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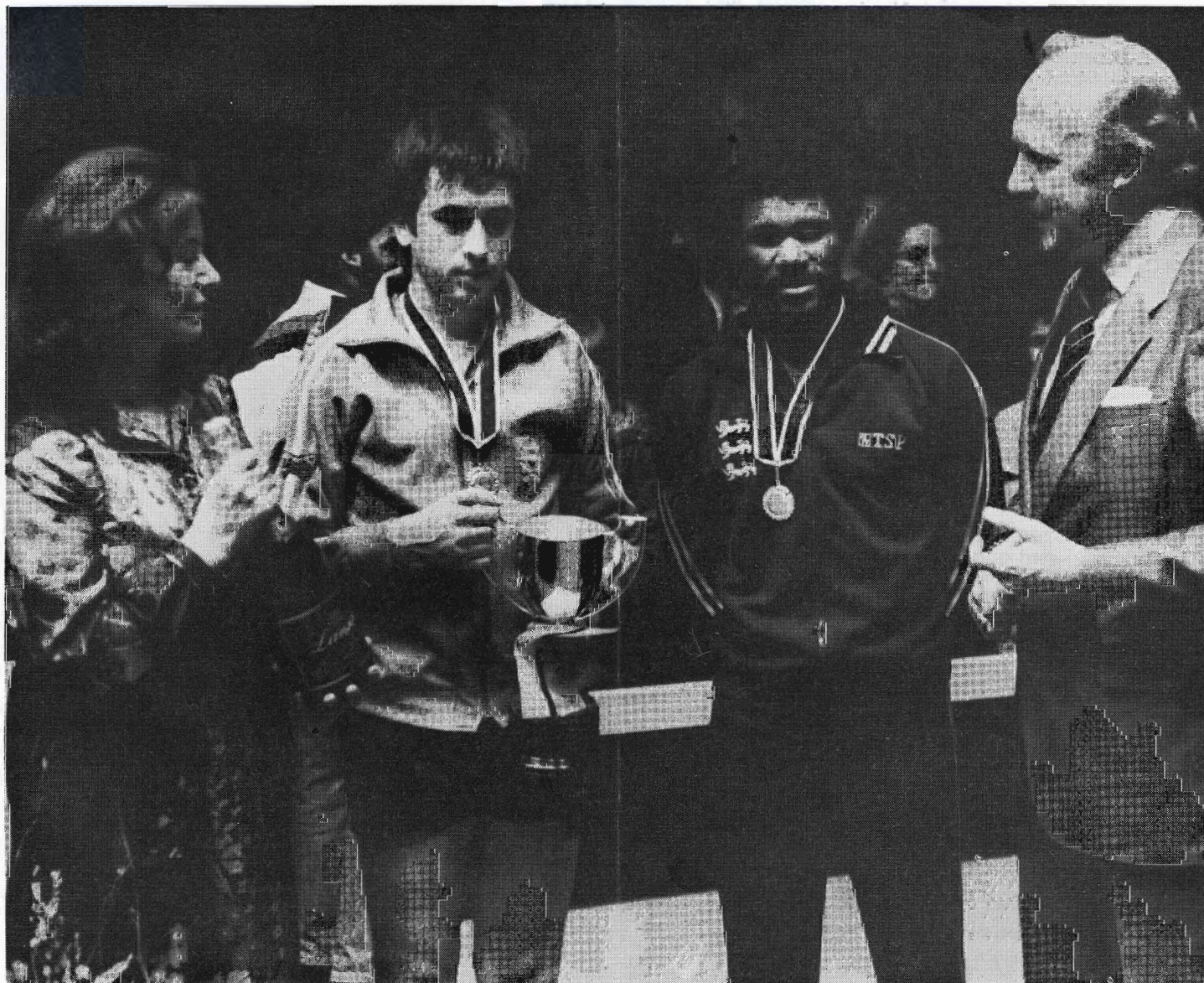


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# On the International Front by The Editor



### STILL ON THE GLORY TRAIL

In Vrbovec on Nov. 13 England brought off their third successive win in the Super Division of the European League by beating Yugoslavia 4-3 to maintain their unbeaten record and remain on the glory trail in second position just one set behind Sweden.

