/Williams was still a typical three game tussle in which they just came through.

A massive Mixed Doubles entry almost bust the schedule and in fact caused an 11.15 p.m. end to the day's activities. It is almost certain that this event will have to be ditched for next season. It did not help that the scratch pairing of Satchell/Susan Blackburn beat nearly everybody deuce in the third, including the highly rated Souter//Reeves combo. Eventually they fell to Stephen Moore/Jackie Bellinger and this pair were the winners of the event, getting home in a good Final against Rainford/Gina Pritchard.

Just a few statistical notes to conclude — there were 162 groups in the whole Tournament plus 418 further individual sets — just less than 1,000 matches played over the week-end!!

RESULTS:

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
P. Rainford (La) bt M. Oakley (Sy) 19, 19;
J. Souter (Mi) bt S. Moore (Sx) -15, 17, 9;
C. Pream (Ha) bt K. Satchell (Wi)
-21, 15, 15;
J. Duffield (Wo) bt S. White (E) 12, 18.
Semi-finals:
Souter bt Rainford 12, 11;
Pream bt Duffield 17, 20.

Final:
PREAN bt Souter -15, 17, 15.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
J. Grundy (La) bt S. Sandley (Mi) 14, 19;
A. Gordon (Bk) bt J. Parker (La) 14, 13;
H. Williams (Mi) bt G. Pritchard (Dv)
16, 16;
M. Reeves (Mi) bt H. Bardwell (He) 19, 9.
Semi-finals:
Gordon bt Grundy 17, 11;
Reeves bt Williams 19, 12.

Final:
REEVES bt Gordon -12, 15, 19.

Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
P. Bradbury (Bu)/Satchell bt S. Dettmar
(E)/S. Worrall (Li) 10, 15;
I. Attridge (E)/P. Whiting (Dv) bt Oakley/
Souter 22, -18, 17.

Final:
BRADBURY/SATCHELL bt Attridge/
Whiting -17, 10, 17.

Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:
Gordon/L. Tyler (Mi) bt S. Peakman (Wa)/
Pritchard 11, 16;
Reeves/Williams bt Bardwell/ J. Smith
(He) 17, -13, 20.

Final:
GORDON/TYLER bt Reeves/Williams
17, -17, 15.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:
Moore/J. Bellinger (Bd) bt Satchell/S.
Blackburn (Bk) 11, -10, 16;
Rainford/Pritchard bt Oakley/Grundy
6, 16.

Final:
MOORE/BELLINGER bt Rainford/
Pritchard 17, -14, 19.

Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
O. Fladberg (Nor) bt G. Lambert (Dv)
19, 14;
D. Polasek (Cv) bt D. Rook (Y) 11, 10;
M. Gustavsen (Nor) bt Dettmar 12, 17;
Pream bt Worrall 8, 14.

Semi-finals:
Fladberg bt Polasek -18, 19, 16;
Pream bt Gustavsen 18, 7.

Final:
PREAN bt Fladberg 9, 8.

Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
Bardwell bt F. Elliot (St) 13, 14;
Parker bt R. Hunter (Ca) 18, 8;
N. Tsakaraisianos (Gs) bt A. Judd (Ca)
19, 19;
L. Bellinger (Bd) bt N. Hamilton (Bu)
14, 19.

Semi-finals:
Bardwell bt Parker 20, -15, 14;
Bellinger bt Tsakaraisianos 11, 13.

Final:
BELLINGER bt Bardwell 14, 18.

Cadet Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
Fladberg/Gustavsen bt Lambert/Pream
-19, 18, 14;
A. Cooke (Dy)/N. Hoare (Sy) bt Dettmar/
Worrall -17, 15, 9.

Final:
COOKE/HOARE bt Fladberg/Gustavsen
-18 16, 18.

Cadet Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:
M. Denbow (Ox)/T. Moore (Sx) bt M. Hams
(Sy)/Tsakaraisianos 13, 17;
Bardwell/A. Hillard (Hu) bt V. Bellingham/
S. Hadley (St) 17, 14.

Final:
DENBOW/HADLEY bt Bardwell/Hillard
-19, 16, 15.

LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

DOUBLE HONOURS

Not to be outdone by the senior team, who championed Div. 2 (North) of the County Championships, the senior 2nds finished off their programme with a re-arranged match against Cumbria, at Millom, and in winning 8-2 took the Div. 3 North title with a 100% record.

Clive Heap (Farnworth), Keith Williams (Liverpool), Carolyn Scowcroft (Bolton) and Jackie Myers (Blackburn) were all successful in their singles, the latter pair also in doubles. Brian Carney (Blackpool) went down in the opening set, to Diccon Gray who, partnered by Ian Reed, also won the men's doubles against Heap and Williams.

The Juniors, whilst not title winners in Jnr. Div. 2 North were provided with the opportunity of participating in the Challenge matches for the right to play in the Junior Premier next season. Their efforts, however, were unsuccessful which means a continuation of Div. 2 status next term.

Manchester with a 100% record, duly relieved Preston of the Div. 1 championship title in the Lancashire and Cheshire League the former champions having to content themselves with the runners-up spot. Bolton and St. Helens are the relegated leagues, their places next season going to the Div. 2 champions Bury (North) and Rochdale (South).

Stockport retained their Women's Div. 1 title despite two draws the runners-up being Liverpool who drew on three occasions. Bolton and St. Helens go down to be replaced by Salford and Bury. Salford also championed the Junior Div. 1 with Manchester runners-up whilst going down are Liverpool and Bolton to be replaced by St. Helens and Oldham from the now split second divisions.

TABLES

Men's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manchester	7	7	0	0	58	12	14
Preston	7	6	0	1	50	20	12
Farnworth	7	4	1	2	37	33	9
Liverpool	7	2	3	2	35	35	7
Stockport	7	2	2	3	39	31	6
Salford	7	0	4	3	27	33	4
Bolton	7	1	1	5	25	45	3
St. Helens	7	0	1	6	9	61	1

Women's Division 1

Stockport	8	6	2	0	59	21	14
Liverpool	8	5	3	0	55	25	13
Manchester	8	6	0	2	57	23	12
Preston	8	5	2	1	53	27	12
Blackpool	8	2	2	3	31	49	7
Southport	8	3	0	5	35	45	6
Lytham	8	1	2	5	26	54	4
Bolton	8	1	0	7	22	58	2
St. Helens	8	0	2	6	22	58	2

Junior Division 1

Salford	8	7	0	1	55	25	14
Manchester	8	6	1	1	50	50	13
Bury	8	6	0	2	53	27	12
Warrington	8	4	1	3	45	35	9
Preston	8	3	2	3	39	41	8
Barrow	8	2	2	4	40	40	6
Rochdale	8	2	1	5	25	55	5
Liverpool	8	1	1	6	24	56	3
Bolton	8	0	2	6	29	51	2

Other champions and runners-up:-

Winners

Div. 2N	Bury
Div. 2S	Rochdale
Div. 3N	Lytham
Div. 3S	Crewe
Div. 4N	Bolton "A"
Div. 4S	Macclesfield "B"
Div. 5N	Liverpool Bus. Houses
Div. 5S	Chester "A"
Jnr. 2A	Oldham
Jnr. 2B	St. Helens
Jnr. 3A	Blackburn
Jnr. 3B	Preston "A"
Jnr. 4	Salford "A"
Women's 2	Salford

Runners-up

Manchester "A"
Macclesfield
Barrow
Macclesfield "A"
Rochdale "A"
Stockport "A"
Southport
Ashton "A"
Mid-Lanes
Stockport
Warral
Stockport "A"
Crewe "A"
Bury

NORMAN COOK MEMORIAL TROPHY

The semi-finals of the Norman Cook Memorial Trophy competition brought together Lancaster and Morecambe v Stockport, and Lytham v Blackpool, with Stockport and Blackpool going through to the final. The Competition was marred, however, by the fact that the final did not take place due to Stockport being unable to be present on the scheduled date owing to their prior commitment in the Cheshire Closed Championships. Notwithstanding a request by the Gen. Secretary, Dennis

Smith, for the final to be re-arranged and played within the spirit of the Competition, Blackpool claimed the match and the Committee had no option in accordance with the rules, other than to award the match to them.

The Executive Committee of the League notes with regret that Hon. Treasurer, George T. H. Fackrell, has decided not to seek re-election and wishes to express a sincere thank you to him for the valued contribution which he has made to the League's affairs.

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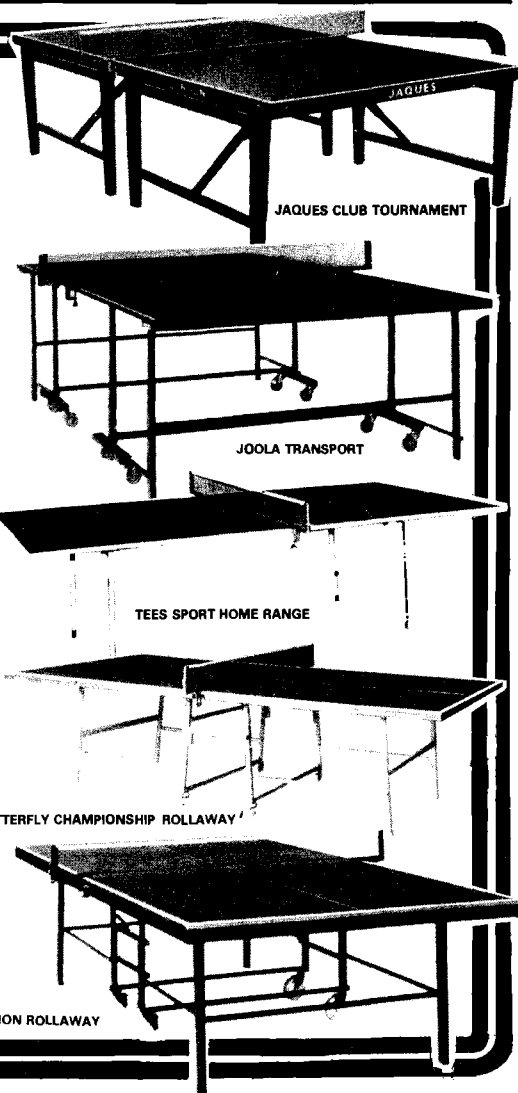
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BUTTERFLY PREMIER DIVISION ROLLAWAY

NORWICH UNION MASTERS

KLAMPAR PASSES THROUGH by The Editor

Preston, Lancashire is a town steeped in tradition, a town through which the tide of England's history so often flowed. Robert the Bruce, Edward III, Oliver Cromwell and Bonnie Prince Charlie have all passed through its streets. And so too, over the three days, May 7/9 did Hungary's Tibor Klampar, winding up as the winner of the Norwich Union Masters tournament in the magnificent Guild Hall.

But how near to defeat was the unpredictable Hungarian in his semi-final meeting with Sweden's former world champion, John Hilton, in this township which bears the motto 'Proud Preston', the last battle on English soil was fought here against the Old Pretender in 1715.

But their was no 'Old Pretender' tag attaching to Hilton's initial performances when he disposed of Paul Day, Andrzej Grubba, Ulf Thorsell and Gabor Gergely but the new champ was brought down to earth in his subsequent meetings with Peter Stellwag and Istvan Jonyer which gave him a finishing group position of second.

This still gave the Lancastrian the right of way into the quarter-finals where he succumbed to Bengtsson, subsequently to Jonyer, once again, and finally, when contesting a final 7th or 8th position, defeat by Grubba netting the Mancunian £280 out of the near £6,000 at stake.

