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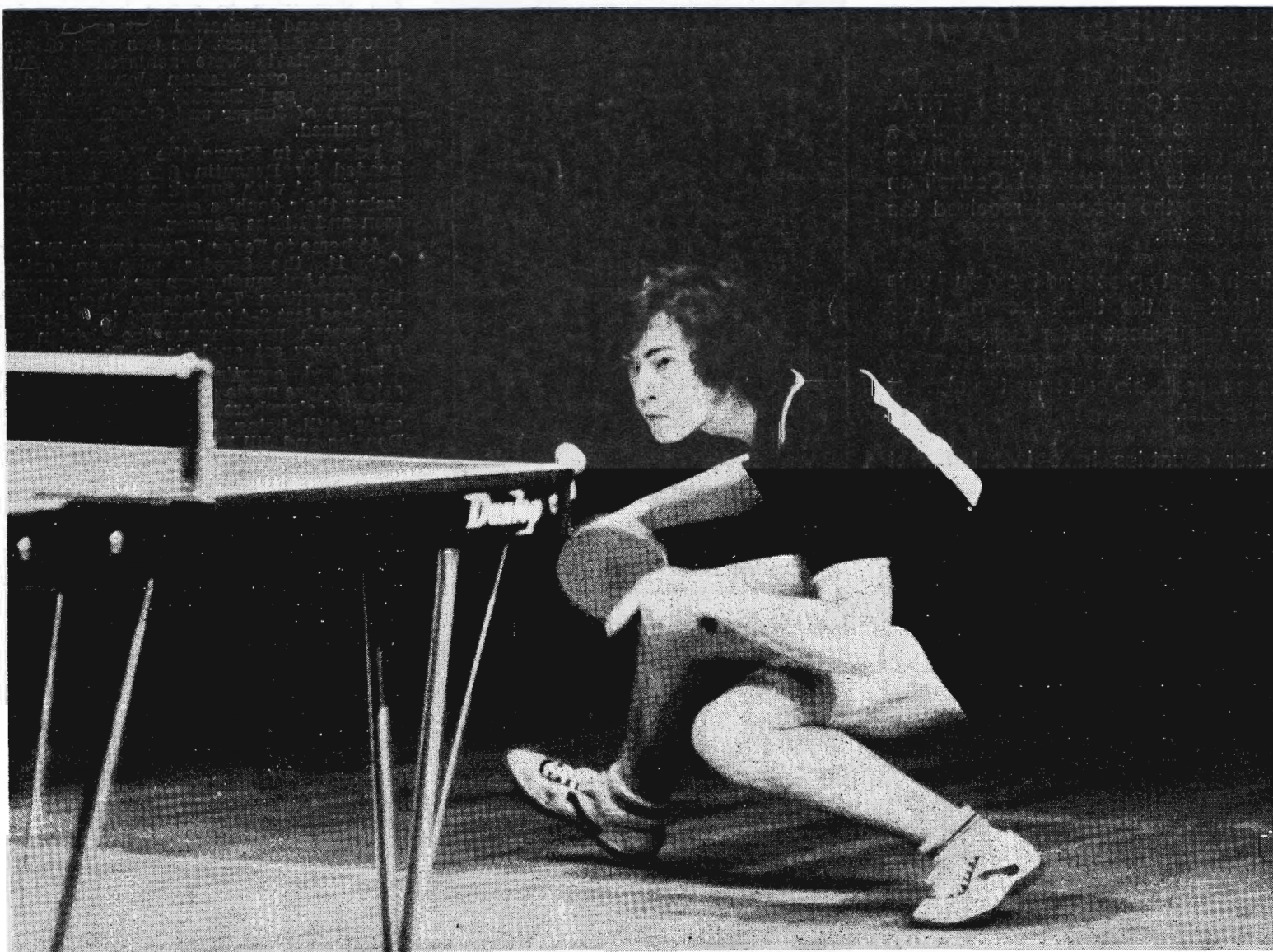


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THUMBS DOWN

Despite a deal of lobbying by the Development Committee of the E.T.T.A. in pursuance of their desire to employ a foreign coach, when the question was finally put to the National Council on October 13 the proposal received the thumbs down.

Much debate preceded the actual vote not least on the track record of the present incumbent, Peter Simpson, who has, since taking over the position, made quite a reasonable suit from the cloth at his disposal.

Other countries have invested vast amounts in such engagements but, with the exception of Sweden who derived the utmost benefit from their employment of Ichiro Ogimura, Japan's former world champion and now the Deputy President of the I.T.T.F., the return has in no way been commensurate with the outlay.

Indeed, having regard to the language difficulties coupled with the way of life in England, the field is a very narrow one and much as such an engagement might be to the liking of a certain faction of the establishment the noes exceeded the ayes when it came to the crunch vote in London.

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On the International Front

by The Editor



A phlegmatic Milan Orlowski who came to his country's rescue when Czechoslovakia trailed 1-3 to Poland in Lodz. Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

MILAN TO THE RESCUE

Czechoslovakia, the defending Super Division champions of the European League, had good cause to be thankful to Milan Orlowski for keeping their hopes alive of retaining the coveted title.

Beating France 7-0 in their opening match on Sept. 27 in Usti nad Lebem might have lulled the Czechs into thinking it was all too easy. But, against Poland in Lodz on Oct. 11, they found themselves with their backs to the wall when trailing 1-3.

Orlowski began the match where he had left off in beating Jacques Secretin and Patrick Birocheau of France by overcoming Andrzej Grubba in the opening set, albeit over three games. But thereafter shock followed shock as firstly, Leszek Kucharski accounted for Jozek Dvoracek and, in the women's singles, Jolanta Szatko had a most convincing win over Iлона Uhlíkova.

Grubba and Kucharski then combined to put down Orlowski and Jindrich Pansky and the skids were then firmly under the visitors' feet. But champions die hard and the Poles, despite striving might and main, could not manage one other all-important set. Kucharski went down -17 in the third game of the final set after the Czechs had clawed their way back to a 3-all situation.

Near neighbours Hungary, who in view of their Swaythling Cup triumph in Pyongyang must be considered the favourites,

suffered but two reverses against Poland in Debrecen on Sept. 27.

European champion, Gabor Gergely, was the Hungarian to suffer losing to both Grubba and Kucharski. Not so on Oct. 11 when, in Budapest, the two wins obtained by Yugoslavia were achieved by Anton Stipancic, over Istvan Jonyer, and by Stipancic and Erzebet Palatinus at the expense of Jonyer and Gabriella Szabo in the mixed.

Prior to, in Kranz, the Yugoslavs spear-headed by Dragutin Surbek had beaten Sweden 6-1 with Surbek and Zoran Kalinic losing their doubles encounter to Ulf Carlsson and Niklas Persson.

At home to Federal Germany, in Eslov on Oct. 11, the Swedes, with an entirely different but much stronger team, swamped the opposition 7-0 leaving their victims, who had lost 3-4 to England in their opening match, propping up the division with an inferior set analysis to Poland.

England, equating 7-7 on sets, can be said to have made a safe start although, as reported elsewhere, they could have made it safer still being too dependant on Des Douglas and Jill Hammersley, M.B.E.

RESULTS and SCORES to date:

Hungary 5 Poland 2

T. Klampar bt L. Kucharski 15, 12;

G. Gergely lost to A. Grubba -21, -13;

G. Szabo bt J. Szatko 18, 13;

I. Jonyer/Klampar bt Grubba/Kucharski

18, 16;

Jonyer/Szabo bt Kucharski/Szatko 14, 19;

Klampar bt Grubba 15, 14;

Gergely lost to Kucharski 14, -17, -19.

Czechoslovakia 7 France 0

M. Orlowski bt P. Birocheau 8, -18, 13;

J. Dvoracek bt J. Secretin 15, 20;

I. Uhlíkova bt C. Bergeret 19, 8;

Orlowski/J. Pansky bt Birocheau/Secretin

17, 15;

Orlowski/Uhlíkova bt Secretin/Bergeret

16, -20, 14;

Orlowski bt Secretin 8, 11;

Dvoracek bt Birocheau 7, 13.

Yugoslavia 6 Sweden 1

Z. Kalinic bt N. Persson 12, 10;

D. Surbek bt U. Carlsson 19, 16;

E. Palatinus bt M. Lindblad 17, 16;

Kalinic/Surbek bt Carlsson/Persson

13, -14, -19;

Surbek/Palatinus bt Carlsson/Lindblad

-16, 16, 17;

Kalinic bt Carlsson 20, 21;

Surbek bt Persson 8, -18, 13.

Federal Germany 3 England 4

P. Stellwag bt N. Jarvis 17, 16;

J. Leiss lost to D. Douglas 20, -11, -12;

U. Kamizuru lost to J. Hammersley -14, -17;

Leiss/Stellwag lost to Douglas/J. Hilton

20, -17, -20;

R. Wosik/Kamisuru bt Douglas/Jarvis

15, 19;

Stellwag lost to Douglas -17, -18;

Leiss bt Jarvis 11, 15.

Hungary 5 Yugoslavia 2

Gergely bt A. Stipancic 18, 20;

Jonyer bt Kalinic -17, 20, 9;

Z. Olah bt Palatinus -18, 20, 13;
Jonyer/Klampar bt Kalinic/Stipancic
11, 14;
Jonyer/Szabo lost to Stipancic/Palatinus
30, -14, -11;
Gergely bt Kalinic 17, 18;
Jonyer lost to Stipancic -28, -18.

Sweden 7 Federal Germany 0
U. Thorsell bt Leiss 12, 14;
S. Bengtsson bt Stellwag 16, 14;
A-C. Hellman bt Kamizuru -19, 18, 19;
Bengtsson/Carlsson bt Leiss/Stellwag 16, 21;
Thorsell/Lindblad bt Wosik/Kamizuru
-19, 15, 23;
Thorsell bt Stellwag 18, -22, 17;
Bengtsson bt Leiss 19, -13, 16.

Poland 3 Czechoslovakia 4
Grubba lost to Orlowski 20, -19, -12;
Kucharski bt Dvoracek 15, -18, 13;
Szatko bt Uhlíkova 18, 14;
Grubba/Kucharski bt Orlowski/Pansky
17, 21;
Kucharski/Szatko lost to Orlowski/Uhlíkova
-17, -22;
Grubba lost to Dvoracek -12, -17;
Kucharski lost to Orlowski -18, 10, -17.

England 3 France 4
(Details as per write-up by David Cosway)

SUPER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Czechoslovakia	2	2	0	11	3	2
Hungary	2	2	0	10	4	2
Sweden	2	1	1	8	6	1
Yugoslavia	2	1	1	8	6	1
England	2	1	1	7	7	1
France	2	1	1	4	10	1
Poland	2	0	2	5	9	0
Federal Germany	2	0	2	3	11	0

England play their next match on Nov. 14 at home to Yugoslavia at the Central Hall, Birmingham.

Other fixtures (all on Nov. 15) are:-
Federal Germany v Hungary (Porta Westfalica)

France v Poland (Amiens)
Czechoslovakia v Sweden (Trebic)

Fixtures for Dec. 6th are:-
Hungary v Sweden (Szolnok)
Federal Germany v France (Nierstein)
Poland v England (Warsaw)
Yugoslavia v Czechoslovakia (Nis)

DIVISION ONE

The Soviet Union, demoted from last season, would appear to be the firm favourites for a quick return, following their opening 7-0 slaying of the Netherlands in Moscow and a 6-1 win away to Italy.

Greece are the only other unbeaten team in this division their 7-0 win over Turkey in Istanbul being quite a feat more especially after their fight in Athens against Luxembourg who went down 4-3 whereas Turkey, away to Bulgaria in Sofia, triumphed 5-2.

Strangely the Netherlands prop up the division, their home loss to Bulgaria, in Neede, being a bitter pill to swallow after their eclipse in Moscow.

RESULTS and SCORES:

Soviet Union 7 Netherlands 0

I. Solopov bt J. van Spanje 13, 5;
V. Schevtchenko bt A. Vlieg -15, 19, 15;
V. Popova bt B. Vriesekoop 14, -20, 14;
M. Kreeris/Schevtchenko bt Vlieg/v. Spanje
10, -18, 16;
Schevtchenko/Popova bt Vlieg/Vriesekoop
11, 20;
Solopov bt Vlieg 17, 12;
Schevtchenko bt v. Spanje 22, 20.

Bulgaria 2 Turkey 5

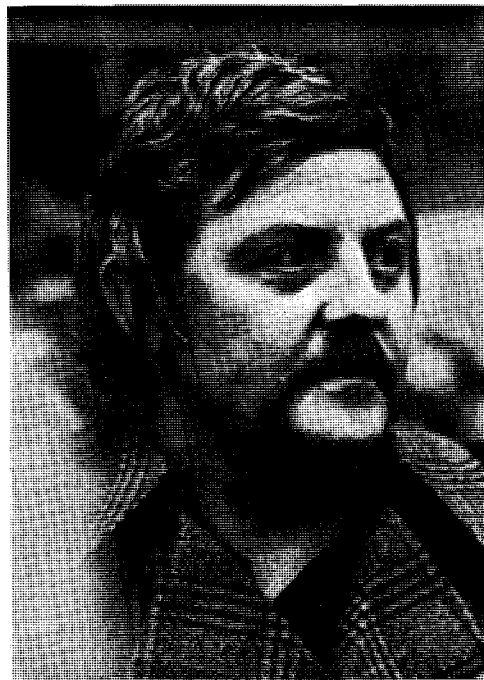
I. Stoyanov lost to O. Cimen -10, -19;
S. Stefanov lost to V. Alexandridis
17, -19, -17;
D. Gergelcheva bt K. Poyrazoglu 10, -19, 21;
Stefanov/Stoyanov lost to Alexandridis/
Cimen 13, -11, -11;
Stoyanov/Gergelcheva bt Cimen/Poyrazoglu
12, 16;
Stoyanov lost to Alexandridis -14, -13;
Stefanov lost to Cimen -12, -15.

Greece 4 Luxembourg 3
K. Priftis bt C. Putz 17, 19;

D. Zikos bt A. Hartmann 17, -19, 17;
F. Galanou lost to C. Risch -11, -11;
Priftis/Zikos bt Hartmann/Putz -16, 15, 13;
Priftis/Galanou lost to Putz/Risch -25, -11;
Priftis bt Hartmann 13, -23, 21;
Zikos lost to Putz -20, 17, -20.

Italy 4 Austria 3

S. Bosi bt E. Amplatz 18, -19, 11;
M. Constantini bt F. Waldhausl 12, 18;
Mauriello lost to D. Fetter -13, -11;
Bosi/Constantini lost to Amplatz/G.
Muller -19, -18;
Constantini/Mauriello lost to Muller/Fetter
19, -20, -19;
Bosi bt Waldhausl 16, 17;
Constantini bt Amplatz 18, -16, 19.



Peter Simpson, England Trainer/Coach and non-playing captain, who saw his team win 4-3 against Federal Germany but lose by the same score at home to France.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

Netherlands 3 Bulgaria 4

J. van Spanje bt S. Stefanov 18, 9;
R. van Spanje lost to I. Stoyanov -11, -9;
B. Kooter lost to D. Gergelcheva -11, -13;
R. v. Spanje/H. Gootzen lost to Stoyanov/
M. Lukov 20, -10, -16;
J. v. Spanje/Kooter lost to Stoyanov/
Gergelcheva -17, -13;
J. v. Spanje bt Stoyanov -11, 19, 21;
R. v. Spanje bt Stefanov 21, -14, 16.

Italy 1 Soviet Union 6

Turkey 0 Greece 7

O. Cimen lost to D. Zikos 17, -21, -15;
V. Alexandridis lost to K. Priftis
14, -23, -19;
K. Poyrazoglu lost to F. Galanou 20, -17, -14;
Alexandridis/Cimen lost to Priftis/Zikos
-13, -16;
Cimen/Poyrazoglu lost to Zikos/Galanou
-16, -17;
Cimen lost to Priftis 10, -15, -15;
Alexandridis lost to Zikos -19, -13.

Austria 4 Luxembourg 3

G. Bar bt J. Krier 10, 12;
F. Waldhausl lost to C. Putz -13, 17, -19;
B. Gropper lost to C. Risch -15, -20;
Bar/Fehedbauer lost to Hartmann/Putz
-11, 20, -17;
Muller/Fetter bt Putz/Risch -14, 15, 19;
Bar bt Putz 20, 19;
Waldhausl bt Krier 19, 14.

Fixtures for Nov. 15/'79

Greece v Netherlands
Bulgaria v Soviet Union
Austria v Turkey (Wollkersdoff)
Luxembourg v Italy (Differdange)

Fixtures for Dec. 6/'79

Netherlands v Austria (Montfoort)
Soviet Union v Greece
Italy v Bulgaria
Luxembourg v Turkey (Remich)

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Soviet Union	2	2	0	13	1	2
Greece	2	2	0	11	3	2
Austria	2	1	1	7	7	1
Bulgaria	2	1	1	6	8	1
Italy	2	1	1	5	9	1
Turkey	2	1	1	5	9	1
Luxembourg	2	0	2	6	8	0
Netherlands	2	0	2	3	11	0

DIVISION TWO

As reported elsewhere both Ireland and Wales have had cause to bemoan performances that have not come up to expectations. But they can still boast having a point unlike Switzerland and Belgium, the latter country holding anchor position.

Finland and Norway are the unbeaten teams with just one set separating them and should it go on that way their meeting on March 13 next will decide the champions.

RESULTS and SCORES:

Wales 6 Spain 1

D. Welsman bt S. Moles -17, 19, 23;
G. Evans bt J. Pales 17, 19;
S. Jones bt P. Lupon 11, 9;
N. Thomas/Welsman bt Moles/Pales 15, 19;
Welsman/Jones lost to I. Caymel/M.
Sanahuja -17, -19;
Welsman bt Pales 9, 14;
Evans bt Moles 19, 15.

Belgium 1 Denmark 6

L. Belien lost to J. Hansen -10, -10;
M. Eygemans lost to C. Pedersen -17, -11;
M-F. Germiot bt A. Larsen 14, 16;
Belien/N. v.d. Walle lost to Hansen/
Pedersen -15, -15;
v.d. Walle/Germiot lost to Pedersen/Larsen
-12, -18;
Belien lost to Pedersen -11, 15, -16;
Eygemans lost to Hansen -19, -10.

Ireland 2 Finland 5

Switzerland 3 Norway 4

M. Hafen lost to P. Guttormsen -15, -10;
T. Busin bt J. Gierloff -6, 13, 13;
F. Weibel bt T. Folkesson 19, 13;
Busin/T. Sadecky lost to Guttormsen/T.
Johansen 17, -11, -19;
Sadecky/Weibel lost to Guttormsen/
Folkesson -15, -20;
Hafen bt Gierloff 22, 19;
Busin lost to Guttormsen 20, -17, -16.

Norway 6 Belgium 1

Gierloff bt Eygemans -13, 15, 15;
Guttormsen bt Belien 15, 14;
Folkesson bt B. Lippens -14, 16, 16;
Guttormsen/Johansen bt Belien/Eygemans
-13, 12, 14;
Guttormsen/Folkesson bt Belien/Lippens
18, 15;
Gierloff bt Belien -10, 15, 22;
Guttormsen lost to Eygemans -13, 16, -15.

Finland 6 Denmark 1

J. Ikonen bt Hansen 15, 13;
J. Jokinen bt Pedersen 17, 5;
S. Grefberg bt Larsen 8, 16;
Ikonen/Jokinen bt Hansen/Pedersen
-21, 12, 16;
Jokinen/Grefberg bt Pedersen/Larsen
12, 18;
Ikonen lost to Pedersen -15, -15;
Jokinen bt Hansen 15, 16.

Switzerland 2 Spain 5

Busin lost to Moles -17, -18;
Hafen lost to Pales -16, -23;
Weibel lost to Lupon -17, -18;
J. Barcikowski/Busin lost to J. Lupon/Pales
17, -17, -22;
Sadecky/Weibel lost to Lupon/Lupon
-18, -12;
Busin bt Pales 18, 18;
Hafen bt Moles 19, -20, 14.

Ireland 5 Wales 2

Fixtures for Nov. 15 are:-
Belgium v Switzerland
Spain v Finland

Denmark v Ireland (Nykobing)
On Nov. 16, Wales entertain Norway at Rhyl Town Hall.

Fixtures for Dec. 6 are:-
Switzerland v Wales (Nr. Basle)
Finland v Belgium
Norway v Denmark (Porsgrunn)
Ireland v Spain (Limavady)

DIVISION TWO TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Finland	2	2	0	11	3	2
Norway	2	2	0	10	4	2
Wales	2	1	1	8	6	1
Denmark	2	1	1	7	7	1
Ireland	2	1	1	7	7	1
Spain	2	1	1	6	8	1
Switzerland	2	0	2	5	9	0
Belgium	2	0	2	2	12	0

Associations eligible to contest Division 3 in St. Peter Port, Guernsey (Feb. 3/4, 1980) are: Faroe Islands, Guernsey, Germany DR, Iceland, Jersey, Malta, Portugal, Rumania and Scotland.

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

Reporting in Bulletin 160 of the I.T.T.F., President H. Roy Evans writes:-

"Following our recognition by the I.O.C., table tennis was included as one of the competition sports in the Mediterranean Games. Whilst Split and surrounding towns were the venue for the other sports, the table tennis competition was organised in the island of Hvar, one of the many beautiful islands off the Dalmatian Coast. The actual competitions took place in a small but well equipped hall, part of the big 'Amfora Hotel' complex overlooking the blue Adriatic sea.

"Teams from Algeria, Egypt, Italy, Spain, Turkey, France, Greece and Yugoslavia took part, and as was to be expected Yugoslavia and France dominated, although Turkey is to be congratulated on a tremendous improvement which took them into third place in the men's teams. Yugoslavia won the men's team event, France the women's. Surbek beat Secretin in the men's singles.

"Counsellor Amin Abou Heif, our Vice-President for Africa, in his role of Chairman of the Mediterranean Games Table Tennis Competition, conducted a meeting in Hvar where all present were urged to press for the inclusion of table tennis in the next Mediterranean Games in Tunisia. The Yugoslav T.T. Federation was of course

responsible for the organisation of the event in Split.

"The most significant feature of this highly successful event was that Lord Killanin, President of the I.O.C., and other I.O.C. members came across to Hvar especially to see our sport. They said that they were very impressed with the quality of play and the presentation of the event".

I.T.T.F. EQUIPMENT APPROVAL 1979-81

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YSP Select XXXX
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FRENCH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

CSA Kremlin-Bicetre and AS Messine Paris share the lead with 9 pts each after three rounds of the Championnat de France

Masculin Par Equipes (writes Jean Devys).

Again in the Championnat de France Feminin Par Equipées two clubs, ASPTT Ancey and AL Bruz, share the lead again with 9 pts each, the latter club being spearheaded by Nadine Daviaud and Beatrice Abgrall, the former by Claude Bergeret and Brigitte Marquet.

CSA Kremlin-Bicetre have as team members Jacques Secretin, Rene Hatem, Frank Vinitzki, Philippe Molodzoff, Vincent Purkart and Danny Dhondt whilst AS Messine boast Patrick Birocheau, Patrick Renverse, Thierry Roesch, Regis Canor, Guy Amouretti (still going strong) and Guy Caussin.

ILONA KIRALY

We regret to announce the death of Ilona Kiraly at the age of 65. A member of the Hungarian National Team which won the European Nations Cup in 1949 and the silver medal at the World Championships in 1950, she was the Hungarian Women's Singles Champion in 1936 and won the Women's Doubles title six times between 1943 and 1951 with Gizi Farkas.

UNTIMELY DEATH

As we go to press news is to hand of the untimely death, in Prague, of Josef Nekyasil, Vice-President of the European Table Tennis Union, a former Council member of the International Table Tennis Federation and International Secretary of the Czechoslovakian Table Tennis Association. A tribute by H. Roy Evans, O.B.E., will appear in the December issue. Ed.

COVER PICTURE

Christian Martin who in beating Nicky Jarvis in the final all-important set at Eastleigh, Southampton in the European League Super Division encounter, won the match for France.

THE GRAND METROPOLITAN/STIGA TRAINING SERIES

The 3rd week-end, July 20/22 1979 found 100 selected Juniors working with 30 high-ranked Seniors and Coaches, at Aston University, Birmingham, and our reports show that this was found both useful and popular.

I would like to express the thanks of the National Coaching Committee to all those who responded voluntarily to our appeal for our rising Juniors. This vote of thanks embraces of course, our Coaches and Organisers, the 25 Senior ranked players, who worked flat out and so cheerfully to help them, the University and Hotel staff, the parents and escorts, and not least, the 100 keen and dedicated young trainees who were on the "receiving end" of this big venture.

A. Gordon Steggall,
Chairman, National Coaching Committee.

DICK TAMMADGE DEPARTS

Although I am leaving table tennis to seek my fortunes elsewhere, I should like to express my deepest and sincerest thanks to all those people I am leaving behind. Over the past two years I have very much enjoyed my work with the Association, particularly due to the large number of people with whom it has been a very real privilege to work.

I hope you will all realise your dreams within the sport and I expect that you will still see me at the odd event.

Best wishes,

R. D. Tammadge,
Development Officer.

Good luck for the future Dick.

Ed.

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Bradford won a national trophy for the first time when on Midsummer Day the efforts of (from left) Helen Shields, Sally Midgley and Melody Ludi took the Rose Bowl to Yorkshire.

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NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX

Following on from its very successful introduction last season, the NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX of table tennis for this coming season will comprise the Open Championships of Hungary, Scandinavia, France and Federal Germany, the Norwich Union Trophy, the Norwich Union International Championships, and the Stiga Welsh Open.

The leading fourteen players in the Grand Prix points table at the end of the circuit will join the reigning World Champion, Seiji Ono of Japan, and the new European Champion (European Championships 5-13th April, 1980) in the NORWICH UNION MASTERS, to be held at the Guild Hall, Preston, in May 1980, and compete for a first prize of £1,500 and the title of NORWICH UNION MASTER, the title currently held by Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia.

The NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX is a series of International Open Championships and the Norwich Union Trophy, at each of which points will be awarded to players in relation to success achieved in that event.

The events forming the 1979/80 Norwich Union Grand Prix were agreed by the European Table Tennis Union and Norwich Union Insurance, and are:-

- 8-11th November — Hungarian Open Championships — Miskolc.
- 22-25th November — Scandinavian Open Championships — Wasteros.
- 30th November-2nd December — French Open Championships — Evry.
- 4th December — Norwich Union Trophy — Gillingham, Kent.
- 10-12th January — Norwich Union International Championships — Brighton.

- 7-10th February — Stiga Welsh Open — Cardiff.
- 22-24th February — Federal German Open — Russelsheim.

The NORWICH UNION TROPHY is a Tournament which will be played at the Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham, Kent, on Tuesday, 4th December, 1979. The eight men leading the Grand Prix points table after the Hungarian, Scandinavian and French Championships will qualify to play for this Trophy and prize money.

This event will be recorded by BBC Television, and transmitted as a regular weekly programme in the Spring of 1980 as "Top Table for the Norwich Union Trophy".

Norwich Union Masters

The fourteen men leading the points table at the end of the NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX will qualify, together with the reigning World Champion, Seiji Ono of Japan, and the new European Champion, to compete in the NORWICH UNION MASTERS on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7th, 8th and 9th May, 1980, at the Guild Hall, Preston. There will be extensive BBC Television coverage of this event.

Prize Money

Norwich Union Masters

Winner: £1,500 (1978/79 £1,050)
 Runner-up: £650
 3rd: £500, 4th: £420, 5th: £370, 6th: £340,
 7th: £310, 8th: £280, 9th: £250,
 10th: £230, 11th: £210, 12th: £190,
 13th: £170, 14th: £140, 15th: £120,
 16th: £100.

Norwich Union Trophy

Winner: £750 (1978/79 £600)
 Runner-up: £350
 Losing semi-finalists: £250 each
 5th: £170, 6th: £130, 7th: £110, 8th: £100.

Norwich Union Grand Prix

Winner: a prize of £500 will be awarded to the player who accumulates the most points in the Grand Prix events.

Open Championships

The Norwich Union will award a prize of £150 to the winner of each of the six Open Championships.

Points allocation to players for Grand Prix

For the six Open Championships, points will be awarded as in 1978/79, to the last 32 players in the Men's Singles Competition, as follows:

Winner	1,000 points
Runner-up	800 points
Losing semi-finalists	600 points
Losing quarter-finalists	400 points
Losing eighths	200 points
Losing sixteenths	150 points

For the NORWICH UNION TROPHY points will be awarded to the eight players who have qualified as follows:

Winner	500 points
Runner-up	400 points
Losing semi-finalists	300 points
5th	225 points
6th	175 points
7th	125 points
8th	75 points

In the event of a number of players having an equal number of Grand Prix points, the qualification to play in the NORWICH UNION TROPHY and the NORWICH UNION MASTERS will be decided by the difference between matches won and matches lost in the events forming the Norwich Union Grand Prix. In the situation of a continuing equality the difference between games won and games lost in the events will be the basis for qualification. The difference between points won and points lost in the events will be taken into account if two or more players are still equal.

Points Table at end of Grand Prix 1978/79

	Points
1. T. Klampar (Hun)	4700
2. M. Orlovski (Cze)	4200
3. G. Gergely (Hun)	2775
4. D. Douglas (Eng)	1800
5. U. Thorsell (Swe)	1450
6. Li Zhenshi (Chn)	1400
7. Shih Chih Hao (Chn)	1325
8. T. Kreis (Hun)	1300
9. Lu Chi Wei (Chn)	1300
10. J. Dvoracek (Cze)	1300
11. P. Stellwag (Gfr)	1275
12. D. Surbek (Yug)	1200
13. Huang Liang (Chn)	1200
14. J. Takacs (Hun)	1175
15. Guo Yuehua (Chn)	1000
16. S. Bengtsson (Swe)	950
17. I. Jonyer (Hun)	950
18. J. Secretin (Fra)	900
19. J. Leiss (Gfr)	900
20. Liang Geliang (Chn)	800
21. E. Hugging (Gfr)	800
22. L. Franklin (Swe)	800
23. M. Appelgren (Swe)	700
24. A. Grubba (Pol)	700

Norwich Union Trophy 1978

finishing positions

1. T. Klampar (Hun)
2. M. Orlovski (Cze)
3. J. Dvoracek (Cze)
4. Lu Qiwei (Chn)
5. J. Takacs (Hun)
6. G. Gergely (Hun)
7. Shih Chih Hao (Chn)
8. P. Stellwag (Gfr)

Norwich Union Masters 1979

finishing positions

1. D. Surbek (Yug)
2. Li Zhenshi (Chn)
3. Shih Chih Hao (Chn)
4. T. Klampar (Hun)
5. Huang Liang (Chn)
6. U. Thorsell (Swe)
7. I. Jonyer (Hun)
8. T. Kreis (Hun)
9. M. Orlovski (Cze)
10. J. Dvoracek (Cze)
11. D. Douglas (Eng)
12. J. Leiss (Gfr)
13. J. Takacs (Hun)
14. P. Stellwag (Gfr)
15. M. Appelgren (Swe)
16. G. Gergely (Hun)

OPENLY PROFESSIONAL

Although I realise that, in part, Mr. Roy Evans, the President of the I.T.T.F., was merely stating the facts as laid down by the International Olympic Committee, I must take issue with a number of the points he made in his letter in October's issue in favour of Amateurism.