In front of the usual vociferous Yugoslav audience their hero Dragutin Surbek got the home team away to the best possible of starts by beating Desmond Douglas in straight games. Nor did matters seem to be going England's way when Zoran Kalinic took the first game off John Hilton and built up a useful lead in the second.

But not for nothing was Hilton crowned European champion in Berne and in retrieving matters by pulling up to 20-all, then 24-22, he took the decider at 15 and England were back in the fight. At least temporarily, for Karen Witt was no more successful than had been Jill Hammersley against Gordana Perkucin the defeated finalist in Switzerland.

It was at this stage, 1-2 down, that Peter Simpson introduced two new doubles pairings, in Douglas and Paul Day, then Douglas and Miss Witt — despite having Mrs. Hammersley on the bench — and both paid off handsome dividends to take England into a 3-2 lead.

Roared on by the crowd back came Surbek to thump his way past Hilton to leave matters on a knife edge in the seventh and decisive set. Douglas, making his fourth visit to the table, edged home 19 in the first game, against Kalinic, only for the Yugoslav No. 2 to fingertip his way to a 22-20 game equaliser. But it was Douglas all the way in the decider and great was the rejoicing in the visitors' camp and subsequently echoed back home.

#### SCORES

D. Surbek bt D. Douglas 13, 15;  
Z. Kalinic lost to J. Hilton 18, -22, 15;  
G. Perkucin bt K. Witt 16, 14;  
Kalinic/Surbek lost to P. Day/Douglas -16, -9;  
Surbek/Perkucin lost to Douglas/Witt -19, 19, -13;  
Surbek bt Hilton 10, 16;  
Kalinic lost to Douglas -19, 20, -12.

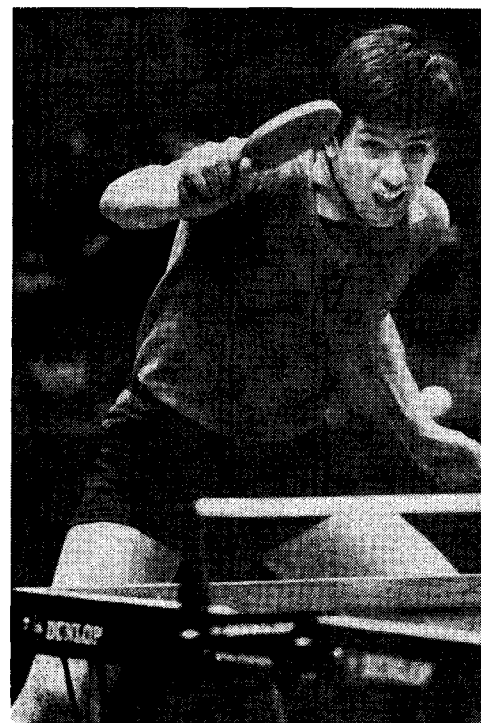
Meantime on the same evening in the Lisebergshallen, Gothenburg, Sweden were keeping their unbeaten record intact whilst inflicting the first defeat of the season on Czechoslovakia whose Josef Dvoracek accounted for both Ulf Carlsson and Ulf Thorsell and Jindrich Pansky continued his winning ways in the mixed doubles with Marie Hrachova.

But it wasn't enough as Orlovski crashed in both his singles, Miss Hrachova was beaten by Marie Lindblad and Carlsson/Thorsell got home 22-20 in the third game of a titanic set against Dvoracek and Pansky.

#### SCORES

U. Thorsell lost to J. Dvoracek 12, -14, -13;  
U. Carlsson bt M. Orlovski 14, -15, 19;  
M. Lindblad bt M. Hrachova -13, 21, 12;

Carlsson/Thorsell bt Dvoracek/Pansky 19, -19, 20;  
Thorsell/Lindblad lost to Pansky/Hrachova -20, -15;  
Thorsell bt Orlovski 16, -14, 10;  
Carlsson lost to Dvoracek -17, -18.



Josef Dvoracek who, in Gothenburg, had wins over Sweden's two Ulf's Thorsell and Carlsson.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

Hungary, still with a match in hand, against the Soviet Union, followed up their initial 5-2 win over Yugoslavia with a 6-1 slaying of Federal Germany in Peis the only set escaping them being the last when Gabor Gergely lost to Ralf Wosik. Lambert and Butler champion Tibor Klampar had 2-straight successes against both Wosik and Peter Stellwag and figured also in a men's doubles win with Zsolt Kriston.