Douglas, on the other hand, from finishing second in the other group, following wins over Max Crimmins, Vladislav Broda, Dougie Johnson, Bengtsson and Ralf Wosik — he lost to Josef Dvoracek and Klampar — reached the penultimate stage following a quarter-final win over Grubba.

This put the Birmingham left-hander up against Orlovski but, after winning the first game, it was the Czech who triumphed leaving Douglas to battle it out with Bengtsson for positions 3 and 4 and, in winning, the Bundesliga player pocketed £500 to Bengtsson's £420.

£1,500 against £650 was at stake in the grand finale between Klampar and Orlovski but, in contrast to the two semis which had the crowd agog, the televised final was a flop with nothing to enthuse over and Klampar the easiest of winners.

There was no denying the magnificence of the venue, pencilled in again by Norwich Union for next season, but having regard to the impressive line-up, notwithstanding the absence of the Chinese and world champion, Seiji Ono of Japan, the overall attendance was, to say the least, disappointing.

RESULTS:
Session 1
Group A
 J. Hilton (Eng) bt P. Day (Eng) -19, 20, 11;
 I. Jonyer (Hun) bt U. Thorsell (Swe) 21, -19, 18;
 M. Orlovski (Cze) bt P. Stellwag (GFR) 19, 12;
 A. Grubba (Pol) bt G. Gergely (Hun) 11, 16.
Group B
 J. Dvoracek (Cze) bt V. Broda (Cze) 14, 15;
 D. Douglas (Eng) bt M. Crimmins (Eng) 14, 19;
 S. Bengtsson (Swe) bt R. Wosik (GFR) 19, -14, 6;
 T. Klampar (Hun) bt D. Johnson (Eng) 15, -19 12.
Session 2
Group A
 Thorsell bt Day 12, 14;

Hilton bt Grubba 19, 9;
 Orlovski bt Jonyer 13, 20;
 Stellwag bt Gergely -10, 17, 17.
Group B
 Douglas bt Broda 12, 15;
 Dvoracek bt Johnson -12, 23, 14;
 Bengtsson bt Crimmins 13, 18;
 Klampar bt Wosik 14, 12.

Session 3
Group A
 Hilton bt Thorsell 20, 21;
 Grubba bt Stellwag 11, 16;
 Orlovski bt Day 15, -19, 9;
 Gergely bt Jonyer 19, 10.

Group B
 Dvoracek bt Douglas -20, 21, 17;
 Bengtsson bt Broda 15, 17;
 Wosik bt Johnson 11, 16;
 Klampar bt Crimmins 16, 8.

Session 4
Group A
 Thorsell bt Grubba -15, 21, 16;
 Jonyer bt Stellwag 17, 17;
 Gergely bt Day 20, 12;
 Hilton bt Orlovski 13, 15.

Group B
 Douglas bt Johnson 12, 14;
 Wosik bt Crimmins 13, 19;
 Dvoracek bt Bengtsson 18, -14, 14;
 Klampar bt Broda 14, 14.

Session 5
Group A
 Grubba bt Jonyer 16, -18, 17;

Hilton bt Gergely 14, 19;
 Orlovski bt Thorsell 8, 20;
 Day bt Stellwag 16, -10, 11.

Group B
 Douglas bt Bengtsson 17, 18;
 Klampar bt Dvoracek 7, 12;
 Crimmins bt Johnson 21, 18;
 Wosik bt Broda 9, 16.

Session 6
Group A
 Jonyer bt Day 12, -22, 19;
 Stellwag bt Hilton 16, -19, 12;
 Orlovski bt Grubba 13, 15;
 Gergely bt Thorsell 15, 20.

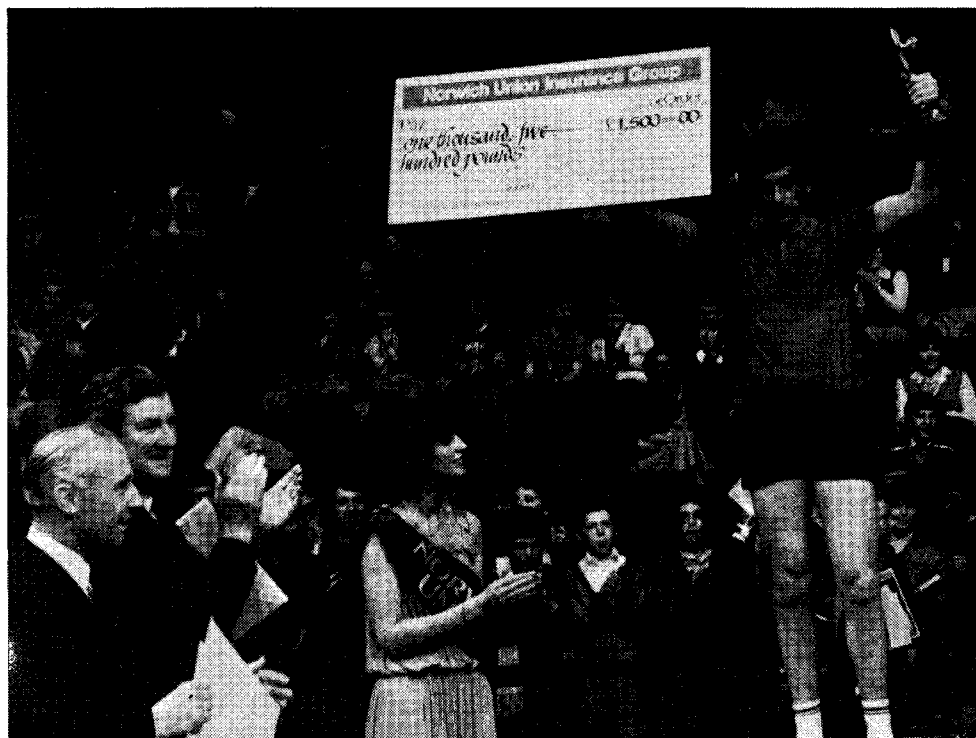
Group B
 Klampar bt Douglas -21, 20, 15;
 Crimmins bt Broda 19, 17;
 Wosik bt Dvoracek 17, 7-2 (Dvoracek retired)
 Bengtsson bt Johnson 8, 10.

Session 7
Group A
 Grubba bt Day -18, 13, 15;
 Jonyer bt Hilton 25, 13;
 Thorsell bt Stellwag 19, -20, 16;
 Orlovski bt Gergely 18, 10.

Group B
 Broda bt Johnson -5, 15, 20;
 Dvoracek bt Crimmins 17, 13;
 Douglas bt Wosik 19, 10;
 Bengtsson bt Klampar 12, 14.

FINAL POSITIONS IN GROUPS

GROUP A	Sets			Games			Points		Position	
	W	L	+/-	W	L	+/-	W	L		
Gergely	3	4	-1	7	8	-1	271	274	-3	5
Orlovski	6	1	+5	12	3	+9	301	235	+66	1
Thorsell	3	4	-1	7	10	-3	327	335	-8	6
Hilton	5	2	+3	11	5	+6	320	291	+29	2
Day	1	6	-5	6	13	-7	311	380	-69	8
Jonyer	4	3	+1	9	8	+1	333	332	+1	4
Stellwag	2	5	-3	6	12	-6	310	344	-34	7
GROUP B	W	L	+/-	W	L	+/-	W	L	+/-	
Klampar	6	1	+5	12	4	+8	319	245	+74	1
Bengtsson	5	2	+3	11	5	+6	312	251	+61	3
Douglas	5	2	+3	12	4	+8	328	278	+50	2
Dvoracek	5	2	+3	10	7	+3	300	314	-14	4
Broda	1	6	-5	2	13	-11	225	308	-83	7
Crimmins	2	5	-3	4	10	-6	236	285	-49	6
Wosik	4	3	+1	9	6	+3	269	243	+26	5
Johnson	0	7	-7	3	14	-11	272	337	-65	8



Norwich Union Master, Tibor Klampar of Hungary holds aloft his trophy and cheque for £1,500.

Photo by Robert Payne, Head Photographer, Lancashire Evening Post.

Quarter-finals:

Orlowski bt Dvoracek 10, 10;
 Douglas bt Grubba -17, 18, 17;
 Bengtsson bt Hilton 16, 19;
 Klampar bt Jonyer 12, 13.

For Places 15/16

Day bt Johnson 16, 14 (£120/£100)

For Places 13/14

Stellwag bt Broda 17, 19 (£170/£140)

For Places 11/12

Thorsell bt Crimmins 10, 6 (£210/£190)

For Places 9/10

Wosik bt Gergely 19, 16 (£250/£230)

Loser QF1 v Loser QF2

Dvoracek bt Grubba -18, 11, 17;

Loser QF3 v Loser QF4

Jonyer bt Hilton 16, -19, 12.

Semi-finals:

Orlowski bt Douglas -12, 11, 16;
 Klampar bt Bengtsson -18, 20, 13.

For Places 7/8

Grubba bt Hilton 13, 21 (£310/£280)

For Places 5/6

Dvoracek bt Jonyer 18, 18 (£370/£340)

For Places 3/4

Douglas bt Bengtsson 19, -15, 18 (£500/
 £420)

For Places 1/2

KLAMPAR bt Orlowski 14, 14 (£1,500/
 £650)

Boys' Doubles Final:

DIXON/DUFFIELD bt Barnett/Bridgeman -18, 17, 20.

Girls' Doubles Final:

FENNAH/HARRIS bt Grundy/Parker -8, 20, 15.

Cadet Boys' Singles Final:

S. WORRALL bt N. Gleave -13, 13, 21.

Cadet Girls' Singles Final:

PARKER bt Lightfoot 18, 10.

Cadet Boys' Doubles Final:

GLEAVE/THATCHER bt Ashcroft/Mercer 16, 16.

Cadet Girls' Doubles Final:

BELLINGHAM/HADLEY bt Brook/Parker 25, 16.

U-12 Boys' Singles Final:

STOKES bt Cunningham -13, 15, 21.

U-12 Girls Singles Final:

BOXALL bt Popkiewicz 17, 16.

SEALINK COMPETITION WINNER

Mr. John Lauderdale of 27 Devon Street, Hartlepool, Cleveland was the winner of the Sealink Holiday Travel Competition (TT News April '80) his prize being a free rail trip for two people from winner's home railway station to any railway station in Britain or to Boulogne, Calais, Dunkerque or Dieppe. The prize, to be presented, will be on the understanding that is not valid for travel during the months of July and August. Travel can be effected at any other time during the remainder of 1980. Holiday accommodation is NOT included.

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS 2-STAR JUNIOR OPEN

WELSH VICTORIES IN KENT

Mark Thomas, the Welsh No. 1 junior, was the winner of the boys' singles title in the Tunbridge Wells 2-Star Junior Open, sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank, over the weekend of May 17/18, his final victim being the Welsh No. 2 Andrew Jones.

Again, in the boys' doubles, it was victory for Wales with Jones, from Swansea, teaming up with Mark Byles of Rhyl, beating Thomas (Rhyl) and Brian Jeanes (Risca) in all-Welsh final.

Lorraine Garbet of Surrey was the winner of the girls' singles title beating Jennifer Collins of Berkshire in the final Miss Collins also succeeding in the doubles partnered by Mary Denbow of Oxon.