He points out that 90% of I.T.T.F. member organisations are amateur — "within the I.O.C. concept of that word". Few of us would be foolish enough to liken this to our own concept of that word. We could never regard the full time players of China, N. Korea, Hungary or the Soviet Union as 'amateurs', but the I.O.C. certainly would do so, just as they regard the Soviet "soldiers" and American "student" athletes as such in the Olympics.

As our own government does not provide such lucrative "grants" to athletes in order to keep them "amateur", the only way we can successfully compete against such countries is for our players to become truly and openly professional. Desmond Douglas has proved the benefit of this with his great improvement since becoming a full-time player instead of a part-timer who had to repair buses to earn his living — something the Soviet bloc and Oriental "amateurs" would never be required to do.

A second point is that, as was pointed out in October's editorial, we are short of national publicity. It is an unfortunate fact that money dominates today's media sports coverage — football transfers, golf and tennis prizes and last year the amount of money given to cricketers by Kerry Packer. This awakened interest in cricket to a greater extent than for twenty years. Our only hope of gaining such press interest is by increased monetary rewards and, one hopes, the success these would bring. I would certainly bet Mr. Evans 1250 Swiss Francs that recognition of table tennis by the I.O.C. would merit no more than three lines in the national press, but a revelation that Desmond Douglas earned £100,000 a year from the sport or that Nicky Jarvis had been transferred from Ormesby to Soham for that amount would certainly give us head lines.

Finally we must consider whether we really wish to become part of the Olympic Games. Politics is rapidly destroying every ideal of the founders of the movement. From the reports I have read and heard, Mr. Evans's own I.T.T.F. made a mistake in holding our showcase event in North Korea, where it became a propaganda exercise for the Kim II Sung regime. Graham Davies likened it to the 1936 Olympics. I fear that the 1980 Moscow Olympics may be even worse. Do we therefore really want to be part of such a movement, especially when we will be merely a minor "results only" sport in an event dominated by Athletics and Swimming, and when the cost in prize money to our leading players will be so great?

PETER WEST.

45 Wises Lane,
Borden, Sittingbourne,
Kent.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

- November
- 14 European League (Super Division)
England v Yugoslavia (Central Hall, Birmingham)
(7.15 p.m.).
 - 15 Friendly International
England v Yugoslavia (Leisure Centre, Stroud)
(7.15 p.m.).
 - 17 West of Scotland Open (Glasgow).
 - 17/18 51st Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Sponsored by
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Avenue, Walsall (Adjacent to Exit 10 on the M6
Motorway). From 9.00 a.m. each day.
 - 18 Hastings Tigers 1-Star Open (Bexhill-on-Sea).
 - 22/25 Scandinavian Open (Vasteras).
 - 24/25 Junior Ranking Tournament (Cleveland).
- December
- 1 County Championships (3).
 - Junior Premier County Championships

- 2 National Club League (5).
- 4 Norwich Union Trophy "Top Table"
Black Lion Sports Centre, Mill Road, Gillingham,
Kent.
- 6 European League (Super Division)
Poland v England (Warsaw).
- 7/8 Ulster Open (Jordanstown).
- 8/9 Middlesex 3-Star Open (Edmonton).
- 15/16 Debenhams English Junior Closed Championships,
The Redefield Hall, Blackbird Leys, Oxford.
Finals 5.30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.
- 15/16 Cardiff Open, National Sports Centre, Sophia
Gardens, Cardiff.

and cancellations to the Tournament Diary:
Crewe Junior (Nov. 25) cancelled.
Winton (Jan. 6) cancelled.
Nissen Invitation (Nov. 16) cancelled.
Hartlepoons Open has now been changed
from May 3/4 to a one day event on Feb. 3.
National League (10) changed from Mar.
16 to June 1.
National Team Championships finals
changed from May 25 to June 8.

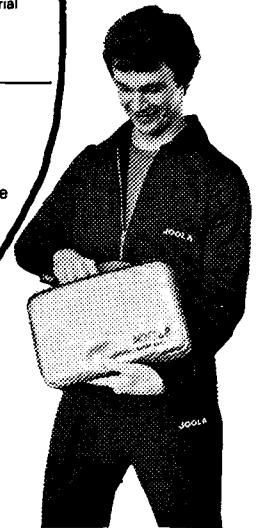
Please also note that the Organiser of
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CANCELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

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NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE

SOHAM THE PACEMAKERS

by The Editor

The first big upset in the Premier Division occurred on Oct. 21 when previously unbeaten Ellenborough crashed 3-6 to Newham who after three previous losses, each being a 4-5 defeat, they really came good with Bob Potton in sparkling form.

But still unbeaten after four matches are Soham whose latest win was by the narrowest of margins, 5-4 over Kelly Girl Internationals. The first set featured Max Crimmins of Wimbledon, England-ranked No. 12 and recent winner of the Sussex 2-Star and finalist in the North Middlesex 2-Star; and Kenny Jackson, England-ranked No. 13. The set resulted in the narrowest of wins for Jackson.

Dave Welsman, Welsh No. 2 now living in Staines then faced Paul Day, English champion in 1978 and succumbed to give Soham a 2-0 lead. Mike Johns, ex-international from Mitcham then proved too strong for the Suffolk No. 2 Stuart Palmer who had stepped in at the last minute to replace the injured Keith Richardson. Kelly Girl got back to 2-2 when the new star in English table tennis, Dave Wells, from Tottenham, completely outclassed penholder David Tan, who recently beat Denis Neale just as easily.

Disaster struck for Kelly Girl in the doubles when, despite good leads in both games, Crimmins and Wells lost 0-2 to Day and Tan. Max, unfortunately, was feeling a little deflated by now, and never really got going against Day, and the same applied to Welsman who lost to Jackson to give Soham a 5-2 winning lead. In the final two sets Johns beat Tan and Wells made Palmer look like a novice (as reported by Cliff Carder of Kelly Girl Internationals).

Latest Premier Division results:-

Oct. 7
Sealink Milton Keynes 5 Ormesby 4
Soham 6 Macleans Maidenhead 3
Newham 4 Kelly Girl Internls. 5
Ellenborough 7 Denmark 2

Oct. 21
Newham 6 Ellenborough 3
Kelly Girl Internls. 4 Soham 5
Macleans M'head 2 Sealink Milton Keynes 7
Ormesby 7 Denmark 2

TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Soham	4	4	0	25	11	8
Sealink Milton Keynes	4	3	1	23	13	6
Ellenborough	4	3	1	21	15	6
Kelly Girl Internls.	4	2	2	21	15	4
Ormesby I	4	2	2	19	17	4
Newham	4	1	3	18	18	2
Macleans Maidenhead	4	1	3	10	26	2
Denmark	4	0	4	7	29	0

Bradford's Unity club are beginning to ease away in Division 2 after their 9-0 thrashing of Salford. Sun Life Second City with only one defeat to Unity are consolidating second place although Seagulls are still in with a chance. Latest results:-

Oct. 7
Unity 7 Sun Life Second City 2
Ormesby II 4 Salford 5
March 3 Seagulls 6
Briarside 2 Norton 7

Oct. 21
March 1 Briarside 8
Seagulls 7 Ormesby II 2
Salford 0 Unity 9
Sun Life Second City 9 Norton 0

TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Unity	4	4	0	30	6	8
Sun Life Second City	4	3	1	26	10	6
Seagulls	3	2	1	17	10	4
Salford	3	2	1	11	16	4
Briarside	4	2	2	17	19	4
Ormesby II	4	1	3	14	22	2
Norton	4	1	3	12	24	2

The venue for Seagulls home fixtures will be St. Mary's Church Hall, Surrenden Road (off Preston Drive) Preston Park, Brighton, and, as from Jan. 13/80 fixture all of the Unity home matches will be staged at the Richard Dunne Sports Centre, Odsal, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Fixtures for Dec. 2/79

Premier Division

Sealink Milton Keynes v Kelly Girl Internls.
Soham v Newham
Denmark v Macleans Maidenhead
Ellenborough v Ormesby

Division Two

Unity v Seagulls
Ormesby II v March
Norton v Salford
Briarside v Sun Life Second City

Newham's National League team secretary is now Mrs. Lesley Radford of 20 Tangmere Crescent, Hornchurch, Essex.

In matches played on Oct. 7 Sealink Milton Keynes had Nigel Eckersley to thank for their 5-4 win for it was the Cheshire man who triumphed in the final set against Keith Paxton after the match score had stood at 4-4 with Ormesby I.

Indeed, after seven sets, Sealink were 3-4 down only for Dougie Johnson to draw them level when beating Denis Neale 22, -22, 6 in the penultimate encounter. Prior to Johnson had lost to Paxton and John Hilton had been beaten by Nicky Jarvis who had lost to Richard Yule. Hilton, in the first set had accounted for Donald Parker 19 in the third.

Andy Wellman was a double winner for Macleans Maidenhead against Soham whose Paul Day was in devastating form in their 6-3 success. Dave Wells starred in the 5-4 success obtained by Kelly Girl Internationals over Newham figuring in three wins including the doubles with Crimmins. His solo victories were against Martin Hafen and Dave Newman.

Only Leon Smith and Colin Wilson faltered in the 7-2 win obtained by Ellenborough over Denmark, both losing to Joe Kennedy.



Welsh Corner

H. ROY EVANS

TRIUMPH AND DISASTER

The beginning of our 1979/80 season was triumph and disaster.

We had come through the summer promisingly — a satisfactory performance by our young boys' team in Rome, a very successful holiday coaching session in Guernsey, and a valuable visit by Len Elias, and the two youngsters Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins to the E.T.T.U. Coaching seminar in Sweden.

September started well — our changed format for the Willis Faber Junior Welsh Open, whilst not attracting as many of the top English youngsters as before, nevertheless had entries from over 20 counties, and those who did come certainly had their money and journey's worth. All players took part in groups to qualify for the final knock-out tournament, which meant that even the weakest boys had five matches and the weakest girls — six. Everyone seemed to enjoy this, and we were confident that a continuance of this system will be of great value to those whose tournament experience is usually confined to an inglorious first round exit.

And we had some near-misses. Our top junior Mark Thomas from Rhyl eliminated Mark Oakley in the semi-final and seemed on the way to repeating the performance against Kevin Satchell in the final, only to lose his grip when Kevin changed his tactics. We had no representation in the girls' singles after the early rounds of the knock-out proper, in which Mandy Reeves finally beat Cherry Creasey in straight games.

In the cadet boys' event, there were good performances by Andrew Holmes and Paul Griffiths, both of Clwyd, who reached the quarters, and particularly from Cardiff's David Griffiths who played well to reach the final only to fall there to No. 1 seed Gary Lambert of Devon.

We had some reasonable performances in the boys' doubles, Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins, Mark Thomas and Brian Jeanes, and surprise pair David Griffiths and Clensil Cox, all reaching the quarters. The Cambridge/Middlesex combination of Swift and Gorniak eventually won from Satchell and Oakley.

Jayne Sully of Swansea and Julie Woodcock of Cleveland went to the quarters of the girls' doubles, which was eventually won by Joy Grundy and Mandy Reeves from Alison Burke and Carol Butler.

Oakley and Joy Grundy won the mixed by beating Satchell and Mandy Reeves, but we had nothing of note in this event.

We had an indifferent result from the Rock Under-21, only Nigel Thomas having good wins in the team and individual events.

September also saw Round Robin events at Lilleshall for the North Wales players, and a similar event for South Wales at the

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October brought us our first European League clash — with Spain in Cardiff, and we had a fine 6-1 win. Except in the mixed where David Welsman had a bad patch which cost us the one loss, we were well on top. True David worried us with an opening struggle against Salvador Moles, but he eventually won 25-23 in the third, and that important opening win gave us great heart. George Evans went on to bewilder Spain's junior star Jose Pales, and we were two up when Stephanie Jones faced Pilar Lupon. The Welsh girl turned on one of her best performances, and literally crushed a demoralised Lupon.

Nigel Thomas then made his senior international debut in partnership, an untried one, with Welsman. The latter set up the positions and Nigel played really well putting the ball away. With victory now assured, we had that disappointing mixed loss, but we went on to take the remaining singles in great style — Welsman obliterating Pales and George with an equally convincing win against Moles.

The Spaniards stayed for the Glamorgan Open, and proceeded to show they were a lot better than on the Friday before. Welsman was absent, and Alan Griffiths and Graham Davies were not available. Beyond George Evans's struggle before going down to Spain's No. 3 Caymel, it was all Spain — and Pales beat Caymel in the final. John Bloomer and Angie Evans did reach the doubles final, but also bowed out to Pales and Moles. Stephanie Jones, facing Lupon again, found a very different opponent this time, and was soundly beaten. Lupon went on to beat team-mate Monserrat Sanahuja in the final.

Spain again triumphed in the women's doubles, this time at the expense of the English pair Janet New and Claire Maisey. George Evans and Somerset's Jill Green got through to the mixed final, but Moles and Sanahuja won in the third.

Pales took the Junior title beating Welsh boy Brian Jeanes 15 in the third.

After our resounding success against Spain, we went to Belfast with the same team, expecting victory over Colm Slevin, Kevin Keane and Ann Leonard in the second of our European League matches. But Irish determination rather than the Irish air took heavy toll of us, and we went down 2-5, only wins by Welsman and Evans after the match was decided coming our way. In a nutshell, the Irish played well, and we played badly. Now we must look forward to a revival of form against Norway at the Rhyl Town Hall on Nov. 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COUNCIL TIP

I have just returned from the Humber-side Open Championships and I must express my feelings about the aggressive, abusive and ill-mannered behaviour of a great number of the players taking part.

As soon as a match finished on a table, about 8 to 10 players rushed into the arena and attempted to practise. Despite repeated requests from the Referee, this process went on all the two days. Players took no notice of umpires who asked these players to vacate the table when the next match was ready to be played. I umpired a very good class 2 singles match between K. Satchell and A. Moore and even as the winning shot was going to the back of the arena about 8 players rushed on to the court. No applause, no appreciation, no consideration. I had to fight my way out of the melee of players, bats and balls.

When are we going to get some dignity into our sport?

Towards the end of the day the arena looked like a Council Tip. Why do not players take their rubbish away with them?

I am sure that all organisers, Umpires and Referees have encountered this problem and will say that all Tournaments suffer from it. What can be done about it?

G. T. SCRUTON,
Umpire.

96 Forest Lane,
Harrogate,
N. Yorks.

HELP!

I play with a "Chester Barnes" frame, i.e. 5-ply, which used to be manufactured by Hancock with Midas rubber. I am told that they are now off the market and I've been unable to get hold of one. But I refuse to believe that all copies of this once popular bat have disappeared from the face of the earth. There surely must be one?

I'm prepared to buy a second-hand one (provided that it is a 5-ply and in good condition). The rubber on the bat is immaterial as I always put on my own combination of rubbers anyway. The frame is what I am trying to find. Perhaps one of your readers has one which he/she would be prepared to sell me?

Chris Boothby,
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THIS AND THAT IN SURREY

by Murray Corbin

T.S.P. Sponsored Coach, Umpire, Player.

On my visit to Southampton for the Four T's, my entrance to the hall was delayed because the Fire Brigade were busy attending to Gordon Chapman's car which was "smoking". Steam was flying everywhere. Poor Gordon was informed in the middle of a match but like a good pro, he stayed in position and finished the set.

On entering the hall, I was told that the loudspeaker system had broken down and fixtures had to be relayed by word of mouth. This set a razor-sharp atmosphere in the third round of the Juniors for the meeting of Mark Oakley and Nicholas Hoare. One could feel the excitement in the air and that is how it turned out on the table.

Nicky took the first but relaxed too much in the second. Mark, with his new style and approach, which I like, proved too powerful and experienced for the slightly-built lad from Wimbledon who in time, with at least one more muscle and five pounds more weight will prove too good for many players. There was some very good play too during the day from Lorraine Garbet, Gary Hall, Jenny Webster, Michele Hams, Rue Bole and Susan Walker, but the player who caught my eye was David "Transistor" Hannah. In the final of the Seniors he was beaten narrowly in the third by Graham Sandley. A few weeks later, David travelled to Scotland and was rewarded by winning the Meadowbank Open. A jolly good show lad and I hope that this will at last gain you a place in the Scottish National Team.

At Newbury we had two losing semi-finalists in David "Topspin" Dewesbury and Andrew "Sexy" Sexton, but the highlight of the play on Saturday was in the Quarters, where David had a long spectacular duel with Neil "Tiptoes" Sutton, who played just short of sheer brilliance. Martin Jones played reasonably well but lacks confidence and the ability to open his game to his advantage.

My "lad of the month" is without doubt, Michael Hammond, who won the prestigious Sun-Warner "Search for a Star" under-seventeen event at Hayling Island recently. This competition was organised by Chester Barnes and Colin Deaton who brought together in that last week, one hundred and fifty boys and girls who had won through from heats that were at fourteen Warner Camps. I am not surprised to learn that Mike had to be pushed out on to the table to play the finals in front of over six thousand people. It must have been a great contrast between this event and the matches in his local Leatherhead, Thames Valley or Sutton Leagues. Mike was presented with the Silver Trophy by Alan Warner who told him that he was a great find. The other part of the prize is a holiday for four next year in Majorca.

What a pity it is not for five, I could have coached all the Hammonds out there. I could have put myself out! In case little Steve, Mike's brother, is feeling left out, you have done very well in coming sixth in the under-fourteens out of the hundred and fifty-two heat finalists, with John Cornelius coming second as he did last year. All the stablemates at Wimbledon Y.M.C.A. are very pleased with the performances of these lads including little John who was with us for a short while. The milky bars are on us kid.

The County matches kicked off on Oct. 6 with Buckinghamshire visiting our shores. The afternoon match at Tweedale School was a battle of nerves between our Junior seconds and Bucks. On paper we should have won 7-3, but had to settle for an honourable draw. New to this type of pressure were Hammond, Sexton — the latter deputising for Hoare — and the improved Lynne Bennet, whose Mum is lovely. Paul Holloway and Michele Hams were

initiated previously. Nerves and tactics were the downfall of our team but this outfit played reasonably well and should be a great credit to us very soon.



Chester Barnes and Michael Hammond of Surrey with the Silver Trophy he won recently in The Sun-Warner "Search for a Star" Competition at Hayling Island in the Under-17 Group where 150 heat winners contested the top prize. Michael is coached by Murray Corbin at Wimbledon Y.M.C.A.

In the evening I went over to Spicers to witness the humiliation of Bucks 2 by our Senior 2 which is captained by Gordon "Solid" Chapman with Hannah, Steve Holloway, Jayne Mitchell and Nicola Haywood in attendance. The only little resistance came from Soul Brother Vivian McCarthy. One feature of the evening I did not like was the sight of one of our players not reporting to his Captain in between games. If a player has just won a game 21-5, the Captain must be placed in a position to tell or advise why five points were lost. I did not also appreciate the infantile behaviour of Steve during the frustrating set he created for himself in overcoming the inexperienced Stuart Lines who was neatly handled by Paul earlier in the junior match. I had had enough when the score was 8-0 in our favour. Well done all.

The current County Ranking list shows the top six Seniors to be Max Crimmins, David Welsman, Peter McQueen, Hannah, Stephen Holloway and Chapman; the women — Linda Jarvis, Lorraine Garbet, Nicola Haywood, Jenny Webster, Susan Walker and Michele Hams; boys — Oakley, Glen Baker — to his dislike and amazement — Graham Russell, Paul Holloway, Hoare and Hammond; girls — Lorraine Garbet, Sarah Cresswell, Michelle Hams, Lynne Bennett, Nicola Teague and Delia Jenkins, but alas, a Cadet list is not forthcoming in spite of recent trials where the top four were Hoare, Dewesbury, Sexton and Jones.

Mike Kercher explained that there was no rush to complete a Cadet list but after the Regionals to which the four named may be asked to take part in, a list would then be compiled. This I find strange because like you, I am being asked to believe that a County list is the final result of performances in the Regional; from the County Rankings representatives to the Regional are generally chosen. I may add that many of the parents are wondering what is going on in the minds of The Magnificent Two — Kercher and Corner. The parents believe that when certain situations arise that the two had not anticipated, sometimes devious methods are used to bring about a turn around to their satisfaction.

This feeling could be the result of being too secretive and the inability to get much

of their information through to the parents first hand. It is no use expecting the kids to explain what the Two are doing or thinking satisfactorily to Mum and Dad. Even I am getting some of my information second hand. This is a very bad scene. Parents must be brought in from the cold, they spend a lot of hard earned cash on their beloved offsprings to pursue this excellent sport of table-tennis and we should at least be seen to be realising this fact. At this point I would point out that I would like to see more people getting involved in the County spirit. Mike and Peter work extremely hard and very often efficiently but I am sure that with some more help, the situation would improve.

They do not believe in asking for help, their philosophy is that if someone offers to help, then that person can be relied upon. This may be true but it is not expressed like this in the Good Book. Personally, I would like to see at least six coaches in attendance at Tweedale on County coaching sessions. Fresh faces are needed and different ideas before the situation gets too thin. At these sessions which are too few, advancement and match tactics cannot be taught satisfactorily because the chosen few very often have to be taught the fundamentals which take most of the day. With more Coaches in attendance, we could learn from each other and have the satisfaction of knowing that when we are doing our own thing in our locale, we would be working faster and more accurately towards perfection. I would also like to see more of you getting in touch with Phil Goacher with a view to becoming County Umpires. We need you.

Before I conclude, I would like to express my admiration for everyone at Rosehill T.T.C. who had a hand in arranging a weekend visit of a twelve man team from Gagny, a suburb of Paris, in September. The visitors ranging in age from 14 to 50 were representatives of two Clubs — Union Sportive Municipale de Gagny and The Association des Jeunes de Saint Therese, were led by M. Levin and M. Leon Svoboda. At the Reception which The Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton held for them at The Civic Offices, after explaining details of the Borough's collection of Civic Regalia, the delighted visitors were presented with a framed reproduction of the Borough's Coat of Arms.

My plea this month is directed at the Surrey T.T.A. We need our own Table Tennis centre in Surrey very urgently. Too much dependance has to be placed on Tweedale and Graham Spicers. We must put our heads together or start knocking on doors for the necessary finance to get this project completed within the next five years. Since a lot of money should be in the game within seven years, if we do not move now, it will be a let down to ourselves, the County and particularly to the current young players in the making. I am still working on the "brain-teaser" I promised, because I thought that I would have had some help; however, it will be ready for December. Good luck and health until we meet again. Peace and love to all mankind.

GONE TO THE DOGS

Former international Denis Neale was a £1,000 winner at Bolton on August 29 — at greyhound racing. His dog The Robber won the Burtonwood Challenge Cup final at Bolton Greyhound Stadium. He also notched a new record time of 30.22 seconds over 535 yards on sanded bends since the introduction of electronic scoring about 18 months ago.

Thirty-four-years old Denis, who was English national champion a record six times, is now a bookmaker in Great Harwood, near Blackburn. At Bolton's Raikes Lane, Denis had his greatest greyhound racing success with a dog aged two years two months, which he bought in Northern Ireland about three months ago

for £2,500. Said Denis: "He has to be one of the best 10 dogs in the country."

"I was offered £5,000 for him in Bolton recently and tonight it was up to £10,000. I turned it down". He knows a winner when he sees one and intends to race him at tracks throughout the country. "It is only a young dog and has a great future" said Denis who has played in the Bolton and neighbouring Farnworth leagues.

These days the Middlesbrough-born star is concentrating more on his betting shop and greyhounds now that he is nearing the end of an international career that has taken him round the world. But in September he will be playing for Ormesby in the new English Club League. Denis, who finds he cannot practise table tennis as much as he used to do, enjoys his dog racing and particularly looks forward to his visits to the Bolton Stadium.

Bolton Evening News, 30th August, 1979.

NEWBURY JUNIOR 1-STAR OPEN

SHOCKS GALORE

by Ian Langley

Over the weekend of Sept. 29/30, the Newbury and District T.T.A. held its annual junior open tournament at Turnpike School, Newbury. Despite some teething problems beforehand, the Cadet events got underway on the Saturday, more or less on time. And, as expected, the boys' singles event was dominated by Carl Preat, the Isle of Wight starlet, and he took both the U-12 and U-14 crowns without dropping a game.

In the counterpart girls' events, Alison Barker comfortably took the U-12 title. Elsewhere, Mary Denbow, the fifth seed, beat two higher seeds en route to the final. This included a victory in the semi, when she beat the more extrovert Nikki Hamilton, the No. 2 seed. But, in the final, the top seed Helen Bardwell was always in command and won 2-straight.

On the Sunday, the Junior events were held and as can be expected from junior play at the beginning of the season, shocks were in abundance. None moreso than the elimination of second seed Pete Pudduck on his first visit to the table in the boys' singles. Another seed Steve McBean also crashed out in the first round.

Meanwhile, No. 1 seed Pete Brownlow cruised into the 4th round to meet fellow seed Graham Russell, who continued the surprises by beating Brownlow. Local hopes in this event were pinned on Bryon Johnson, seeded No. 9, back after a season out due to injury. Bryon moved smoothly into Rd. 4 for the long-awaited clash with cadet prodigy Preat. Bryon much to his relief produced some of his best form to put him in the last eight. Here he met unseeded Tony Booth, who had already beaten the seeded David Sharpe. Despite holding a 20-17 lead, Bryon lost his concentration and the first game.

Annoyed with himself he easily won the second at 9, but due to a bad start he surprisingly lost the decider. The dismissal of the top two seeds left the door open for third seed Philip Bradbury who ended Booth's threat in the semis. In the other semi Julian Hall, No. 4 seed beat Russell to face Bradbury in the final. Bradbury, always in control, won 2-straight.

In the girls' event there were two surprise packets in the form of Sarah Sandley and Melanie Ringrose. Sarah, clearly showing fruition of some hard summer practice, beat Yvonne Hall to reach the quarters where she played top seed blonde Cherry Creasey. In a superb, entertaining match, with each player trading hit for hit, Cherry squeezed into the semis, after the fright of

her life, to meet Lesley Tyler, who produced some of her best play yet to make the final in two "deuce" games.

While this was going on, Melanie Ringrose had good wins over the seeded Sarah Cresswell and Kim Mudge, to meet second seed Helen Bardwell in the second semi. Helen, the most successful player in the tournament, confirmed this and ran out an easy winner. In the final itself Lesley continued her good form, and there was little Helen could do to stop her from winning.

The evening was rounded off by the doubles events, with Cherry Creasey and Sarah Cresswell gaining some consolation in winning the girls' event, with Andrew Creed and Paul Jackson doing likewise in beating Julian Hall/Stuart Palmer in the closest final. Finally thanks must go to the hard-working Bill and Joyce Heath and their small band of helpers. I wonder how many cigarettes Bill smoked over the two days?

RESULTS:

U-17 Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:
G. Russell (Sy) bt P. Jackson (Av) 13, 15;
J. Hall (Sk) bt A. Golding (Gs) 19, 11;
P. Bradbury (Bu) bt K. Chamberlain 21, 11;
A. Booth (Sk) bt B. Johnson (Bk) 21, -9, 16.

Semi-finals:
Hall bt Russell 17, 18;
Bradbury bt Booth 18, 10.

Final:
BRADBURY bt Hall 18, 16.
U-17 Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:
C. Creasey (Do) bt S. Sandley (Mi) -17, 16, 16;
L. Tyler (Mi) bt S. Randell 24, 12;
M. Ringrose (Hu) bt K. Mudge (E) 13, -15, 13;

H. Bardwell (He) bt T. Vallis (Bk) 12, 11.

Semi-finals:
Tyler bt Creasey 20, 21;
Bardwell bt Ringrose 9, -20, 9.

Final:
TYLER bt Bardwell 15, 16.
Boys' Doubles Final:
A. CREED (Av)/JACKSON bt J. Hall/
S. Palmer (Sk) 19, -19, 19.

Girls' Doubles Final:
CREASEY/S. CRESSWELL (Sy) bt
Bardwell/J. Smith 18, -18, 14.

U-14 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
C. Preat (Ha) bt A. Sexton (Sy);
I. Smith bt D. Dewsbury (Sy)

Final:
PREAN bt Smith 18, 8.
U-14 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
Bardwell bt A. Judd (Ca);
M. Denbow (Ox) bt N. Hamilton (Bu).

Final:
BARDWELL bt Denbow 14, 13.
U-12 Boys' Singles Final:
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U-12 Girls' Singles Final:
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THE GROVE 1-STAR
JUNIOR OPEN
FIRMLY ON THE MAP
by Jack Chalkley

The first ever Grove 1-Star Junior Open was a successful beginning to what the organisers hope will be an annual event. Sponsored by National Westminster Bank, this tournament puts the Grove Table Tennis Association of Market Drayton firmly on the table tennis map, and with entries totalling 280, the popularity of the event seems established.

It started three years or so ago when Ian Marshall moved to the Grove School from Cambridge where he was County Coach, and now at Market Drayton, with an enthusiastic band of helpers the local association is centred around junior and school teams, and the success of several of the local players in this tournament must be a pleasing reward and encouragement to the Market Drayton organisers.

The junior boys' seeding ran true to form and the Nat. West. Trophy went to Jeremy Duffield who narrowly beat another Midlander, Adrian Pilgrim, in the final. The fast-hitting boys' events were in contrast to many of the girls' games which were characterised by prolonged defensive play, but with top seed Shirley Cain falling in the quarters, Melanie Seaton did not taken too long to beat Sandra Peakman in the final. Melanie, who still plays at Cadet level, also took the U-14 title in a much more closely fought final against Mary Denbow, the set going to 18 in the third.

Local star Alison Barker continued her dominance of U-12 events by an easy win over Louise Forster, but probably the outstanding performance of the first day was Adrian Dixon's victory over Murray Jukes in the boys' U-12 final. The Staffs. player had earlier beaten top seed Andrew Henry in the semis. Jukes had the disappointment of also being beaten in the U-14 boys' final by Ivan Smith having earlier beaten top seed Stuart Worrall.

RESULTS:

U-17 Events
Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
J. Duffield (Wo) bt Tony Taylor (La)
-16, 14, 17;
A. Pilgrim (Wa) bt Paul Jackson (Av) 16, 15.
Final:
DUFFIELD bt Pilgrim 13, -11, 19.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:
M. Seaton (Y) bt Tracy Lightfoot (Dy) 15, 13;
S. Peakman (Wa) bt Josette Ryalls (Y) 13, 19.
Final:
SEATON bt Peakman 11, 11.
Boys' Doubles Final:
JACKSON/ANDREW CREED (Av) bt Taylor/Bill Gleave (La) 18, 16.
Girls' Doubles Final:
SEATON/RYALLS bt Jane Cheetham/Linda Degg (Sp) -20, 18, 13.
U-14 Events
Boys' Singles Semi-finals:
M. Jukes (Wo) bt S. Worrell (Li) 20, 14;

I. Smith (Sp) bt A. Cooke (Dy) 17, 15.
Final:
SMITH bt Jukes 12, 12.
Girls' Singles Final:
SEATON bt Denbow 16, -20, 18.
Boys' Doubles Final:
IAN McLOUGHLIN (La)/SMITH bt Cooke/Andrew Henry (Dy) 18, 22.
Girls' Doubles Final:
LIGHTFOOT/FIONA ELLIOTT (St) bt K. Harris (Sp)/Denbow 14, 20.
U-12 Events
Boys' Singles Final:
DIXON bt Jukes 21, 11.
Girls' Singles Final:
BARKER bt Forster 12, 8.