#### SCORES

T. Klampar bt R. Wosik 19, 16;  
G. Gergely bt P. Stellwag -9, 14, 13;  
B. Kishazi bt K. Kruger -18, 10, 15;  
Klampar/Z. Kriston bt H. J. Noltzen/Wosik 18, 16;  
Kriston/E. Urban bt Wosik/Kruger 10, 12;  
Klampar bt Stellwag 14, 18;  
Gergely lost to Wosik -19, 21, -17.

France, away to the Soviet Union, captured their first point with a 6-1 win, the only home success coming, predictably, from their European champion, Valentina Popova who beat Claude Bergeret. Otherwise it was Jacques Secretin and Patrick Birocheau who held all the aces.

## IT ALL ADDS UP

Having won their first three matches in the Super Division of the European League, with every possibility of making it four against the Soviet Union at Basingstoke on Dec. 10, England's current standing is remarkably good.

Indeed since the success of John Hilton in the European Championships at Berne we now have, with Desmond Douglas, a male twosome commanding the utmost respect. And if Jill Hammersley is to waive her decision to retire and return to the competitive field then Peter Simpson will have a force to be reckoned with.

Come January 15 and all roads should then lead to Belper where England take on Czechoslovakia who, in the men's team event in Berne, had a treble winner in Jindrich Pansky in their 5-4 victory and he, to date, has not figured in singles play in the European League!

But the young Czech, twice paired with Milan Orlovski and once with Josef Dvoracek, has managed two wins out of three and, with Marie Hrachova in the mixed, has claimed three out of three. Both Douglas and Hilton had wins over Orlovski and Dvoracek in the Berne encounter, how then will the Czechs deploy their forces in Belper?

Undoubtedly an intriguing match is in prospect but still one that England can win. Subsequently the road rises ever steeper with unbeaten Sweden, away on Feb. 11, and defending champions Hungary — also unbeaten to date — due to visit Ipswich on March 12. It all adds up to what could be a Happy New Year.

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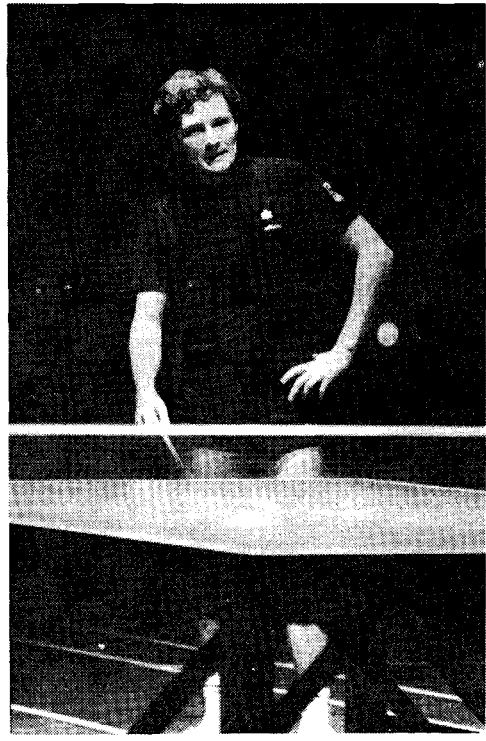
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**SCORES**  
 V. Shevchenko lost to J. Secretin -8, -8;  
 A. Strokotov lost to P. Birocheau -10, -17;  
 V. Popova bt C. Bergeret 11, 18;  
 M. Kreeris/Strokotov lost to Birocheau/  
 Secretin -7, -14;  
 Shevchenko/Popova lost to Secretin/  
 Bergeret -18, 15, 20;  
 Shevchenko lost to Birocheau -14, 2, 11.  
 Strokotov lost to Secretin -18, -15.



**A perplexed Peter Stellwag, twice a loser against Hungary in Peis.**  
 Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London.

**SUPER DIVISION**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Sweden .....	3	3	0	14	7	3
England .....	3	3	0	13	8	3
Hungary .....	2	2	0	11	3	2
Czechoslovakia .....	3	2	1	15	6	2
France .....	3	1	2	10	11	1
Yugoslavia .....	3	0	3	7	14	0
USSR .....	2	0	2	2	12	0
Federal Germany .....	3	0	3	5	16	0

In **Division 1**, demotees from the Super Division, Poland, would appear to be all set for a quick return with three wins in a row. Their latest was by a 6-1 margin over previously unbeaten Bulgaria in Warsaw where only the mixed doubles was shed by Stefan Dryszel and Malgorzata Urbanska beaten by Ivan Stoinov and Daniela Guergueltcheva.