Nicholas Hoare of Surrey had a hard-fought win over Steven Dettmar of Essex in the final of the Cadet boys' singles whilst, in the Cadet girls', victory went to Miss A. Boxall of Herts over Miss L. Bennett of Surrey.

RESULTS:

Boys' Singles Final:

M. THOMAS bt A. Jones 20, 21.

Girls' Singles Final:

L. GARBET bt J. Collins 7, 17.

Boys' Doubles Final:

M. BYLES (Wal)/JONES bt Jeanes/Thomas 17, 20.

Girls' Doubles Final:

COLLINS/DENBOW bt M. Ball (K)/Garbet -14, 15, 18.

Cadet Boys' Singles Final:

HOARE bt Dettmar 15, -20, 17.

Cadet Girls' Singles Final:

DENBOW bt Bennett -15, 17, 11.

Cadet Boys' Doubles Final:

D. DEWSBURY (Sy)/HOARE bt Dorking/Taylor 13, 18.

Cadet Girls' Doubles Final:

A. BOXALL (He)/DENBOW bt J. Barella (Sy)/Bennett -15, 17, 11.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EQUAL COMMITMENT

I refer to the fourth paragraph of Mr. Roffe's letter in Table Tennis News, Issue 111. Firstly he states as a fact that the selectors do not attend tournaments. Secondly he asks a question and then proceeds to give an answer to a reply that would not be given.

The Selection Committee have been represented at every major senior and junior ETTA championship or tournament during the season as it was at the majority of 2-Star tournaments.

As for Mr. Roffe's expected reply, I for one would never offer my voluntary position in ETTA administration as a reason for insufficient time and effort. Committed players deserve equal commitment from the administrators.

The parts of the paragraph I do agree with are "that many other facts are taken into consideration by the Selection Committee" and "a person with ability to reach the top is given every opportunity to do so". Bob is one of our top players and I wish him and all our players every success at the Canadian Open Championships in May.

PETER CHARTERS,
 Chairman of the National
 Selection Committee.

57 Burghfield Road,
 Reading, Berks.

CHESHIRE JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN

STEVE SIGNS OFF WITH WIN

Lancashire's Stephen Scowcroft finished off his junior days by winning the boys' singles title in the Cheshire Junior 1-Star Open, played at Birkenhead, on Apl. 27. And, keeping him company on the distaff side, Joy Grundy made it a Red Rose double by winning the girls' singles.

One other Lancashire win was by Jean Parker in the Cadet girls' singles, the boys' title being won by Stuart Worrall of Lincolnshire. Only in the girls' doubles did Cheshire have a say with a half share of the title taken by Lynn Fennah and Jill Harris of Staffs.

RESULTS:

Boys' Singles Final:

S. SCOWCROFT bt A. Dixon 17, 15.

Girls' Singles Final:

J. GRUNDY bt J. Parker 14, 13.

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Stiga English Schools Individual Championships

by David Lomas

A record entry of 318 players from 49 County Associations meant that — for the first time since the Stiga English Schools Individual Championships began in 1974 — the system of group play was abandoned in favour of a k.o. system when the seventh annual Championships were staged at Gloucester Leisure Centre on Saturday, April 26th.

It was decided, however, to introduce a consolation event in each of the eight categories and the new format proved to be a success. There were problems, however, in efforts to ensure continuity of play. Organiser Eddie Mitchell's plans to schedule all matches without the need for those often tedious p.a. announcements were scuttled because the innovation of the plan proved too much of a surprise for many players who did not report to the table stewards on time — not to mention the difficulties caused by some players absenting themselves when they were asked and expected to umpire. Several appeals went unheeded and although the playing schedule never got seriously behind there will clearly have to be a re-think. ESTTA officials have already discussed ways of making improvements.

Having mentioned the problems it is only fair to give credit where it is due for there was a lot of hard work put in by ESTTA Executive Council members headed by Referee Les Smith who could call on the services of such experienced administrators as John Wright and Ian Crickmer. And how many Junior Tournaments can claim to have all finals completed by 8 p.m.?

RESULTS:

Boys' U-19:

1. DAVID BARR (Berkshire)
2. Stephen Moore (East Sussex)
3. Peter Brownlow (Hertfordshire)
Keith Chamberlain (Kent County)

David Barr went one better than last year in winning over Stephen Moore in an entertaining if not enthralling final; 21-19, 19-21, 21-7.

Girls' U-19:

1. ALISON GORDON (Berkshire)
2. Gina Pritchard (Devon)
3. Shirley Cain (West Midlands)
Lesley Tyler (Middlesex)

No. 1 seed, Alison Gordon, made it a Berkshire senior "double" and in so doing set quite a record because she won the U-11 title in 1974 and followed it in 1976 with the U-13 title and the U-16 title in 1978. Quite a comfortable victory over the Devonian in the Final, 21-10, 21-12.

Boys' U-16:

1. PHILLIP BRADBURY (Bucks)
2. David Illingsworth (South Yorkshire)
3. Darren Griffin (Gloucestershire)
Adrian Moore (East Sussex)

A straight-games win, 21-11, 22-20, in the Final for Bradbury who becomes the first Buckinghamshire player to win an Individual title although he is the current International title holder. Illingsworth defeated Gary Lambert in the first round.

Girls' U-16:

1. JACKIE BELLINGER (Bedfordshire)
2. Helen Bardwell (Hertfordshire)
3. Susan Blackburn (Berkshire)
Carol Butler (Devon)

The prior withdrawal of No. 1 seed and holder Cheryl Creasey (Dorset) left the way clear for the older of the Bellinger sisters to a 21-13, 21-16 win over Helen Bardwell.

Boys' U-13:

1. CARL PREAN (Isle of Wight)
2. Martin Schapira (Tyne & Wear)
3. Jimmy Stokes (Berkshire)
Ian Davies (West Midlands)

Victory for the boy from the Isle of Wight after some anxious moments in the first game of the final, 24-22, 21-11.

Girls' U-13:

1. LISA BELLINGER (Bedfordshire)
2. Susan Collier (Berkshire)
3. Alison Boxall (Hertfordshire)
Lesley Popkiewicz (Surrey Metropolitan)

Lisa Bellinger swept to her third consecutive title with a convincing 21-9, 21-18 win.

Boys' U-11:

1. ADRIAN DIXON (West Midlands)
2. Derren Hams (Surrey Metropolitan)
3. Leon Jose (Cornwall)
Andrew Syed (Berkshire)

A diminutive winner in Adrian Dixon but nothing small about the size of the Wolverhampton boy's scores in the final — 21-11, 21-9.

Girls' U-11:

1. RACHEL KNIGHT (Middlesex)
2. Alison Evans (Humberside)

3. Helen Perrott (Avon)
Debbie Soothill (Lancashire)

Alison Evans almost won the final in straight games but Rachel narrowly took the second game 23-21 (having lost the first 16-21) and surprisingly the Humberside hope was well beaten in the decider, 21-6.

Consolation Winners:

- B19: Paul Colvin (Kent Metropolitan)
G19: Kim Mudge (Essex Metropolitan)
B16: Gary Lambert (Devon)
G16: Lesley Broomhead (South Yorkshire)
B13: Martin Firth (West Yorkshire)
G13: Alison Barker (Shropshire)
B11: Tony West (Essex County)
G11: Claire Potts (Cheshire)

E.S.T.T.A.

The Stiga Schools' International Championships take place at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford, on July 11/12/13.

At the time of writing it was expected that teams from Ireland, Scotland, Norway and England would be taking part.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

by JOHN O'SULLIVAN (LIVERPOOL)



David Barr receives congratulations from Martin Foulser of sponsors Stiga, for his Boys' U-19 victory.



Alison Gordon (Girls' U-19 winner) is congratulated by ESTTA President, Mr. Tom Matthews, on her fourth Individual title.

YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Ross

FIVE TITLES FOR TONY SANDERSON

County junior Tony Sanderson went home from the York Closed with no less than 5 titles, having won the men's singles, intermediate singles, junior singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. In the men's singles final, Sanderson defeated John Elliott, his men's doubles partner.

In the Barnsley Closed, another county junior, David Illingsworth, reached the men's singles final before falling to Ian Denton, a former title-holder. Lillias Hamilton took the women's singles title for a record ninth time with a final win over Val Liddall.

Youth was firmly shut out in the Bradford Closed, former Huddersfield champion David Hirst won the men's title for the first time. Hirst's final victim was Jim Yeats, who was champion in 1965 and 1966.

Mike Harrison defeated Joe Naser 26-24 in the third to take the Hull Closed men's title for the third time, but is retiring from the game completely (at the age of 20!) at the end of the season. Lee Hewitt was the surprise winner over leading county junior Sean Madden in the final of the boys' singles. Juniors Steve Waterson and Jim Balkwill did well to reach the men's doubles final.

Details:-

York Closed

Men's Singles: Tony Sanderson, runner-up — John Elliott
Women's Singles: Marian Broadbent.
Men's Doubles: Sanderson/Elliott.
Mixed Doubles: Sanderson/Broadbent.
Individual Singles: Sanderson.
Junior Singles: Sanderson.

Barnsley Closed

Men's Singles:
Ian Denton bt David Illingsworth -15, 20, -10, 18, 16.
Women's Singles:
Lillias Hamilton bt Val Liddall 10, 11.
Men's Doubles:
Mark/David Illingsworth bt Barry Potter/Jeff Beecroft -18, 11, 16.

Women's Doubles:

Hamilton/Liddall bt Sheila South/Angela Cameron 13, 19.

Mixed Doubles:

Mark Edwards/Liddall bt Potter/Hamilton 8, -20, 13.

Junior Singles:

Mark Illingsworth bt David Illingsworth 14, 10.

Veteran Singles:

Brian Starkie bt Mick Carr 15, 14.

Bradford Closed

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

Jim Yeats bt Steve Kosmowsky -20, 9, 18;
David Hirst bt Mick Holt 12, 14.

Final:

Hirst bt Yeats 19, -12, 14.

Women's Singles:

Linda Hryszko bt Helen Shields -14, 12, 17.

Men's Doubles:

Kosmowsky/Adrian Hill bt Steve Worsman/Ian Gomersall 18, -11, 19.

Women's Doubles:

Hryszko/Shields bt Julie Todd/Tracey Robertshaw 18, 15.

Mixed Doubles:

Richard Priestley/Shields bt Mick Stevenson/Hryszko 19, 16.

Boy's Singles:

Michael Stead bt David Rook 17, 14.

Girls' Singles:

Todd bt Robertshaw 19, 19.

Veteran Singles:

D. Boyd bt A. Jeffrey 9, 10.

Hull Closed

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

Mike Harrison bt Dave Bartlett 16, 17;
Joe Naser bt Richard Kilvington 9, 9.

Final:

Harrison bt Naser -13, 13, 24.

Women's Singles:

Carole Cowell bt Karen Wilson -14, 20, 18.

Men's Doubles:

Harrison/Steve Rossington bt Steve Waterson/Jim Balkwill 14, 17.

Women's Doubles:

Wilson/Brenda Hudson bt Angela Hudson/Angela Lutkin 21, 17.

Mixed Doubles:

Rossington/Joanne Kinnersley bt Harrison/Cowell -19, 19, 19.

Lee Hewitt bt Sean Madden 15, -23, 18.

Boys' Singles:

Lee Hewitt bt Sean Madden 15, -23, 18.

Girls' Singles:

Julie Evans bt Samantha Kallianpur 17, -19, 16.