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KIRKLEES 2-STAR OPEN

by RICHARD SCRUTON

SWEPT ASIDE

Overpowering all the opposition, with one famous exception, Soham's Paul Day made nonsense of his present ranking as he took the Kirklees Open title on 14th October at Batley Sports Centre. Day clashed with former English Champion Denis Neale in the quarter-finals and trailed 15-19 in the final game but stormed back with six consecutive points. From then on his march to the title was untroubled as top seed John Hilton and surprise finalist Kevin Beadsley were swept aside with ease.

Beadsley's path to the final was made easier by the defeats in the fourth round, of Nicky Jarvis and Duggie Johnson by Andrew Bellingham and Phil Bowen respectively.

In the counterpart women's event, Yorkshire's Melody Ludi proved to be a popular winner defeating Anita Stevenson in the final. This event attracted England's top six players but regrettably Jill Hammersley had to withdraw. Carole Knight fell again to Leicester's Karen Rogers in round 2 while Linda (Howard) Jarvis put out second seed Karen Witt in the quarters.

Schools' champion Philip Bradbury justified his top seeding in the Junior Boys' Singles beating the leading northern junior Paul Rainford in the final.

Over 200 players contested the Class 2 Singles won by the former universities' champion and Hong Kong player Clem Lo.

With magnificent sponsorship from Kirklees Metropolitan Council and the Skipton Building Society, a prize fund of £1,000 was offered. The prizes were presented by Councillor Walker, Assistant Mayor of Kirklees, Mr. Philpott, Kirklees Leisure Services Director, and Mr. Walker, Skipton Building Society Training Officer.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Hilton (La) bt N. Eckersley (Ch)

14, -18, 18;

P. Day (Ca) bt D. Neale (Cv) 18, -22, 19.

P. Bowen (La) bt A. Boasman (La) 17, 16.

K. Beadsley (Y) bt A. Bellingham (St)

13, 18.

Semi-finals:

Day bt Hilton 16, 13;

Beadsley bt Bowen 12, 10.

Final:

DAY bt Beadsley 11, 14.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Hunt (Li) bt L. Broomhead (Y) 8, 16;

M. Ludi (Y) bt K. Rogers (Le) 15, 17;

A. Stevenson (Le) bt C. Buttery (Ng) 8, 14;

L. Jarvis (Sy) bt K. Witt (Bk) 19, 20.

Semi-finals:

Ludi bt Hunt 14, 20;

Stevenson bt Jarvis 11, 15.

Final:

LUDI bt Stevenson 18, 16.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Day/N. Jarvis (Cv) bt S. Andrew (E)/

D. Constance (Ch) 18, 26.

Hilton/D. Johnson (Wa) bt A. Martin/M.

Corking (Cv) 8, 15.

Final:

DAY/JARVIS bt Hilton/Johnson -18, 8, 16.

Women's Doubles Semi-final:

S. Midgley/L. Hryszko (Y) bt T.

Robertshaw/J. Todd (Y) 13, 16;

Stevenson/C. Knight (Cv) bt Ludi/Witt

18, 20.

Final:

STEVENSON/KNIGHT bt Midgley/Hryszko

13, 10.

Junior Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Bradbury (Bu) bt P. Barnett (St) 10, 14;

M. Thomas (Cw) bt C. Bryan (Li) 12, 10;

P. Rainford (La) bt K. Green (Cv) 21, 15;

J. Hall (Sk) bt A. Dixon (St) 15, 19.

Semi-final:

Bradbury bt Thomas 18, 19;

Rainford bt Hall 15, 20.

Final:

BRADBURY bt Rainford 10, 16.

Junior Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

J. Grundy (La) bt J. Parker (La) 14, 12.

Broomhead bt Todd 15, 20.

Final:

GRUNDY bt Broomhead 12, 17.

C2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:

B. Johnson (Wa) bt B. Kean (La) 18, 16;

C. Lo (Y) bt A. Rich (St) -20, 17, 14;

B. Johns (Ch) bt Corking 15, -16, 16;

Andrew bt S. Harmer (Bu) 17, 23.

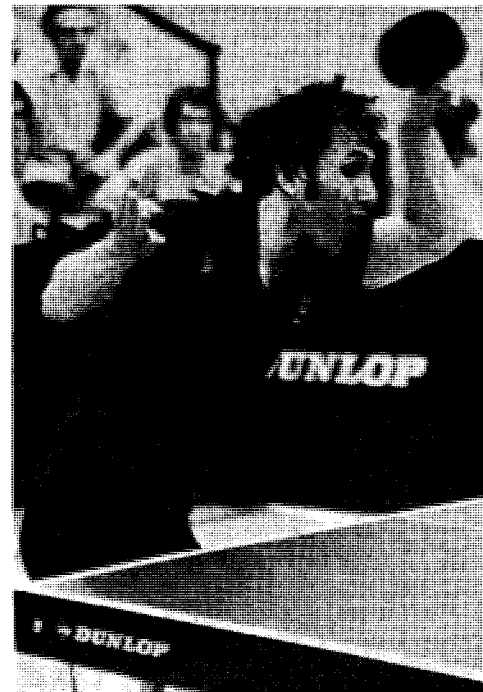
Semi-finals:

Lo bt Johnson 18, 18;

Andrew bt Johns 14, 17.

Final:

LO bt Andrew 16, -13, 19.



Soham's Paul Day, losing semi-finalist in the North of England at Manchester but winner of the men's singles title in the Kirklees 2-Star Open at Batley.

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CAMBS. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

by LESLIE CONSTABLE

Shining light of the Cambs Closed played at the Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech on May 20 was the brilliant 13-years-old Amanda Judd who succeeded in winning three titles, namely:- the "Under-14" and "Under-17" Girls' Singles and the Women's Doubles (partnered by Ruth Hunter). In the U-17 final against Jane Hunter Amanda played marvellously. At one game-all she trailed in the latter stages of the 3rd but came back strongly to win 25-23 with the help of some fierce hitting.

In the U-14 final Amanda beat Tracy Fisher in convincing fashion after disposing of Ruth Hunter in a close semi. To complete her treble Amanda, partnered by Ruth Hunter, beat Rachel Norris and Alison Edge in the Women's Doubles final after losing the first game -17.

Keith Richardson retained his Men's Singles title when he easily defeated Mick Harper in the final. Richardson always had the game in hand and after beating his brother Brian in the semis he went from strength to strength much to Harper's dismay. Some of Keith's play was superb and he hardly made a mistake with fluent strokes — backhand and forehand. His No. 17 ranking in England is not too high.

Robert Swift of March was successful in the Boys' Singles when, after beating Garry Jordan in the semi-final he went on to beat Andy Withers of Cambridge after losing the second game -11. Keith Richardson gained his second title when, partnered by Harper, they beat Brian Richardson and Withers.

In the Cadet Boys' event Julian Wheel beat Jamie Frost in a tense final with Julian getting by at 19 in the third. Harper and Joanne Palmer took the Mixed title when

they beat Michael Jackman of March and Alison Edge in three with a comfortable last game of 21-8.

The Veterans' Singles was won by Chris Halstead who beat R. Chapman with the latter playing his best table tennis for many a day. The Tournament was well run by the Wisbech contingent and I think that everybody was well satisfied with the day's events.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

K. Richardson bt B. Richardson 14, 16;

M. Harper bt G. Davies 8, 16.

Final:

K. RICHARDSON bt Harper 15, 9.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

J. Palmer bt A. Judd 11, 16;

J. Hunter bt A. Edge 17, 14.

Final:

J. HUNTER bt Palmer 15, 18.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

R. Swift bt G. Jordan 18, 19;

A. Withers bt J. Frost 8, 9.

Final:

SWIFT bt Withers 10, -11, 17.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Judd bt Edge 14, -9, 18;

J. Hunter bt R. Hunter 19, -20, 12.

Final:

JUDD bt Hunter 14, -13, 23.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

B. Richardson/Withers bt S. Barrett/

D. Shaw 17, 12;

K. Richardson/Harper bt M. Jackman/

P. Stacey 21, 14.

Final:

K. RICHARDSON/HARPER bt B.

Richardson/Withers 18, -19, 17.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

R. Hunter/Judd bt L. Ling/J. Whitelam

18, 20;

R. Norris/Edge bt J. Hunter/Palmer

-17, 20, 17.

Final:

HUNTER/JUDD bt Norris/Edge -15, 21, 16.

Consolation Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Frost bt P. Oldroyd 8, 10;

J. Wheel bt T. Ashman 17, 17.

Final:

WHEEL bt Frost -20, 9, 19.

Consolation Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

T. Fisher bt H. Smith 17, 11;

Judd bt R. Hunter 16, 20.

Final:

JUDD bt Fisher 11, 17.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Harper/Palmer bt Davies/A. Rudd

13, -24, 18;

Jackman/Edge bt K. Richardson/Judd

12, -9, 19.

Final:

HARPER/PALMER bt Jackman/Edge

12, -13, 8.

Veterans' Singles Semi-finals:

R. Chapman bt P. O'Bryne 11, 13;

C. Halstead bt K. Hubbard -15, 9, 15.

Final:

HALSTEAD bt Chapman 18, 19.

CADET BOYS' SEEDING LIST

The National Selection Committee have issued a cadet boys' seeding list, duly circulated to tournament organisers, based mainly on Regional ranking lists as submitted for use in connection with Cadet Boys' events in Junior Open Tournaments. In no way does this constitute an official ranking list but is issued as a guidance to referees when seeding cadet boys' events.

- 1 G. Lambert (Dv)
- 2 C. Prean (Ha)
- 3 S. Dettmar (E)
- 4 P. Ashcroft (La)
- 5 M. Mercer (La)
- 6 A. Devitt (St)
- 7 N. Hoare (Sy)
- 8 D. Griffin (Gs)
- 9 A. Sexton (Sy)
- 10 D. Dewsbury (Sy)
- 11 S. Worrell (Li)
- 12 P. Cole (Ca)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

2-STARS IN JEOPARDY

May I, through the medium of your magazine, enlighten any readers who may have been mystified by the last minute withdrawal of the top four Men's Seeds in the recent Cumbria 2-Star Open Tournament.

It would seem that these four players were "requested" to withdraw from the Cumbria 2-Star on the Saturday by the sponsors of the newly formed National League so that they would be fresh for a National League match on the following day at Milton Keynes.

I do not blame the players as it is obvious that financial pressure was brought to bear to make them withdraw from the Tournament, but if this case is to set a precedent for the future then every 2-Star Tournament in the country is in some jeopardy.

Certainly next season's Cumbria 2-Star is already in some doubt, as my own sponsors were more than disappointed to find a high class field sadly reduced in quality four days before the event, and may withdraw their support.

I hope the powers that be will note that, if sponsorship of the National League by Sealink was made with the object of encouraging table tennis, then in this case it has had completely the opposite effect.

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CUMBRIA 2-STAR OPEN

SCOTLAND THE BRAVE
by George R. Yates

Scotland, so often the poor relations of the English in open tournaments, came into their own at Carlisle on Oct. 6 when, in the final of the men's singles, **Keith Sinclair Rodger** of Edinburgh had a final men's singles win over Ian "Benny" Robertson in the Cumbria 2-Star Open.

Again, in the men's doubles, it was a triumph for the Scots when **Rodger**, partnered by **David McIlroy** of the West of Scotland League and closely resembling John McEnroe of Lawn Tennis fame, beat Yorkshire's former international Tony Clayton, now living in Carlisle, and Anglo-Scot Brian Kean.

Carole Knight was a comfortable winner of the women's singles with a final victory over Falkirk's **Carole Dalrymple** who, in the girls' singles, lost in the semi-final to **Joy Grundy** of Lancashire, the ultimate winner.

The Red Rose also came into its own in the boys' singles with **Paul Rainford** beating Cheshire's John Weatherby. But it was back to Cleveland's **Carole Knight** in the women's doubles and success with her scratch partner **Kit Cheung** of Northumberland.

Arnold Warents of Northumberland took the veterans' singles with a final win over Stockport's Terry Donlon with favourite Peter D'Arcy losing out to Warents in the semis.

A wholesale pull-out by the top seeds, John Hilton, Nicky Jarvis, Nigel Eckersley and Richard Yule, because of National

Club League commitments, was not to the liking of the Cumbrian officials nor was the absence of yet another of the men's seeds in Peter McQueen nor the non-appearance of Linda Jarvis and Mandy Reeves from the women's singles. This combined action was regrettable and in no way appreciated by the sponsors whose investment brought a poor return.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

L. A. Clayton (Y) bt S. Cowley (La)
16, -21, 19;

I. Robertson (Nd) bt S. Turner (La) 16, 16;
K. Rodger (Sco) bt P. Glynn (Wa)
16, -16, 18;

A. Clark (Nd) bt D. Gray (Cu) -19, 11, 19.

Semi-finals:

Robertson bt Clayton 19, 18;
Rodger bt Clark 10, 16.

Final:

RODGER bt Robertson 14, 18.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

C. Knight (Cv) bt J. Walker (Y) 15, 8;
J. Parker (La) bt J. Deakin (Ch) 14, -12, 17;

C. Dalrymple (Sco) bt J. Smith (Du) 18, 9;
J. Grundy (La) bt M. Cuthbertson (Du)
16, 14.

Semi-finals:

Knight bt Parker 11, 13;
Dalrymple by Grundy -15, 15, 16.

Final:

KNIGHT bt Dalrymple 12, 12.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Clayton/B. Kean (La) bt D. Svenson/
I. Svenson (Du) 15, 13;

D. McIlroy (Sco)/Rodger bt Glynn/
Robertson 12, 18.

Final:

McILROY/RODGER bt Clayton/Kean 22, 16.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

K. Cheung (Nd)/Knight bt Cuthbertson/
Smith 15, 18;

Grundy/Parker bt Deakin/L. Fennah (Ch)
-14, 10, 15.

Final:

CHEUNG/KNIGHT bt Grundy/Parker
16, 15.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Rainford (La) bt T. Pachul (Mi) 12, 19;
M. Byles (Wal) bt D. Archer (Cu) 18, 20;
K. Green (Cv) bt R. Nixon (Sco) 6, -19, 10;
J. Weatherby (Ch) bt D. Robson (Du) 11, 15.

Semi-finals:

Rainford bt Byles 8, 15;
Weatherby bt Green 14, 23.

Final:

RAINFORD bt Weatherby 11, 15.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Myers (La) bt C. Buglass (Nd) -15, 18, 17;
Parker bt N. Cotter (Wal) 17, 16;
Dalrymple bt Fennah 10, 18;
Grundy bt B. Gray (Cu) -19, 9, 17.

Semi-finals:

Parker bt Myers 14, 19;
Grundy bt Dalrymple 15, 11.

Final:

GRUNDY bt Parker 16, 17.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

A. Warents (Nd) bt P. E. D'Arcy (Ch)
-15, 20, 16;

T. Donlon (Ch) bt E. O'Hara (Cu) 14, 19.

Final:

WARENTS bt Donlon -13, 16, 17.

CHAIRMAN'S NEW ADDRESS

On November 5th Tom Blunn, Chairman of the E.T.T.A., changed his address to 1A, Pulcroft Road, Hessle, North Humberside ('Phone: Hull (0482) 648239. It is a bungalow residence that Tom and his wife, Edna, now enjoy and long may they do so.

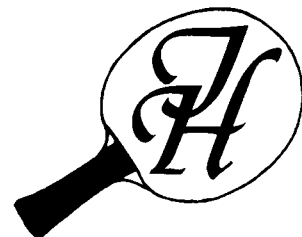
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IRISH AFFAIRS

by WILLIE WALSH

DISASTROUS START

Ireland made a disastrous start to their Division Two European League campaign, when going down to Finland 2-5 in the Rupert Guinness Hall, Dublin. The Finns won the first four sets to quickly put themselves in an unassailable position. Just to rub it in, they also won the fifth set.

Colum Slevin and Kevin Keane took the bare look off things by winning the reserve singles and making the final result a little more respectable. Slevin was a bit unlucky to lose the opening set to Jarmo Jokinen. In the final set when leading 16-13, he missed an easy kill. This seemed to upset him and he only won one further point. Keane never got into the game with Jukka Ikonen and lost in straight games. The Finn's greater variation of service troubled him from the start and the rest of his game was way below par. Karen Senior, who had such a great record in Division One, met a very useful player in 15-year-old Sonja Grefberg. The Irish girl rallied magnificently from 4-11 in the first game to win 22-20, but she was never in the hunt in the next two, losing 7 and 6!

SCORES:

C. Slevin lost to J. Jokinen 17, -18, -18.
K. Keane lost to J. Ikonen -16, -13.
C. Slevin bt Ikonen 17, -17, 18.
K. Keane bt Jokinen -17, 14, 15.
K. Senior lost to S. Grefberg 20, -7, -6.
Slevin/Keane lost to Ikonen/Jokinen 18, -14, -9.
Keane/Senior lost to Jokinen/Grefberg -16, -7.

Match Result:

IRELAND 2 FINLAND 5

Ireland's second match in Division Two in the Mavsfield Leisure Centre, Belfast, saw Wales losing their first match after 12 successive victories. From the time that 14-years old Colum Slevin and that great sportsman George Evans went to the table, the large crowd enjoyed every minute of it. It was here at the end of last season that

Ireland were trounced by Bulgaria in Belfast's first European League match, so this was a new experience for them.

Both teams were welcomed by his worship the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Bell, who with Mr. Desmond P. Losty, Sales Manager of the Milk Marketing Board, the Sponsors, were introduced to the players by Eddie Limberg, Chairman of the Ulster Branch.

The match itself was a bit of an anti-climax. Ireland won the first five sets and then lost the reserve singles, to win 5-2. To me, Slevin's victory over Evans made all the difference between victory and defeat. This was a game I feel sure Wales banked on, and Slevin deserves tremendous credit for the way he played. In the first game he led 4-1; 7-1; 10-3; 14-5; 17-8 and 19-11 and won 21-11. In the second Evans lead 10-5; 15-10; 17-13; Slevin then won the next 5 points to lead 18-17. From then on it was point for point with Slevin clinching it at 22-20.

Keane and David Welsman were 'neck and neck' in the first game up to 8-all and then Keane hit a purple patch to lead 18-11. Welsman then won 5 points in a row whilst the audience held their breath. Keane won the next point to lead 19-16 and went on to win 21-18. Welsman never really got into the second game which Keane won 15. Ann Leonard made her European League debut with a hard-earned victory over Stephanie Jones. Ann, who was selected in preference to Karen Senior, started nervously. There was never more than a shot between them as they reached 8-all. Then Stephanie won the next four points to lead 12-8. She then went on to lead 15-10. They next changed at 16-14, and 18-17. They levelled at 18-all and again Miss Jones lead 20-18 and eventually won a very exciting first game 19. Miss Jones continued to dominate as she raced into a good lead at 12-7. Miss Leonard fought back to level at 12-all. From there on in, there was never more than one point between them to 18-all, but Miss Jones lost the next three points to lose 18. In the decider they were again level at 10-all and 12-all, but Miss Leonard gradually got on top to lead 16-12, 17-13, 18-15, 19-16 and then won the next two points to win a hard earned victory.

The Men's Doubles between Slevin and

Derek Weir and Welsman and Nigel Thomas was another exciting three-gamer, which Ireland won. In the Mixed Keane and Ann Leonard never looked like losing to Evans and Stephanie Jones in a rather tame set. In the reverse singles Welsman beat Slevin easily, and Evans beat Keane.

At the meal after the match, the great tribute paid by the Chairman of the I.T.T.A., Mr. Ray O'Connell to the Welsh team also expressed the views of the spectators and officials, who had the pleasure of seeing and meeting those great Ambassadors of Welsh sportsmanship. They were indeed a credit to Wales — even in defeat.

SCORES:

C. Slevin bt G. Evans 11, 20.
K. Keane bt D. Welsman 18, 15.
Slevin lost to Welsman -12, -17.
Keane lost to G. Evans -20, -13.
A. Leonard bt S. Jones 19, -18, 16.
Slevin/Weir bt Welsman/Thomas 12, -20, 18.
Keane/Leonard bt Evans/Jones 16, 13.

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

At a very enjoyable function in the Glenalbyn Club House, Mr. Geoff Lovegrove, Managing Director of Nicky's Casuals presented Stephen Finn, Hon. Treasurer, with a substantial cheque to cover their expenses to Denmark for their first round match against Virum.

The match itself proved an anti-climax for Glenalbyn when they lost 1-5. As the results show, the winning margin flatters Virum, as Glenalbyn could have won two or three of the sets. Still, Glenalbyn can be well pleased with their first attempt in Europe.

SCORES:

Slevin bt Jan Larssen 17, 16;
lost to B. Holmsgaard -15, -14.
K. Leonard lost to B. Holmsgaard -19, -19;
lost to J. Larssen -18, 12, -19.
G. Greene lost to L. Olsen -12, -15;
lost to J. Larssen -19, -22.

DUBLIN SOUTH COUNTY OPEN

Kevin Keane created a shock at the Dublin South County Open when he beat Ireland's number one Colum Slevin, 17, 9, in the final. Keane played inspired table tennis and never allowed Slevin to get into the game. This win can only give Keane the confidence he needs, and after his great displays last year against Slevin, it was a well deserved victory. In the semi-finals, Keane beat Joe Hickey and Slevin beat Jimmie Robinson. Ann Leonard beat Dolores Keller in the women's final, but she got a rare fright in the semis when Deirdre Kilpatrick brought her to a third game decider. In the other semi Miss D. Keller beat Miss M. Sheehan. Slevin and Keane teamed together to win the men's doubles and Slevin and Ann Leonard won the mixed. Mary Sheehan and Deirdre Kilpatrick beat Ann and Geraldine Leonard in the final of the women's doubles.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

C. Slevin bt J. Robinson 13, 16;
K. Keane bt J. Hickey 17, 13.

Final:

KEANE bt Slevin 17, 9.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

A. Leonard bt D. Kilpatrick 18, -18, 18;
D. Keller bt M. Sheehan.

Final:

LEONARD bt Keller 15, 12.

Men's Doubles Final:

SLEVIN/KEANE bt O'Brien/Hickey 17, 18.

Women's Doubles Final:

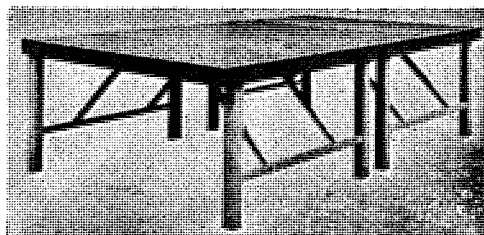
SHEEHAN/KILPATRICK bt A. & G.

Leonard -14, 20, 12.

Mixed Doubles Final:

SLEVIN/LEONARD bt Keane/Kilpatrick -21, 15, 20.

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County Notes
Supplement

LANCASHIRE NOTES
 by George R. Yates

SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

Not wholly consequential, because of absentees, the County trial for men produced sufficient evidence to formulate a ranking list prior to the first team's away fixture against Durham.

Subsequently a further trial, after the original selection had been made known to the opposition as per rule, brought about adjustments and although still not entirely happy the selection committee have now submitted the following lists to the C.T.T.C. Administrator, Aubrey Drapkin:-

- Men**
 1 John Hilton (Manchester), 2 Donald Parker (Preston), 3 John Marshall (Liverpool), 4 Paul Rainford (Preston), 5 Stephen Turner (Preston), 6 Nigel Hallows (Bolton), 7 Brian Carney (Blackpool), 8 Clive Heap (Farnworth), 9 Keith Williams (Liverpool), 10 Graham Hoy (Bury), 11 Roy Frankland (Blackpool), 12 Alan Whittle (Preston).

- Women**
 1 Joy Grundy (Lytham), 2 Jean Parker (Preston), 3 Carolyn Scowcroft (Bolton), 4 Anne Sweeney (Preston), 5 Christine Hilton (Salford), 6 Paula French (Liverpool), 7 Helen Frost (Bury), 8 Helen Stirrup (Liverpool).

- Boys**
 1 Rainford, 2 Chris Freely (Bury), 3 Paul Ashcroft (St. Helens), 4 Andrew Christopher (Mid. - Lancs.), 5 Stephen Scowcroft (Bolton), 6 Winston Johnson (Preston), 7 Douglas Mayall (Manchester), 8 Andrew Grey (Preston), 9 Gary Deakin (Farnworth), 10 Kevin Walsh (Lancaster/M), 11 Ian McLoughlin (Bury), 12 Jonathan Moore (Preston).

- Girls**
 1 Grundy, 2 Parker, 3 Frost, 4 Stirrup, 5 Beverley Hoyle (Bury), 6. Caroline Hemming (Salford), 7 Jackie Myers (Blackburn).

Although the County can prean itself in having two players, Hilton and Parker, chosen to represent their country in the Hungarian Open their presence will be missed on Nov. 10 when at Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire play host to Northumberland in a double-header.

Nonetheless, although allowed to seek postponement with two players on international duty, the match goes on with Marshall, Rainford and Turner teaming up with Joy Grundy and Jean Parker who have taken over the gap left by Di Johnson and Wendy Walker (née Shaw) who only wish to help out in an emergency.

The second team, against North's II, has been chosen as:- Hallows, Carney and Heap with Carolyn Scowcroft and Anne Sweeney. This leaves a very inexperienced junior team to cross the Pennines to take on Yorkshire II viz:- Freely, Ashcroft and Christopher with Helen Frost and Jackie Myers plus Helen Stirrup for doubles.

It is not the intention of the selection committee to stick rigidly to the ranking lists and therefore the onus will be on the players themselves to safeguard their places with performances to match. Ranking lists are subject to change!

There is little new to report on the County's executive side other than to welcome two new members in Peter Rainford of Preston and Harry Ross of Manchester. Three new vice-presidents were

elected at the A.G.M. namely Mrs. Lil Upton, Mrs. Doreen Yates and Mr. J. R. "Pat" Callaghan, the latter of British Aerospace Dynamics, Lostock, Nr. Bolton.

Opening salvos in the first division of the Lancashire and Cheshire League were fired by Preston, the defending champions who had a 6-4 win over Stockport whose fellow promotees Bolton beat St. Helens 7-3.

Parker had a treble for Proud Preston beating Derek Schofield, Roger Hampson and Dave Hulme, the Lancs. international also being successful in the doubles with young Rainford whose only singles success was against Hulme as was the case with Turner.

Bolton also had a treble winner in Ron Durose, but Manchester had three when Phil Bowen, Mark Hankey and Brian Kean "whitewashed" Salford's John and Ron Weatherby and Ron Vose. Another treble winner was Steve Cowley, for Farnworth against Liverpool's Marshall, Williams and Wayne Percival the former St. Helens player. This latter encounter ended in a 5-all draw with Heap beating Percival and Barrie Elliott accounting for Williams.

- Scores in the County match at Sunderland were:-
 D. Parker bt I. Svenson 10, 14;
 bt D. Svenson 15, 11.
 J. Marshall lost to D. Svenson 17, -22, -16;
 lost to N. Jobling -22, 24, -18.
 N. Hallows bt Jobling 17, -16, 19;
 lost to I. Svenson 13, -12, -19.
 J. Grundy lost to M. Cuthbertson 14, -16, -13.
 J. Parker bt S. Gelder 14, 17.
 Parker/Marshall bt Svenson/Svenson -19, 14, 15.
 Grundy/Parker bt Cuthbertson/Gelder 13, 10.

NORFOLK NOTES
 by Neville Graver

TOP SPOTS RETAINED

In the first ranking lists of the season, Doug Bennett retains top spot among the men, with Wendy Hogg in the same position for the women. The men's list is very much a provisional one, pending the outcome of formal trials.

Trevor Bunn moves into second place behind Doug, as reward for his improved play last season whilst Mick Musson drops to No. 3. Behind these three there is a scramble for places, with several players of a similar standard involved. The trend will no doubt reveal itself as the season progresses.

A women's trial was held on Sept. 16, resulting in a number of changes from last season. Margaret Hales confirmed her position as No. 2, Joy Dixon and Sue Hazell both moving up, to 3 and 4 respectively, at the expense of Sue Allen and Paula Ribbans. A special mention should be made of Janet Moore, who put up some very good performances at the trial, including a win over Wendy Hogg, resulting in her No. 7 position.

The boys' list is headed by Richard and Martyn Stevenson, who both made an excellent start to the season by reaching the last 16 in the Welsh Junior Open. At their present rate of improvement they will soon be challenging for senior places. The girls' section is headed by Sue Browne and Zoe Nicholls, the former figuring also in the women's list.

- DETAILS:**
Men
 1 D. Bennett, 2 T. Bunn (D), 3 M. Musson (N), 4 N. Graver (D), 5 S. Howlett (W), 6 M. Broughton (Y), 7 D. Smith (D), 8 J. Turner (D), 9 P. Durrant (N), 10 D. Hardy (D).
Women
 1 W. Hogg (N), 2 M. Hales (W), 3 J. Dixon (N), 4 S. Hazell (F), 5 S. Allen (Y), 6 R. Hogg (N), 7 J. Moore (W), 8 S. Browne (N), 9 P. Ribbans (Y), 10 R. Harrowven (N).

- Boys**
 1 R. Stevenson (N), 2 M. Stevenson (N), 3 R. Margetson (Y), 4 P. Ninham (W), 5 P. Logsdon (N), 6 C. Rayment (T), 7 I. Ecclestone (Y), 8 D. Loveday (D), 9 C. Anema (D), 10 A. Wright (Y).

- Cadet Boys**
 1 Logsdon, 2 Rayment, 3 P. Rich (N), 4 D. Honour (N), 5 D. Jessup (N), 6 N. Powles (N), 7 S. Chipperfield (N), 8 S. Walker (N), 9 C. Jenkinson (Y).

- Girls**
 1 Browne, 2 Z. Nicholls, 3 S. Bignell (Y), 4 L. Baker (T), 5 F. Chipperfield (N), 6 S. Menin (N), 7 S. Croucher (N), 8 S. Jenkinson (Y), 9 C. Chamberlain (N), 10 S. Jenkins (N).

- Cadet Girls**
 1 Croucher, 2 Jenkinson, 3 Chamberlain, 4 Jenkins.

Around the leagues, Norwich has added a further division, making 14 in all, but are still awaiting final plans of the Amenity Centre from the local authorities. Great Yarmouth has already staged an American Tournament, won by Mick Broughton from Wes Haydock in the final, Dereham first division looks like a battle again between Costessey and Hippos, the former without Paul Pegg and the latter Steven Howlett. Kings Lynn report a record entry of 95 teams in this its 48th year. Who knows — can it reach the ton in its 50th? Elsewhere, the season is off to a quiet start. Les Rayment continues his good work in Thetford. Wymondham are showing an active interest in county affairs in the shape of Dennis Witham. Cromer prepares to stage a county first team match against Northants later this season (March 22), and Fakenham welcomes Sue Hazell back to its inter-league team.

By the time this report is published entries for the Norfolk Senior Closed will be available. For the first time ever a sponsor has been found in the welcome shape of Broadside Sports and Leisure, who have recently opened a large sports department in Norwich, managed by ex-county player Chris Bensley. The tournament will take place on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the University of East Anglia, and the change of venue is hoped to attract a record entry. The tournament will be called the Broadside Norfolk Closed. Whilst writing of Sponsorship, thanks must also be expressed to Trustee Savings Bank for their continuing support of the Juniors for this season.