**SCORES**  
 L. Kucharski bt I. Stoinov 10, 11;  
 A. Grubba bt D. Hassanov 9, 17;  
 W. Sikora bt D. Guergueltcheva 20, -16, 10;  
 Grubba/Kucharski bt Hassanov/M. Loukov -22, 12, 10;  
 S. Dryszel/M. Urbanska lost to Stoinov/  
 Guergueltcheva 18, -17, -19;  
 Kucharski bt Hassanov 15, 13;  
 Grubba bt Stoinov 17, 10.

Finland maintained their challenge with a 6-1 home win over Austria in Helsinki. Eric Amplatz saving the 'whitewash' in beating Jukka Ikonen in the penultimate set.

**SCORES**  
 J. Ikonen bt G. Bar 19, 16;  
 J. Jokinen bt E. Amplatz -15, 17, 13;  
 S. Grefberg bt D. Fetter 18, -13, 20;  
 Ikonen/Jokinen bt Amplatz/G. Muller 20, -20, 16;  
 Jokinen/Grefberg bt Muller/Fetter -18, 17, 13;

Ikonen lost to Amplatz -12, -19;  
 Jokinen bt Bar 6, -17, 16.  
 Italy obtained their first win of the season at home to Luxembourg succeeding 5-2 with the women's singles and mixed doubles going to the visitors, Carine Risch beating Flavia Strino, and Andre Hartmann and Miss Risch beating Giovanni Bisi and Miss Strino.

**SCORES**  
 M. Costantini bt Y. Maas 12, 14;  
 G. Bisi bt A. Hartmann -11, 16, 12;  
 F. Strino lost to C. Risch -15, -18;  
 Bisi/Constantini bt Hartmann/Maas -13, 22, 20;  
 Bisi/Strino lost to Hartmann/Risch -11, -17;  
 Constantini bt Hartmann 22, 20;  
 Bisi bt Maas -13, 17, 15.

At home to Greece, the Netherlands also achieved their first success with a like 5-2 win the scores, not yet, having been released.

**DIVISION 1**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Poland .....	3	3	0	17	4	3
Finland .....	3	2	1	14	7	2
Bulgaria .....	3	2	1	12	9	2
Austria .....	3	2	1	10	11	2
Netherlands .....	3	1	2	9	12	1
Italy .....	3	1	2	8	13	1
Greece .....	3	1	2	8	13	1
Luxembourg .....	3	0	3	6	15	0

Following the withdrawal of Rumania, **Division 2** has been further decimated by the termination of activities by Turkey due to political activities within that troubled land.

Denmark look to be the favourites for promotion bringing off their second successive 7-0 win, this latest over Ireland in Antrim as reported elsewhere by Willie Walsh in his Irish Notes.

In the other match played on Nov. 13, Switzerland had a rare old set-to with Belgium in Kloten, Zurich winning 4-3, the result hinging on the final set when Martin Hafen beat Didier Leroy.

**SCORES**  
 T. Busin bt D. Leroy 10, 11;  
 M. Hafen lost to T. Cabrera 14, -20, -16;  
 R. Wyder lost to B. Lippens -20, -19;



**Sweden's Ulf Carlsson, conqueror of Milan Orlovski in Gothenburg.**  
 Photo by Brian Webster, Arbroath, Scotland.

J. Barcikowski/Busin bt Cabrera/Leroy 17, 10;  
 Hafen/R. Weibel lost to Leroy/Lippens -11, -17;  
 Busin bt Cabrera 12, 11;  
 Hafen bt Leroy 15, 19.  
 Spain, at home to Switzerland in Barcelona on Oct. 23, triumphed 6-1 the visitors' blushes being spared by Hafen who brought off a sixth set win over Jose M. Pales.

**SCORES**  
 J.M. Pales bt M. Hafen 6, 16;  
 I. Caymel bt T. Busin -18, 11, 21;  
 P. Lupon bt R. Wyder 18, 17;  
 Calvo/Caymel bt Busin/Hafen 17, 16;  
 J. Lupon/P. Lupon bt Hafen/F. Weibel 12, -20, 16;  
 Pales lost to Busin -20, -15;  
 Caymel bt Hafen 15, 17.