Veteran Singles:

Bartlett bt Tony Lane -18, 19, 9.

The conference "Table Tennis into the 80's", arranged for May 25 jointly with the Yorkshire and Humberside Region of the Sports Council was cancelled because only eight applications were received. The fact that the date was a Bank Holiday weekend (to suit availability of speakers) does not explain apathy of this extent.

Finally, on a personal note, I shall not be seeking re-election as the County's Press Officer, and this is therefore my last contribution to the "Yorkshire Notes", which I first took over back in 1971. I would like to thank the league Secretaries and league Press Officers, and County Officers, who have contributed information and newspaper cuttings over the years and to wish my successor every success.

And thanks for all YOUR contributions to Table Tennis News. Ed.

WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT

Table tennis moves into the realm of big money sport with a new World Cup Tournament, to be played later this year.

England's Desmond Douglas and European champion John Hilton are among 16 of the world's top players, who will bid for a massive first prize of £5,500 when the event is staged in Hong Kong at the end of August.

This is £4,000 more than the previous record at the Norwich Union Masters in Preston earlier in May. Total prize money, it was announced by H. Roy Evans, President of the International Table Tennis Federation, will be £16,000. After meeting costs of travel and accommodation, the overall bill will amount to £50,000.

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MARRIAGES

Congratulations and all happiness in the future to Brian Kean, the Anglo-Scottish international of Flixton, nr. Manchester and Karen Smart, a Derbyshire county player who, on March 22, were married in Derby. Belated good wishes also to Jeff Ingber, the former Mancunian international, on his marriage to Carole Storie the couple now residing at 3 Ten Acre, Whitefield, Manchester. (Phone: 061-766 5884).

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Worthing Debenhams Junior International Open

SINGLES TITLE FOR SANDLEY

by Robert Oldfield

Forsaking the beach and glorious sunshine players from thirteen countries took part in the Worthing Debenhams International Junior Open Championships over the weekend of May 10/11. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Federal Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Scotland, South Korea, Sweden, Wales: all to compete in the excellent facilities of Worthing Sports Centre provided by Worthing Borough Council.

Such was the demand for this popular tournament that a sheer dearth of table-hours caused the return of many entries for the Individuals, well before the closing date, and 36 International teams forced an 8.30 a.m. start on Saturday.

On Sunday the Individuals started in earnest and with it the chance of points in the Debenhams Grand Prix. Awarding double points in this tournament meant that both Wilson and Sandley could overtake the leader Souter if they managed to get two round further than him in the late stages of the tournament. This they did when Souter was defeated in the first round by Johansson. Wilson fell in his allotted quarter-final place, to Akesson, but Sandley was supreme. Although not at his best, he gained a place with the other three left-handers, Kyang Suk Uoo, Akesson and Daugard, without the loss of a game.

Here he experienced more difficulty than he might have expected but eventually beat the Dane, Daugard, at "deuce" in the third. On the next table, Kyung Sook and Akesson were having a tremendous battle. Long counter attacking and looping rallies - the first to Akesson at 19, Kyung Sook the second at 18. With tension encouraging much use of the towel and the settling of nerves the Swede held two match points at 20-19 and 21-20. Then, at 22-21 to the Korean, there was the extraordinary sight of the umpire holding the clock aloft and playing expedite, Kyung Sook joined Sandley in the final.

It was not a spectacular final, but a clever use of tactics were employed under the guidance of Donald Parker. In complete contrast to the Korean's semi-final opponent, Sandley plied the penholder with short back-spin pushes, to run out the easy winner and alight the rostrum graced by Dvoracek, Baum, Thorsell, Kovac et al.

With 30 points added for the Debenhams Grand Prix series, Sandley leapt ahead of Souter on 54 to take the first prize of £50, despite the difficulties of competing in the 'Selects' during the season due to fixture congestion.

RESULTS: TEAM EVENTS

BOYS
Round 1
Ireland 3 Denmark 1 2
Netherlands 3 Scotland 0
England III 3 Norway 0
Wales 3 Belgium 2
Round 2
South Korea 3 Ireland 0
Sweden II 3 France II 0
Sweden III 3 Federal Germany II 0
England I 3 Netherlands 1
France I 3 England III 1
Denmark II 3 Austria 0
England II 3 Federal Germany I 0
Sweden I 3 Wales 0
Quarter-finals:
Sweden II 3 South Korea 2
England I 3 Sweden III 0
Denmark II 3 France I 1
Sweden I 3 England II 1
Semi-finals:
England I 3 Sweden II 2
Sweden I 3 Denmark II 0
Final:
SWEDEN 1 3 England I 0
GIRLS
Round 1
South Korea 3 Wales 0

Belgium 3 Federal Germany I 0
England II 3 Denmark 2
France I 3 Ireland 0
England I 3 Federal Germany II 0
Norway 3 Scotland 0
Netherlands 3 Austria 2
Sweden 3 France II 0
Quarter-finals:
South Korea 3 Belgium 0
England II 3 France I 2
England I 3 Norway 0
Sweden 3 Netherlands 1
Semi-finals:
Sweden 3 England I 0
South Korea 3 England II 0
Final:
SOUTH KOREA 3 Sweden 0

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
KS. Yoo bt P. Vasilis 17, 14;
J. Akesson bt C. Wilson 13, 12;
D. Daugard bt K. Kim 8, 18;
G. Sandley bt B. Jeanes 10, 20.
Semi-finals:
Yoo bt Akesson -19, 18, 21;
Sandley bt Daugard -21, 8, 20.

Final:
SANDLEY bt Yoo 14, 14.
Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
M. Whang bt A. Johansson 13, 11;
B. Lippens bt H. Williams 17, 21;
A. Gordon bt K. Weizades 19, 17;
D. Shin bt J. Grundy 20, 16.
Semi-finals:
Whang bt Lippens 19, 19;
Shin bt Gordon 17, -11, 9.
Final:
SHIN bt Whang 12, -11, 16.
Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:
Sandley/Wilson bt Kim/Yoo 19, 21;
Bradbury/Souter bt Aernout/Farout 12, 18.
Final:
BRADBURY/SOUTER bt Sandley/Wilson 16, 14.
Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:
Shin/Whang bt Gordon/Grundy 18, 10;
Bibaut/Germain bt Hauth/Polk 14, 18.
Final:
SHIN/WHANG bt Bibaut/Germain -17, 15, 17.
Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:
Yoo/Whang bt Sandley/Gordon 18, 10;
Kim/Shin bt Ahn/Kim 13, 16.
Final:
KIM/SHIN bt Yoo/Whang 9, 17.

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JOHN HILTON SIGNS

Following his outstanding achievement in winning the men's singles title of the European Championships in Berne, John Hilton signed a contract, in Manchester on April 29, with Sport Kontakt Management Service GmbH of Kiel, Federal Germany.

The 2-year contract will provide a substantial guarantee which will enable John to become a fulltime professional for at least this period. Being on the professional tournament circuit will also provide more opportunities for money and the contract includes incentives for wins in major events.

For John, it will mean 70 days a year devoted to participating in table tennis tournaments, Grand Prix events, exhibitions, coaching, plus other promotions and endorsements on behalf of Sport Kontakt.

His first tournament appearance as European Champion, was in the Norwich Union Masters in Preston followed by the Federal German Grand Prix and further events at the end of May in France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

With regard to the possibility of playing for a foreign club, John commented, "I am hoping to stay in England next season and play for my present club, Sealink-Milton Keynes in the English National League, and I hope to be offered a squad contract by the English Table Tennis Association. There has been some substantial interest from German clubs for me to play in their Bundesliga, but provided that the offers from Sealink-Milton Keynes and the E.T.T.A. are in a similar bracket I will have no hesitation in staying at home".

Sport Kontakt organise table tennis tournaments, exhibitions and Grand Prix circuits in conjunction with the governing bodies of the sport. In addition they provide player management services and their clients include several German internationals. They also produce table tennis films, books, magazines and other publications.

Annegret Steffien, the General Manager of Sport Kontakt will do her utmost to help John Hilton to earn a good living from table

tennis after winning the European title in Berne. In Manchester she said "He will have several endorsement contracts, including clothing and rackets endorsements with Joola, the Federal German table tennis manufacturers who produce the Anti Top-spin rubber with which John won his title.

There will also be endorsements for a table tennis ball, a shoe, and with the Swiss sports drink company, Wander, which was used by most of the table tennis teams in Berne. Exhibitions and promotions in the U.K. will be organised by Britain's table tennis equipment mail order company Tees Sport.

"John will, henceforth, have a very busy and interesting reign as European Champion, and his travelling is likely to be worldwide".

While the contract will assist John to train, compete and earn his living fully in table tennis for the next two years, it is stressed that it safeguards in every way his commitment to the England team.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INTRIGUED

In the April issue of Table Tennis News, I was intrigued with the report on the U.S. Closed Championships both for the venue - Caesars Palace, Las Vegas — and some of the events, i.e. Men's +40, +50, +60, +70 and even Hard Rubber!


I would be most interested to know if you have any record of the number of entries these events attracted?

On a personal note, may I take this opportunity to congratulate you on maintaining such a fine standard of material each month.

BRUCE MCKENZIE.

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Over to you American correspondent,
Malcolm R. Anderson in Cicero, Ill., U.S.A.
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NO DISSENT

Your National Council Meeting on April 19 would, I assume, come to some decision regarding the future of Table Tennis News.

I sincerely hope that the magazine will continue and that you will get the support deserved. Table Tennis News, unlike so many sporting journals, is both informed and authoritative. Indeed it is more professional than the publications of the Marsh company.

One interesting statistic — a comparison of Tennis Today (60p) and Table Tennis News shows the latter to have about double the written and results content. Roughly, 19,000 words equivalent compared to 38,000. Put another way this means that the commercial publication costs four times that of Table Tennis News for the same content.

I am, of course, only writing in a personal capacity but in this part of the world I have not found any dissent from my view.

PATRICK ARKELL,
Vice-Chairman,

Table Tennis Association of Wales.

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Gwent.

The decision reached at the National Council Meeting was that Table Tennis News should continue. The voting was 21-12 in favour.
Ed.

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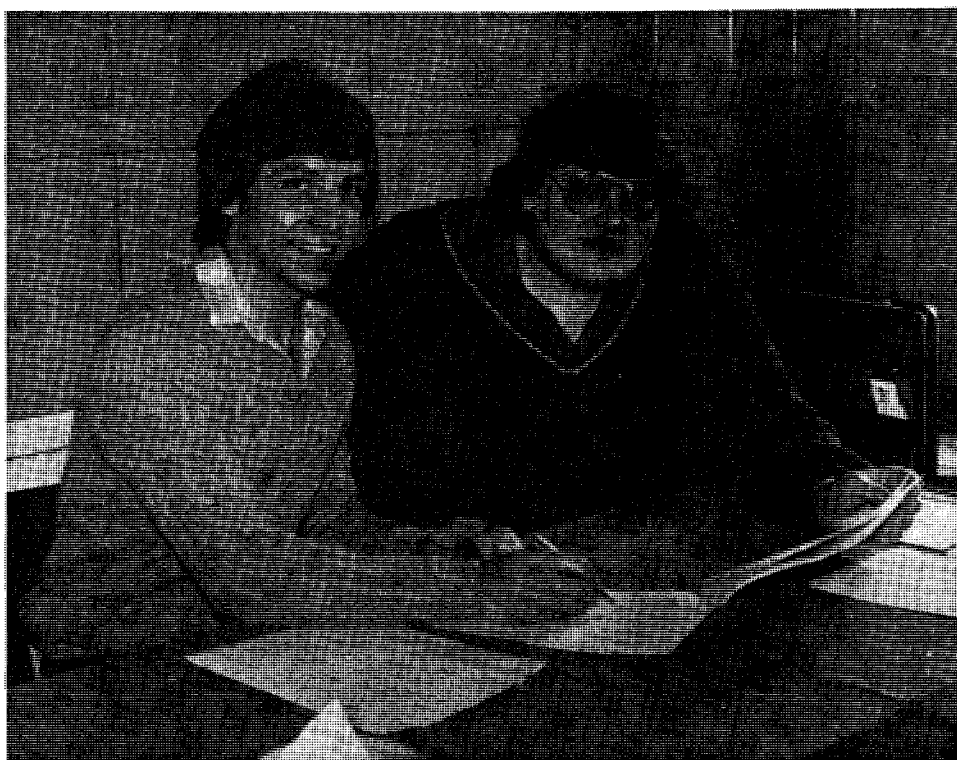
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Annegret Steffien of Sport Kontakt with John Hilton at the contract signing ceremony at Manchester's Mitre Hotel.