Diary of Events — Season 1979/80

- Saturday, Nov. 10, 1979
 Senior 2 v Hunts 1 at May & Baker, Norwich (18.30).
 Junior 1 v Hunts 1 at C.E.Y.M.S., Norwich (14.30).
 Saturday, Dec. 1, 1979
 Senior 1 v Cambs 1 at May & Baker, Norwich (18.30).
 Junior 1 v Lincs 2 at Lincs (TBA).
 Junior 2 v Suffolk 1 at May & Baker, Norwich (15.00).
 Sunday, Dec. 2, 1979
 Senior 2 v Herts 3 at Herts (TBA).
 Sunday, Dec. 16, 1979
 Norfolk Senior Closed Championships at University of East Anglia, Norwich. (09.30).
 Sunday, Jan. 13, 1980
 Senior 2 v Suffolk 2 at May & Baker, Norfolk (16.00).
 Saturday, Jan. 19, 1980
 Senior 2 v Beds 2 at Beds (TBA).
 Junior 2 v Herts 2 at C.E.Y.M.S., Norwich (14.30).
 Sunday, Jan. 20, 1980
 Senior 1 v Beds 1 at May & Baker, Norwich (16.00).
 Saturday, Jan. 26, 1980
 Norfolk Schools Championships.
 Saturday, Feb. 2, 1980
 Senior 1 v Leics 1 at Leics (TBA).
 Junior 1 v Cambs 2 at Cambs (TBA).
 Sunday, Feb. 10, 1980
 T.S.B. Norfolk Junior Closed Championships at Neatherd High School, Norwich Road, Dereham (09.30).

Saturday, Mar. 1, 1980
 Junior 1 v Northants 1 at Youth Centre,
 Kings Lynn (15.00).
 Junior 2 v Essex 3 at May & Baker,
 Norwich (14.30).
 Saturday, Mar. 22, 1980
 Senior 1 v Northants 1 at Drill Hall,
 Aylsham (18.30).
 Junior 2 v Beds 2 at Beds (TBA).
 Sunday, Mar. 23, 1980
 Senior 2 v Cambs 2 at Cambs (TBA).

CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

GREAT SUCCESS

In their first two matches in the National Club League, Soham who operate in the Cambs. League, had great success. In their first match at home to Denmark they were successful 8-1 although the visitors put up stronger resistance than the score suggests. David Tan was the only Soham player to be beaten when he went down to John Souter in three. In the match against Ormesby, Soham came from behind to win 6-3. In this match Tan beat former English champion Denis Neale, Keith Richardson beat Keith Paxton and took Neale to three after taking the first. Paul Day lost to Donald Parker but beat Nicky Jarvis in three and then Kenny Jackson beat Parker but lost to Jarvis! A feature of the Soham team is the form of Richardson who is playing very well indeed.

v Denmark

Day bt David Constance 15, -19, 15;
 bt John Dabin 19, 10.
 Jackson bt Dabin -21, 20, 16;
 bt Constance 14, 11.
 Richardson bt John Burlington 20, 9;
 bt John Souter 7, 11.
 Tan lost to Souter -20, 20, -15;
 bt Burlington 20, -19, 14.
 Day/Jackson bt Dabin/Joe Kennedy 17, 21.

v Ormesby

Day lost to D. Parker -13, -17;
 bt N. Jarvis -17, 15, 13.
 Jackson lost to Jarvis -10, -18;
 bt Parker 16, 17.
 Richardson bt K. Paxton 19, 12;
 lost to D. Neale 17, -13, -11.
 Tan bt Neale 16, 15;
 bt Paxton 24, -19, 12.
 Day/Jackson bt Neale/Parker 15, -19, 13.

In a further match against Macleans Maidenhead, Soham had a great 6-3 win and so stay at the head of the League. The Fenmen had the match sewn up as early as the sixth set with their only defeat at that stage being that of Tan to the hard-hitting Andy Wellman. Maidenhead scored two further consolation wins when David Barr and Wellman beat Jackson and Richardson respectively.

DETAILS:

Day bt D. Barr 7, 12;
 bt R. Jermyn 14, 10.
 Jackson bt R. Jermyn 10, 19;
 lost to Barr -12, 18, -18.
 Richardson bt S. Harmer -18, 18, 24;
 lost to A. Wellman 17, -19, -14.
 Tan lost to Wellman -20, -18;
 bt Harmer -17, 18, 18.
 Day/Richardson bt Barr/D. Reeves 10, 10.

Cambs. Juniors won their opening match in Div. 2 Midland of the County Championships by beating Nottinghamshire at March. Mandy Judd and Tracy Fisher had a clean sweep for the home county and it was the superiority of the girls that gave Cambs. the edge in a closely contested match. Andy Withers was also unbeaten with two singles and a doubles (with Robert Swift) to his credit. Swift had one of his rare off days failing to win a singles for the first time in three seasons. Paul Stacey fought valiantly against Green but was just on the losing side after taking the first game at 4! This was a good start to the season and augers well for the future.

In the first division of the Cambs. League, new club Swavesey started well by forcing a

draw with Soham IV (one of the four strong Soham teams). Roger Fensome and Barry Hagger both won two sets but neither could make any impression on former County player Brian Jones. Another ex-county player Ron Nunn, now well into the veteran stage, showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with by gaining a "maximum" for New Chesterton Institute II in their drawn match against Guildhall. St. Ives made a good start by beating Y.M.C.A. I 10-0. In Div. 2 Haverhill and Fisons had wins over Press II and Melbourn I by the same 9-1 margin. Clive Taylor beat John Dyer to notch Melbourn's sole win while Press had to be content with the final doubles set for their solitary success. Haverhill I suffered a set back in their next fixture against Wesley I when they were beaten 6-4 after trailing 1-6. Paul Jolley won all his sets for Wesley while Driver played well to beat Leom Mohan, the Wesley No. 2.

In more recent matches St. Ives gained another 10-0 victory when they beat newly-promoted Swavesey. Soham I easily defeated their second team and Press I by identical 9-1 margins. On both occasions it was Withers on the receiving end, going down to Chris. Brewer in the Press match and Swift in the Soham "derby". England cadet Mandy Judd scored her first Div. I win when she beat Horman of Guildhall but Impington were beaten 7-3 with Albert Jackson and Eddie Sharpe scoring maximums for the winners. John Loker is unbeaten in Y.M.C.A. 'II's first two matches and has considerably strengthened this team by his dropping down from the 1st.

Two of Cambridgeshire's top juniors, Mandy Judd of Cambridge and Robert Swift of March had success in the North Yorkshire Championships. Mandy won the U-14 singles, beating Alison Hillard from nearby Hunts 14 and 8, and also reached the final of the U-17's where she was beaten 15 in the third by Lesley Broomhead of Yorkshire. Swift reached the final of the Boys' Singles before losing to Welsh No. 1 Mark Thomas.

Pete Bewley of the Wesley Club, Cambridge, has been appointed the new Chairman of Cambs. County Executive with the retirement of Keith Rudland who has served the County in this capacity for the last 7 years with the utmost conscientiousness and ability — thanks Keith for your past services. Bewley is also Secretary of the 7 team Wesley Club and has already done good service in this position during the last few years.

PROFILE — BRIAN JONES

Brian Jones has been in the table tennis picture for some 20 years and has risen from a raw youngster to a real force in club and County matches. Cycling from Newmarket on Saturday afternoons to the old Y.M.C.A. in Cambridge for coaching sessions under the auspices of John Cornwell he showed great promise as a lad. Now he plays with great success for the Soham club in the first division of the Cambs. League. He has also represented Cambs. second team in the County Championships for a number of years and is always good for an exciting game. He is such a likeable fellow and causes much amusement by his good-humoured antics at the table, once doing a perfect "yodel" as he retrieved a shot from the wings! Table tennis is such a pleasure when Brian is playing, as I know, and may he have many more years to entertain both players and public in the game he loves! Well done Brian!

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

FAULTS BOTH SIDES

County trials were held in September and ranking lists have been produced. The Junior trials were the most successful, helped by players turning up on time enabling the selectors to play all the games they wanted to see.

The Senior trials were not as successful and some criticism has been made by player who felt they did not receive a fair trial. There were a number of reasons for this, both administration and faults of players involved.

The trials were run on a ladder system with players seeded as best as possible by the selectors. Due to a large number of players being nominated by the local leagues the four-table venue turned out to be inadequate for the games involved. This was not helped by a high percentage of the players turning up late, with one player over an hour late, coupled with some leagues nominating players who were just not up to the standard which used up valuable time.

The County Committee decided that the selectors should find a bigger venue and that the local leagues should be far more selective in the players they send. Top rankings are:-

Men

C. Leslie, G. Hamilton, P. Bradbury, V. McCarthy, S. Brindle, R. Harman, D. Martin, S. Lines.

Women

S. Lines, D. Risby, A. Finlay, A. Long, D. Robbins, J. Robbins, A. Shaw, J. Hitchcox.

Boys

Bradbury, A. Pratt, Lines, J. Wright, M. Curtis, S. Foster, D. Gatiss, T. Silecott.

Girls

Risby, D. Robbins, J. Robbins, Shaw, Hitchcox, L. Phelps, J. Farwell.

The first County Championships weekend proved a disappointing start to the season. The Senior 1st team lost to Beds 3-7. Leslie, Hamilton and Bradbury won one each but with Stephanie Lines missing the girls failed to gain a victory although Dawn Risby put up a most creditable performance against the experienced Barbara Hammond. The Senior 2nd team lost 1-9 to the strong Surrey 2nd team with D. Martin, a late substitute, winning the final set to avoid the "whitewash".

Against Surrey II, the Junior 1st team drew 5-5. A. Pratt (1), S. Lines (1) and Johnathan Wright (2) won singles and Pratt/Lines combined to win the boys' doubles. The girls, Dawn and Julie Robbins, failed to win again highlighting the lack of experience in this category. This is not helped by the premature 'retirement' of Nikki Hamilton from county table tennis.

Dates for the diary:-

Inter-League — Men

1st session - Sunday, Nov. 25, 1979.

2nd Session - Sunday, Jan. 27, 1980.

Women, Junior and Vets -

Sunday, Jan. 13, 1980.

May I remind local leagues to contact me with any items they wish to have published in T.T. News.

SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

DECISION REVOKED AS MARTIN VOLUNTEERS

At the Shrewsbury Extraordinary General Meeting mentioned in last month's notes, Martin Chambers from Shrewsbury volunteered to act as Inter League Secretary for the season, thus allowing the decision not to run representative teams to be revoked. Martin is one of the younger generation and it is good to see someone in that age group prepared to assist in the administration as well as playing.

It is also pleasing to see that Shrewsbury has topped the 'ton' of team entries for their league, which will operate in 9 divisions, the Premier being enlarged to 11 teams.

For the fourth successive year Shrewsbury Sports Advisory Council Area won the Table Tennis section of the Shropshire Mini

GLUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Smith

WHITBREAD SPONSORSHIP

The new Finance and Development sub-committee set up recently by the County Committee under the Chairmanship of Alan Haines, with Jack Reeves as Secretary, has already met with success. The Cotswold Junior "Select" will be sponsored by Whitbread and this season will be held at Gloucester Leisure Centre. The Cotswold, one of 4 "select" tournaments this season, is the only one not being sponsored by Debenhams under the national agreement set up by the E.T.T.A. The reason Whitbread are sponsoring the Cotswold is that following criticism of the venue last season, the organisers realised that a new home was required and with the help of Whitbread the Gloucester Centre will house the event. The contract with Whitbread was signed some months ago and with the delays in the agreement between the E.T.T.A. and Debenhams, the Gloucestershire Committee felt that they must honour the original agreement with Whitbread.

The Development committee have also announced that the Gloucestershire Closed Championships, which take place at Stroud Leisure Centre, will be sponsored for the next two years by the Trustee Savings Bank.

It is only with the assistance of companies such as Whitbread and the Trustee Savings Bank that the development of table tennis in Gloucestershire can proceed.

Jack Reeves has also been busy in helping 31-years-old Glyn Lloyd win a gold medal in the British Sports Association's national Multi-Disabled Games at Stoke Mandeville. Glyn, who plays for Rudford in the Gloucester League, is paralysed from the waist down and won the championship at the first attempt. Glyn who has recently taken over as treasurer of Newent Town Football Club hopes to repeat his achievement next year and also he says to take part in the snooker.

Gloucestershire players have been entering open tournaments with Dave Harvey reaching the semi-final of the Bournemouth Open and 3 juniors, Andrew Golding, Daren Griffin and Nina Tsakarisanos doing well in the Regional ranking trials. The Cheltenham League have taken part in the Multi Sport competition against Bath which is held each year, with mixed success, the men's team winning whilst the women and veterans drew.

The Stroud Leagues men's team have this season re-entered the Midland League and drew their opening match against Cheltenham 'B' with Golding and Peter Harris both winning 2 and together the doubles.

AVON NOTES

by Robert Oldfield

SEWELL DEPARTS

It seemed appropriate to start the first notes of the season with a 'thank you' and a 'welcome'. 'Auf Wiedersehen' to Chris Sewell who is now playing in the Federal German Bundesliga at weekends and is no longer available for county play. Chris, by far the outstanding player from this area in recent years, has served his county well, turning out for many matches even though the opposition was not likely to help him improve. It was unfortunate that last season was marred by his ill-health but he is currently in hospital for a short operation, after which it is hoped that he will be much improved. However, undoubtedly a great boost has come to his morale and enthusiasm from the competition and tremendous atmosphere that has been provided by the German matches and it is hoped that it will not be too long before he

is allowed the chance to exhibit his talent on the home circuit again.

A welcome then to Paul Jackson, Paul, formerly No. 1 Junior for Shropshire, moved to Bristol in June and he and his family have immediately made their mark on Avon table tennis. Paul comes straight into the rankings at No. 2 Junior and No. 6 Senior after very good results at the county trials whilst his father, Paddy, has wasted no time in putting his coaching skills to work with an enthusiastic junior squad. Already this season the new doubles combination of Jackson and Andy Creed have been doing well at the tournaments — meriting their selection for the Avon I senior team — semi-final in the JBD of the Welsh Open . . . winners of the JBD in the Newbury Junior Open . . . and last 16 in the MD in the Merton.

During September, on four successive Tuesday evenings, the county trials were held at St. George's School. It was pleasing to see that the strength of the county is increasing rapidly, particularly in the juniors where sterling work has been done by Avon Coach, Mike Lewis. Directly as a result of his regular coaching sessions the improvement is manifest throughout the rankings in . . . Andy Creed, No. 1 Junior and straight into the Senior rankings at No. 2; Dennis Lewis, straight into the Avon Junior team; the rise of the three girls, Tina Shortman, Rebecca Russe and Geraldine Sandford, into three of the top six places in the Senior women's rankings; and no less than seven U-12 girls, from Sarah Banbury to Jane Kimber, ranked at Junior level to provide promise for Avon in the future.

Full lists:

Men

- 1 Martyn Smith
- 2 Andy Creed
- 3 Rob Oldfield
- 4 Gordon Mildred
- 5 Tony Brown
- 6 Paul Jackson
- 7 Phil Riley
- 8 John Higgs
- 9 Charlie Mason
- 10 Ray Sewell
- 11 Ken Watts

Women

- 1 Helen Gore
- 2 Tina Shortman
- 3 Rebecca Russe
- 4 Andrea Seager
- 5 Judy Cruse
- 6 Geraldine Sandford
- 7 Joan Luckwell
- 8 Linda Porter
- 9 Muriel Hooker
- 10 Judy Higgs
- 11 Helen Pogmore
- 12 Muriel Lewis

Boys

- 1 Creed
- 2 Jackson
- 3 Dennis Lewis
- 4 Stephen Fletcher
- 5 Chris Ross
- 6 Stephen Kerslake
- 7 Paul Hooper
- 8 Andy Maybee
- 9 Terry Luxton
- 10 Wavne Coombes
- 11 Nick Stevens
- 12 Paul Boucher

Girls

- 1 Shortman
- 2 Russe
- 3 Sandford
- 4 Dawn Whittaker
- 5 Sarah Banbury
- 6 Helen Perrett
- 7 Karen Testa
- 8 Connie Morris
- 9 Gillian Oakenfuller
- 10 Michele Cohen
- 11 Jane Kimber

Veteran Men

- 1 Mike Baker
- 2 Ken Watts
- 3 Keith Howse

Olympics which were staged at the Bridg-north Leisure Centre, being again very well organised by Alan Cavell from Albrighton.

Alan's Albrighton Club will again supply the venue for a County Junior team's matches this season, with John Morris at Pontesbury arranging the other Junior and Senior matches at the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury.

New Rankings

Following Senior and Junior trials held in September, and taking into account results in County matches and tournaments, the Shropshire Table Tennis Association have issued the following ranking lists to take effect from the 26th September.

Men

- 1 Malcolm Green (S)
- 2 Clive Roberts (O)
- 3 Les Baker (S)
- 4 Mike Beaman (S)
- 5 Bill Herbert (T)
- 6 Ian Baker (S)
- 7 Martin Chambers (S)
- 8 Malcolm Brown (S)
- 9 Kevin McGuire (W)
- 10 Tony Horobin (T)

Women

- 1 Jane Cheetham (S)
- 2 Tracey Powell (T)
- 3 Linda Degg (S)
- 4 Colette Soan (MD)
- 5 Alison Barker (MD)
- 6 Kate Harris (S)
- 7 Julie Green (S)
- 8 Janet Siddle (T)
- 9 Alison Lowe (T)
- 10 Alison Bayliss (MD)

Boys

- 1 Ivan Smith (S)
- 2 Tony Cheetham (S)
- 3 Dean Pountney (S)
- 4 Martin Tufft (T)
- 5 Jamie Rea (T)
- 6 Mark Davies (S)
- 7 Keith Sillitoe (MD)
- 8 Robert Bayliss (MD)
- 9 Simon Sonsino (S)
- 10 Andrew Parry (S)

Girls

- 1 Cheetham
- 2 Degg
- 3 Soan
- 4 Barker
- 5 Harris
- 6 Lowe
- 7 Bayliss
- 8 Denise Boughey (MD)
- 9 Julie Ballard (T)
- 10 Salianne Johnston (S)

Code

S—Shrewsbury, O—Oswestry, MD—Market Drayton, T—Telford, W—Whitchurch.

While no Juniors appear in the men's list, they have virtually taken over the women's top 10, with only Julie Green and Janet Siddle being over 17. Tracey Powell did not want a Junior Ranking.

Shropshire players have made a promising start to the new season at open tournaments, with Alison Barker winning the U-12 girls' singles at Newbury, Ivan Smith reaching the Cadet singles final at the same venue, and Malcolm Green reaching the men's doubles final (with Kevin Beadsley) at the North of England 2-Star.

The Shropshire Senior Closed Championships will be held at Sundorne on Sunday, 2nd December, 1979, with the Juniors on 9th March, 1980.

The Telford T.T.A. Closed will be on the 18th November, 1979, the Restricted on 9th December, 1979 and the Handicap on 10th February, 1980.

Finally, I would like to express the Association's appreciation of the fact that The Trustee Savings Bank will continue to sponsor the Junior First team during the coming season.

- 4 Gordon Mildred
- 5 John Morris
- 6 Tony Dimmambro
- 7 Graham Brown
- 8 Robert House
- 9 Pete Dominey
- 10 George O'Brien

Veteran Women

- 1 June Watts
- 2 Barbara Dickinson
- 3 Jill Collyer
- 4 Janet Achurch

These ranking lists formed the basis for the team selections for the first county fixtures of the season on Oct. 6. In a very tight match played under excellent conditions at the refurbished Totterdown Y.M.C.A., Avon I entertained Berkshire. The score oscillated throughout the match with neither team gaining a greater advantage than one set at any stage. Martyn Smith provided two sets for Avon but these were countered by the three sets from the very strong Berkshire girls, Mandy Smith and Janet Skipp. However, Helen Gore and Tina Shortman were by no means outclassed and nor were Andy Creed and Paul Jackson in the men's doubles. Andy and yours truly added a set each against the 'Berkshire No. 3' but I must confess to losing the last set of the evening and the point in a 6-4 defeat.

Fortunately we can still rely upon our Veteran side to provide some cheer and Avon I travelled to Taunton to play new entrants Somerset. Thanks to Mike Baker (1), John Morris (1), June Watts (1) and the two doubles, Avon raced to a 5-1 lead at which point refreshments were served. The final score 5-4 with Weston-Super-Mare's Joe Garland adding his second singles after the break. Meanwhile Avon Vets II were unable to hold Avon I's rivals, Hampshire, and went down 7-2 at home. Commiserations are due here for Avon's Barbara Dickinson who battled for over 48 minutes in her singles match to no avail, 14 min. 40 sec., 14 min. 40 sec., 19 min. !!

The four Avon Leagues are now in full progress and with the league season come the attendant inter-league representative games in the Midland League, The Cotswold Ladies' League, The Western League and the Somerset and Avon League. Last season's Somerset and Avon League was won by Bridgwater, led by husband and wife, Graham and Jill Green and ably supported by Somerset county-mates, Betty Norman and John Hartry. However, the Bristol boys of Nick Baldwin, Andy Creed and Peter Barnes dominated the Junior division.

I end this report on a slightly unusual note in an account of the United Tobacco Table Tennis Championships which were held at the Wills Gymnasium in Bristol on Sept. 29/30. Far be it for me to advertise any tobacco company but I would not be doing Bristolian Tony Dimmambro any justice if I neglected to mention his magnificent record of fourteen wins out of fifteen years in the Men's Singles Championships. For his effort Tony was presented with a pair of brandy glasses and a nice gesture was also made to Avon's referee, Pat Archdale, by the donors of the trophy for the Men's Doubles event; to be known henceforth as the 'Archdale Cup' in appreciation of her work in setting up and running the tournament this year.

MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT

The table tennis season crept up on me unawares and in consequence I forgot to send in my contribution for the October edition. My apologies to anyone who missed it.

The Middlesex Committee has remained unaltered but with all of them taking on extra jobs, we are having difficulty in filling

all the positions. Len Pilditch has stepped in as Referee of the County Championships and felt that it would not be appropriate for him to continue to run a team. So David Jemmett will be running the Premier Division team, with Michael Close taking over the Junior Premier team from Doreen Stannard, who was finding her time over-occupied. David Howes and Don Smith will continue to run the Junior Second and Veterans teams respectively, but at the time of writing we have not yet found anyone to run the Senior Seconds. It would indeed be sad if Middlesex had to withdraw a team for lack of someone to organise five matches.

Another thing that has taken me unawares is the passing of the years. That 'lad' Laurie Landry, who I remember as a Junior and still think of as very young, played in our first Veterans match of the season! There must be something wrong with the age limit of Veterans when mere youngsters can qualify, or is it just that I cannot believe how old I am getting?

The decision of Arena Promotional Facilities to stop erecting lights and tables for tournaments took us, and I'm sure many other organisers, completely by surprise. In Middlesex where all the willing people are doing as much as — and sometimes more than — they can cope with, it caused some problems which fortunately we managed to get over with some help and co-operation from our friends at Queensmead and Picketts Lock. But it is hoped that someone will fill the breach. One can get electricians in the area (at a price) but an electrician with a knowledge of table tennis is indeed a rare bird.

Over the weekend of Oct. 6/7, a number of Middlesex umpires went to Stoke Mandeville Stadium (Aylesbury) to officiate at the first European Table Tennis Championships for the Paralysed. This was the brain child of Ted Inge (of Kent) and Stuart Dane was the Referee. Thirteen countries sent 122 competitors and they had team events (as in the Corbillon Cup) as well as individual events. Those umpires who had not seen wheelchair table tennis before were amazed by the high standard of play and thoroughly enjoyed their first encounter with the world of Sport for the Disabled.

LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

FAREWELL THE COKE HEATER

The 'Tin tabernacle', better known as Knighton Park, is no more. It has been demolished and is being replaced by a new building which will house four tables instead of the present two. Since the club entered the Leicestershire T.T. League as it was then in the mid 1930's it has staged many representative matches and whilst many will mourn the passing of the famous coke heater right in the middle of the room, there is no doubt that the central heating will be a much appreciated refinement. So to those teams who have come from all parts of the country (almost) to play there we shall look forward to seeing you at the new premises when they are completed, hopefully early in the New Year.

On the County front the first team got off to a good start when they beat Northamptonshire 7-3 without the services of Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers, who both had tournament commitments. Yvonne Hall made an excellent debut. With the men — Chris Rogers, Paul Randell and David Gannon — all winning three the issue was rarely in doubt. The Veterans went down 6-3 to Cheshire II but Brian Mayfield gave another fine display, being unbeaten.

The Inter-Towns Senior event had a sensational finish with four teams finishing level on points. Hinckley II started it all off when they beat Leicester I (Gannon, Philip Smith and Grahame Hall) with John Iliffe

winning all three. Their joy was short-lived, however for Leicester II beat Hinckley II with Keith Fellows registering a maximum. The two unbeaten teams, Hinckley I and Leicester II played next with Hinckley emerging comfortable winners. All it needed now to create complete confusion was for Leicester I to beat Hinckley I (Randell, Maurice Newman and Steven Kenney). Gannon, who had looked completely out of touch against Hinckley II, losing to both Iliffe and Alan Philpott, suddenly hit peak form and beat both Newman and Randell. With the luckless Newman losing all three, all of them close, Leicester went on to win 5-2.

Whilst this was going on the two Loughborough sides were struggling and in fact could manage two sets between them. When one thinks of the calibre of some of the Loughborough players — Richard Hayes, Trevor Kerlake and Paul Brindley — it gives an idea of how high the standard was. In the Junior event Leicester won fairly easily. The Cadets event has yet to be held but it is being held at Melton Mowbray. Peter Capewell has been successful in obtaining sponsorship from both Hinckley Flooring Company and Melton Mowbray Building Society. Peter has been involved in other spheres too. Mike Holt found increasing business commitments made it difficult to continue as Chairman of the Junior Selection Committee and Peter has been appointed following Mike's resignation. Fred Rentcombe (Loughborough) has been added to that committee.

The first issue of 'Top Spin' — the magazine of the Leicester and District Table Tennis League — has appeared under the new editorship of Richard Green and has been generally well-received. There is little doubt Richard has the ability and flair needed for the job. The 'Sports Mercury' which has published so many table tennis articles and charts over the years has now ceased publication. This is a very bad blow to us because it is unlikely the normal week-day editors will be able to provide such a service. This is, of course a great disappointment to Alan Lawlor who was so enthusiastic to write articles for the 'Sports'. The Loughborough magazine 'Behind the Serve' continues under Reg Billson's guidance — just one of the very many tasks Reg carries out for his league! By the next issue I hope I shall be able to give an idea of which teams are doing well in the various leagues throughout the county.

WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by K. J. Moran

FEW SURPRISES

Hello again, let's start straight away with the latest rankings:-

Men	Women
1 D. Douglas	1 K. Groves
2 D. Johnson	2 S. Peakman
3 D. Munt	3 J. Harper
4 P. Glynn	4 Lloyd
5 B. Hayward	5 Rose
6 B. Johnson	6 Williams
7 L. Bertie	
8 R. Gunnion	
9 Hon Kin Ng	
10 P. Judd	
Boys	Girls
1 A. Pilgrim	1 Peakman
2 K. Grundy	2 Williams
3 S. Smith	3 Brison
4 Morgan	4 Sheward
5 I. Gunn	5 Jones
6 Sheasby	6 Hastings
7 I. Smith	7 Sutton
8 Higgins	8 McHayle
9 S. Young	9 Hall
10 Rudge	10 Martin
11 Lal	
12 R. Lewis	

No real surprises on the senior men's list except the fall of Paul Judd to No. 10. Ralph

"I've retired early" Gunnion is neatly sandwiched between youngsters Lester Bertie and Hon Kin Ng and would appear still to be first reserve for the County "B" team.

"Der" Desmond's commitments to the "Bunces" Liga will probably preclude his appearing for the County this season, but we can hope.

On the Boys' list Rod Lewis at No. 12 could be a dark horse. Last season he achieved the remarkable double of winning both the Birmingham and the Warwickshire Closed U-14 singles claiming many noted scalps. It would appear that he is not in that form at present but, like Ralph, he has time on his side.

I hear whispers that No. 1 girl, Sue Peakman may be played in both Senior and Junior county fixtures this season, could we have a future candidate for a national ranking? Proud father Jim Peakman will no doubt see that her progress is monitored most carefully. The absence of the name of Andrew Bache of Nuneaton from the boys' list is the result of a mis-directed invitation rather than a sudden loss of form. Like General McArthur this lad "will return".

Congratulations now, to the newly reformed Rugby and District T.T.A. After an earlier traumatic experience they got everything right for their second "closed" championships in September. Sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank and a multitude of small local interests the table tennis and organisation matched the well-produced and beautifully printed programme.

George Tsow wielded his "penholder" to great effect in the men's singles, beating Roy Tanton's "plank" 14, -21, 15. Partnered by fellow "wily oriental" Patrick Cheung in the doubles they eclipsed Graham Roberts and Mick Hamp 8 and 14. Colin Jones beat Michael, son of livewire (haywire?) Secretary Dave Thomas -20, 16 in a really close junior final and Dad Thomas took the consolation final.

The staging of the Midland "Open" coincides with the issue of this magazine and your faithful newshound will include the results in the December issue. Other forthcoming local tournaments are Feb. 24/80 Warwickshire "Closed" at the Rover Co., Solihull; Coventry 1-Star Open March 9/80.

The County teams will all have been in action by next month and news of their progress plus that of our local national league team "Sun Life Second City" will be forthcoming if I receive the information!

Finally a word or two of praise for those much-maligned but indispensable folk, the County Umpires. Secretary Geoff Taylor has three new masochists to add to his list of stalwarts in L. Beesley and D. and L. Sheward. Good luck and best wishes for a minimum of doubtful edges you dedicated lot! Thought for the month, have you noticed how the players with the most innocent faces use the most dubious services?

EAST MIDLANDS CADETS

by Philip Reid

DIFFICULT TO BEAT

The opening matches in this season's East Midlands Cadets League indicate that Coventry will be a very difficult side indeed to beat. With players of the calibre of J. Singh, M. Thomas, C. Geelan, I. Davies and R. Harklow to call upon there is certainly no lack of strength in depth. Leicester I with Shayne Murray, David Aldwinckle and Simon Finch to call upon have also made a good start beating Leicester II and Hinckley. Nottingham's 7-3 victory over Hinckley was followed by one of 6-4 over Loughborough. M. Archer was the most impressive of the Nottingham team, emerging from these encounters unbeaten.

Whilst Hinckley have lost to Nottingham (3-7) and Leicester I (2-8) Andrew Allan

has impressed in both these matches. Derby had little trouble in beating Loughborough 10-0 with all their team (A. Hearn, D. Slack and S. Horn) looking sound but found newcomers Lincoln a different proposition altogether and had to settle for a draw. Grantham, also newcomers to the league were too good for Leicester II with C. Bryan looking especially impressive.

Leicester II, like many of the other teams, are lacking in experience but certainly not in enthusiasm. Their team (G. Green, T. Odams and D. Brittain) will surely improve as the season progresses. The young Loughborough side of Louise Forster, Paul Bumpus and Julie Forster shows promise and to take Nottingham to a 6-4 decision was really a good performance. Lincoln, with a 7-3 win over Loughborough and victory over Nuneaton by a similar score together with a draw against Derby must be well satisfied with their start. In S. Worrell they have one of the best players in the league. Nuneaton, however, like Leicester II and Loughborough are still looking for their first point.

STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

TONY TO CONTINUE

I am pleased to report that Tony Isaac will be continuing as our Senior Team Captain. Of major help to him will be the fact that the home matches will be staged and promoted by different leagues within the county, something we hope will be a permanent feature for senior championship matches in future years. Stafford has agreed to stage the match versus Gwent on Feb. 2. Wolverhampton will present the Worcestershire match at the Woodfield Club on March 1st and we hope Potteries will take the Warwickshire match on Jan. 19.

The following County rankings were decided at the recent Selection Committee Meeting:-

Men	Women
1 A. Bellingham	1 J. Carr
2 A. Isaac	2 J. Harris
3 A. Rich	3 S. Cain
4 M. Evans	4 F. Elliott
5 P. Anderson	5 S. Hadley
6 E. Wilkes	6 R. Roberts
7 S. Deakin	7 V. Bellingham
8 G. Hallam	8 M. Maude
9 S. Richards	9 L. Burgess

Boys	Girls
1 P. Barnett	1 Harris
2 A. Dixon	2 Cain
3 W. Bridgeman	3 Elliott
4 C. Bakewell	4 Handley
5 P. Dilger	5 Roberts
6 P. Dawes	6 Bellingham
7 M. Devitt	7 Burgess
8 A. Trubshaw	8 K. Gamston
9 C. Hunt	9 A. Hegarty
10 S. Willshire	

The strength of juniors in the County augurs well for the retention of our place in the Premier Division and, indeed, for possibly upsetting one or two of the favourites for top honours. The season has started well for Paul Barnett who has jumped ahead of Bill Bridgeman and Andrew Dixon since the regional rankings following a very creditable win in the final of the North of England Two Star junior event over K. Dyson, who beat Dixon in the semi-final. With only one team entered in the senior championships, no boys were included in the senior rankings, but junior girls dominate the women to such an extent that their omission was not reasonable.

Ken Walton has written to me reporting on a very successful Summer Tournament run by the relatively small Darlaston League. The event attracted over 50 entries including many of the top County players and the senior competition was won by Andrew Bellingham who beat Andrew Rich in the final 15, 14. The doubles was won by

Rich and Chester and Adrian Clifford won the junior event. The league also run a popular summer league of 8 divisions, and Ken comments that they look forward to the day when this popularity will spread to their winter league.

Slight changes to the County League; Lichfield "B" move into Div. 4, Stafford "C" to Div. 5 and Stafford "D" come into Div. 5 also. Bob Carr, County League Secretary, considers it unnecessary to tighten up the rules but he is hoping that team secretaries will help him to see that the current rules are more closely observed and last season's problems avoided.

A new County Handicap Knock-out Tournament for the James Beattie Trophy is being organised this year by our President, Don Pritchard. Open to all last season's County League teams, the matches will be played with an unknown handicap in a sealed envelope which will only be opened at the end of the match. This sounds interesting and I am told that the idea has been successfully applied elsewhere. Details are being circulated and we hope for a good response from the leagues.

MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by Tony Darbyshire

SPECTACULAR MATCH

Leicester "A" opened their account in the Men's Div. 1 by beating newly promoted Wolverhampton "A" convincingly 8-2 with Graham Hall and Phil Smith taking 3 each. However, against the other promoted side, Gloucester, they went down in a spectacular match 4-6. Mark Owen for Gloucs. won 3 but only just got home -10, 16, 21 in his battle with Phil Smith. Bill Dawe won 2 and Martyn Lane managed to pick up 1 to give Gloucs a very good early season victory.

John Ford, one of West Brom's up-and-coming youngsters, won 2 of his sides 3 wins against Shrewsbury in the men's Div. 3 but the overall strength of the Salop county town proved too much and they took 6 of the 9 singles plus the doubles for a comfortable 7-3 victory. Also in Men's Div. 3 Oxford had a close tussle with Coventry "B" and pulled off a 6-4 win. After losing the first set they quickly went 5-1 up. Clive Alcock completed a hat trick and teamed up with Arthur Chilvers to take the doubles. 2 wins each for David Ward and Chris Martin for Coventry "B" were not enough on the day.

The Men's Div. 4 programme looks like being hard for Loughborough who went down 2-8 to Notts "B". Dave Fox and Richard Hayes picked up 1 each but Trevor Kerry for Notts won his 3 and with 2 wins from Stephen Inkley and Dennis Collins victory looked fairly easy for them.

A remarkably high standard was nice to see in the opening match of the Vet's Div. 1 competition between West Brom. and Leics., with the spoils being halved at 5 each. Oxford "A" took on Oxford "B" in their opening match in the same division and the "A" trio of Alf Davies, John Stanford and Ron Liquorish took the match 7-3.

Meanwhile B'ham could only draw 5-5 with Leamington. John Earles won his 3 for Leamington. Peter Wood was in good form for Gloucs. and won his 3 in his side's 7-3 victory over Cheltenham in Div. 2 of the Vets.

The Junior Division 1 started well for B'ham "B" who beat their own "A" team by 7-3 but Richard Tanner, Andrew Cockerill and Lester Bertie all lost one each to Robert Brown, Michael Brown and Claud Wisdom respectively. A pity that the following day, fielding 3 different players the B'ham "B" side went down 8-2 to Coventry "A". Although it was very tight in the middle of the match this was a good win for the defending champions who were without their No. 1, Adrian Pilerim. Steve Young won his 3 for Chesterfield but Notts "A"

shared the match 5-5. Simon Green and Robert Watson took 2 each and took the doubles to gain a good point from the match. Alan Cooke backed Young up well and shows a lot of promise for the future.

West Brom. "A" in Junior Div. 2, newly promoted, but without Stuart Richards who has now left the junior ranks, picked up 2 good points against Coventry "B". Murray Jukes, after losing his first two singles to Jaskaran Singh -16, -18 and -15, -17 to Nigel Tucker, played hard to beat Clive Geelan 13, 22. Adrian Clifford and John Ford took 2 each with Ford/Jukes taking the doubles. The following day however they went down 4-6 to Leics. Trevor Kerslake, Simon Griew, and Yvonne Hall won 3, 2 and 1 respectively to notch up a good victory for Leics. Oxford overwhelmed Nuneaton in their Junior Div. 2 match 9-1, despite playing a much weaker side due to 3 of their top 4 juniors attending the southern area trials. This probably gives a very good indication of Oxford's future junior potential. Meanwhile Coventry "C" in the same division could not contain Junior Stoddart, the Notts "B" youngster, who won his 3 easily, with good backing from Gordon Fearn and Neagina Singh.

Wolves "B" in Junior Div. 3 should take some stopping after demolishing a Leamington side containing 3 left handers. Stewart Sheasby lost -11, 8, -24 to Tony Devitt in an excellent set, with the Wolves youngster just scraping through. Jonathan Oliver obtained Leamington's only win in the last match of the evening.

Rugby, newcomers to Div. 4 beat an all-girls side for Chesterfield by a 7-3 margin. Andrea Mason managed 2 wins but lost -9, -20 to Rugby's Jan Flower who went through the match undefeated. Other newcomers, Telford, now known as Albrighton, beat the other new team to this division, Kidderminster, by the close score of 6-4. Martin Tufft won 3 for Albrighton. Finally Mansfield beat Market Drayton "B" 6-4 in a match which set a fine example of fierce competitiveness and good manners. Dean Brookes was the match winner for Mansfield although Shaun Groom took him to 3 games before capitulating -15 in the third.

NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

CLEAN SWEEP FOR NORTH

All the titles went to Northumberland players in the Maureen Kerry (previously Minto) Memorial Tournament, held at Consett Sports Centre on Sept. 23.

The low entry, partly due to the absence of most of the Durham players at their County trials, did not detract from some fine performances by some of the younger players. John Burke, now in his last season as a junior, turned in a brilliant performance to beat the vastly more experienced Arnold Warents for his first ever men's singles title, and congratulations are due for a fine effort.

Youth also triumphed in the men's doubles, when Michael Watson and Martin Young were successful over the established pairing of Warents and Peter Whiteman. This was compensation for Watson, who had knocked out the higher ranked Whiteman in an earlier round of the men's singles, only to lose to Burke in an enthralling semi-final. The open junior singles was won by Jimmy Brumby, who narrowly defeated David Hastie in straight games. Nigel Jeffreys and Simon Montague were the losing semi-finalists, and the latter also distinguished himself by reaching the men's singles semi-final.

Experience, however, prevailed in both the women's singles and doubles events, with Pauline Jackson winning the singles and partnering Durham's Betty Charlton to success in the doubles. Christine Burke, however, played remarkably well to reach the singles final, and scored a notable

victory over Betty Charlton to reach that stage.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles:

J. Burke bt A. Warents 13, 18.

Women's Singles:

P. Jackson bt C. Burke 14, 19.

Men's Doubles:

M. Watson/M. Young bt Warents/

P. Whiteman -12, 13, 15.

Women's Doubles:

Jackson/E. Charlton bt J. Fowles/S. Laver

9, -14, 17.

Junior U-16 Open Singles:

J. Brumby bt D. Hastie 17, 19.

Northumberland players also performed well at the Cumbria Open, held in Carlisle on Oct. 6, and came away with two titles. Warents won the veterans' singles title, and Kit Cheung won the women's doubles with her partner Carole Knight of Cleveland and England.

Ian Robertson, who has given Northumberland hopes a tremendous boost by announcing his availability for County play this season, played very well to reach the men's singles final, only losing to Scottish international Keith Rodger. Together with Andrew Clark — a losing men's singles semi-finalist — and Barbara Kearney, they should provide formidable opposition for many of their likely County opponents. The many juniors who travelled to Carlisle acquitted themselves well bearing in mind the general standard of play, but only Chris Reed managed to reach the last sixteen of the boys' singles.

The first senior County assessments were held on Oct. 14 at Byker Community Centre, but due to various reasons, only five players attended the men's assessment, and seven contested the women's. While realising that several players were already committed to play in a tournament at Bingley on the same day, it should be pointed out that not everybody can necessarily consider themselves automatic choices for the County teams, and it appears likely that further assessments will be arranged to include the absentees.

Burke once again distinguished himself at senior level to finish joint first in the men's assessment with Whiteman. Both players losing to Watson, and Whiteman losing in straight games to Burke. Watson and Martin Young won two sets each out of four played, but surprisingly Malcolm McMaster failed to win a set.

The women's assessment proved to be an even more complicated deadlock at the top with three players — Nancy Kirsop, Pauline Jackson and junior Caron Buglass — all finishing with only one defeat. Caron's performance, which included a victory over Pauline Jackson, was all the more meritorious when one considers she has yet to represent the County at junior level, let alone at senior level. Obviously, honours at one or both levels cannot now be long in coming. Christine Burke and Susan Norris followed with two wins each, Shirley Laver with one win, and Janice Fowles — a recent transfer from Durham — failing to win a set.

The Briarside club, who are our representatives in Div. 2 of the National Club League, scored their first victory recently when they achieved a thrilling 5-4 victory over Brighton Seagulls at Sunderland Y.M.C.A., where they are playing all their home matches. Having let an early 3-1 lead slip, Briarside looked in all sorts of trouble at 3-4 until Tony Gelder levelled the scores by narrowly defeating Steve Moore, and Ian Svenson achieved victory in his last set to win the match.

The County was recently pleased to learn that 1980 will see the return of the Northumberland Open. The E.T.T.A. have granted this tournament 2-Star status, and it will be held at the Concordia Leisure Centre Cramlington, on 26th April, 1980. We hope that as many players as possible will enter this tournament, and entry forms will be

issued in due course. To accommodate the "Open", it is expected that the Northumberland Closed will be brought forward to November or December.

The Newcastle Schools League, again ably organised by Phil Clark at the Eldon Square Recreation Centre, has also started its season, and the leading positions are as follows:

	Senior					
	P	W	D	F	A	P
Slatyford	5	5	0	45	5	10
R.G.S.	5	5	0	46	14	8
Heaton 'A'	5	4	0	36	14	8
Rutherford	5	4	0	35	15	8
Heaton 'B'	5	3	0	30	20	6

	Intermediate					
	P	W	D	F	A	P
R.G.S. 'A'	5	5	0	49	1	10
Rutherford	4	4	0	37	3	8
Walker	5	4	0	36	14	8
St. Cuthbert's 'A'	5	4	0	33	17	8
Gosforth High	5	3	0	31	19	6

	Girls					
	P	W	D	F	A	P
Rutherford	5	3	1	34	16	7
Heaton	3	3	0	29	1	6
Benfield	3	3	0	26	4	6
Manor Park	4	2	1	22	18	5
Walker	4	2	0	20	20	4

And finally, some "hot stuff" with which to round off the news this month. I learn that two players, Brian Illingworth and Johnson McKenzie, who play in the League for the Northumberland Fire Brigade team, recently won two titles at the National Fire Brigade Championships which were held at Devizes, Wilts. Illingworth won the veterans' singles championship, and partnered McKenzie to success in the veteran doubles. They were given the day off to take part, but got only three hours sleep before having to report for duty the next day! Congratulations go to them on a fine performance.

BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

BRIGHT START

The County first team got our season off to a bright start when they came back with both points from their visit to Avon. In retrospect Berkshire were a little fortunate to get a result as a complete mix up by the Committee resulted in a below strength squad being selected. Jim Stokes, who captained the side, reported that our reserves acquitted themselves with distinction in a match notable for the excellent playing conditions and hospitality of the host county.

Berkshire played Essex in the first ever County veterans match staged in the Royal County. Rather as expected we were on the wrong end of a 9-nil scoreline, but in all fairness to our players 6 of the sets needed a third game to reach a decision. If all county matches were played in the magnificent sporting spirit of this one, the game would be the richer. Essex are very fortunate in being able to call on the evergreen Bobby Stevens, who still plays and captains his side with expertise and flair.

The main event of the month was the Clifton Styles Invitation event which was an unqualified success. A full report is given elsewhere in this issue.

Local attention has been centred on the first league fixtures. There seems little doubt that the powerful Omega squad will win the Reading League Div. I. Their latest acquisition is Sam Harmer from Bucks who will only lose to the best players. An interesting new team to challenge the elite clubs of Berkshire is Team Clifton Styles, who have the support of a local Estate Agents. The club is comprised of five young players and is also able to call on several top County players. In their second Reading league Div. I match they recorded a magnificent 9-1 victory. Eleven-years-old Jimmy Stokes became the youngest ever

Berkshire player to win sets at this level. Young Jimmy is already very well known round England's tournament circuit and is surely a player with a very bright future indeed.

Wokingham 'A' look to have a favourites chance in the Premier Div. of the Bracknell League. Their trio of Graham Outrim, Roy Mason and Dave Gilham were too strong for their closest rivals from Gillette in the first match of the season. There are signs that the playing standard in Bracknell is on the upgrade. Derek Basden, the ex-county player for both Kent and Berkshire, is in action for Gillette and with several promising juniors in the top division, their future looks bright.

HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

BUSIEST EVER SEASON

Mixed fortunes at the start for the County in their busiest ever season in the County Championships. Two wins and a draw plus one defeat. The senior and junior first team matches played at Redbridge, Southampton in the afternoon and for that reason I think lacking atmosphere. They got off to a late start with international umpire Peter Thorne at the matches, to officiate, having to once again get the county officials out of a spot by almost single-handed putting up the lights and curtains to enable the matches to get under way. The senior match marked the debut of 12-year-old Carl Preat in what must be the first of many county appearances. Before the start I heard criticism of the selection of Carl — "too young" — "too inexperienced" — "will break his heart"; were typical of the comments I heard. Strangely, I heard none at the end. Surely if a player is good enough he is old enough and how can one get experience without playing, and the broken hearts were in the Wiltshire camp of much older players.

His first singles was against Bill Moulding who went down -19, -14. The set which made me realise that here was the best prospect, at 12, Hampshire has ever seen and surely a future junior international. With Wiltshire 5-4 up Carl faced the prospect of beating Terry Bruce to save the match. I have seen Terry many times and his experience has given him county and city titles and few would have put money on Carl's chances. The score 9 and 6 to Carl shows the type of demolition job he carried out. Carl uses a very advanced bat and what is more, uses it. The sky must be the limit if, and it is a big if, he can get the top practise and competition which his home in the Isle of Wight may restrict.

Well, so much for boy wonder. Derek Holman and Chris Wilshire each picked up a singles while still improving. Serina Sinanan had a good win over Claire Maisey in the women's singles. In the junior 'A' match, a good 6-4 win over Wiltshire with Graham Toole and John Roberts winning 2 singles while David Collins won one and combined with Toole to win the boys' doubles.

The veterans 'A' had a sound 7-2 win over Avon with Ray Lush and Ged Holly winning two singles and Len Plant one while Mary Clegg won the women's singles but losing out in the mixed. With, for some obscure reason, the 'B' team again in the strong South division they lost their first match 2-7 to Essex 2nd. Mai Allen won the women's singles and combined with husband Danny in the mixed to give Hampshire their two sets.

I am listing the county ranking list issued by the team management and selection committee after their pre-season ranking meeting. I have been asked not to publish the veterans rankings as there is some difference of opinion as to the actual trial results and their interpretation. I will

publish them in a later report when they have sorted themselves out.

I hear there has been differences between the County and the Isle of Wight Association with the Island threatening to declare independence. The Island considers not enough is done for them. No county matches are held there and after staging a successful first junior closed at Ryde the event this year returns to the mainland. I can certainly see they have a point but unfortunately they suffer from their insular situation and it all comes back to transport difficulties. If last year's junior closed had been a few days earlier no Ferries were running because of fog! The situation must however be resolved and the county now has in the Island a player in Carl Preat who hopefully could be in the senior team for years to come if he is brought on correctly. Perhaps this could bring the two sides together and hopefully more can be done by the county to stage events in the Island when at all possible.

The county are certainly fortunate this season in staging two plum European League matches of the three home internationals. After Southampton's French match (report elsewhere) Portsmouth once again are favoured with a match when Sweden are the visitors on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Tickets can be obtained from Mr. H. Tucker of 32 Kimbolton Road, Portsmouth. The Hampshire Junior closed will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28 and the senior closed on Sunday, Nov. 25 both at Redbridge Sports Centre, Southampton.

RANKING LISTS

Men

1 D. Holman (Bo), 2 C. Wilshire (S), 3 C. Preat (IOW), 4 R. Bhalla (AL), 5 S. Kitcher (G&F), 6 G. Toole (G&F), 7 M. Gilbert (P), 8 R. Kizlowski (Ba), 9 G. Outrim (AL), 10 G. Longland (S).

Women

1 S. Sinanan (P), 2 A. Gilbert (P), 3 J. Bush (BO), 4 K. Conlon (Ba), 5 A. Longland (S), 6 M. Clegg (AL), 7 T. Kneller (P), 8 M. McCabe (AL), 9 B. Nicholson (S), 10 W. Lewis (G&F).

Boys

1 Carl Preat, 2 Graham Toole, 3 John Roberts (S), 4 Dave Collins (Ba), 5 Andrew Broughton (G&F), 6 Tony Palaczky (Ba), 7 Tony Duffield (Ba), 8 Marcus Maure (AL), 9 Jason OH (AL), 10 Graham Pointer (S).

Girls

1 Joanne Bush, 2 Tracey Kneller, 3 Marcia McCabe, 4 Beverley Nicholson, 5 Tammy Coupland (AL), 6 Alison Billmore (SEH), 7 Alison Palaczky (Ba), 8 Helen Frost (An), 9 Lynne Price (SEH), 10 Kate Lines (AL).

Anglesey, East Flint, Llandudno, Rhyl and Wrexham make up the N.W.C.T.T.A. being one league down on last season the Denbigh league having folded up after only two seasons.

In the Welsh League more teams than ever before have entered in all four divisions. The winners of each section will visit the National Sports Centre in Cardiff at the end of the season to meet the South Wales champions.

Congratulations to Mark Thomas of Rhyl on winning the North Yorkshire junior singles and for his effort in reaching the Welsh junior final at Cardiff. At Aberdare he beat Mark Byles in the Junior final. He also reached the quarter-finals of the Men's Singles losing to Welsh International George Evans.

International Match

North Wales fans are looking forward to their first European League match when Wales meet Norway at Rhyl Town Hall on Friday, Nov. 16. Only two matches have been played in the town, 1936 v Hungary, and 1974 when Nigeria were the visitors. The match looks as if it will be a sell out and if successful Rhyl hope to be hosts again in the not too distant future. I am sure the other North Wales leagues will also want to have a match. The N.W.C.T.T.A. with the Rhyl league are joint promoters on behalf of the T.T.A.W.. The Wrexham League organised a 10 mile sponsored walk and raised over £100 for the match fund.

County Ranking List

Men

1 M. Thomas, 2 M. Byles, 3 G. Powell, 4 T. Manning, 5 A. Williams, 6 J. Hook, 7 R. Lloyd, 8 D. Hobbs, 9 R. Williams.

Women

1 J. Ralphs, 2 S. Bennett, 3 N. Holden, 4 J. Parry, 5 C. Clutton, 6 S. Powell.

Boys

1 Thomas, 2 Byles, 3 R. Isherwood, 4 M. Jones, 5 S. Conway, 6 N. Hetherington, 7 S. Roberts, 8 G. Jackson, 9 P. Griffiths.

Girls

1 Powell, 2 N. Cotter, 3 W. Jones, 4 H. Cotter, 5 K. Buckle, 6 S. Sayer.

Veteran Men

1 Hobbs, 2 Williams, 3 J. Bishton, 4 A. Hardman, 5 D. Murphy, 6 J. Cartwright, 7 V. Ralls, 8 A. L. Jones, 9 K. Highfield.

Veteran Women

1 S. Rogers, 2 B. B. Williams, 3 P. Halsall, 4 C. Simpson, 5 M. Parry.

LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

SUCCESSFUL START

The Veteran team had a successful start to the season when they beat Cheshire 2nds 8-1. The match itself was by no means the easy victory that the score would suggest for the Cheshire side made our team of Pete Skerratt, Brian Allison, Matt Sheader and Connie Moran work for every set. Allison suffered the only defeat, losing the opening match to P. Jones 16 in the third.

The Lincs. Junior Closed held on Sunday, Oct. 21, once again proved to be very popular. Many thanks must be given to Alan Norman and his band of helpers, whose work enabled the tournament to run very smoothly and ensure a good day's play for all the participants. The main honours of the day went to Simon Pullen of Grantham who beat his team-mate Chris Bryan in a very close and entertaining final in the boys' U-17 event. They also retained the boys' doubles which they won last year, beating Marcus Emmerson and Guy Ashton in the final. Considering the fact that this is the first time that Marcus and Guy have played together, their score in the final was very impressive against what has already

CLWYD REPORT

by Roy Williams

SECRETARY RESIGNS

The new season sees us in without a secretary for the N.W.C.T.T.A. after the shock resignation of Malcolm Hook, one of our hardest workers in the association. Malcolm after a period which has proved, and dare I venture to say, been a difficult time decided to call it a day. He has also resigned as Welsh League secretary and one can only hope that at some future date Malcolm will return to the fold. We cannot afford to lose men of Malcolm's calibre.

The County teams are as last season — one senior, one veteran and two junior sides. Len Elias, who last summer was the Welsh N.P.C. for the juniors in the European Youth Championships followed this up with a visit, with two Welsh juniors, to the coaching school in Sweden. On his return he was in charge of the Welsh party which visited Guernsey for the holiday/coaching week. Len will again be secretary for the senior and junior County teams. As in previous seasons I will be looking after the interests of the veterans.

proved to be a very good combination both at senior and junior level. Could this be the start of another good doubles pairing? Jane Wingad had a fine win over Gillian Sharpe in the girls' U-17 final. The matches between these two are beginning to develop into marathon pushing matches and my thanks to Roy Harper who had the 'dubious' honour of scoring it. In all fairness to the girls however, it does indicate their dedication and determination to win in that they are prepared to go to such lengths to obtain victory. I doubt whether many of the junior boys would work so hard to win a single point.

Bryan retained his U-15 title by beating Stuart Worrell while his sister Cathy won both the U-13 and the U-15 girls' titles. Special mention must be given to the win by Andrew Oxspring over M. Burwell in the boys' and girls' mixed U-11 final. Andrew comes from Caistor Primary who have done so well in recent years in the English Schools Competition and their teacher and coach Roy Sutton devotes a great deal of his personal time to his young players. Every school morning they come to school at 7.30 to play table tennis and also after school. In the last few years, Caistor Primary have always had a finalist in the event and Roy must have been extremely proud when Andrew became his first winner of this title.

RESULTS:

Boys' U-17:

S. Pullen bt C. Bryan -12, 13, 20.

Girls' U-17:

J. Wingad bt G. Sharpe -11, 27, 19.

Boys' U-15:

Bryan bt S. Worrell 18, 11.

Girls' U-15:

C. Bryan bt R. Pickwell 16, 14.

Boys' U-13:

B. Burwell bt D. Leete -18, 22, 14.

Girls' U-13:

Bryan bt L. Marshall 4, 15.

Mixed U-11:

A. Oxspring bt Burwell 13, 15.

Boys' Doubles:

Bryan/Pullen bt Emmerson/Ashton 18, 20.

Girls' Doubles:

Sharpe/Barnett bt Wingad/Worrell 20, 18.

Mixed Doubles:

Worrell/Worrell bt Bryan/Sharpe 18, 16.

Because of a lack of time, the senior trials held on the same day as the Junior closed were unable to be completed and so the selectors will be reviewing the rankings after the Lincs. Closed on Sunday, Nov. 18. As these are rankings for the County teams no juniors have been put into the senior men's ranking lists at present. The main alterations to previous lists are the introduction of last season's No. 1 junior, David Skerratt, at No. 5, Jeremy Sandham in the juniors at No. 7, both previously unranked and Guy Ashton, in the boys, from No. 13 to No. 5.

RANKING LISTS:

Men

1 B. Hill, 2 B. Allison, 3 M. East, 4 P. Taylor, 5 D. Skerratt, 6 M. Newbould, 7 S. Cuthbertson, 8 S. Barnes, 9 N. Parkin, 10 K. Adlington.

Women

1 S. Hunt, 2 G. Sharpe, 3 A. Gunthorpe, 4 J. Wingad, 5 D. Brown, 6 S. Worrell.

Boys

1 C. Bryan, 2 S. Pullen, 3 M. Emmerson, 4 S. Worrell, 5 G. Ashton, 6 P. Barnes, 7 J. Sandham, 8 P. Eyles, 9 R. Harper, 10 J. Whitfield.

A Squad (in alphabetical order)

P. Duke, R. Hawes, J. Lilley, M. Pickwell, S. Read.

Girls

1 J. Wingad, 2 G. Sharpe, 3 S. Worrell, 4 J. Barnett, 5 C. Bryan, 6 R. Pickwell, 7 J. Craik.

SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

GULLS OF ANOTHER BREED

Sussex junior talent has been poured into the new National Club League and the result is that Brighton's table tennis Seagulls are flying a lot higher than Brighton and Hove Albion in Division 1 of the Football League, who as some may not know, are nicknamed Seagulls.

Almost all of the credit must go to Seagulls organiser and Sussex coach John Clarke who has now almost given up everything in career terms for table tennis. At Seagulls home debut at Brighton on Oct. 21, a crowd of well over a hundred saw the home side swamp Ormesby II 7-2, with a Seagulls' debut for Roger Chandler whose heavy top-spin confused the young Ormesby men as it has done many, many players for the last 15 years.

Chandler spearheaded the three Sussex youngsters Graham Gillett (2), Malcolm Francis (2), but a surprise "duck" for Stephen Moore who was the only unbeaten player when Seagulls visited March and stole a 6-3 victory.

Seagulls No. 6 is Peter Puddock, who almost got a maximum at March but was not selected against Ormesby so went to the North Middlesex 2-Star Open claiming wins over David Welsman and Mark Oakley.

In the new Sussex rankings Chandler stands firm at the top followed by Gillett and the Moore brothers. There is a change at the top of the women's list where Diane Griggs, although making a slow start to the season has regained the tree-top because Carol Hewett has made an even less impressive bid for honours, at least so far.

At the I.T.T. Sussex Open, Julie Reading lost to Christine Randall, so the selectors have followed form and put Christine into the Sussex second team for the first match against Essex and dropped Miss Reading, but she still retains her No. 3 ranking. Linda Budd also in her last season for Sussex is at No. 4.

OXON NOTES

by A. Chilvers

SERIOUS ATTEMPT

At long last it looks like Oxon are making a serious attempt at breaking into the real table tennis world. In recent years many people have worked hard to this end and are now reaping rewards. The junior ranks in particular reflect the changes with Oxon consistently producing regional-ranked players.

Good news again was the mending of an old rift between the County Association and the Banbury League. This was achieved with some plain talking and common sense from both sides.

On Sept. 16 a junior assesment was held. In the absence of Neil Abbott, Clive Morris established himself as the boy to beat this year. Even though Clive was far from fully fit he remained unbeaten throughout the day. A notable performance was that of Peter Jones who lost only one match, well done Peter.

The standard of the girls has improved tremendously during the summer and this was reflected in the standard of play throughout the day. As in the boys we had an absentee in Mary Denbow who was playing herself into second place in the Butlin's "Girl of the Year" coaching scheme. Carrie Filmer was unbeaten but three of the remaining girls were even on matches won and lost which gave the county committee the sort of headache they don't mind.

The final junior ranking lists are as follows:-

Boys

1 N. Abbott, 2 C. Morris, 3 P. Jones, 4 R. Denbow, 5 P. Mabbutt, 6 R. Argyle.

Girls

1 M. Denbow, 2 C. Filmer, 3 S. Bruton, 4 J. Windle, 5 A. Hine, 6 J. Woodward.

It is with regret that I end on a low key. A growing number of juniors are being adversely affected by silly "in fighting" between rival groups of parents — sometimes within the same club! At least one junior has lost interest in representative matches as a result, so I say to those involved 'cut it out or GET OUT'.

NORTH YORKSHIRE JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Richard Scruton

POPULAR FORMAT

170 players competed in the first North Yorkshire Junior at the University of York over the week-end of 22nd-23rd September. Sponsored by the table tennis mail order specialists Tees Sport Ltd., the tournament consisted of singles play entirely with the entry divided into groups of four players. This format proved to be very popular especially as all four players in the group play qualified for either the competition proper or the consolation event.

Mark Thomas from North Wales survived opening game losses against his opponents in each of the last three rounds, defeating top seed Paul Rainford in the semi-final and Robert Swift in the final of the junior boys' singles.

Lesley Broomhead from Sheffield proved to be a dark horse in the counterpart girls' event putting out the favourite Lynn Fennah in the quarter-final and overcame the challenge of the cadet champion Amanda Judd in the final.

The cadet events went true to last season's form with Amanda winning the girls' event and Steven Dettmar from Essex taking the boys' title.

RESULTS:

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Rainford (La) bt C. Bryan (Li) 17, 15;
M. Thomas (La) bt T. Dyson (Y) -18, 8, 9;
M. Illingsworth (Y) bt N. Bailey (Y) 11, 20;
R. Swift (Ca) bt S. Brunskill (Cv) 19, 17.

Semi-finals:

Thomas bt Rainford -16, 15, 12;
Swift bt Illingsworth 15, 19.