**DIVISION 2**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Denmark .....	2	2	0	14	0	2
Switzerland .....	3	2	1	9	12	2
Spain .....	1	1	0	6	1	1
Norway .....	2	1	1	8	6	1
Ireland .....	1	0	1	0	7	0
Belgium .....	3	0	3	5	16	0

The records of Rumania and Turkey have been expunged.

**Fixtures for Dec. 11/80**  
**Super Division**  
 Sweden v Hungary  
 France v Federal Germany  
 England v USSR  
 Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia

**Division 1**  
 Austria v Netherlands  
 Greece v Poland  
 Bulgaria v Italy  
 Finland v Luxembourg

**Division 2**  
 Denmark v Norway  
 Spain v Ireland

**NETHERLANDS OPEN**  
**ALL-CZECH FINAL AT THE HAGUE**

As briefly reported in the November issue Czechoslovakia's Josef Dvoracek was the winner of the men's singles event in the Netherlands Open played at the Hague over the period Oct. 17/19 his final victim being his compatriot Milan Orlovski.

Dvoracek, in both the quarters and semis, had eliminated Swedish players Ulf Carlsson and Mikael Appelgren whilst Orlovski had put the skids under the Federal German Jurgen Rebel and Hungary's Istvan Jonyer.

Popular winner of the women's singles was Bettine Vriesekoop, the ever-improving Dutch girl whose final victim was Yang Ying of China now playing in the Federal German Bundesliga. In the semis Miss Vriesekoop disposed of Edit Urban of Hungary whilst Yang Ying had a semi-final win over Monica Stork of Federal Germany.

Czechoslovakia, represented by Dvoracek, Orlovski and Jindrich Pansky won the men's team title beating Jonyer and Zsolt Kriston of Hungary 3-0 whilst Hungary came into their own in the women's team event beating Netherlands "A" 3-1 with Miss Vriesekoop losing to Miss Urban in the fourth set.

**RESULTS**  
**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 J. Dvoracek (CZE) bt U. Carlsson (SWE) 15, 16, 8;  
 M. Appelgren (SWE) bt J. Pansky (CZE) 14, -12, 16, -19, 16;  
 I. Jonyer (HUN) bt L. Kucharski (POL) -18, 15, -14, 8, 21;  
 M. Orlovski (CZE) bt J. Rebel (GFR) 14, 17, 11.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Dvoracek bt Appelgren -14, 17, 10, -16, 15;  
 Orlovski bt Jonyer -19, -18, 19, 13, 22.  
**Final:**  
 DVORACEK bt Orlovski -12, 17, -20, 8, 19.

**Women's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 B. Vriesekoop (NET) bt W. Sikora (POL) 11, 14, 11.  
 E. Urban (HUN) bt B. Lippens (BEL) 7, 8, 11;  
 M. Stork (GFR) bt M. Urbanska (POL) -17, 20, -19, 10, 12;  
 Yang Ying (CHN) bt S. de Kruiff (NET) 13, -18, 7, -16, 10.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Vriesekoop bt Urban -15, 15, 16, 11;  
 Yang Ying bt Stork 11, 12, 8.

**Final:**  
 VRIESEKOOP bt Yang Ying 13, 20, -14, 13.

**Men's Doubles semi-finals:**  
 Dvoracek/Pansky bt H. Gootzen/A. Vlieg (NET) 21, 13, 11;  
 Appelgren/Carlsson bt Jonyer/Orlowski 17, 11, -18, -17, 13.

**Final:**  
 APPELGREN/CARLSSON b Dvoracek/Pansky 15, 12, -19, 17.

**Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 Sikora/Urbanska bt B. Kooter/M. v.d. Vliet (NET) -15, 18, -19, 12, 19;  
 S. de Kruiff/Yang Ying bt A. Olschewski/S. Wenzel (GFR) 19, -17, 14, 21.

**Final:**  
 SIKORA/URBANSKA bt de Kruiff/Yang Ying 21, -17, 20, 18.

**Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 A. Grubba (POL)/Vriesekoop bt Kriston/I. Balogh (HUN) 12, 14, 15;  
 B. Frank (HUN)/Urban bt R. Hijne (NET)/Yang Ying 15, -19, 15, -18, 14.