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Welsh Corner

H. ROY EVANS

DISAPPOINTING OVERALL

Berne, though it provided Wales with little in the way of significant success, at least gave the Selectors some reward for their decision to "go for Youth". That may seem slightly ironic when our No. 1 in the men's Team in the European Championships was David Welsman who can hardly be described as in the first flush of youth. But we had to have an anchor man, and Dave had proved himself the best to occupy this position. And indeed he ended up with the best record of the three. But Nigel Thomas, having been "blooded" this season, had to go in, and our No. 1 junior Mark Thomas, had played well enough to demand a chance.

Our first match was against Denmark, and Nigel gave us a good start by beating Hansen. But that was the end of our successes — Grimstrup beat Dave, and Mark found Claus Pedersen the kind of opponent a newcomer could do without in his first match in this company. Hansen beat David; Nigel, too found Pedersen altogether too much, and Mark went down to Grimstrup.

Dave lost to Thomas Busin in the opening set against Switzerland, but Mark levelled scores with a splendid win over Hafen. Nigel lost -20 in the third to Le Thanh, and we had been that close to taking the lead. Dave beat Hafen, but Nigel lost to Busin, and Mark to Le Thanh. Nigel, who has beaten

Hafen in the European League match earlier in the season, now lost to him, and we were beaten 5-2.

We then had a fine win over Spain, the only team we beat in the European League, but who subsequently did much better than we did! Dave won three, Nigel beat Pales and Moles, but Mark lost to Lupon and Moles — so we won 5-3.

Norway have now become much too good for us, and we succumbed 0-5, only Nigel going to three — against Guttormsen.

As expected, we beat Guernsey 5-0, Mark taking two, Nigel two and Dave one.

Finland, so strong against us in the European League, again demonstrated their superiority. But Dave went very well to beat Ikonen in the opening match. Mark then showed how he had improved since the start by taking Jokinen to the third. Nigel never got to grips with Autio, and Dave lost to Jokinen. Nigel surrendered two straight to Ikonen, but Mark gave us a real thrill when he took Autio to -12 and -24. We lost 1-5, but there were some very good games.

Dave should certainly have given us a good send off against Luxembourg, leading Maas 20-10 in the third only to lose. Mark lost to Hartmann and Nigel to Wolter in the third. Dave then atoned to some extent by beating Hartmann, but Nigel lost in the third to Maas and Mark to Wolter. So down again 1-5.

We beat Jersey 5-0, Dave and Mark winning two each very easily, but Nigel dropping a game to Wykes.

Now to the play-offs, and to our regret we finished below Spain in our group on set analysis. So we met Portugal, and registered a very good win. Dave won two, Nigel two, and Mark took that one set expected from the No. 3 in a tight match. One to us — 5-2.

Then came our biggest disappointment, losing 3-5 to Ireland. Dave lost to Colm Slevin in the opening set, but Mark levelled with a good win over Kevin Keane. Then we saw signs of trouble — Kinsella, the Irish "exile" who plays for Derbyshire, is a long armed fast blocker, and although Nigel plays something of the same kind of game, he could neither find speed nor spin to get through Kinsella. Dave then beat Keane,

and we were back with a chance. Nigel pepped us up with a good win over Slevin, so that the No. 1 had been beaten. But Mark found it equally difficult to penetrate Kinsella, although he went to three. Nigel should certainly have beaten Keane, who had fallen to Dave and Mark. Kinsella then completed a fine performance for Ireland by beating Dave in the third, giving the Irish a 5-3 win. We finished up in 26th position, the irony being that had we taken one more set in any of those we lost we would have been four places higher.

The policy of introducing new blood was successful enough to warrant being persevered with. Both Ireland and Scotland started it some years ago, and are now beginning to reap the reward.

Mark Thomas made the most successful debut of any Welsh junior in such strong company. He improved in confidence and maturity during the week, and knows what he has to do. Nigel started well enough, but lost confidence in himself. After developing aggression into his blocking game, and being successful at it, he fell back into his negative tactics, and must recover his search for more aggression and spin. Dave was our most successful player, and should have won more sets. He seems to suffer bad lapses about two thirds through too many games. Often he is in a winning position at say 14-11 up, but then loses a string of points, often on his own service! But he is very good against defensive players, and if only he can take a better grip of himself at that fatal losing stage, he will win far more games.

Unfortunately our women were disappointing, finishing 26th, but with only Guernsey, Malta and Jersey below. Stephanie was obviously the better of the two, but although she has a potentially good game, it contains too many unforced errors. Cathryn seems to have come to a full stop in her development and has not improved during the season.

We did little or nothing in the individuals, although Nigel and Stephanie beat a Dutch pair in the first round proper and could hardly have been expected to beat Klampar and Magos in the next.

All in all, perhaps a disappointment, but there was encouragement in the play of our two young men, and we must build on them, and find others. And, of course, we MUST find some female talent.

Four of our Umpires — Harry Maddison, Roy Williams, Les Jones from North Wales and Len Jones from South Wales officiated all through the tournament, were in charge in the women's doubles final and "twiddled" in the men's singles. They worked hard, but enjoyed themselves.

CELEBRATION

To celebrate the English successes in Berne at the Finals Night Party it was champagne all round and due thanks are herewith accorded Messrs Stiga AB and the Norwich Union Insurance Group whose generosity provided the bubbles.

SENIOR SELECTIONS

For the first time the Canadian Open Championships are included in the Norwich Union Grand Prix and England's team chosen to travel to Toronto was:- Robert Potton, Nicky Jarvis, Carole Knight and Karen Witt. The Championships were due to commence on May 21.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

TITLES FOR SEALINK AND UNITY

By defeating Soham, 7-2, on May 11, Sealink Milton Keynes made sure of championing the Premier Division of the English National League. So too did Bradford's Unity club by their defeat of Ormesby II, again by 7-2, to capture the Second Division title.

Other recent results:-
Ormesby I 4 Kelly Girl International 5
Macleans Maidenhead 6 Ellenborough 3
Ellenborough 6 Newham 3

TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Sealink M.K.	13	12	1	76	41	24
Soham	13	10	3	75	42	20
Ormesby I	13	9	4	71	46	18
Ellenborough	14	8	6	72	54	16
Newham	13	4	9	57	60	8
Kelly Girl Intl. ...	13	4	9	53	64	8
Macleans M'head .	13	4	9	48	64	8
Denmark	14	2	12	26	100	4

Second Division
March 4 Norton 5
Seagulls 3 Sunlife Second City 6
I.C.I. Hyde (Salford) 6 Briarside 3

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Unity	14	14	0	101	25	28
Sun Life 2nd City	14	12	2	96	30	24
Seagulls	12	7	5	60	48	14
I.C.I. Hyde	12	6	6	51	57	12
Briarside	13	6	7	51	66	12
Norton	13	4	9	38	79	8
Ormesby II	13	2	11	41	76	4
March	13	1	12	30	87	2

FAIRYTALE

A fairytale came true for Sealink Milton Keynes on Sunday, May 11, when they beat

their nearest challengers, Soham, to become Club Champions of England. If winning the National Club League at their first attempt was not enough for the Milton Keynes based team which is sponsored by Europe's largest car ferry operator, then the way in which they achieved it was nothing less than miraculous (writes Brian Ashton).

Pre-match moves and counter-moves had seen Sealink change their ranking order which was quite proper within the National Club League rules, but a counter-block by Soham which saw their re-ranking refused (quite rightly under the present ruling) and an official appeal, forced Sealink to revert back to their original list pending the result of the appeal which would be announced some time after the date of the match.

Players were understandably upset by these ploys which had given Sealink less than 24 hours to re-plan their match tactics and motivate the players into the right frame of mind for the club's most important match of the season.

Further pressure was added to the situation when it was learnt that European Champion John Hilton was contracted to appear in the Coca Cola Grand Prix series in Federal Germany less than 15 hours before this vital match.

It forced Sealink into the vital decision of allowing Hilton to play against Soham. Furthermore they took a big gamble by resting Richard Yule, the Scottish No. 1, and playing England No. 17 Skylet Andrew in the biggest and most vital game of his short career — a move that allowed Douggie Johnson to move up to the No. 2 slot in the team.

The players responded magnificently and when Johnson produced the biggest upset of the day by defeating Paul Day in the first set, Soham were struggling. Sealink

raced to a 5-0 match-winning lead before Day gained revenge over a tired Hilton to give the Cambs side their first set. Mike Johns was Soham's only other winner and Sealink ran out comfortable 7-2 winners.

The match, a sell-out weeks in advance, was the best possible advert for English Table Tennis and was covered by Anglia Television for subsequent screening in the 'World of Sport' programme. Sealink's win also means that the club will represent England next season in the EUROPEAN TT UNION'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Scores at Soham were:-

P. Day lost to D. Johnson 17, -12, -15;
K. Jackson lost to J. Hilton 16, -20, -18;
K. Richardson lost to S. Andrew 19, -12, -12;
M. Johns lost to N. Eckersley -15, -22;
Day/Johns lost to Hilton/Johnson 16, -16, -18;
Day bt Hilton 17, 15;
Jackson lost to Johnson -20, -11;
Richardson lost to Eckersley 19, -16, -11.
Johns bt Andrew 15, -18, 19.

APPOINTMENTS

At the National Council Meeting held in London on April 19, the following persons were appointed as Vice-Chairmen to manage the departments shown for the season 1980/81:-

Competitions: C. J. Clemett.

Development: A. E. Ransome

Public Relations: N. K. Reeve.

Selection/Coaching: R. J. Crayden.

No appointment was made for Vice-Chairman Administration, and the vacancy will be considered at the next meeting of the National Council on July 26/80.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR PROMOTION CHALLENGE

BUCKS AND BEDS PROMOTED

by Aubrey Drapkin

The Junior Promotion Challenge was held at I.C.I. Hyde on Apl. 12/13 with teams from Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Kent and Lancashire taking part. There were no clear favourites at the outset and the Challenge got under way with Lancashire playing against Bucks on Court 1 and Bedfordshire meeting Kent on Court 2.