Final:

THOMAS bt Swift -20, 12, 9.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

L. Broomhead (Y) bt T. Robertshaw (Y) 21, 19;

A. Judd (Ca) bt J. Todd (Y) -17, 15, 16.

Final:

BROOMHEAD bt Judd 17, -16, 15.

Cadet Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

S. Dettmar (Ex) bt S. Sharpe (Y) 13, 15;
I. McLoughlin (La) bt P. Ashcroft (La) 8, -16, 20.

Final:

DETTMAR bt McLoughlin 20, 14.

Cadet Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Judd bt J. Evans (Y) -20, 17, 18;
A. Hillard (Ca) bt R. Hunter (Nk) 15, 20.

Final:

JUDD bt Hillard 17, 13.

Boys' Singles Consolation Final:

R. Billings (Ng) bt C. Jones (Le) -19, 18, 20.

Girls' Singles Consolation Final:

B. Hoyle (La) bt C. Mouzon (Nd) -12, 14, 14.

Cadet Boys' Singles Consolation Final:

A. Dixon (St) bt D. Blackburne (Du) 18, 11.

Cadet Girls' Singles Consolation Final:

C. Bentley (Dy) bt A. Huitt (Y) 14, 10.

Halexsport - News of the World Coaching Scheme



National table tennis coaching scheme sponsored by the News of the World and Butlin's. The winning boys and girls (back row, 1 to r): Gary Wilkins (Blaina, Gwent), Alan Longhurst (Swanscombe), Brian Jeanes (Risca, Gwent), Paul Barnett (Newcastle, Staffs.), Paul Holloway (Earlsfield, London), Shaun Browne (Culcheth, Chesh.), Philip Bradbury (Aylesbury), Guy Ashton (Gainsborough, Lincs.), Gary Lambert (Exmouth). Centre: Brian Merritt, Nigel Eckersley, Judy Sharpe (Halexsport), Johnny Leach, Harry Walker, Andy Barden, Geoff Taylor. Front: Tracey Fisher (March, Cambs.), Lyn Horman (Lancaster, Lancs.), Tracey Watkins (Swindon, Wilts.), Jacqueline Myers (Darwen, Lancs.), Sarah Sandley (Northew, Herts.), Mary Denbow (Headington, Oxon), Helen Bardwell (Ware, Herts.), Alison Boxall (Cheshunt, Herts.).

FINE YOUNG CHAMPIONS by JOHNNY LEACH

The 25th annual Halexsport — News of the World National Table Tennis Coaching Scheme has produced two fine young champions well worthy to follow in the footsteps of Jill Hammersley, Chester Barnes and Denis Neale.

Both are 15 years-of-age — Philip Bradbury of Aylesbury, Bucks and Tracey Watkins of Swindon, Wilts. Both took up table tennis because of dad's keenness for the sport. Philip and Tracey were acclaimed "Boy" and "Girl" of the Year, respectively by our all-international panel of judges at Butlin's Minehead Centre on Sept. 17, and received their awards, which included Halexsport track suits and bats, from Maurice Goldstein (President E.T.T.A.), Tom Blunn (Chairman E.T.T.A.) and David Jackson (M.D. of Halexsport).

This was the climax of a summer-long talent hunt at eight Butlin Centres located all over Britain involving a record entry in excess of 40,000 players under-17.

Tall, ginger-headed Philip Bradbury, a member of the well-known Ellenborough Club, finished in third place in our final last year. Then our Pwllheli coach, Nigel Eckersley, named him as the best 14 year-old he had seen up to that time. This year Philip won his place in the final from Butlin's Filey Centre on the recommenda-

tion of coach Trevor Taylor, himself the News of the World "Boy of the Year" 1965 and subsequently Commonwealth champion.

Says Trevor Taylor: "Philip is destined to be a great champion. He has an ice cold temperament and his game is already mature".

I myself was impressed by Philip's ability to vary and disguise the pace and the amount of topspin he applies to his attacking shots, mainly forehand.

Spare a thought, however, for 13-year-old Gary Lambert from Exmouth, Devon, another attacker, who Philip pipped at the post by only one point, and for the third placed Brian Jeanes, 16, from Gwent, South Wales. I shall be very surprised if Brian doesn't go on to realise his main ambition which is to represent Wales in the 1981 World Championships.

At 5ft. 1in. Tracey Watkins, our "Girl of the Year", is average height for her age and she enjoys playing squash, tennis and netball as well as table tennis. This was her first final and she was selected from Butlin's Barry Centre by resident coach Alan Griffiths who praised her consistent attacking game allied to an excellent temperament. She is already a Wiltshire Junior County player and such is the fluency of her stroke play she seems capable in the long term of winning the highest honours.

Runners-up to Tracey were two 13-year-

olds — the highly promising Mary Denlow from Oxford, an attacker who is gradually changing to an all-round style and Helen Bardwell from Ware, Herts, who finished third for the 3rd year running.

Helen Bardwell was, in fact, only 9 points behind the winner and I predict a great future for her in the next couple of years.

Our popular and exciting doubles competition, the Pupil Partner Challenge Cup, was won by the Filey team represented by "Boy of the Year" Philip Bradbury and his partner Sarah Sandley whose brother Graham is the reigning English Open Junior champion and also a former News of the World discovery. In the final they beat the pair representing Clacton, Paul Holloway and Helen Bardwell.



Mary Denbow (13) of 87 The Slade, Headington, Oxon was runner-up to the "Girl of the Year" in the national table tennis coaching scheme held at all Butlin's Centres.



Gary Lambert (13) of 65 Fraser Road, Exmouth, Devon was runner-up to the "Boy of the Year" in the national table tennis coaching scheme held at all Butlin's Centres.



Philip Bradbury (left) "Boy of the Year", Johnny Leach and Tracey Watkins, "Girl of the Year" in the national table tennis coaching scheme at Butlin's centres.

Coaching scheme is still a winner

by GERRY O'BRIEN
Press Officer, Butlin News

Over 40,000 children under-17 have taken part in the 25th annual national table tennis coaching scheme held at all Butlin's main centres and sponsored by the News of the World and Halesport.

The climax of another successful season came at Minehead on September 16/17 when each centre sent its top boy and girl to be judged.

The four judges were England captain and national coach, Bryan Merrett, Geoff Taylor (New Zealand international) and England internationals, Nigel Eckersley and Andy Barden.

And their choice for "Boy of the Year" was copper-haired Philip Bradbury, 15 of 56 Station Road, Quanton, Aylesbury, Bucks. He was runner-up in this event last year so has gained quick compensation.

Philip made the long journey to Filey to qualify earlier in the season. He is in the England "A" Under-17's ranking list, despite suffering a setback last winter when he fell on some ice and broke his right arm.

He practiced in the garage at home with his other arm. He has reached the quarter-finals of the English Schools championships and won a gold medal in a schools international where he was unbeaten. A member of the Ellenborough Club, Philip attends the Waddesdon Church of England Secondary School. His ambition is to play for England seniors.

Philip had two other successes at Minehead for he won the singles event and his partner from Filey, Sarah Sandley, of Northaw, Hertfordshire, won the Pupil Partner competition in two games against the Clacton winners.

"Girl of the Year" was 15-year-old Tracey Watkins, of 89 Salisbury Street, Swindon, Wiltshire. She is the Wiltshire girls' under-15 champion, and the Cotswolds ladies' singles champion. She is a member of the Ferndale T.T. Club and attends Common Weal School. Her ambition is to be a senior international.

Former world champion Johnny Leach is the director of the coaching scheme, and also present on the final day were the President and Chairman of the E.T.T.A., Mr. Maurice Goldstein and Mr. Tom Blunn.

PING COMMENTARY

JOHN WOODFORD

Deputy Table Tennis Correspondent,
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

writes on the three major controversies
of the moment —

- THE OLYMPICS
- BARRY MEISEL and
- NATIONAL LEAGUE

Having read Mr. Roy Evans's long letter on Olympic recognition and the increasing commercial tournaments with huge prizes, I am sorry to have to report that there is a very short answer — the top players in England are faced with a choice between Olympic involvement or making a lot of money — they will go for the money.

Despite the fact that table tennis has been admitted to fringe Olympic events, Asian and Mediterranean Games and the like I cannot see any chance that our participation at least for English players is going to extend any further than at present.

In the last five years sport in general has become so commercial that players at all levels seldom find themselves playing only for the glory or trophies, this is certainly the case in table tennis. Many league or town championships are now sponsored with useful cash prizes. The County Championships is now in jeopardy and the emergence of the cash-oriented National Club League could be the main reason that the end of inter-county matches is in sight.

The aims of the I.O.C. and the I.T.T.F. in support are without question, highly commendable but totally out-of-touch with the way sport in general is heading into the 1980's.

Young people who are very good at almost any sport these days, are tempted to accept the cash rewards that are offered and they usually succumb to that temptation. I can see no way in the next decade that this is going to change, unless the I.O.C. radically change their policies.

When the news came in the middle of

last month that a truce had been declared in the war between the E.T.T.A. and Global T.T. Promotions, the table tennis fraternity nationwide must have felt that a huge burden had been lifted away.

Make no mistake the threat of Global events clashing with major E.T.T.A. tournaments was a real one. The top players would have been drawn to the largest pot of gold and unpleasant disciplinary moves would have followed.

However, that precipice has been avoided and now Barry Meisel and his followers are free to secure the help of worthy and wealthy sponsors and the E.T.T.A. tournament organisation is to be called into action on two or three more important occasions each year — more annual leave sacrificed for those who have to work for 48 or 49 weeks of a year.

We are still talking about cash! Even the Chinese T.T.A. are now talking about sponsorship for their forthcoming tour of Europe. A well-known figure in English table tennis is now currently working on a commission to obtain sponsorship for the Chinese team in several European countries from commercial firms — how far can we be from the Chinese players accepting huge amounts of prize money far beyond the I.T.T.F. limits? And that can mean only more setbacks for those with Olympic hopes.

In tackling briefly the question in last month's "Table Tennis News" posed in the leading article, as to why the National Club League is not getting the publicity it deserves, I will try and answer from the Fleet-street viewpoint:

(a) Adequate arrangements were not made in time for the start of the season with the London-based news agencies to accept and transmit the results.

(b) The agencies will argue that many sports now have national leagues, one of the latest is hang-gliding. If the agency agrees to transmit table tennis national league results they have a weak answer when a number of other sports ask for similar treatment.

(c) For obvious reasons agencies cannot have their telephone lines and copy takers swamped with numerous individuals sending in results, thus blocking their lines for more important happenings taking place all over the world.

(d) From the national press point of view and indeed all national media our National League is still a club-level event, even though it contains most of the best players in the country.

(e) Unfair as it may sound, national newspapers are immediately less interested in any table tennis event if our two world-class players Desmond Douglas and Jill Hammersley are not competing.

(f) Last but not least, the national league is scheduled to occupy no less than fourteen week-ends during the season. There is no such thing as spare space in the national press. We have a full programme as it is — I am assigned to cover fifteen major events for "The Daily Telegraph" during the campaign, as an example. To cover regularly national league games in addition means that other sports would be cut out, its really not on, unless a real "story" happens at a match, perhaps a "punch-up" between leading players or the presence of a "streaker"!

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THE EXOTIC GAMES

by DAVID RYDE

No amount of experience in sports medicine and travel could prepare me for this general and medical experience of a lifetime. As chairman of the medical commission of the International Table Tennis Federation and as medical officer to the English team, I went to North Korea for the 35th World Table Tennis Championships.

We left Britain on 20th April, 1979, and were the first group of Westerners to visit the country since the Korean War. We picked up our visas at Geneva — there being no diplomatic relations between our countries — then travelled on a Tupolev 154 Aeroflot flight by way of Moscow, Novosibirsk and Irkutsk for Pyongyang the capital.

Our team, coaches and officials had a medical question and answer session during the overnight stay at Geneva, which also enabled us to form a working relationship with each other.

Of the 125 member nations, teams from 72 of them competed in the games. Israel and South Korea were refused visas at Geneva after all other teams had departed. This was a breach of the agreement that the host country would accommodate all member nations. This manoeuvred the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) into an almost impossible position, as it was then rather late to call off the games. The last minute reason of "security" offered by North Korea was, I considered, rather lame; the published programmes did not list the names of either of these two countries.

Although the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was hosting the games, we felt that the games were being staged in honour of the nation's leader Marshall Il Sung. This man has been deified in his own life-time and is now made to appear in the role of a benevolent and living God — a role that may have its uses because religion is officially discouraged.

The Koreans were, I found, a delightful, gracious and hospitable people, but in table tennis though applauding every home point scored, they remained shatteringly silent to every other point made against them, however superbly it was achieved.

The Czech doctor the previous year had been briefed to visit DPRK to study climate, food, accommodation, medical facilities and other such factors — a luxury or necessity according to one's approach, but in either case a briefing unlikely to be adopted by countries where sport is not state aided.

Although further south than England, the climate of the DPRK is conditioned by the large land masses of USSR and China to the north so that its weather is not all that dissimilar to England, though the winters are colder.

Pyongyang is a new and unpolluted city. Its long and wide tree-lined boulevards are faced by a mixture of magnificent neo-classic buildings and multiple uniform blocks of worker's flats.

Facing the hotel across the vast square was the impressive National Sports Hall with seating for 20,000 spectators. In keeping with great sporting events, the opening and closing ceremonies were well-drilled

"spectaculars". They would be hard to match in this country. North Korea, the same size as England, is a country which has only recently emerged from Japanese occupation and a most destructive war, has only a third of England's population.

The twin-towered, eighteen-storey Changwansan hotel where well over 1,000 players and officials stayed was built within one year my guide said with pride. The pride is merited, but the poor fitting of so many of the fixtures confirmed his claim that it went up in less than a year. The semi-partitioned rooms which housed between one and four of us were warm and spacious, though the furnishings and storage space were spartan and the bathrooms and toilets were Victorian in design and function.

For all visitors food was plentiful, varied, and wholesome with an emphasis on vegetables. Bottles of delicately flavoured "cider" were always available — particularly preferred were the peach and cherry ciders. There was not one occasion during our fifteen-day stay that I was not well satisfied. As I have learned from previous experiences a few members from each team always complained about the food. No doubt these complaints were genuine for the individuals, but also I believe they may have reflected the tensions of sport.

A North Korean doctor had an office in the hotel. It was, I believe, on the 12th floor though possibly it was my own fault that I could not find it.

In a corner of the great competition hall a tiny cubby-hole or sick-bay was partitioned off. This contained a couch, a small supply of dressings, plasters, scissors and forceps, and nine little bottles — I never did find out what they contained.

Medical equipment for table tennis teams could easily be found in any first-aid kit. In addition it is useful to carry a few sedatives, analgesics, antihistamines, stomach medicines, ointments and antibiotic tablets and eye, ear, nose and throat preparations.

On trying to introduce myself, the young lady attendant kept insisting that I lie down on the couch. In spite of this unexpected invitation I tried to convey to her that I was a doctor offering my services, not trying to receive them! This met with further indications to lie down, so finally I went out and found an interpreter who explained my position. I was then offered a cup of coffee, and that concluded my only visit.

This interpreter, whose command of English was poor, turned out to be a French interpreter. He attached himself to me and tried his best to make me enjoy a tour over this mammoth marble sport palace, with its many associated features of exhibition halls, sales counters, art displays and restaurants. In the ample but plain dining rooms players could relax between training and competition sessions.

The medical commission of the ITTF recommended after the 34th World Championships at Birmingham in 1977 that dope testing (an expensive, complex and tedious procedure) be discontinued. It knew of no drugs that could enhance table tennis performance though such drugs might diminish performance and have unpleasant side-effects. This recommendation was adopted for these 35th Championships.

During the first week there were the inevitable requests for tablets for sleeping, headaches, stomach aches and sore throats. There were also complaints about sore legs, blisters and grazes, and varied requests for tonics and vitamins. I should add that my services were sought much more extensively from English-speaking players from all over the world than from the English team alone. Injuries of consequence rarely occur in table tennis although this year's men's final provided a unique experience.

Team coaches usually read their players correctly and have the happy knack of knowing the right procedure when players

are under stress. Yet the presence of the "doc" is reassuring, often desirable and occasionally necessary. Conditions such as a faint, rashes, dysmenorrhoea, conjunctivitis, palpitations and abdominal pain, even haematuria, do occur in officials as well as players and then the practitioner is quickly sought.

The games themselves provided the usual spectrum of excitement, disappointments, surprises, disputes and drama. For everyone the peak of drama came in the finals. The Chinese male player Guo Yuehau with a strained thigh muscle was playing against Japan's Seigi Ono and after several brave but forlorn attempts to retrieve the situation, when he was two games down, he retired. This was truly a tragedy for Guo, for at the 34th World Championships at Birmingham in 1977 he lost in the finals to the Japanese Mitsuru Kohno, a final in which he was then involved in another unfortunate incident. No one else had to drop out of a game, fortunately.

Thirty-years in sports medicine has shown me that the great majority of complaints are rarely incapacitating and certainly not for long. Including the above they are related to minor infections, travel fatigue, nerves, insomnia, blisters, sore legs, sickness and diarrhoea, strains and sprains and it is in these spheres that the doctor needs to be most perceptive for the "stress" message alongside that of the complaint. Thus the doctor should collaborate fully with coaches and officials.

Other problems relating to table tennis which have been presented to me for consideration, present and past, relate to acclimatisation, temperature and humidity, and air turbulence, smoking, glare and noise in the arena, the nature of floor materials, immunisation, appropriate clothing, local foods, inadequate showers and rest rooms and jet lag. As long as players are fit and well-coached in techniques, as they are at this level of sport and have "father" figures who they can communicate with, injuries are few.

The medical commission is required to advise the Council of the ITTF on medical matters relating to table tennis, prepare guidance documents and keep in mind the antidoping situation. My own role was to chair the two medical commission meetings, which were held at the beginning and the end of the games. It was fortunate for me that meetings could be conducted in English.

Topics discussed by the commission included mineral (electrolyte) drinks, which were considered to be harmless and probably useless physiological additives rather than drugs. The Yugoslav team hoped to initiate a research project on this subject. Diarrhoea, insomnia, jet lag, vaccinations, and blisters their cause and treatment, in relation to travel and play were discussed in some depth, though there were no revelations for the doctor.

My concluding remarks to the Commission were: "Sport is a civilised form of combat and while it remained the doctor's responsibility to try to eliminate danger and provide protection for participants, yet to remove every type of stress that was imposed upon them would finally destroy the concept and competitiveness of sport. The ultimate opponent in sport is oneself and a player's destiny lies in his ability to compete with and overcome his own doubts and deficiencies. In this manner will sport progress, sportsmen and women succeed, and friendship be established between nations".

For me this was truly a journey of a lifetime, opening my eyes to Far Eastern life, and the unfamiliar thoughts and actions of a closed communist society.

It seems I was the first British doctor to enter the country since the Korean War. Not having found any relevant document or had any briefing of any sort my requested visit to a large general hospital and a

commune hospital clinic for me became journeys of discovery.

If the ways of life of the North Korean people are different from our ways that is no criticism, rather it should act as a meeting point between our nations — when diplomatic relations are resumed.

Colgate North of England Open

SECOND TITLE FOR NICKY

by George Yates

Nicky Jarvis, winner of the Beneagues Open in Perth on Sept. 22, maintained his winning ways a week later when, at Stretford Sports Centre, Manchester, he picked up the £100 men's singles award with a final win over Paul Day. It was Nicky's second success in the North of England Open, his first being in 1974.

Day, showing a welcome return to form, had ousted the defending title holder, John Hilton, in the semis at which stage Jarvis stopped the third seed Duggie Johnson. Linda Jarvis (né Howard) failed to make it a double for after beating Carole Knight — reversing the final result at Perth — she proved no match for the top seed Anita Stevenson.

Nor were Miss Knight and Mrs. Jarvis any more successful in the women's doubles losing to Miss Stevenson and Mandy Reeves, the Middlesex junior, in the semi-final, the Leics./Middx. duo accounting for the Bradford combine of Melody Ludi and Sally Midgley in the final.

The Johnson brothers, Barry and Duggie, just got the better of Kevin Beadsley and Malcolm Green in the men's doubles having accounted for the top seeds Hilton and Jarvis in the semis. David McIlroy and Keith Rodger of Scotland were the other defeated pair at the penultimate stage.

Winner of the boys' singles, in a seedless draw, was Paul Barnett of Staffs. whose final victim was Tim Dyson of Huddersfield. But in a much stronger supported girls' event Mandy Reeves cruised home to success against Joy Grundy of Lytham.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

J. Hilton (La) bt L. A. Clayton (Y) 18, 13;

P. Day (Ca) bt M. Pu (La) 10, 16;

D. Johnson (Wa) bt R. Yule (Sco)

15, -18, 13;

N. Jarvis (Cv) bt K. Paxton (Du) 22, 8.

Semi-finals:

Day bt Hilton -18, 19, 19;

Jarvis bt Johnson 17, 17.

Final:

JARVIS bt Day 12, -21, 22.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Stevenson (Le) bt J. McLean (Y) 10, 14;

M. Ludi (Y) bt A. Sweeney (La) 8, -23, 12;

L. Jarvis (Sy) bt D. Johnson (La) 17, 14;

C. Knight (Cv) bt S. Midgley (Y) 12, 14.

Semi-finals:

Stevenson bt Ludi -16, 16, 19;

Jarvis bt Knight 19, -16, 17.

Final:

STEVENSON bt Jarvis 13, 18.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

K. Beadsley (Y)/M. Green (Sp) bt

D. McIlroy/K. Rodger (So) 16, 17;

B. Johnson (Wa)/Johnson bt Day/Jarvis

19, -14, 14.

Final:

JOHNSON/JOHNSON bt Beadsley/Green

-17, 17, 18.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Reeves (Mi)/Stevenson bt Jarvis/Knight

14, 18;

Ludi/Midgley bt C. BATTERY (Li)/McLean

14, 19.

Final:

REEVES/STEVENSON bt Ludi/Midgley

20, -16, 11.

Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Wright (St) bt K. Connor (Ch) 12, 18;

P. Barnett (St) bt J. Weatherby (Ch)

-8, 17, 15;

W. Bridgeman (St) bt P. Dilger (St) 11, 13;

T. Dyson (Y) bt A. Dixon (St) 11, -21, 19.

Semi-finals:

Barnett bt Wright 12, 8;

Dyson bt Bridgeman 18, -17, 17.

Final:

BARNETT bt Dyson 19, 17.

Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Reeves bt J. Deakin (Ch) 9, 9;

S. Cain (St) bt T. Robertshaw (Y) 14, 10;

J. Todd (Y) bt Sylvia Bowen (La) 4, 5;

J. Grundy (La) bt C. Hemming (La) 10, 17.

Semi-finals:

Reeves bt Cain 16, 11;

Grundy bt Todd 7, 14.

Final:

REEVES bt Grundy 16, 7.

Veteran Singles Quarter-finals:

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt M. Tew (Ch) 15, 10;

J. Evans (La) bt P. Jones (Ch) 9, 11;

E. Griffiths (Ch) bt T. Donlon (Ch)

16, -17, 13;

W. Harris (La) bt E. Mandaluff (La) 15, 9.

Semi-finals:

D'Arcy bt Evans 15, 15;

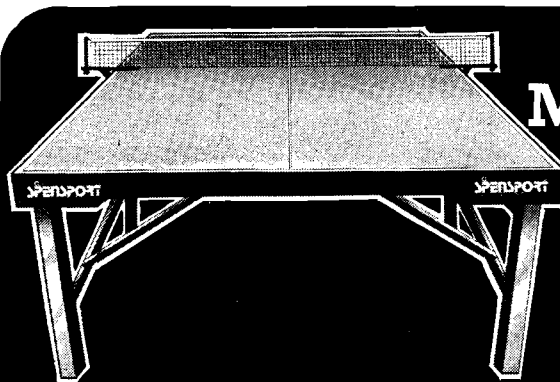
Griffiths bt Harris 13, 18.

Final:

GRIFFITHS bt D'Arcy -16, 15, 18.



Anita Stevenson of Leicestershire receiving the women's singles trophy and cheque at the Colgate North of England 2-Star Open on Sept. 29/'79 from Mr. Les Heaton, Personnel Manager, Colgate-Palmolive (Manchester). In the final Anita beat Linda Jarvis 13 and 18.



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VIETNAMESE BROTHERS ARE KEEN ON TABLE TENNIS IN AUSTRALIA

The day after 14-year-old Nghia Thanh Tran stepped off the crowded boat that brought him and his three brothers from Vietnam to Australia, he asked for a telephone and made a call to find out where people played table tennis. That was in July 1978 at Perth, capital of Western Australia. Twelve months later, Nghia was under-14 singles table tennis champion of Australia and ranked 10th in Australia in the under-16s, brother Hoang (22) reached the finals of the open singles championship and Le (11) is rated 6th in the under-14's. Eldest brother Nohn (28) is a surgeon, married with one baby son. "Our father ran a table tennis centre in Vietnam", Nghia said. "We wanted to continue playing in Australia". Miss Barbara Punch, Western Australian women's table tennis champion from 1967 to 1972, took charge of the young refugees. She bought them bats and sports clothes, and within weeks of their first game in Australia they were playing in the state championships for their club, the Perth Table Tennis Centre. The four boys' parents are still in Vietnam. They used all their money to secure the boat trip to Australia for their sons.

Nghia Thanh Tran, left, and fellow club member David Hopper practise shots while Miss Barbara Punch watches.

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The work also includes the maintenance of good relations with commercial sponsors and the interesting of potential new sponsors, involving skills in "marketing the Association". The E.T.T.A. being managed by voluntary officials (supported by a small employed staff) the ability to fit into a small central team and to work effectively with committees of unpaid enthusiasts are essential requirements.

A good deal of the work is evening and weekend, and some home disturbance with press enquiries must be accepted. A candidate who does not already have a knowledge of table tennis activities and organisation will be expected to show the ability to acquire such understanding quickly.

Starting salary will be based on age, qualification and experience, but will be within the scale £3450 - £5700. The preferred age range is 20-30, but older applicants will be considered.

Applications, giving full details, to be submitted to the General Secretary, English Table Tennis Association, 21 Claremont, East Sussex TN34 1HA by 30th November, 1979. Envelopes to be marked "Development Officer".

Gee! Is this a record?

by Malcolm Hartley

The Bradford League believes that Malcolm Gee set up a national record when in the first match of the new season he played his 411th consecutive league match for Lidget Green.

When the previous Bradford record of 293 was established in 1959 by Jim Holcroft, a report in "Table Tennis", this magazine's forerunner, brought the information that Douglas Old was having a longer run in the Portsmouth League. I am told that ended in 1965 after 410 matches.

Gee's sequence began in January 1963 and including cup matches stretches to 443 out-ings without a miss.

Gee, Peter Ballesta and Walter Edmundson played 238 fixtures without a team change between 1966 and 1975. After that Edmundson was succeeded by Keith Rushworth.

Ballesta has not missed a league fixture since he joined the club in 1966 (325 in a row).

Gee, a 41-year-old lab technician, is a pen grip player who varies his direction and pace judiciously. He has had illnesses during the period but none at the wrong time.

I.T.T. SUSSEX 2-STAR OPEN

REVENGE FOR CRIMMINS

by COLIN HYLAND

Despite a clash with a similar tournament at Kirklees, over the weekend of Oct. 13/14, the I.T.T. Sussex Open again attracted a large entry with numbers in all but the Men's Singles and Doubles being the highest for 10 years. The entry for the Men's Singles sponsored by I.T.T. Consumer Products (U.K.) Ltd., included 11 nationally-ranked players and 5 competitors from Wales. Regrettably only England-based Dave Welsman appeared with no message received from those due to travel from Wales.

Top seed Mark Mitchell, after beating Ian Horsham 17, 16 and Mark Oakley 8, 20 lost in the fourth round to Welsh No. 2 Dave Welsman -20, -16. In this quarter title holder Bob Potton had little difficulty in reaching the semi with victories including Richard Jermyn 13, 10 and Welsman. Graham Sandley had wins over John Kitchener 11, 15, David Brown 18, -20, 8 and John Souter 17, 19 before losing to Max Crimmins, Max having earlier beaten David Barr -19, 16, 14. The semi-final in this half was a repeat of last year's final with Crimmins gaining revenge for his disappointment last year.

In the other half, fourth seed Colin Wilson lost on his first appearance, Leon Smith being his victor 15, 16 who on his way to a semi-final place beat Kevin Satchell 19, 18 and local star Graham Gillett. Peter McQueen, having chosen Kirklees, and Alan Griffiths were both missing from this section. Kenny Jackson beat Derek Holman 13, 19 but then lost to Des Charlery -19, -23. Des following this up with a win over Keith Richardson -16, 18, 13 but fell in the quarters to David Wells. Wells had taken full advantage of the absence of No. 2 seed Alan Fletcher, as well as Welsh Veteran George Evans, and went on to defeat Smith in a fast and furious semi which set the scene for an all-Kelly Girl final. Crimmins after a hesitant start went on to take the title and receive the trophy and £125 top prize.

The Women's Singles, also sponsored by I.T.T., included five nationally-ranked players but holder Alison Gordon lost in her first match to Yvette Brown -19, -19 and No. 2 seed Mandy Smith also lost on her first appearance to Lorraine Garbet -24, -11. Lorraine's success was short-lived for she lost to Claire Maisey -17, 12, -18. Meanwhile Mandy Reeves took full advantage of these falling stars beating Yvette and Claire Maisey in the semis.

England No. 14 Lesley Radford had several tight games beating Cheryl Creasey 15, -16, 9, Helen Williams and in the semi-final top seed Angela Mitchell. The final saw Mandy produce some brilliant shots but it was the experience of Mrs. Radford that won through in the end to take a title she had last won in 1964!

Anglia, Hastings & Thanet Building Society had stepped in at the last minute to provide the prize money for the Men's Doubles which had 84 pairs. Holders Mitchell and Sandley had no intention of relinquishing their title and had early wins against strong pairs, notably Horsham & Brown 15, 9 and followed this with a win over R. Beckham/K. Rudd, this pair having earned their quarter-final place by beating Potton/Kennedy 19, -12, 20. Kitchener and Welsman reached the semis with wins over Charlery/Richardson 13, 22 and Crimmins/Wells 14, -10 and 20 but found Mitchell/Sandley in top form racing to the final.

In the other half the Folkestone duo,

Keith Yarnley and Keith Chamberlain, beat David Reeves/Holman -11, 19, 19 and juniors Kevin Satchell/Adrian Moore -9, 18, 17 to enter the semis where they found Wilson/Barr justifying their seeding. The final provided the spectators with a thrilling set with Mitchell/Sandley retaining the title and receiving the prize money from the Anglia, Hastings & Thanet Building Society representative Ken Ashmore.

The Women's Doubles sponsored by Bexhill-on-Sea Building Society, saw the four seeded pairs reach the semis. At this stage Mandy Reeves/Lorraine Garbet beat No. 2 seeds Alison Gordon/Mandy Smith to go into the final and topple top seeds Angela Mitchell/Helen Williams.

The Mixed, sponsored by the Hastings & St. Leonard's Observer, attracted the highest entry since 1965 with 56 pairs competing. Top-seeded Sandley and Alison Gordon beat Horsham/Lesley Radford -16, 18, 18 in the quarters but then ended a disappointing week-end for Alison when losing to Wilson/Helen Williams. Crimmins had replaced the absent Fletcher to partner Elaine Bolton and together they beat Charlery/Julie Reading -18, 11, 11 and Souter/Mandy Reeves 13 and 20 before finding Potton/Angela Mitchell too strong. The only seeds failing to reach the quarters were Mitchell/Sarah Sandley who lost to Satchell/Cheryl Creasey -16, 19, -13 in the second round.