**Final:**  
 GRUBBA/VRIESEKOOP bt Frank/Urban -15, 10, 17, 19.

## THE FRENCH CONNECTION

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### CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE PAR EQUIPES

By reason of a better set analysis A.S. Messine Paris lead U.S. Kremlin Bicetre by 43-17 to 35-25, both teams having a maximum 9 pts. from three engagements in the Men's 1st Division. But, out on their own, with a maximum 9 pts. in the women's first division, are A.L. Bruz with ASCF Lormont, ASPTT Lyon and ASPTT Paris all claiming 7 pts.

In the second round of the Championnats de France Individuels, Patrick Renverse (AS Messine) finished top with 8 wins to 1 loss (to Jacques Secretin), equalled by Patrick

Birocheau (AS Messine) who was beaten by his club-mate 18, -19, 17, 11.

Secretin (Kremlin Bicetre) finished third suffering defeats by Birocheau (-22, 18, -17, 18, -17) and by Bruno Parietti (E.M. Vesoul) -16, -20, -19).

Nadine Daviaud (A.L. Bruz) finished top in the women's section winning 8 and losing one, to Claude Bergeret -15, -18, -16, the latter losing to Beatrice Abrall and Corinne Germain.

### RESULTS

Men	W	L
Patrick Renverse (AC Messine)	8	1
Patrick Birocheau (AC Messine)	8	1
Jacques Secretin (Kremlin Bicetre)	7	2
Bruno Parietti (EM Vesoul)	6	3
Christian Martin (ASPTT Paris)	4	5
Patrick Gernot (SSSS Tours)	4	5
Franck Vinitzki (Kremlin Bicetre)	4	5

### Relegated to Division 2

Michel Hoffstetter (Nancy)	2	7
Jean-Denis Constant (Nancy)	1	8
Daniel Pilaud (La Tronche)	1	8

### Promoted to Division 1

Rene Hatem (Kremlin Bicetre)	
Alain Cruchaudet (ES Levallois)	
Bernard Leleu (St. Maur)	

### Women

Nadine Daviaud (Bruz)	8	1
Claude Bergeret (Ancey)	7	2
Brigitte Thiriet (ASPTT Paris)	7	2
Beatrice Abgrall (Bruz)	7	2
Patricia Germain (St. Jean)	4	5
Corinne Germain (St. Jean)	4	5
Sophie Javerlhac (St. Maur)	3	6

### Relegated to Division 2

Muriel Monteux (Lyon)	3	6
Corinne Delhay (Noeux-les-mines)	1	8
Isabelle Aoustin (St. Malo)	1	8

### Promoted to Division 1

Yveline Lecler (Kremlin Bicetre)	
Michele Gourmelon (St. Maur)	
Claire Boudry (Lyon)	

## EUROPEAN LEAGUE

### LATE SCORES

Individual scores in the match between the Netherlands and Greece, played in the Sporthal Wielwijk, Dordrecht on Nov. 13 were:

R. Hojne bt D. Zikos 16, -18, 16;

P. Swier lost to C. Priftis -19, -19;  
 S. de Kriff bt F. Galanou 16, 12;  
 Hijne/J. van Spanje lost to Priftis/Zikos -14, 18, -10;  
 v. Spanje/de Kruiff bt Zikos/Galanou 13, -18, 16;  
 Hijne bt Priftis 22, 11;  
 Swier bt Zikos 17, 16.  
 Result: Netherlands 5 Greece 2

### LONE RANGER

Wins over Jaap van Spanje of the Netherlands (14, 15, 16) and Franz Klaus of Austria (9, 11, -27, 19) carried England's Bob Potton, a lone entrant in the Netherlands Open, to the third round of the men's singles at which stage he was beaten by Sweden's Ulf Carlsson (14, 15, 17).

### EUROPEAN CLUB CUP

Ellenborough TTC, England's representatives in the women's section of the Europe Club Cup of Champions, were defeated 5-1 by Tolnia v Lobogo of Hungary on Nov. 15.