Both matches followed the same pattern, with the boys of Bucks and Kent winning all their sets and the girls of Lancs and Kent doing likewise, giving both Kent and Bucks victories by 7-3. The evening session brought Bucks up against Beds and Kent against Lancs. Both matches were closely contested with Bedfordshire gaining a surprise 6-4 win. The Bellinger sisters were once again too strong for the opposition and with David Sharpe and Colin Luscombe both overcoming Stuart Lines and Colin also beat Jonathan Wright.

Phillip Bradbury won both his sets for Bucks but only after Sharpe had given him a fright. Kent, who brought in Paul Namdjou in place of Alan Longhurst, looked all set for their second victory of the day when the boys gave them a 3-0 lead. Both doubles then went to Lancs but Ray Namdjou put Kent 4-2 up. Jean Parker easily overcame Elizabeth Tidy to keep Lancs in the hunt but Paul Rainford suffered his fourth defeat of the day when losing to David Dodd. Joy Grundy won a close contest with Manya Ball and Andrew Christopher was left to play the final set against Paul Namdjou who had earlier beaten Rainford. Paul took the first end 21-9, but then Andrew won the second and came from 17-20 down to win the third and give Lancashire a draw.

This left Kent to play Bucks and Beds to play Lancs on the Sunday morning and the position was that any two of the counties could still gain promotion. Kent, of course, started as one of the favourites having already won one and drawn one. Disaster soon struck however when Bradbury, Wright, Lines and the girls doubles combination of Dawn Robbins and Linda Phelps all won three ends to give Bucks a 4-0 lead.

Kent pulled back the next two sets but Miss Phelps and Bradbury saw Bucks home, the final score being 7-3. The clash between Beds and Lancs brought the strongest girls into competition, with the Bellinger sisters, Jackie and Lisa meeting Joy Grundy and Miss Parker, and an interesting match was expected. Rainford gave Lancs an early lead but this was soon reversed when Luscombe beat Jonathan Moore, Sharpe overcame Christopher and the Beds girls took the doubles.

Lancs boys then won their doubles and Moore levelled the scores with a win over Ian Doughty. Lisa Bellinger then completed an unbeaten weekend by gaining a narrow win over Miss Parker. Not to be outdone, her sister did likewise against Miss Grundy after Sharpe had won his important set against Rainford. So Bedfordshire gained their second win of the weekend to join Buckinghamshire in gaining promotion to next season's Junior Premier Division.

Final positions:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bucks	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Beds	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Kent	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Lancs	3	0	1	2	11	19	1

RESULTS:

Lancashire 3 Buckinghamshire 7

P. Ashcroft lost to P. Bradbury -13, -15;
lost to J. Wright -14, -17.

A. Christopher lost to Wright -17, 18, -17;

lost to S. Lines -16, -16.

P. Rainford lost to Lines 19, 16, -21;

lost to Bradbury -8, -11.

Jean Parker bt Linda Phelps -15, 12, 15.

Joy Grundy bt Dawn Robbins 11, 12.

Rainford/Christopher lost to Bradbury/
Lines -17, -21.

Grundy/Parker bt Robbins/Phelps 16, 9.

Bedfordshire 3 Kent 7

I. Doughty lost to D. Dodd -14, 22, -13;

lost to A. Longhurst 18, -18, -15.

C. Luscombe lost to Longhurst -11, -10;

lost to R. Namdjou -19, -19.

D. Sharpe lost to Namdjou -8, -17;

lost to Dodd 20, -16, -19.

L. Bellinger bt E. Tidy 4, 8.

J. Bellinger bt M. Ball 15, 18.

Sharpe/Luscombe lost to Dodd/Namdjou
-19, -12;

Bellinger/Bellinger bt Ball/Tidy 16, 12.

Lancashire 5 Kent 5

Ashcroft lost to Dodd -12, -12;

lost to R. Namdjou -10, -15;

Christopher lost to R. Namdjou -14, -14;

bt P. Namdjou -9, 15, 20.

Rainford lost to P. Namdjou 11, -15, -18;

lost to Dodd -17, -18.

Parker bt Tidy 11, 10;

Grundy bt Ball 18, 19.

Rainford/Christopher bt Longhurst/P.
Namdjou -16, 17, 26.

Grundy/Parker bt Ball/Tidy 21, 8.

Buckinghamshire 4 Bedfordshire 6

Lines lost to Sharpe -11, 15, -10;

lost to Luscombe -17, -11.

Wright lost to Luscombe 15, -19, -14;

bt Doughty -18, 4, 13.

Bradbury bt Doughty 9, 23;

bt Sharpe 18, -17, 18.

Phelps lost to L. Bellinger -17, -17.

Robbins lost to J. Bellinger -10, -14.

Bradbury/Lines bt Doughty/Sharpe

-8, 18, 13.

Robbins/Phelps lost to Bellinger/Bellinger

-9, -15.

Kent 3 Buckinghamshire 7

P. Namdjou lost to Bradbury 15, -12, -16;

bt Wright 13, 18.

R. Namdjou lost to Wright -13, 11, -18;

lost to Lines 13, -19, -19.

Dodd lost to Lines -17, 11, -16;

lost to Bradbury -9, -17.

Tidy lost to Phelps -10, -11.

Ball bt Robbins 13, 12.

P. Namdjou/Dodds bt Bradbury/Lines

-19, 18, 12.

Ball/Tidy lost to Robbins/Phelps -8, 17, -18.

Bedfordshire 7 Lancashire 3

Doughty lost to Rainford -8, -6;

lost to Moore -15, -18;

Luscombe bt Moore 19, -16, 15;

bt Christopher 20, -11, 8.

Sharpe bt Christopher 12, 11;

bt Rainford 14, 18.

L. Bellinger bt Parker 20, 20.

J. Bellinger bt Grundy 19, -15, 17.

Sharpe/Doughty lost to Rainford/
Christopher -15, -17;

Bellinger/Bellinger bt Grundy/Parker 19, 15.

PING COMMENTARY

JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent,
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

"THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM"!

I had a dream in Berne that John Hilton took the European men's singles title! Unbelievably, the dream came true, whether there were any takers for the odds against Hilton winning, quoted later at 1,000-1, I do not know.

Had there been bookmakers present, official or otherwise, they could have made a great deal of money, but can John Hilton make a lot of money from the sponsors who

must themselves perhaps be a little embarrassed at wooing a man, who a short while ago they were cold-shouldering?

Anyway, for those who do not know him, it could not have happened to a nicer guy. Like all the best insurance salesmen he is quiet, very pleasant, often smiling, in short a totally acceptable personality that showed through all the way at Berne Press Centre as we English journalists had the pleasure of interviewing him after his quarter, semi-final and final victories.

Even Chester Barnes in the "Sun" has stopped throwing brick bats at Hilton and the E.T.T.A. for sending him with a heavily veiled turn-about suggesting that Hilton's shoulders are broad enough to withstand the pressures of the next two years until he defends his crown in Budapest, as the No. 1 seed.

It is going to be absolutely fascinating to see two things in the next year — (a) how often he loses in domestic events and (b) if the bat rules are changed so that an opponent can see which face is being used.

On the first point, the sponsors are not going to like it, if he loses to all sorts of players, so he might be well advised next season to pick his events most carefully.

On the second point, I agree with Desmond Douglas who suggests that it seems probable that proposals will be made in Novi Sad to use different colours on opposite sides of bats, so that people can see what is going on. European nations who lost to Hilton will be in favour whilst China are much more likely to be against, but in a minority and therefore likely to lose.

Not enough emphasis has been placed so far on the work behind Hilton's success. The ten day England training camp immediately prior to Berne was a big factor when England captain Peter Simpson paid special attention to Hilton's peculiar needs in terms of tactical advice.

And let's not forget that the Chinese have been using similar combinations of bat rubbers for some time. I can recall complaints from Denis Neale, loud and long, at the 1977 World Championships in Birmingham.

To conclude, all credit to John Hilton — now he knows what he can do, I think that his confidence might increase and that for sometime he will continue to win against all grades of players.

But I wish to condemn the comment made in Berne by Josef Dvoracek who lost to Hilton in the final, when he said, "It is like winning Wimbledon with a golf club". That is grossly unfair. I would also wish to dismiss with contempt that label "bizarre" that has been used to describe the Manchester man's coup. The meaning of this word in my dictionary is "odd, fantastic, eccentric, grotesque, quaint, extravagant and freakish". Take your pick, but there are no prizes for guessing which alternative meaning was meant by the "Sun".

HOME VENUES — EUROPEAN LEAGUE

England's home matches in the European League Super Division have been allocated as follows:-

Sept. 18 v Federal Germany (Bristol or Bath).

Dec. 11 v Soviet Union (Basingstoke).

Jan. 14 v Czechoslovakia (Belper).

Mar. 12 v Hungary (Ipswich).

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP PLACINGS

Prepared by Aubrey Drapkin

PREMIER — Final Table

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Essex	7	6	1	47	16	12
Middlesex	7	6	1	46	17	12
Cheshire	7	5	2	36	27	10
Yorkshire	7	4	3	39	24	8
Warwickshire	7	4	3	35	28	8
Glamorgan	7	2	5	28	35	4
Kent	7	1	5	12	51	2
Cleveland	7	0	7	9	54	0

DIVISION 2 SOUTH — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Surrey	5	4	1	0	36	14	9
Sussex	5	3	1	1	32	18	7
Essex II	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
Herts	5	1	3	1	23	27	5
Middlesex II	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
Kent II	5	0	1	4	16	34	1

DIVISION 2 NORTH — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancashire	6	5	0	1	42	18	10
Yorkshire II	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Durham	6	3	2	1	33	27	8
Northumberland	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
Derbyshire	6	2	1	3	26	34	5
Cheshire	6	2	0	4	31	29	4
Lincolnshire	6	0	1	5	13	47	1

DIVISION 2 MIDLAND — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Staffs	5	5	0	0	40	10	10
Warwick II	5	4	0	1	33	17	8
Gwent	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Gloucestershire	5	2	0	3	23	27	4
Worcester	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Glamorgan II	5	0	1	4	12	38	1

DIVISION 2 EAST — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leicestershire	6	5	0	1	44	16	10
Suffolk	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Cambs	6	3	3	0	37	23	9
Norfolk	6	2	1	3	25	35	5
Bucks	6	1	2	3	23	37	4
Northants	6	1	1	4	23	37	3
Bedfordshire	6	1	0	5	20	40	2

DIVISION 2 WEST — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berkshire	6	5	1	0	47	13	11
Dorset	6	3	2	1	31	29	8
Devon	6	3	2	1	31	29	8
Somerset	6	2	1	3	28	32	5
Wiltshire	6	1	2	3	25	35	4
Avon	6	2	0	4	23	37	4
Hampshire	6	0	2	4	25	35	2

DIVISION 3 SOUTH — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Surrey II	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Sussex II	4	3	0	1	31	9	6
Essex III	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Herts II	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Bucks II	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

DIVISION 3 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancs II	4	4	0	0	31	9	8
Cleveland II	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Cheshire III	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Cumbria	4	1	0	3	15	25	2
Northumberland	4	1	0	3	13	27	2

DIVISION 3 NORTH MIDLAND — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leics II	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
Notts	4	2	1	1	21	19	5
Derby II	4	2	0	2	20	20	4
Clwyd	4	1	0	3	11	29	2
Salop	4	0	1	3	16	24	1

DIVISION 3 SOUTH MIDLAND — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Oxford	4	3	0	1	28	12	6
Hereford	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Northants II	4	0	3	1	19	21	3
Worcester II	4	1	1	2	16	24	3
Berkshire II	4	1	1	2	15	25	3