The final resulted in a win for Potton/Angela Mitchell. A strong entry contested the Veteran's Singles and with top seed George Evans from Wales missing the title was wide open. Henry Buist beat former holders Fred Lockwood 9, 15, and Gordon Chapman -17, 17, 21 to reach the semis. At this stage he beat Don Smith and, in the final, last year's winner Laurie Fountain.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

R. Potton (E) bt D. Welsman (Wal) 16, 10;
M. Crimmins (Sy) bt G. Sandley (Mi) 16, 18;
L. Smith (E) bt G. Gillett (Sx) 13, -17, 13;
D. Wells (Mi) bt D. Charlery (E) 15, 19.

Semi-finals:

Crimmins bt Potton 18, 20;
Wells bt Smith 15, -17, 13.

Final:

CRIMMINS bt Wells -17, 13, 18.

Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Mitchell (Mi) bt L. Budd (Sx) 12, 13;
L. Radford (E) bt H. Williams (Mi)
-13, 20, 15;

M. Reeves (Mi) bt Y. Brown (E) 11, 11;

C. Maisey (Wi) bt L. Garbet (Sy) 17, -12, 18.

Semi-finals:

Radford bt Mitchell 22, -20, 15;

Reeves bt Maisey 15, 13.

Final:

RADFORD bt Reeves 14, -15, 16.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Mitchell (Mi)/Sandley bt J. Kitchener
(Sk)/Welsman 12, 17;

D. Barr (Bk)/C. Wilson (Mi) bt K.

Chamberlain/K. Yarnley (K) 15, 13.

Final:

MITCHELL/SANDLEY bt Barr/Wilson
15, -16, 11.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Mitchell/Williams bt J. Bellinger (Bd)/
Maisey -14, 18, 19;

Garbet/Reeves bt A. Gordon/M. Smith (Bk)
22, 15.

Final:

GARBET/REEVES bt Mitchell/Williams
-18, 13, 19.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Wilson/Williams bt Sandley/Gordon
-17, 16, 17;

Potton/Mitchell bt Crimmins/E. Bolton (K)
8, 11.

Final:

POTTON/MITCHELL bt Wilson/Williams
16, -19, 16.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

L. Fountain (E) bt R. Murray 10, -18, 15.

H. Buist (K) bt D. Smith (Mi) 15, 14.

Final:

BUIST bt Fountain 21, 16.

SUFFOLK SCENE

by Steve Richards

ALISON EMERGES

The only surprise, and I like them, was the emergence of Alison Rowbotham in the Girls' Ranking List at No. 3. Jane Richards along with Stuart Palmer occupied the Girls' and Boys' No. 1 position respectively.

It was pleasing to see a few young boys, namely Scott and Webster, ranked for the first time but where are the Cadet Girls? So boys, encourage the girls to play by offering them a game!

RANKINGS:

Boys

Stuart Palmer
Julian Hall
Anthony Booth
Paul Beamish
Paul Smith
Kenneth Andrews
Andrew Bantinc
Raymond Thorpe
Kevin Scott
David Webster
Glen Barnes

Girls

Jane Richards
Lane Leonard
Alison Rowbotham
Sally Grey
Janet Matthews
Karen Edward-Hayes
Michelle Denny
Dawn Harvey
Susan Heath
Clare Edwards
Jane Sissen

Two County matches have been played so far and both were won... The Seniors 'A' defeated Norfolk 8-2, Palmer and Kitchener winning all their sets. Team: Mick Palmer, John Kitchener, Stuart Palmer, Sue Welham and Debbie Wotton. I hear Debbie travelled from London, where she now lives, to play!

The Juniors also defeated Herts II winning 7-3. The Suffolk lads were undefeated but the Boxall sisters proved too good this time for the Suffolk girls. Congratulations to Alison Rowbotham who made her debut in a team comprising: Julian Hall, Anthony Booth, Stuart Palmer, Alison Rowbotham and Jane Richards.

I hear the foregoing boys performed well in the Newbury Junior Open reaching 3 of the places in the semis. Julian had a particularly good day in reaching the singles final, losing to Phillip Bradbury -18, -18. Partnered by Stuart Palmer the Suffolk pair lost over three games to Jackson and Creed in the doubles final. Booth also excelled in reaching the semis losing to the eventual winner. Well done lads!

Frost and misty nights are the East Anglian scene so drive carefully you players and enjoy yourselves.

Grass Roots

Alan Calvert, who plays for the Bolton Evening News in lower divisions of the Bolton League, takes a light-hearted look at grass-roots table tennis.

Watching world table tennis stars in action on television is thrilling, exciting — and demoralising.

There they are, operating with machine-gun brilliance under tournament conditions before large and respectful audiences.

Here am I wondering glumly if I can repair the bat smashed because the team we played last night leaves the piano in the corner of their match room.

Maybe I'll chop the cat and loop the budgie.

Thousands of us turn out each winter in the lower reaches of the local leagues, dedicated to the game and worrying how to cope with the superstar status which is surely just around the corner.

The reality is the same as that for course cricket, rugby, golf or whatever: Grassroots sportsmen are basically mad.

I drive 10 miles in thick November fog to the other side of town, contribute abjectly to a team drubbing and return home in deepest melancholy after nearly freezing to death in a badly-heated church hall.

The wife says (again) that I must be mad

and suggests that I take up something more sensible, such as nude potholing. But all this is forgotten in the morning when I remember that I love the game and enjoy the company of table tennis folk.

The next week I am playing the deciding game against the top player in the league and I know I am going to win . . .

Then the brass band in the next room strikes up in practice and as their instrumentalists blow-it so do I.

A winning shot is hit past me and the ball rolls into a small tray which contains rat and mice poison. SHALL I END IT ALL?

Of course not, the game's the thing. Grrrr. Besides, I can get my own back in the return fixture because a punk rock band performs on match nights at the pub across the street.

So I look forward to a consoling pint, but inevitably the remaining matches are hard-contested affairs which continue beyond closing time.

Inherent frustrations such as these sometimes make extremely pleasant people stamp on balls and throw their bats at the ceiling.

They mean no harm. It's just that they tend to become a little psychologically naked when they are enjoying themselves.

Turning on the scorer is another astonishing trick of the T.C.T.T.P. (Totally Committed Table Tennis Player).

Player (losing heavily): "You're scoring like a" (expletive-deleted).

Scorer (a member of his own team): "Well, you're playing like one".

Third member of team: "Come on lads, cool it".

Player and scorer together: "Shut up. If you hadn't lost we wouldn't be in this mess now".

Faced with such situations the opposing player is advised to fold his arms and add to the general irritation by whistling softly.

Anyway, the new season has started and most of us coarse T.T. players will win some and lose some.

From past experience I warn you to beware of sub-teen prodigies in track-suits, gnarled veterans with hard, wooden bats — and athletic teenage girls in short, distracting skirts.

ESSEX NOTES

by ALAN SHEPHERD

TRIALS AT ALL LEVELS

This month I am standing in for regular scribe Geoff Newman, so don't be surprised if anything I say starts another Woodford v Shepherd war of words! Big news as far as the County is concerned is the first set of ranking lists, following trials at all levels.

Men

1 Bob Potton, 2 Ian Horsham, 3 David Newman, 4 Skylet Andrew, 5 Les Eadie, 6 Des Charlery, 7 Tony Penny, 8 Stuart Gibbs, 9 David Randall, 10 Andrew Bawden.

Women

1 Elaine Foulds, 2 Elaine Sayer, 3 Linda Barrow, 4 Gillian Locke, 5 Linda Thacker, 6 Yvette Brown, 7 Marilyn Nash, 8 Julie Dowsett, 9 Kim Mudge, 10 Julie Askem.

Boys

1 Ian Attridge, 2 John Sparks, 3 Kevin Gard, 4 Gary Turner, 5 Ian Carson, 6 Stephen White, 7 Steve Dettmar, 8 Tony Frempon, 9 Greg Clement, 10 Tony Dettmar.

Girls

1 Julie Dowsett, 2 Kim Mudge, 3 Debbie Taylor, 4 Julie Askem, 5 Hilary Finch, 6 Lisa Every, 7 Tricia Taylor, 8 Linda Crawford, 9 Karen Buckledee, 10 Susan Cole.

Cadet Boys

1. Steve Dettmar, 2 Paul Coffey, 3 Gary Ducker, 4 Bernie Lazarus, 5 Kelvin Preville, 6 Mark Taylor, 7 Andrew Barker, 8 Stephen

Dorking, 9 Richard Darnell, 10 Stephen Downes.

Cadet Girls

1 Alison Barker, 2 Edel Ruddy, 3 Ann Sparks, 4 Susan Stephens, 5 Catherine Thompson, 6 Clare Milburn, 7 Anita Mancini, 8 Helen Mancini, 9 Alison Mitchell, 10 Jane Billings.

Veteran Men

1 Bobby Stevens, 2 Laurie Fountain, 3 Stan Battrick, 4 Mike Watts, 5 Ray Murray, 6 Bobby Raybould, 7 Dave Finlayson, 8 Ken Beamish, 9 Fred Lockwood, 10 Gordon Stables.

Veteran Ladies

List not yet available.

The County seniors played their first match — away to Cleveland — and returned from this daunting journey with an 8-1 win. Kenny Jackson is temporarily lost to Essex but Ian Horsham has returned to the fold and the team of Bob Potton, Ian, David Newman and Elaine Foulds are to be congratulated on this great start to the season.

Mention of Jackson makes it necessary for me to say how delighted we all are in the County at his tremendous achievements at the Rock Under-21 Tournament in September reported so capably by the Editor last month.

I suspect that I am not alone in taking the view that the domestic table tennis scene has been shattered over the last year or so by mismanagement at top level. Essex has suffered along with everybody else. I cannot understand how the Management Committee of the E.T.T.A. can sit back, apparently smugly satisfied, while traditional and old established parts of our sport are crumbling. Last season I complained about our Junior Premier team in the County Championships being almost relegated because their No. 1 player Skylet Andrew was taken away to Holland for a match that could have been played on 51 of the other week-ends in the year, and missed three vital County matches. Staffs., Middlesex and Berks. also suffered and perhaps were similarly displeased.

After this had happened it was discovered that the finals of the National Competitions clashed with another series of international commitments and North Middlesex League were considering defaulting in all four finals, i.e. Wilmott Cup, Rose Bowl, Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy as they would have been missing eight of the required twelve players!

The latest and probably most serious problem is the commencement of the new National Club League. One cannot help feeling that very little thought was given by the creators of this Competition to the many and varied side effects which are already being felt. To say that the County Championship, one of the oldest institutions in table tennis has been rendered a second-class event is an understatement. Despite this we in Essex will do our best to compete as wholeheartedly as ever and to maintain our standards. We will go out of our way to help the players to honour their National Club commitments while still representing our County. An example of the complete lack of thought in National Club arrangements is that Ormesby travelled to London to play Newham on September 30th and then Essex (including three "Newham" players) travelled to Hartlepool one week later to play Cleveland.

The National Club dates have been inserted into the Calendar with little or no regard to the resultant clashes with established events and one can hardly expect players to relish taking part in a Saturday County match in the North followed by a dash south to play in a National Club match, or vice versa. The two finalists in the Greater London Council Closed at Alexandra Palace (a big money event) had to dash from the venues of their National Club matches back to London (one of them forked out £12 for a taxi!). After such exertions the Final itself was one of

the worst ever seen and neither player did himself justice.

We have a situation where sponsored events are clashing with sponsored events and the obvious result is going to be that at least one event will be minus a sponsor. My latest information is that Messrs. Compo Promotions have indicated their intention of staging yet another event and this is to be completed during the next two months. Where and when remains to be seen.

NORTHANTS NOTES

by Dennis Millman

With the opposition this season to be found from the more rural areas of the Midlands, it is likely that Northants will achieve better results, than for some time past, but unfortunately our first opponents, Leicestershire did not fall into such a category, and gave the first team a losing start to the season, despite a good performance on her return to the side from Mandy Wallis, and two doubles successes from Gary Alden and Romano Gallo, and Mandy partnered by her sister Anne.

The St. Neots Winter League, has made its first appearance, with Wellingborough and Kettering successfully into the action, and Dave Marsh achieving the unique feat of keeping a 100% record after nine consecutive wins at both Men's and Veterans' levels on successive Sundays. The three match a day formula, while excellent for avid young enthusiasts could well produce many tired, if not discouraged, players, well before the season ends.

The main Leagues are already well under way, with Kettering Town attempting a fifth consecutive Premier Division success at Kettering, while Rothborough 'A' seem certain to achieve a similar feat in the Wellingborough League.

At Northampton, Y.M.C.A. is again hoping to dominate the Premier Division with its strong squad of players, and the following league statistics from last season seems to support such a viewpoint.

Northampton Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	P
Y.M.C.A. 'A'	20	18	2	0	164
Y.M.C.A. 'B'	20	13	3	4	138
Abington 'A'	20	15	2	3	137
A.C.C. 'A'	20	12	1	7	115
Y.M.C.A. 'C'	20	11	2	7	102

The County Rankings issued recently, reflect the increased interest at Junior and Cadet level, and give great encouragement to Dave Marsh, the County Coach. In the Men's list, Gary Alden retains the No. 1 position for the fourth year in succession, while Steve Lyon, after one season at No. 2, reverts to the No. 3 spot he has held since 1973, despite being headed during that time by six less consistent challengers.

RANKINGS:

Men

- Gary Alden
- Romano Gallo
- Steve Lyon
- Dave Marsh
- Keith Nicoll
- Tim Chamberlain
- David Gallo
- John Horne
- John Palmer
- Keith Jones

Women

- Anne Wallis
- Mandy Wallis
- Connie Bane
- Helen Cottler
- Glenis Hooper
- Margaret Maltby
- Christine Price
- Dorothy Marsh
- Joyce Porter
- Jane Nicoll

Junior Boys

- Keith Nicoll
- Neil Knatt
- Ken Nicoll
- Neil Ridge
- Terry Cardwell
- Graeme McKim
- Richard Malfait
- Ian Hawes
- Steven Kendall
- Mark Nannery

Junior Girls

- Jane Nicoll
- Jane Wallis
- Joanne Cutler
- Isobel Hedley
- Melanie Brooks
- Caron Wallis
- Jill Morris



David Barr



David Gloster



Sam Harmer



Richard Jermyn



David Reeves



Andy Wellman



Tony Reeves (Capt.)

SPOTLIGHT on Macleans-Maidenhead Table Tennis Club

The Maidenhead & District Table Tennis Association are delighted to inform all table tennis players and enthusiasts that through the sponsorship of Beecham Proprietaries a team comprising of mainly Berkshire Players has been accepted into the Premier Division of the National Club League.

This is a wonderful achievement as there are only eight teams in the Premier Division and all the top ranked senior players in England, Scotland and Wales will be playing in the National Club League teams with the exception of Desmond Douglas and Jimmy Walker who are committed to play in Germany.

Through the sponsorship of Beechams the Maidenhead team will be called Macleans-Maidenhead and all home matches will be staged at Altwood Comprehensive School, Altwood Road, Maidenhead; this is the same venue as the Maidenhead Closed Championships. All home fixtures are played on Sundays, and should commence about 2.00 p.m. Details are as follows:-

30th September, 1979 v Newham
21st October, 1979 v Sealink Milton Keynes
23rd December, 1979 v Ormesby
17th February, 1980 v Larkhall
16th March, 1980 v Soham
27th April, 1980 v Denmark
18th May, 1980 v Ellenborough

The team squad, details of which are given in alphabetical order, should be one of the youngest squads in the National Club League.

The Club has been formed by the Maidenhead and District Table Tennis Association solely for the purpose of competing in the National Club League.

The Maidenhead and District Table Tennis Association was founded in 1947 and from those early days has grown a league which last season had nearly 400 registered players for thirty table tennis clubs.

TEAM SQUAD INFORMATION

David Barr (age 17 of Thatcham, near Newbury). English Junior International, former English Junior No. 1. Has England Senior ranking at No. 20. Represented England at World Schools Championships in Turkey 1978. Played for England in European Youth Championships in Rome 1979. He has been the County's leading defensive player for the last two seasons but is still a comparative novice having just completed only his third season in open competition. Berkshire County Senior and Junior Player.

David Gloster (age 17 of Maidenhead). Local Closed Senior Champion at 16. County number 2 Junior behind David Barr. Also Berkshire Senior Player. His fast top-spin game has gained respect in the Junior open tournament circuit. Has beaten some England ranked juniors. He has yet to add consistency to his game and is sure to benefit from involvement with Macleans-Maidenhead in the National Club League.

Sam Harmer (age 17 of Leighton Buzzard Resident Berkshire). England Junior ranked and English Schools International. Also Buckinghamshire No. 1. Winner of two Junior open tournaments last season and recorded several wins over England Senior ranked players. He has given up former employment and moved to Berkshire with the intention of taking work which will allow him to concentrate as near full time as possible on his table-tennis future.

Richard Jermyn (age 19 of Letchworth). England ranked No. 18 and former English Schools International. Winner of 2 Senior Open Tournaments last season and one of a small number of young players who after Junior ranking, has persevered and entered Senior ranking list. Forceful, hard hitting player, he will be looking to make further progress this season. Hertfordshire No. 1 player.

David Reeves (age 19 of Newbury). Ex-England Junior Champion and Junior International. He played for England in the 1977 European Youth Championships in France. Berkshire County Senior player since the age of 14, an efficient player with superb control particularly on the backhand and, when playing at his best, possesses a forceful forehand kill. The incentive of the National Club League should rekindle his enthusiasm for table tennis.

Andy Wellman (age 20 of Earley, near Reading). Until recently, at Sussex University. English University Champion for last two years and ex-English Junior ranked player. Berkshire Champion for last two seasons and current County No. 1. Highly rated player, nationally, especially

in team competition. A number of highly ranked English Senior players have fallen to Andy over the last two years. Physically strong, he plays a powerful game and has great scope for further table tennis progress.

Book Review

THE SCIENCE OF TABLE TENNIS

by BRIAN BURN

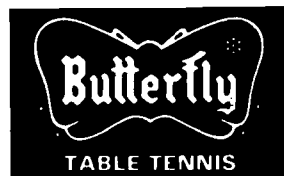
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(Price: £7.50)

Brian Burn began playing table tennis at eleven; by his early twenties he had achieved selection at International level for both Junior and Senior teams. In 1974 he was appointed Trainer/Coach to all the England teams.

His book studies in depth all the requirements for top-level table tennis, although starting at sufficiently simple a level to make it of value to the newcomer to the game. It is divided into three sections: stroke-development for match play, physical and psychological preparation for competitive play, and coaching. In the first section, particular emphasis is given to attacking play, but basic stroke play and consistency are also covered.

The Science of Table Tennis, an addition to Pelham's well-established series, is the complete manual for the serious table tennis player. Brian Burn is at present coaching table tennis and researching into the physiques of table tennis players at the University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.



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HUMBERSIDE 3 STAR OPEN

by REA BALMFORD

Seeds Crash

It was a case of seeds crashing like ninepins in the major £200 value Men's Singles event of the Humberside Open held over the weekend of Oct. 27/28 at its usual venue, the Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre in Hull.

By the time the staged semi-final round was reached John Hilton (seeded 1), Nicky Jarvis (2), Donald Parker (4) and Dougie Johnson (5) had all gone and, with neither Jimmy Walker (3) nor local man Alan Fletcher (6) able to make the date as a result of commitments in the 'Bundesliga', we were left with last year's Boys' Singles winner Graham Sandley (7), still a junior but concentrating this year on the Men's event, Max Crimmins (9), former International Paul Day (11) and the unseeded Swiss, Martin Hafen, ranked No. 2 in his own country, and spending twelve months in the London area to improve his English, making up the four.

On the rankings Sandley, coached by many times former holder Denis Neale and tipped as a future star by twice World champion Johnny Leach, both of whom were on Humberside for the event, should have added the 1979 Humberside title to his already impressive list of successes, but he reckoned without the determination of Day.

Both Sandley (v Hafen) and Day (v Crimmins) won their semis comfortably in straight games and, in the final Day, who has been somewhat in the Table Tennis wilderness since he abandoned his studies at Cambridge University to turn professional in West Germany, took a major step on the road back, his loop and hit game proving far too strong for the younger and less experienced Sandley in the battle of the two left-handers.

First seed to go was local favourite Tony Clayton, dismissed by old rival Mike Johns in three on his first outing to the table, and Johnson followed quickly, taking his departure in a second round thriller, 18 and 22, to Chris Rogers.

Neale, who as an unknown youngster from Teesside scored his first ever tournament win in the then Hull Open Boys' singles, showed that, despite the fact that he is no longer regarded as the near-certain winner of any home Tourney he cares to enter, he must still be reckoned with when he took out Parker in Round 3, only to fall at the next hurdle to that all-action man from Essex, Bob Potton.

In the last 16 Crimmins, another player who has slipped down the lists over recent months, accounted for top seed Hilton, who showed little of his Pyongyang form as he crashed out 10, 16, and there was then no way that Johns was going to stop the Surrey man taking that coveted semi-final spot.

The shocks, however, continued in the other Quarter-final matches with Nigel Eckersley removing Colin Wilson and the rapidly improving Kenny Jackson playing some storming table tennis to put out Jarvis before falling to Sandley in the semis.

CONTRAST

Meanwhile, Day had been making his inexorable progress towards the final, being taken the distance only by Lancashire junior Paul Rainford, while Sandley had an equally comfortable passage, conceding his only game to the defensive David Barr.

In contrast the Women's Singles followed its expected course, with England and European No. 1 Jill Hammersley, the title holder, playing in her final season of com-

petitive table tennis, taking her place opposite England's new No. 2 Karen Witt, just out of the junior ranks, with Jill's immaculate defensive game proving far too strong for the youngster to break down, despite the amount of patience she showed in using a steady loop topspin to try and set up her winners against the variations of chop used by the champion.

The very popular Class 2 Mixed Singles event saw Kevin Satchell, another player just out of the junior ranks from unfashionable Wiltshire, competently dispose of the far more experienced Pat Glynn.

In an unseeded event of this character, in which both men and women compete on equal terms, it is difficult to pinpoint successes, but let it be said that the biggest success of all was that the event appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all the 140 competitors, a number only exceeded by the 147 in the Men's Singles.

The Boys' Singles, like the Men's, had its share of surprises, with only Wilson and Stephen Moore of the top four seeds taking their semi-final places, at which stage came the major shock when Robert Swift, who had already dismissed the higher rated Peter Pudduck, toppled Wilson after losing the first game.

Big name in the other half was the unseeded Stuart Palmer, who put paid to the chances of Adrian Moore in Round 3 and then overcame Tony Taylor, who had shut the door on Gary Lambert in Round 2, before losing to Moore.

An interesting final saw Moore finally get home comfortably at 8 in the third, while in the parallel Girls' event the all-Middlesex semi-final between Mandy Reeves and Helen Williams saw the latter come through only to lose to Alison Gordon in a three game thriller in the final.

Crimmins and his partner Jackson were the stars of the Men's Doubles, putting out both Day/Jarvis and top seeds Hilton/Johnson before scoring a comfortable final win over the second seeds, Parker/Clayton.

In the counterpart women's event Anita Stevenson, with a new partner in Carole Knight, retained her share of the title at the expense of the Jill Hammersley/Linda Jarvis pairing.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Day (Ca) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 16, 11;
G. Sandley (Mi) bt K. Jackson (E) 21, 15;
M. Crimmins (Sy) bt M. Johns (Ch) 16, 16;
M. Hafen (Swi) bt R. Potton (E) -11, 13, 18.

Semi-finals:

Day bt Crimmins 14, 13;
Sandley bt Hafen 12, 10.

Final:

DAY bt Sandley 16, 11.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

J. Hammersley (Bu) bt A. Stevenson (Le) 25, 12;
K. Witt (Bk) bt C. Knight (Cv) 19, -18, 12.

Final:

HAMMERSLEY bt Witt 13, 18.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

S. Moore (Sx) bt S. Palmer (Sk) -16, 18, 16;
R. Swift (Ca) bt C. Wilson (Mi) -19, 17, 17.

Final:

MOORE bt Swift 10, -12, 8.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

A. Gordon (Bk) bt J. Grundy (La) 18, 18;
H. Williams (Mi) bt M. Reeves (Mi) -13, 15, 10.

Final:

GORDON bt Williams -18, 20, 18.

Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

D. Marples (Dy) bt M. Shearer (Li) 16, 16;
P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt N. Deakin (Ch) 7, 14;

Final:

D'ARCY bt Marples 11, 19.

Class 2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Satchell (Wi) bt A. Bellingham (St) 14, 14;

P. Glynn (Wa) bt A. Clark (Nd) 17, 10;
Marples bt B. Allison (Li) -16, 18, 19;
S. Moore bt Taylor 18, 14.

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Satchell bt Marples 8, 15;
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Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Crimmins/Jackson bt D. Johnson (Wa)/
J. Hilton (La) -22, 17, 18;
D. Parker (La)/A. Clayton (Y) bt D.
Newman/L. Smith (E) 10, 14.

Final:

CRIMMINS/JACKSON bt Parker/Clayton
14, 15.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Stevenson/Knight bt Reeves/S. Midgley
(Y) 11, -19, 8;
Hammersley/L. Jarvis (Sy) bt Witt/M.
Ludi (Y) 19, 20.

Final:

STEVENSON/KNIGHT bt Hammersley/
Jarvis 17, 18.

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'CLIFTON STYLES' TOURNAMENT

by Brian Halliday

Dave Welsman caused a major surprise by winning the £100 first prize in the second Clifton Styles Invitation Tournament held at Reading Town Hall in September. Dave defeated the highly talented Graham Sandley in an enthralling final by 3 games to 2. Both players were in great form and treated the crowd to a succession of dazzling rallies. Counter hitting was the order of the day as both stars realised early on that to retreat more than three feet from the table was certain suicide. Welsman who found himself 2 games to 1 in arrears fought back with great determination to take the next two games and the title.

There were several changes to the published programme but the organisers were able to substitute star players of comparable standard. Berkshire had never before seen such a vast line up of talent and the players really rose to the occasion to provide nine hours of high class play.

There were several excellent matches in the preliminary groups. Reading's Jim Stokes had plenty of local support and had impressive games against Walker and Welsman and then beat Angela Mitchell.

Berks. No. 1 Andy Wellman found ace defender Duggie Johnson a little too strong and then was edged out at deuce in the third by Kent's John Dabin.

David Barr carried local hopes through to the semi-final where he found his old adversary Welsman too powerful. The young Berkshire No. 2 had very impressive wins over both Colin Wilson and Mark Mitchell as well as the narrowest of defeats against Bob Potton.

Walker was seeded No. 1 for the event but after coasting to the semis was unable to raise his game against an inspired Sandley.

The tournament was undoubtedly a success with both players and spectators. The playing conditions were excellent and the presentation of the tournament was first class. The players seemed to appreciate an event that was competitive but at the same time where the accent was very much on friendliness and sportsmanship.

The Referee was Len Pilditch and the announcer was Pete Bradley. The organisers were the Kidmore End T.T.C. and the generous sponsorship was provided by Clifton Styles, Estate Agents of Caversham,

Reading, who are making their name very well known by their links with table tennis in Berkshire.

The organisers were naturally disappointed that Jill Hammersley could not take part in the event due to injury. However it must be recorded that Jill came along to the tournament and her attitude, coupled with her natural grace and charm set the seal on a memorable day.

FULL RESULTS:**Group 1**

J. Walker bt J. Stokes 22, 8;
D. Welsman bt A. Mitchell 18, 11;
Welsman bt Stokes 20, -18, 10;
Walker bt Mitchell -18, 19, 16;
Stokes bt Mitchell 12, -20, 13;
Walker bt Welsman 24, 21.
(Walker, Welsman qualify)

Group 2

R. Potton bt D. Barr -19, 19, 22;
C. Wilson bt A. Gordon 0, 10;
Barr bt Wilson -19, 22, 13;
Potton bt Gordon 19, 8;
Barr bt Gordon 14, 12;
Potton bt Wilson 17, 19.
(Potton, Barr qualify)

Group 3

D. Johnson bt A. Wellman 19, 20;
J. Dabin bt M. Smith 15, 10;
Dabin bt Wellman 17, -8, 24;
Johnson bt Smith 9, 14;
Wellman bt Smith 3, 12;
Johnson bt Dabin 10, 16.
(Dabin, Johnson qualify)

Group 4

M. Mitchell bt S. Harmer 13, 14;
G. Sandley bt K. Senior 20, 15;
Sandley bt Harmer 11, 15;
Mitchell bt Senior 13, 13;
Harmer bt Senior 10, 15;
Mitchell bt Sandley 9, 22.
(Mitchell, Sandley qualify)

Quarter-finals

Walker bt Dabin 15, 8;
Sandley bt Potton -17, 19, 9;
Welsman bt Johnson 16, 18;
Barr bt Mitchell 18, 2.

Semi-finals:

Sandley bt Walker 14, -13, 15;
Welsman bt Barr 15, -16, 13.

3rd/4th Place Final:

Walker (£30) bt Barr (£20) 9, 16.

Final:

WELSMAN (£100) bt Sandley (£50)
-10, 20, -12, 14, 14.

ENGLISH VICTORIES AT PERTH

by Brian Webster

Nicky Jarvis was the winner of the men's singles title in the Beneagles Open 2-Star at Perth over the weekend of Sept. 22/23 his final victim being his higher-ranked England colleague John Hilton.

Again, in the women's singles, it was from south of the border that the winner came in the person of Carole Knight who, in her particular final beat Linda Jarvis.

Scotland's only senior title winner was Richard Yule with a half share of the men's doubles with Jarvis who, with his wife were beaten in the mixed by Tony Clayton and Miss Knight. Carole picked up a third title when, with Mrs. Jarvis in the women's doubles, they beat Carole Dalrymple and Patrice Fleming in the final.

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

J. Hilton (La) (holder) bt R. Yule (Sco)
6, -19, 19;
N. Jarvis (Cv) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 15, 16.

Final:

JARVIS bt Hilton 11, 20.

Women's Singles:

C. KNIGHT (Cv) bt L. Jarvis (Sy) 17, -14, 18.

Men's Doubles:

Jarvis/Yule bt Hilton/B. Kean (La) 13, 12.

Women's Doubles:

Jarvis/Knight bt C. Dalrymple/P. Fleming (Sco) 12, 10.

Mixed Doubles:

A. Clayton (Y)/Knight bt Jarvis/Jarvis
13, -16, 14.

Boys' Singles U-18:

D. Campbell (Edinburgh) bt R. Fletcher
(W. of Sco) 12, 12.

Girls' Singles U-18:

Dalrymple bt A. Bennett (Stirling) 8, 8.

Cadet Boys:

J. Strachan (Aberdeen) bt C. Whitelaw
(Fife) 7, 9.

Cadet Girls:

A. Breslin (Lanarkshire) bt M. Penman
(Stirling) 18, 10.



Dave Hunt and John Ferris, Directors of Clifton Styles and Company presenting Dave Welsman with his trophy.

Photo by courtesy of Evening Post, Reading.

In Memoriam

Ann Stevens, life companion of W. J. Pope and a Vice-President of the English Table Tennis Association from 1951, died on the 9th October 1979 in Wellington, Somerset, at the age of 92.