**Other results:**  
 Statisztika Budapest 5 Atus Judenburg 1  
 OS Belenses Lissabon 0

STK Mladost Zagreb 5  
 Start Prague 5 Scylla Leiden 3  
 Amicale Laoque Bruz 5 CS Arad 3  
 Varbergs BTK 5 Capip Dommeldange 0  
 Zero Copenhagen 4 TSV Kronshagen 5  
 Palette Stave 5 Pochtenetz Sofia 3

### Men: Round 2

Vasutas Budapest 5  
 Tempo Team Amsterdam 1  
 Falkenbergs BTK w.o. Agri-Gom Parma  
 GSTK Vjesnik Zagreb 5 Stockerau TTC 0  
 Akademic Swichow Sofia 0 AZS Gdansk 5  
 SSV Heintelmann Reutlingen 5  
 Palette Ham 0  
 Banik Ostrava w.o.  
 Bronshoy TTC Copenhagen  
 Kremlin Bicetre Paris 4  
 Sealink Milton Keynes 5  
 SK Heros Bergen 0 BP Spartacus Budapest 5

## SELECTIONS

The National Selection Committee have chosen the following team to represent England in the European League Super Division match against USSR at Basingstoke Sports Centre on Wednesday, Dec. 10 (7.15 p.m.): Desmond Douglas, John Hilton, Paul Day, Jill Hammersley, Karen Witt and Linda Jarvis.

The Soviet Union have announced their team to travel and, surprisingly, the 1975 Norwich Union International champion, Anatoly Strokotov, has not been chosen despite his return to International table tennis after a 2 year ban. However, the European champion Valentina Popova, seems certain to play. Team: Valery Shevchenko, Igor Pogonov, Valentina Popova and Nadine Antonian. Stanislav Gomoskov is the NPC.

## FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL

Subsequent to the European League match at Basingstoke, England and the Soviet Union will contest a friendly international at Braintree, Essex on the following night: December 11. The team chosen to represent England on this occasion is: Paul Day (Ca), Graham Sandley (M1), Dougie Johnson (Wa), Linda Jarvis (Sy) and Alison Gordon (Bk).

## SCHOOLS' NEWS

ESTTA General Secretary Mike Vickers' new telephone number is: Bishop Auckland (STD Code 0388) 833871.

The venue for the Stiga Schools' Individual Championships due to be staged on Saturday, May 2, 1981, has been changed from Gloucester Leisure Centre to Mansfield Sports Centre.

It is hoped to hold the Stiga Schools' International Championships at Gloucester on July 3/4/5, 1981 instead of Bradford.

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Qi Baoxiang (CHN) bt I. Uhlikova (CZE)  
14, -18, 16, 4.

**Semi-finals:**

Shen Jianping bt Geng Lijuan  
-15, -18, 15, 22, 23;

Qi Baoxiang bt Pak Yung Sun  
-15, 14, 16, -17, 17.

**Final:**

SHEN JIANPING bt Qi Baoxiang  
-17, -17, 16, 12, 14.

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

Stipancic/Surbek bt G. Bisi/M. Costantini  
(ITA) 11, 19;

Wang Huiyuan (CHN)/Xie Saike bt B.  
Burnazian/M. Ovcharov (USS) 14, 18;

Lu Yaohua/Shi Zihao bt J. Dvoracek (CZE)/  
Pansky 11, 11;

I. Jonyer (HUN)/Klampar bt W. Lieck/P.  
Stellwag (GFR) 19, 15.

**Semi-finals:**

Stipancic/Surbek bt Wang Huiyuan/Xie  
Saike -18, 19, 13;

Jonyer/Klampar bt Lu Yaohua/Shi Zihao  
14, -19, 16.

**Final:**

JONYER/KLAMPAR bt Stipancic/Surbek  
18, 16.

**Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:**

I. Balogh/I. Bolvari (HUN) bt E. Palatinus/  
G. Perkucin (YUG) 19, 8;

Geng Lijuan/Qi Baoxiang bt M. Alexandru/  
L. Macean (RUM) 6, 9;

N. Antonian (USS)/Popova bt B. Batinic/  
D. Fabri (YUG) 12, -21, 12;

Jang Jon Ok/Li Song Suk (KDR) bt  
M. Hrachova (CZE)/Uhlikova -10, 7, 13.

**Semi-finals:**

Geng Lijuan/Qi Baoxiang bt Balogh/Bolvari  
17, 16;

Antonian/Popova bt Jang Jon Ok/Li Song  
Suk -10, 12, 16.