DIVISION 3 EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cambs II	5	5	0	0	39	11	10
Hunts	5	2	2	1	24	26	6
Herts III	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Bedford II	4	1	1	2	22	18	3
Norfolk II	5	1	1	3	19	31	3
Suffolk II	5	0	1	4	13	37	1

DIVISION 3 WEST — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorset II	4	4	0	0	28	12	8
Hants II	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Cornwall	4	2	0	2	21	19	4
Avon II	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Somerset II	4	0	0	4	12	28	0

JUNIOR PREMIER — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Middlesex	7	7	0	0	64	6	14
Devon	7	5	1	1	46	24	11
Sussex	7	3	2	2	38	32	8
Staffs	7	2	4	1	38	32	8
Surrey	7	2	3	2	33	37	7
Yorks	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 — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kent	7	6	0	1	48	22	12
Wiltshire	7	5	0	2	42	28	10
Bucks	7	4	1	2	41	29	9
Herts	7	3	1	3	28	42	7
Hants	7	3	0	4	34	36	6
Middlesex II	7	3	0	4	30	40	6
Surrey II	7	0	3	4	31	39	3
Essex II	7	1	1	5	26	44	3

JUNIOR 2 NORTH — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yorks II	6	5	0	1	43	17	10
Cheshire	6	4	1	1	34	26	9
Lancs	6	4	0	2	33	27	8
Cumbria	6	2	2	2	27	33	6
Cleveland	6	2	0	4	24	36	4
Lincs	6	1	1	4	27	33	3
Clwyd	6	1	0	5	22	38	2

JUNIOR 2 MIDLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cambs	7	7	0	0	55	15	14
Warwicks	7	4	2	1	37	33	10
Bedfordshire	7	3	2	2	36	34	8
Gloucs	6	1	4	1	31	29	6
Glamorgan	7	2	2	3	32	38	6
Notts	6	1	2	3	29	31	4
Worcester	7	0	4	3	30	40	4
Leics	7	0	2	5	20	50	2

JUNIOR 3 SOUTH — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Oxford	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Kent II	4	3	1	0	30	10	7
Berks II	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Sussex II	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Bucks II	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

JUNIOR 3 NORTH — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Northumberland	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Cleveland II	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Cheshire II	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
Durham	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Cumbria II	4	0	0	4	7	33	0

JUNIOR 3 NORTH MIDLAND — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Derbyshire	4	3	1	0	31	9	7
Staffs II	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Salop	4	2	0	2	26	14	4
Warwicks II	4	2	0	2	16	24	4
Clwyd II	4	0	0	4	4	36	0

JUNIOR 3 SOUTH MIDLAND — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Avon	4	4	0	0	30	10	8
Gwent	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Devon III	4	2	0	2	22	18	4
Hereford	4	1	0	3	11	29	2
Salop II	4	0	1	3	14	26	1

JUNIOR 3 EAST MIDLAND — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Norfolk	4	3	1	0	24	16	7
Northants	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Hunts	4	2	0	2	24	16	4
Lincs II	4	0	2	2	10	30	2
Cambs II	4	0	1	3	17	23	1

JUNIOR 3 EAST — Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Suffolk	4	4	0	0	33	7	8
Essex III	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Herts II	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
Bedford II	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Norfolk II	4	0	0	4	9	31	0

JUNIOR 3 WEST — Final Table

(continued from page 43)

Ray Murray has had! — only one defeat all season.

VETERAN MIDLAND

Cheshire I 7 Lincolnshire 2

Cheshire II 4 Nottinghamshire 5

Cheshire fielded their strongest side and after dropping the first set only subsequently lost the X.D. Mary Leigh unbeaten all season. Notts just got home against Cheshire II but what an astonishing season Ron Bolton has enjoyed! In seventeen visits to the table (M.S. and X.D.) he had only been on the losing side once.

VETERAN EAST

Oxfordshire 3 Berkshire 6

Essex I 9 Hertfordshire I 0

Huntingdonshire 2 Herefordshire III 7

Berkshire, after a 9-0 drubbing by Essex in their first match of the season have won all the rest with A. Foster outstanding. Surprisingly easy win for Herts III against Hunts with Keith Hartridge and Dave Tomsett shining. Essex finished the season the way they began — with a 9-0. No team in the country can match their 52-2 sets aggregate.

VETERAN WEST

Avon I 5 Dorset I 4

Avon II 4 Worcestershire 5

Dorset II 4 Wiltshire 5

Hampshire 9 Somerset 0

Dorset's only defeat of the season nearly cost them the title. Cyril Bush, previously unbeaten, lost both but the Bush/Mrs. Coop 100% X.D. record was preserved. Two good wins for Avon's K. Watts — what a transformation he has provided in the second half of the season! With Hants winning 9-0 it was bound to be close — Dorset there by one SET. Worcs just home against Avon II. Mervyn Wood and Brian Belcher got all Worcs sets D. Waters in form for Wilts in their victory over Dorset II.

VETERAN CHALLENGE

Middlesex emerged champions again with nobody really able to match their all-round strength. They won all three of their matches fairly comfortably but the outstanding player was without doubt Derek Schofield. He won all six of his singles but without Pete D'Arcy, Cheshire were never really in with a chance. Essex perhaps, surprisingly managed only one Men's Singles against Middlesex where the latter were unbeaten at No. 3, shared by Redfearn and Smith. Cheshire were almost totally dependent on Schofield — he was involved in all five of the sets won against Middlesex and Essex but against Dorset E. Griffiths took two. Fred Kershaw played well for Dorset and the Mixed Doubles pairing of Cyril Bush and Joyce Coop again brought good results.

VETERAN CHALLENGE

Cheshire 2 Essex 7

D. Schofield bt R. Stevens 12, 15;

bt L. Fountain 12, 20.

E. Griffiths lost to Stevens -17, -18;

lost to S. Battrick -11, -19.

T. Donlon lost to Fountain -20, 17, -15;

lost to Battrick -8, -9.

Miss M. Leigh lost to Mrs. H. Cathcart

-16, 15, -14.

Donlon/Schofield lost to Fountain/Battrick

-18, -16.

M. Tew/Miss Leigh lost to Stevens/Mrs.

Cathcart -18, -14.

Middlesex 7 Dorset 2

A. Lindsay bt C. Bush 15, 16;

bt F. Kershaw 8, 12.

L. Landry bt Bush 17, 13;

bt D. Joyce 12, 22.

I. Redfearn bt Kershaw -19, 9, 10;

bt Joyce 12, 16.

Mrs. M. Symes lost to Mrs. J. Coop -23, -17.

Landry/D. Smith bt Kershaw/Joyce 8, 11.
Close/Mrs. Symes lost to Bush/Mrs. Coop
-20, -8.

Essex 3 Middlesex 6

R. Stevens lost to A. Lindsay -13, -8;

bt L. Landry 15, -14, 13.

L. Fountain lost to Lindsay -11, -18;

lost to D. Smith -17, -13.

S. Battrick lost to Landry 19, -16, -18;

lost to Smith -22, -14.

Miss M. Pemberton bt Mrs. M. Symes 18, 9.

Fountain/Battrick lost to Landry/Smith

-20, -7.

Stevens/Mrs. Cathcart bt Redfearn/Mrs.

Symes 15, 16.

Dorset 2 Cheshire 7

C. Bush lost to D. Schofield -10, -16;

lost to E. Griffiths 12, -12, -13.

F. Kershaw lost to Schofield -15, -7;

bt M. Tew 18, 18.

D. Joyce lost to Griffiths 19, -4, -15;

lost to Tew -17, -17.

Mrs. J. Coop lost to Miss M. Leigh

23, -12, -19.

Kershaw/Joyce lost to Schofield/Donlan

-12, -15.

Bush/Mrs. Coop bt Donlan/Miss Leigh

17, -19, 14.

Middlesex 6 Cheshire 3

A. Lindsay lost to D. Schofield -8, 18, -15;

bt E. Griffiths 13, 16.

L. Landry lost to Schofield 19, -20, -10;

bt M. Tew 8, 15.

D. Smith bt Griffiths -13, 11, 18;

bt Tew 11, -19, 12.

Mrs. M. Symes bt Miss M. Leigh -19, 16, 11.

Landry/Smith lost to Schofield/Donlon

-19, -19.

M. Close/Mrs. Symes bt Donlon/Miss Leigh

9, -15, 19.

Essex 8 Dorset 1

R. Stevens bt C. Bush 6, 15;

bt F. Kershaw 21, -19, 19.

L. Fountain bt Bush 19, 13;

bt D. Joyce 13, -14, 17.

M. Watts lost to Kershaw -14, -19;

bt Joyce 8, 7.

Mrs. H. Cathcart bt Mrs. J. Coop -17, 14, 8.

Fountain/Watts bt Kershaw/Joyce 9, 18.

Stevens/Miss Pemberton bt Bush/Mrs. Coop

12, -18, 16.

DEBENHAMS SOUTH OF ENGLAND 2-STAR OPEN

CONSOLATION FOR POTTON

by The Editor

Bob Potton could derive some consolation over his omission from England's European Championships squad when, over the weekend of Apr. 12/13 in the Debenhams South of England 2-Star Open, he picked up the major prize of £250 by winning the men's singles title at Woking Leisure Centre.

Of course, as top seed, he was expected to do so but he was stretched to three games by Peter McQueen in the quarters and by Nigel Eckersley in the final. The Cheshire man, seeded No. 3, was taken to the brink of defeat by his county colleague Dave Constance in a hard-fought quarter-final round which saw the demise of No. 2 seed, Max Crimmins, taken out by Skylet Andrew.

The No. 4 seed, as listed was Alan Griffiths of Wales, in whose absence Jimmy Walker filled the gap but lost, again in the quarters, to Dave Barr.

£200 was on offer to the winner of the women's singles and this amount was duly taken by Karen Witt, the top seed, who beat the No. 3 seed, Alison Gordon, who eliminated the No. 2 seed Mandy Smith in the semis. Claire Maisey was the No. 4 seed but the Wiltshire lass fell to Lesley Tyler in the quarters.

There was no lack of prize money in this star-spangled tournament and Andrew

pocketed £125 by winning the U-21 men's singles event with a final victory over Barr, the top seed. And, in the counterpart female event, Miss Gordon tucked £80 into her purse with a final victory, for the second time over the weekend, over Miss Smith.

Sam Harmer and Andy Wellman won the men's doubles beating Crimmins and Dave Wells in the final with Potton, partnered by Walker, departing in the semis when beaten by the eventual winners. Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith got together in the womens doubles to defeat Karen Witt and Helen Williams in the final.

George Evans, the roving Welshman, took the veterans' singles title beating M. Adedayo in the final, the £50 prize doubtless compensating him for his journey from Swansea.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

R. Potton (E) bt P. McQueen (Sy)

11, -19, 18;

D. Barr (Bk) bt J. Walker (Cv) -21, 22, 17;

N. Eckersley (Ch) bt D. Constance (Ch)

-13, 13, 20;

S. Andrew (E) bt M. Crimmins (Sy) 18, 15.

Semi-finals:

Potton bt Barr 16, 15;

Eckersley bt Andrew 19, 19.