With Ann's passing an era is ended. The record books show that names recur as officers of the E.T.T.A. and I.T.T.F. almost from the beginnings in the 1920's — Bill Pope, Bill Vint and Ivor Montagu. What they do not show is that these three were really six: Ann and Bill, Nora and Bill, Hell and Ivor. Table Tennis is a game that has been — and indeed still is — rich in partnerships of couples whose joint contribution has meant far more than each could have given alone.

Ann was probably the best administrator of any of us. In her speciality she combined efficiency and absolute reliability with a warm human personality and common sense. In this respect I cannot do better than quote the character sketch written by Leslie Woollard for a list of the Vice-Presidents he prepared for the E.T.T.A. Executive Committee in 1960:-

"One of those unique unobtrusive and insatiable hard-workers for whom every organiser prays, with a record that defies any figure record. Sometimes she was Bill Pope's right hand, sometimes his left. One job which she made especially her own was the distribution of tickets allocations for English and World Championships. She seemed to know every club in the country and no trouble was ever too much to give them what they wanted — she became an extension of Bill Pope's personal touch. And at these championships her 'smoothing out' technique was invaluable . . . I often admired her handling of ebullient, eccentric or obstreperous characters while still retaining the respect and affection of everyone. I think her last helping hand was at the London World Championships in 1954".

Would it be fair to say that the three feminine halves of these pairs did more than half the work that was attributed to their more publicised partners? Not only that, for each had her own sphere of socially valuable practical work outside Table Tennis as well. This was before the days of Women's Lib and snobbery reigned besides. Ann, who had a responsible job in the Civil Service, faced all obstacles with independence and resolve. When she arranged for the junior staff in her office to have a table tennis table in their rest room, Ann had to confront a hauling over the coals by her superiors for subverting discipline by consorting with staff inferior to her grade.

She and Bill were so inseparable that even when matches or meetings kept him in London till the small hours, he would always go home to their house in Beaconsfield that night even if the journey had to be by taxi. Yet they could never marry for in those days it would have meant instant resignation from her post (the service rules then did not allow married women to retain their jobs).

I remember Ann as a table tennis player only once. When doubles were first introduced into the English Championships (1926-7) and the entries in the mixed were very few, Bill and Ann, Hell and I, entered to pad out the look of the event in the programme, meaning to scratch when the time came. Lo and behold, we two pairs drew each other, so how could we not play? The result (which put the winning pair in the last eight) is happily buried in the archives. Wild horses would not drag it from me. (I will only give this hint. Bill was the only real class player among the lot of us but we were all friends and it happened to be my birthday).

After Bill's death, Ann did not long have the heart to frequent the old scenes, so poignant and so vivid were her memories. Yet she was never a complete recluse. She kept in touch with those in our E.T.T.A. work who had been most closely connected with her own activity (Kath Pegg and the late Marjorie Carrington). From time to time we would hear that the neighbouring children came to her often to share the TV presented to Bill and her by the Daily Mirror for their help in a tournament that the latter promoted at the Albert Hall. (TV was not so universal then as it is now). Our last communication with Ann was when we wrote to say how welcome she would be if we might arrange for her to join us at the World's at Birmingham. But her age was already overtaking her.

Four years ago Ann reluctantly came to realise that she could no longer cope alone. She went to live with her niece in Somerset and a year later she had a slight stroke. Her kindred loved her and took good care of her but, later, complications arose and eventually she died peacefully in hospital. Her family took her back to Beaconsfield where she had lived so long with Bill, and she is buried with him in a corner of the cemetery where he had preceded her nearly 30 years earlier.

I.M.



A snapshot of Bill Pope and Ann Stevens on the street. Both look as they did in their T.T. days and the fashion helps to date it too!

FOUR T'S 1-STAR OPEN

by David Cosway

The unfortunate clash with the first matches of the National Club League perhaps kept the standard of the top seeds below their normal level. Again, however, record entries meant over 400 sets to be played on twelve tables over a 14-hour day, ending on the stroke of midnight.

Again many more entries were received than could be accepted. The loyal sponsors of this tournament helped boost the value of the prizes over the £200 mark. The Club are indebted to Snows Office Supplies, Elkins Engineering Ltd., Anthony Forfar & Co. and John Jaques.

In the men's singles three of the top four seeds reached the semi-final. No. 1 seed Graham Sandley reached the semi with a win over junior Mark Oakley. Nigel Thomas beat V. Torthienchai, David Hannah beat Derek Holman and Dave Harvey beat Trevor Smith. Smith had caused an earlier upset

by beating the seeded Kevin Satchell.

In the semis Hannah beat Harvey and Sandley beat Thomas after losing the second game. The final produced some good rallies and with Sandley losing the first game an upset looked on the cards but his game started to click and Hannah was not really in the next two. This win by Sandley made him the first player to win the Four T's title twice — I hope he tries for a hat trick!

No. 1 seed Mandy Reeves cruised through to the women's singles final although taken to a third game by Rachel Mackriell. Her semi-final victory was over Claire Maisey who had earlier knocked out the No. 3 seed Lorraine Garbet. In the other half Cathy Robb No. 2 seed went out early to S. James who in turn lost to Debbie Taylor. Four T's own Serina Sinanan knocked out No. 4 seed Cheryl Creasey before beating Taylor in the semi, both in straight games. In the final Serina led through most of the first game before losing -18 and Mandy took the title with a more comfortable second game win.

The men's doubles title went to No. 3 seeds Oakley and Thomas beating Dorset's Jason Creasey and Trevor Smith in the semi and Holman and Hannah in the final.

Joyce Coop appears to make a habit of winning the women's doubles event with a string of different partners. This time with Cheryl Creasey she beat C. Russe and Sally New in the semi and went on to beat Claire Maisey and Lorraine Garbet in the final.

Sandley picked up his second title when in partnership with Alison Burke he won the mixed knocking out No. 1 seeds Kevin Satchell and Cheryl Creasey in the semi and D. Harding and Paula Townsend in the final.

Both junior events went against the seeding and national ranking. In the boys' Oakley won a tense deuce in the third battle against Satchell. Lorraine Garbet however was not as hard pushed by Mandy Reeves winning comfortably in straight games.

Prizes were presented by the Club Chairman Ron Wilshere.

RESULTS:

Men's Singles Semi-finals:

G. Sandley (Mi) bt N. Thomas (Mi)
19, -18, 16;

D. Hannah (Sy) bt D. Harvey (Gs) 20, 14.

Final:

SANDLEY bt Hannah -14, 11, 13.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

M. Reeves (Mi) bt C. Maisey (Wi) 22, 18;

S. Sinanan (Ha) bt D. Taylor (E) 17, -13, 20.

Final:

REEVES bt Sinanan 18, 14.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

M. Oakley (Sy)/Thomas bt J. Creasey/T.

Smith (Do) -15, 18, 18;

D. Holman (Ha)/Hannah bt D. Harding/I.

Graham 19, -14, 19.

Final:

OAKLEY/THOMAS bt Holman/Hannah
19, 13.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Maisey/L. Garbet (Sy) bt P. Townsend/L.

Phelps (Wi) 10, 14;

J. Coop/C. Creasey (Do) bt S. New/Russe
(Do) 17, 10.

Final:

COOP/CREASEY bt Maisey/Garbet 23, 19.

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

D. Harding/Townsend bt Parkinson/D. Phor
11, 17;

Sandley/A. Burke (Bk) bt Satchell/Creasey
13, 19.

Final:

SANDLEY/BURKE bt Harding/Townsend
17, 16.

Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Oakley bt S. White (Ha) 10, 12;

Satchell bt P. Jackson 15, 9.

Final:

OAKLEY bt Satchell 23, -17, 20.

Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

Reeves bt L. Goldsmith (Mi) 12, 12;

Garbet bt Townsend 13, 19.

Final:

GARBET bt Reeves 12, 17.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE

FRENCH SPRING SURPRISE

by David Cosway

The magnificent Fleming Park Sports Centre, Eastleigh, was the venue for the Southampton Table Tennis Association's first International sponsored by Wimpey Homes Holdings Ltd., on October 11/79. After a 4-3 win away to Federal Germany, England were favourites especially as France were trounced 7-nil in their opening match against league champions Czechoslovakia. Although the S.T.T.A. had at first dreamed of a larger crowd, the 700 seats available were full to see England strive to improve on last season's third placing in the Super Division.

France sprung a surprise before the match by nominating their No. 3 Christian Martin for the singles in place of the higher-ranked Patrick Birocheau. In the early stages this move did not appear a success for in the battle of the left handers Desmond Douglas, returning to the venue where he trounced the then World Champion Mitsuru Kohno last year, had little difficulty in beating Martin. Des consistently caught the French defender wide on his back hand with his flashing forehand to put his country in the lead with a 2-straight win.

French star Jacques Secretin soon levelled the score with an equally convincing win over Nicky Jarvis, whose unforced errors and inability to control the Secretin loop, combined in his downfall. Jill Hammersley, in her last season of international competition, took almost 30 minutes to get the better of Claude Bergeret. Her back hand winners were picked off with such consistency that her French opponent was forced into a dour defence which ended with expedite coming in at 20-14 to Jill in the second game.

Onto the men's doubles with John Hilton joining Des and Birocheau combining with Secretin. This established French duo had it much their own way in levelling the score at 2-2. Normally the mixed pairing of Des and Linda Jarvis is an England banker but on this occasion the former World champions Secretin and Claude Bergeret came out on top with Des not really getting involved and dominating the match as he usually does in the mixed. So France went into the lead for the first time as onto the stage came the confrontation the spectators had come to see. And what a match! Secretin versus Douglas, neither showing any sign of fatigue after two successive doubles. Secretin took first blood with Des missing out on his winners but he came back to take the second with his game now in full flow and Secretin having no answer to his angled hits and amassing only 7 points.

So to the third. Des 8-10 down at the change but then level at 15-all, but at once 3 points down at 15-18. Point for point to 17-20 and 3 match points to the French No. 1, but Des was not finished and 3 flashing winners pulled the score back to "deuce". A weak back hand in the net gave the French No. 1 a 4th set point but again a winner from Douglas saved it. Yet again an unforced error gave Secretin his 5th chance to clinch the tie for his country but once more a winner from the England star brought the score to 22-all. Secretin was clearly feeling the pressure of the occasion for winding up for a 'special' service he completely missed the ball to give Douglas his first match point, which he gleefully took with a forehand kill which brought the house down. Follow that!

Well that is what Nicky Jarvis had to do

coming onto the table against Martin with the match score at 3-all. It was here that the French strategy in playing Martin paid off. Nicky had a good record against Martin but although Nicky's forehand was going well, Martin was able to control it with his excellent defence and Nicky's complete absence of a back hand attack was the deciding factor. A close first game and even closer second. Nicky came back from 17-20 in the second to "deuce" and the crowd looked to him to do a "Douglas", but it was not to be. A French victory but even so the crowd went home impressed and happy

with their first taste of international table tennis.

SCORES:

England 3 France 4

D. Douglas bt C. Martin 14, 18;

N. Jarvis lost to J. Secretin -11, -15;

Mrs. J. Hammersley bt Miss C. Bergeret 14, 16;

Douglas/J. Hilton lost to Secretin/P.

Birocheau -18, -14;

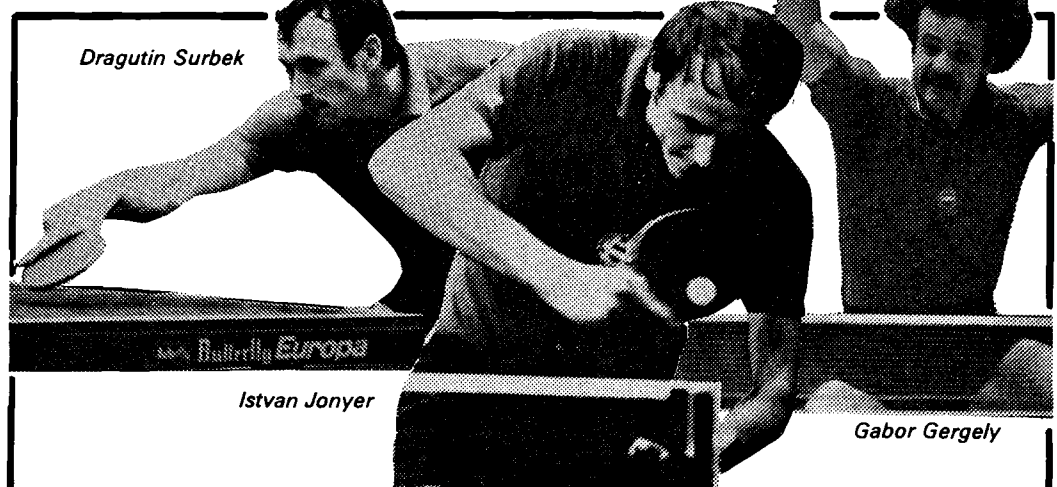
Douglas/L. Jarvis lost to Secretin/Bergeret -16, -18.

Douglas bt Secretin -13, 7, 22;

Jarvis lost to Martin -19, -21.



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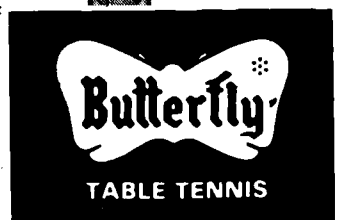
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CANADA DOMINATES PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

by MALCOLM ANDERSON,
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Table Tennis, now an Olympic sport, was included in the Pan American Games for the first time. Nine countries sent T.T. teams to San Juan, Puerto Rico for this "exhibition" event.

Men's Team:

The first critical match saw the U.S.A. and Canada battle down to the 3rd game of the 9th set.

Dean Doyle (USA) bt Ed Lo (CAN)
-10, 16, 16;

David Sakai (USA) bt Pierre Normandin (CAN) 2-1;

Quang Bui (USA) bt Alex Polisois (CAN)
19, 18;

Sakai bt Lo 19, 19;

Polisois bt Doyle 18, -23, 14;

Normandin bt Bui 20, 12;

Polisois bt Sakai -20, 21, 14;

Lo bt Bui 2-1.

In the 9th set, Normandin took the first game from Doyle at 18, and led 14-9 in the second — Dean rallied to win this game at 17, then broke away from 11-9 in the 3rd to win it at 15. USA 5, Canada 4!

The Dominican Republic also beat Canada 5-4, setting up the Men's Team final between the 2 undefeated teams. This final match started at 9.55 p.m., and ended at 4.07 a.m.! During this time, both teams sent their towels outside to dry in the wind, play was stopped so the puddles of sweat could be mopped up, and the umpire and score-keeper had to be replaced! Naturally it went to the 3rd game of the 9th set.

Dean Doyle (USA) bt Juan Vila (DR)
-19, 23, 17;

Mario Alvarez (DR) bt David Sakai (USA)
-19, 13, 15;

Quang Bui (USA) bt Raymundo Fermin (DR) -19, 14, 12;

Vila (DR) bt Sakai (USA) -13, 21, 19;

Fermin (DR) bt Doyle (USA) -13, 12, 16;

Bui (USA) bt Alvarez (DR) 17, -8, 16;

Fermin (DR) bt Sakai (USA) -15, 18, 17;

Bui (USA) bt Vila (DR) 14, 13.

In the 9th set, Alvarez led Doyle 20-15; Dean won the game 22-20 with excellent

serve and kill tactics! Alvarez won the second game at 19. The 3rd game was 15-15 when Alvarez used good serve and counter-drives to lead 20-15 — and Dean again served and killed to 20-all! Alvarez served and killed, led 21-20 — and Dean's follow-up kill after his serve missed by millimeters! Dominican Republic 5 (Gold Medal) - USA 4 (Silver).

Women's Team:

The deciding set in the Women's team event was much less dramatic (traumatic?) as Canada beat the U.S.A. 3-0.

Mariann Domonkos (CAN) bt Connie

Sweeris (USA) 10, 14;

Birute Plucas (CAN) bt Judy Bochenski (USA) 10, 18;

Domonkos/Plucas (CAN) bt Sweeris/Faan Yeen Liu (USA) 17, 12.

In the Women's Team play, Diana Guillen of Mexico was undefeated; she beat Mariann Domonkos 16, -16, 22!

Individual Events:

Men's Singles Final:

Ed Lo (CAN) bt Mario Alvarez (DR)

14, -10, 20, -16, 18.

The No. 2 seed, Sergio Sanchez (MEX) lost to Dean Doyle -19, -16. Doyle (USA) eventually lost to Lo -16, -19.

Women's Singles Semi-finals:

Mariann Domonkos (CAN) bt Judy

Bochenski (USA) 15, 18;

Faan Yeen Liu (USA) bt Diana Guillen (MEX) 19, -9, 15.

Final:

Domonkos bt Liu 12, 10, 7.

Men's Doubles:

Winners were Ed Lo and Alex Polisois (CAN).

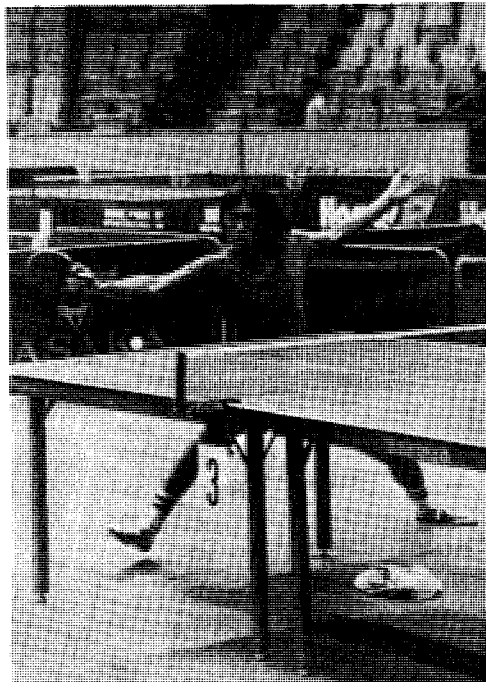
Women's Doubles:

Domonkos/Plucas (CAN) bt Bochenski/Sweeris (USA) -16, 14, 18, 19.

Mixed Doubles:

Polisois/Domonkos (CAN) bt Sanchez/Guillen (MEX) 16, -12, 8, 12.

In 7 events, Canada won 6 gold medals and 1 bronze. Mariann Domonkos won 4 gold medals in 4 events, and Ed Lo and Alex Polisois both won 3 gold medals in 4 events. An excellent showing for the Northernmost participant in the Pan American Games!



Ed Lo (Canada) winner of the men's singles title in San Juan.

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NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

ORMESBY AND OMEGA THE WINNERS

by Keith Ponting

After the disruptions caused during last winter it was good to see the finals of the National Club Championships completed in September.

In the final of the Men's event for the Ormesby Cup the Ellenborough Club, from North Middlesex, made the long trek North to challenge the Ormesby Club from the local league. This was the Londoners' second successive appearance in the final but, again, things went against them with Ormesby winning 5-1.

Ellenborough made a good start with Colin Wilson having a particularly fine win over Nicky Jarvis in straight games but then Ormesby took the next five sets to regain the championship they have lost only once since the competition first started in the 1969/70 season.

SCORES:

(Ormesby first)

Nicky Jarvis lost to Colin Wilson -20, -18;
bt Graham Sandley 17, 15.

Donald Parker bt Sandley 18, 21;

bt Mark Mitchell 15, -12, 16.

Denis Neale bt Mitchell 19, 22;

bt Wilson 8, 13.

The final of the women's event for the Gainsford Cup was played in London between the Barking champions, Fellows Cranleigh, and the Omega Club, from Bracknell. The Berkshire team made a good start by winning the first two sets but Fellows Cranleigh fought back to level at 3-3. The result of the final probably depended on the set between Karen Witt of Omega and Lesley Radford of Fellows Cranleigh who were both previously unbeaten and in top form. After a ding-dong struggle Karen just won 19 in the third and Omega went on to win 5-3, to take the championship for the first time in their history.

RESULTS:

(Omega first)

Alison Gordon bt Elaine Sayer 18, 18;
lost to Lesley Radford -16, -10;

Karen Witt bt Elaine Foulds 19, -15, 16;

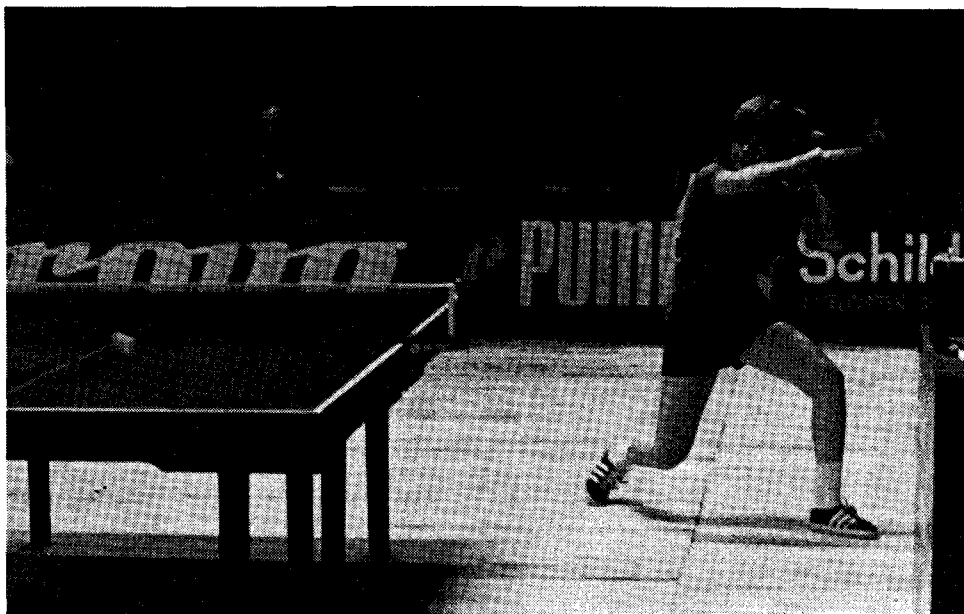
bt Miss Sayer 9, 11;

bt Mrs. Radford -16, 10, 19.

Mandy Smith lost to Mrs. Radford 20, 21;

lost to Mrs. Foulds -18, -16;

bt Miss Sayer 19, 11.



Mariann Domonkos (Canada) winner of the women's singles title and four gold medals.

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County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

The opening of the season got off to a good start with most counties sending their results sheets promptly to Aubrey Drapkin. With twenty-seven divisions to contend with, he is certainly going to be busy!

PREMIER DIVISION

Cleveland 1 Essex 8

K. Paxton lost to R. Potton 19, -17, -11; lost to I. Horsham 19, -13, -25.

D. Alderson lost to Potton 16, -17, -6; bt D. Newman 17, -10, 11.

T. Martin lost to Horsham -9, 20, -15; lost to Newman -7, -19.

M. Caster lost to E. Foulds -18, -16.

Alderson/Martin lost to Potton/Horsham -15, -14.

Paxton/Caster lost to Newman/Foulds -16, -9.

Essex clearly superior with Bob Potton particularly impressive.

Glamorgan 2 Yorkshire 7

G. Evans lost to K. Beadsley -14, -17; bt S. Mills 18, -17, 15.

G. Davies lost to Beadsley 11, -15, -17; bt C. Lo 18, 10.

J. Morgan lost to Mills -11, -10; lost to Lo -17, -14.

Stephanie Jones lost to Melody Ludi -13, -12.

Davies/Morgan lost to Beadsley/Lo -22, 17, -17.

Evans/Miss Jones lost to Mills/Miss Ludi 18, -14, -22.

An emphatic win by Yorkshire against a Glamorgan team who, without Alan Griffiths was not really up to Premier Division.

DIVISION 2 EAST

Buckinghamshire 3 Bedfordshire 7

Northamptonshire 3 Leicestershire 7

Suffolk 8 Norfolk 2

All three of the Buckinghamshire men took a set but S. Barby the star for Bedfordshire, who also won all the women's events. Suffolk look a very good side against Norfolk for whom Doug Bennett was the star. Even Bennett, however couldn't hold the immaculate John Kitchener.

Without Anita Stevenson and Karen Rogers Leics. did well to beat Northants 7-3. Yvonne Hall, still only 15 years of age made an impressive debut.

DIVISION 2 NORTH

Durham 4 Lancashire 6

Preston's Donald Parker was the Red Rose ace at Sunderland with wins over the Svenson brothers, Dave and Ian. Parker's sister, Jean, also shone on her senior debut with a win over Shirley Gelder as well as sharing a doubles success with Joy Grundy. Lancashire's other win was achieved by Nigel Hallows.

DIVISION 2 WEST

Avon 4 Berkshire 6

Dorset 7 Somerset 3

Four Men's Singles wins by Avon, with M. Smith taking two was insufficient for them to collect a point against Berkshire who, not surprisingly, won all the women's events. After holding Dorset to two sets all, Somerset took only one more to lose 7-3. J. Creasey and T. Smith unbeaten for the home side.

JUNIOR 2 SOUTH

Hampshire 6 Wiltshire 4

Hertfordshire 0 Kent 10

Hertfordshire 7 Essex II 3

Middlesex II 3 Kent 7

Hampshire's Graham Toole and John Roberts unbeaten with three of Wiltshire's four wins coming in the girl's events. Kent were far too strong for Hertfordshire with a

spirited performance by Roger Pyle over Peter Namdjou the best encounter of the match. In the match with Essex Pyle was again the outstanding Herts player. P. Roberts was outstanding for Kent in their match against Middlesex II.

JUNIOR 2 NORTH

Cheshire 4 Clwyd 6

Clwyd's No. 1 M. Thomas easily the best player on view. Yet again a case of one team (Cheshire) winning all three girls' events but still losing.

JUNIOR 2 MIDLAND

Cambridgeshire 6 Nottinghamshire 4

Gloucestershire 5 Worcestershire 5

Warwickshire 5 Bedfordshire 5

Obviously this division is going to be very closely contested. Gloucestershire, who finished bottom last season drew as did Warwickshire, who finished top. Cambridgeshire were the only team to win thanks to superiority in the girls' events with Amanda Judd and Tracey Fisher winning all their sets. Two more came from Andy Withers with Robert Watson taking two for Notts. Worcestershire came back from 2-4 down to draw with Gloucestershire with Jeremy Duffield playing splendidly to win both his singles. For the home side Nina Tsakarisianos impressed with a fine range of serves. The Bellinger sisters were never in trouble when their Bedfordshire team played Warwickshire and their No. 2 boy, D. Sharpe also looked good winning two. K. Grundy, however kept Warwickshire in the picture with two comfortable wins. Unusually for a drawn match, only one set went to three.

JUNIOR 3 EAST

Suffolk 7 Hertfordshire II 3

The story of this match is easily told — Suffolk boys unbeaten, Hertfordshire girls unbeaten!

VETERAN SOUTH

Essex II 7 Hampshire II 2

Hertfordshire II 4 Kent I 5

Kent II 3 Middlesex 6

Middlesex look really really strong and with Laurie Landry at No. 1 it's not surprising! Essex II, led by new E.T.T.A. Assistant Secretary Mike Watts won all seven men's events against Hampshire II. An exciting match at Barnet where seven of the nine sets went to three. Men's singles shared with M. Forrester winning two, the second against K. Hartridge -19, 14, 17 which gave Kent the match.

VETERAN MIDLAND

Leicestershire 3 Cheshire 6

Lincolnshire 8 Cheshire II 1

Skipper Brian Mayfield was involved in all three Leicestershire wins. But what a team Lincolnshire have! They took the division last season and they have Brian Allison added to the team, although it was he who lost the opening set to P. Jones, the only one Lincolnshire dropped. Peter Skerratt and Connie Moran never extended.

VETERAN EAST

Berkshire 0 Essex 9

Hertfordshire I 4 Huntingdonshire 5

Bedfordshire 6 Hertfordshire III 3

The scoreline for Essex a little flattering, six of the sets going the full distance. Colin Dale was involved in three of the Hunts. winning sets, with Hunts. recovering from 1-2 down to go 5-2 up.

Doug Holden has soon made his presence felt in this division, winning both his singles with some immaculate defensive play for Bedfordshire against Herts III.

VETERAN WEST

Avon II 2 Hampshire I 7

Somerset 4 Avon I 5

Worcestershire 6 Dorset II 3

Wiltshire 3 Dorset II 6

Ray Lush as keen as ever and turned in a hard-hitting display for Hampshire in their match with Avon Two. Wins by skipper J. Garland failed to save Somerset from defeat against Avon I for whom J. Morris was unbeaten. Worcestershire look to have a very good side this season, building up a 6-1 lead against Dorset II where Brian Belcher looked very sharp. A similar thing happened at Trowbridge where Dorset beat Wiltshire, C. Bush winning without undue trouble both his sets.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

DATES AND VENUES

NOVEMBER 10th

Premier

Yorkshire v Cleveland

Kent v Cheshire

Warwick v Middlesex

Middlesex v Kent

Yorkshire v Cheshire

Cleveland v Warwick

All at S.U. Carbuirettor Co. Ltd., Wood Lane, Erdington, Birmingham.

2nd Division East

Leicestershire v Suffolk

Magpie Youth Club, Sturdec Road, Leicester (6.30 p.m.).

2nd Division South

Essex II v Surrey

Fellows Cranleigh, Ranelagh Road, Plaistow, E.13. (7.00 p.m.).

Herts v Middlesex II

Barnet T.T.C., Barnet Lane, Barnet (6.30 p.m.).

2nd Division North

Lancs v Northumberland

Red Bank School, Winwick Road, Newton-le-Willows (6.30 p.m.).

3rd Division North

Lancs II v Northumberland II

Red Bank School, Winwick Road, Newton-le-Willows (2.30 p.m.).

Junior 2nd Midland

Gloucs v Cambs

C.E.G.B. Sports Club, Barnwood, Gloucester (2.30 p.m.).

NOVEMBER 11th

Veterans West

Dorset I v Somerset

International Time Recording Co. Ltd., Fleets Lane, Poole (2.30 p.m.).

DECEMBER 1st

Premier

Essex v Cheshire

Brotherhood Hall, St. Osyth Road, Clacton-on-Sea (7.00 p.m.).

2nd Division Midland

Gloucs v Staffs

C.E.G.B. Sports Club, Barnwood, Gloucester (7.00 p.m.).

3rd Division South

Essex II v Herts II

Fellows Cranleigh, Ranelagh Road, Plaistow, E.13. (7.00 p.m.).

DECEMBER 1st/2nd

Junior Premier Weekend

All matches to be played at St. Neots.

Veterans East

Essex v Hunts

Japan Road Club, Japan Road, off Chadwell Heath Road, Essex (7.00 p.m.).

DECEMBER 2nd

Veterans West

Dorset II v Dorset I

International Time Recording Co. Ltd., Fleet Lane, Poole (2.30 p.m.).

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

The National Selection Committee announced the following team to represent England at the Hungarian Open Championships in Miskolc (Nov. 8/11).

Men

Desmond Douglas (Wa)

John Hilton (La)

Donald Parker (La)

Kenny Jackson (E)

Women

Jill Hammersley (Bu)

Karen Witt (Bk)

Linda Jarvis (Sy)

Melody Ludi (Y)

Non-playing Captains:-

Peter Simpson and Bryan Merritt.

The selectors have chosen a very strong party to contest this first big international championships of the season, but have included Kenny Jackson the young Essex star whose play this year, particularly in the Rock International Championships when he won the very strong U-21 men's singles event, has proved him worthy of an international opportunity.