Final:

POTTON bt Eckersley -14, 17, 17.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Witt (Bk) bt N. Hamilton (Bu) 14, 7;

L. Tyler (Mi) bt C. Maisey (Wi) -15, 20, 16;

A. Gordon (Bk) bt H. Williams (Mi) 6, 18;

M. Smith (Bk) bt A. Seager (Av) 7, 9.

Semi-finals:

Witt bt Tyler 11, 14;

Gordon bt Smith 10, -11, 18.

Final:

WITT bt Gordon -14, 17, 19.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Crimmins/D. Wells (Mi) bt Andrew/

Constance 21, -15, 14;

S. Harmer (Bu)/A. Wellman (Bk) bt

Potton/Walker 19, 20.

Final:

HARMER/WELLMAN bt Crimmins/Wells
18, 18.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Gordon/Smith bt M. Reeves (Mi)/Williams

6, -19, 9;

Williams/Witt bt Maisey/H. Payce-Drury

(Mi) 17, 16.

Final:

GORDON/SMITH bt Williams/Witt

-16, 13, 17.

U-21 Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

Barr bt L. Smith (E) 17, 20;

M. Shuttle (Sy) bt D. Charlery (E) 12, 18;

B. Jeanes (Wal) bt D. Newman (E) 13, 17;

Andrew bt M. Hankey (Ch) 7, -21, 13.

Semi-finals:

Barr bt Shuttle 17, 19;

Andrew bt Jeanes 17, 12.

Final:

ANDREW bt Barr -13, 18, 21.

U-21 Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

Witt bt Williams 8, 13;

Gordon bt S. Collier (Bk) 19, 9;

Reeves bt Maisey 15, 10;

Smith bt J. New (Do) 18, 13.

Semi-finals:

Gordon bt Witt -10, 18, 21;

Smith bt Reeves 17, 19.

Final:

GORDON bt Smith 20, -12, 17.

Veterans' Singles Quarter-finals:

G. Chapman (Sy) bt B. Simmonds (Sy)

17, 16.

G. Evans (Wal) bt H. Woodgate (Sy) 11, 14;

M. Adedayo (Mi) bt P. Leckie (Bu) 10, 13;

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt A. Rowden (Sx) 14, 16.

Semi-finals:

Evans bt Chapman 24, 17;

Adedayo bt D'Arcy 6, 13.

Final:

EVANS bt Adedayo 15, 12.

County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

PREMIER TITLE FOR ESSEX

ESSEX had good wins over Warwickshire and Kent with Bob Potton finishing the season 100% — a really great performance — but had to sweat it out until May 17 awaiting the result of the long delayed Glamorgan v Middlesex match.

A 9-0 win for Middlesex would have given them the title, an 8-1 scoreline would have meant games would decide but in the event, thanks to veteran George Evans — he beat Mark Mitchell and Graham Sandley — the 7-2 result obtained by Middlesex was not enough and Essex became champions of the Premier Division.

The Senior Promotion Challenge turned into something of a fiasco at Coventry over the weekend of Apl. 19/20 owing to difficulties with sunlight interfering with play, since when Berkshire have withdrawn leaving Lancashire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire and Surrey to battle it out anew at Loughborough.

PREMIER DIVISION

Warwickshire 3 Essex 6

P. Glynn lost to R. Potton -11, 19, -13;
bt I. Horsham 15, 13.

D. Munt lost to Potton -13, -15;
lost to D. Newman -19, -17.

B. Johnson bt Horsham 18, 16;
lost to Newman -17, -18.

Miss K. Groves bt Mrs. E. Foulds 20, 17.
Munt/Johnson lost to Potton/Newman
18, -18, -13.

Glynn/Miss Groves lost to Horsham/Mrs.
Foulds -22, -19.

Essex 9 Kent 0

R. Potton bt J. Burleton 14, 21;
J. Kennedy 17, 18.

I. Horsham bt Kennedy 12, 16;
bt R. Beckham 15, 20.

D. Newman bt Burleton 9, -16, 17;
bt Beckham 17, 11.

Mrs. E. Foulds bt Miss K. May 15, 12.
Horsham/Mrs. Foulds bt Beckham/Miss
May 18, 17.

Potton/Newman bt Kennedy/Burleton
20, 12.

Glamorgan 2 Middlesex 7

G. Evans bt M. Mitchell 12, -19, 18;
bt G. Sandley 19, -18, 16.

G. Morgan lost to Sandley -17, -15;
lost to C. Wilson -17, -9.

A. Healan lost to Wilson -12, -11;
lost to Mitchell -17, -16.

Miss C. Jones lost to Miss A. Mitchell
17, -12, -17.

Evans/Morgan lost to Mitchell/Sandley
-18, -15.

Healan/Miss Jones lost to Wilson/Miss
Mitchell 11, -14, -13.

2ND NORTH

Cheshire II 8 Lincolnshire 2

Northumberland 5 Durham 5

Yorkshire II 6 Lancashire 4

Cheshire II 8 Derbyshire 2

Good win by Yorks but Lancs still top the division. Lancs won four M.S. but nothing else. Helen Shields' 10, -19, 19 victory over Jean Parker spoilt the latter's 100% record whilst preserving her own. Hryszko/Shields also 100% in W.D., Parker/Grundy losing their undefeated record here. Barbara Kearney on top form for Northumberland against Durham, the Svenson twins, David and Ian playing well for the latter. A heavy defeat for Lincs. where Suzanne Hunt was involved in both their wins. Evergreen Derek Schofield outstanding for Cheshire. What an example to the youngsters he sets!

2ND EAST

Cambridgeshire 6 Leicestershire 4

Norfolk 6 Northamptonshire 4

Suffolk 10 Bedfordshire 0

Skipper Steve White decided to rest all the Leics first team men with the championship secure against Cambs and the team lost 4-6. Keith Richardson, only one defeat this season outstanding. Suffolk's 10-0 win over Beds gave them runner-up spot from Cambs by one set! John Kitchener and Stuart Palmer both unbeaten all season apart from match with Leics. Two more wins for Duggie Bennett — eight on the trot - in Norfolk's 6-4 win over Northants where the Wallis sisters were unbeaten. In W.D. unbeaten all season.

2ND WEST

Berkshire 10 Wiltshire 0

Dorset 8 Avon 2

Devon 6 Somerset 4

Berkshire finished season in great style and looked real champions. Wilts, without Kevin Satchell never really a threat. Dorset clinched 2nd place with yet another Trevor Smith maximum against Avon with Andy Creed taking two for Avon — their only two Barry Reeves and John Hartry both took two for Somerset but Devon took the rest. Elaine Lamb unbeaten all season.

3RD SOUTH MIDLAND

Worcestershire II 7 Herefordshire 3

Only one result but a vital one. A win for Hereford against Worcs would have given them the title but their neighbours, previously without a win romped home 7-3. All the women's events to Worcs (Incidentally nice to see Derek Baddeley back again) Mark Owen unbeaten for Herefords this season and with Michael Owen also unbeaten in doubles.

3RD EAST

Hertfordshire III 5 Huntingdonshire 5

Cambridgeshire II 7 Norfolk II 3

Hertfordshire III 7 Bedfordshire II 3

Cambridge completed season with maximum points. Robert Swift, Andy Withers, Gary Jordan and Mandy Judd also members of the title-winning Junior 2 (Midland). Against Norfolk Withers lost his 100% to Steve Howlett in first set of the afternoon. Herts III finished with a flourish, drawing with Hunts and beating Beds to finish runners-up. David Seaholme and Sally Bax their stars, although A. Gray on top form (and unbeaten) for Hunts.

3RD WEST

Avon II 2 Hampshire II 8

Somerset II 4 Dorset II 6

Two more wins for Gary Longland and another win for Kathy Conlon (100%) helped Hants in a not too difficult task against Avon. Dorset clinched the championship with a 6-4 win at Yeovil. Jeremy Musslewhite finished season 100%.

3RD NORTH

Cumbria 2 Lancashire II 8

JUNIOR 2 SOUTH

Essex II 4 Wiltshire 6

Hertfordshire 7 Hampshire 3

Kent 3 Buckinghamshire 7

Surrey II 4 Middlesex II 6

Kent lost their first (and only) points of the season but Bucks stop them topping the chart. Philip Bradbury made all the difference. Kevin Satchell and Tracey Watkins both completed the season 100% for Wilts and of course the main stumbling-block against Essex for whom Paul Sayer was outstanding. Herts win inspired by Peter Brownlow and Roger Pyle. NPC Len Howick must be pleased with the form of these

boys! John Roberts, with only one previous defeat for Hants lost both. Two wins each for Michael Hammond and Andrew Sexton not enough to give Surrey a point against Middlesex, although Sarah Sandley, not surprisingly, completed the season 100%.

JUNIOR 2 NORTH

Cumbria 4 Lancashire 6

Yorkshire II 4 Cheshire 6

Cleveland I 6 Lincolnshire 4

Yorkshire's defeat didn't affect their top of the table position against Lancs. The two Julies — Todd and Speight — have had a lot to do with Yorks success — only one defeat from their 15 appearances (G.S. and G.D.). A good win though for Cheshire with Tony Taylor the star. David Archer and Tim Pachul looked good for Cumbria against Lancashire, winning all their singles but the Lancs girls, Helen Frost and Beverly Hoyle too strong. Cleveland's win over Lincs leaves the latter in bottom place. Kevin Green concluded a good season with two fine wins.

JUNIOR 2 MIDLAND

Glamorgan 3 Gloucestershire 7

Leicestershire 2 Warwickshire 8

Nottinghamshire 3 Bedfordshire 7

Worcestershire 2 Cambridgeshire 8

Cambs finished the season in style. Have looked champions all season. Credit though to Worcs. Jeremy Duffield who beat both Robert Swift and Andy Withers — nobody else has managed that doubles. Gary Jordan, though, kept his 100%. Glos continued their commendable way with a good win over Glamorgan. Glos have only lost once this season (6-4 to Cambs) yet they have collected only 2 of the 18 girls' sets. Andrew Jones collected Glamorgan's only boys' win. Leics led 2-1 but then faded against Warwicks. Only consolation — Yvonne Hall finished 100%. Two wins by Robert Watson couldn't prevent Beds winning with the Bellinger sisters completing the season undefeated.

JUNIOR 3 SOUTH

Buckinghamshire II 1 Kent II 9

A solitary win by M. Curtis prevented 'whitewash'.

JUNIOR 3 NORTH

Cheshire II 4 Cleveland II 6

Northumberland 6 Durham 4

Northumberland's narrow win over Durham gives them the title. Miss C. Burke has had a fine season undefeated in G.S. and G.D whilst J. Burke has lost only once. Glen Skipp's outstanding play brought Cleveland victory against Cheshire despite two by T. Turner.

JUNIOR 3 EAST

Bedfordshire II 6 Norfolk II 4

Suffolk 8 Essex III 2

Suffolk in a different class to the rest of the division, finished in great style. Boys dropped only one of their 28 sets. Russell Beard's two wins instrumental in Beds win over Norfolk which decided wooden- spoonists.

JUNIOR 3 WEST

Somerset 5 Dorset 5

D. Sully and D. Lee responsible for Somerset's five sets but Dorset girls — L. Harman and S. New — too strong (only one defeat in G.S. and G.D. all season).

VETERAN SOUTH

Hampshire II 6 Kent I 3

Hertfordshire II 2 Sussex 7

Kent II 1 Essex II 8

Good performance by Hants with M. Barrett and D. Allen giving outstanding displays. Good win for Sussex. A. Rowden has had a fine season, losing only two of his twelve sets (both against Essex). Another big win for Essex II. What a season

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