**Final:**

ANTONIAN/POPOVA bt Geng Lijuan/Qi  
Baoxiang 15, -14, 19.

**Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:**

Wang Huiyuan/Geng Lijuan bt Appelgren/  
E Stromvall (SWE) 9, 17;

Xie Saike/Shen Jianping bt Z. Kalinic  
(YUG)/Perkucin -19, 12, 10;

Grubba/Vriesekoop bt Takenouchi/Tamura  
(JAP) 18 -15, 16;

Shi Zihao/Qi Baoxiang bt Surbek/Batinic  
-19, 16, 15.

**Semi-finals:**

Wang Huiyuan/Geng Lijuan bt Xie Saike/  
Shen Jianping 14, 20;

Grubba/Vriesekoop bt Shi Zihao/Qi  
Baoxiang -14, 19, 9.

**Final:**

WANG HUIYUAN/GENG LIJUAN bt  
Grubba/Vriesekoop 16, 16.

**TEAM EVENTS**

**Men**

**Semi-finals:**

**China II 3 Japan I 0**

Shi Zihao bt Takenouchi 8, 15;

Lu Yaohua bt Goto 20, -18, 13;

Lu/Shi bt Goto/Takenouchi 14, -20, 16.

**China I 3 Czechoslovakia I 1**

Xie Saike bt J. Dvoracek 12, -13, 13;

Wang Huiyuan bt M. Orlovski 15, 16;

Wang/Xie lost to Dvoracek/Orlovski  
-12, -18;

Xie Saike bt Orlovski -14, 18, 11.

**Final:**

**CHINA II 3 China I 0**

Shi Zihao bt Xie Saike 14, -15, 13;

Lu Yaohua bt Wang Huiyuan -14, 14, 15;

Lu/Shi bt Wang/Xie.

**Women**

**Semi-finals:**

**China 3 USSR 1**

Qi Baoxiang bt N. Antonian 12, 10;

Geng Lijuan lost to V. Popova -16, -21;

Geng/Qi bt Antonian/Popova 20, 18;

Qi Baoxiang bt Popova 16, 13.

**Korea DPR 3 Japan 1**

Pak Yung Sun bt Tamura -16, 9, 14;

Li Song Suk lost to Wada -16, -9;

Jang Jon Ok/Li Song Suk bt Tamura/Wada  
18, 16;

Pak Yung Sun bt Wada 13, 21.

**Final:**

**CHINA 3 Korea DPR 0**

Qi Baoxiang bt Li Song Suk 11, 13;

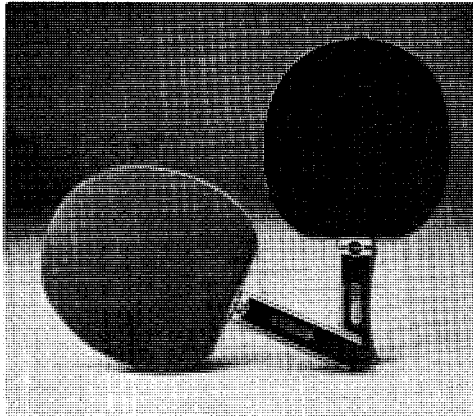
Geng Lijuan bt Pak Yung Sun 21, 19;

Geng/Qi bt Jang Jon Ok/Li Song Suk 19, 10.

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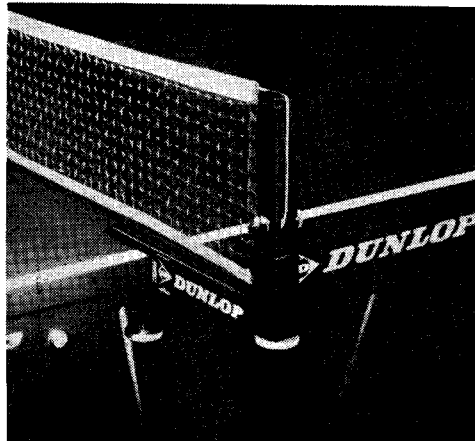
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**PARTNER WANTED**

As an interested observer I can see one major problem in the development of young talent in table tennis, and that is the difficulty of finding partners of a similar standard with whom to practice — the practice that is essential if we are going to have future champions in this country.

Might I suggest that your magazine includes a column in which players seeking partners can state their age, standard and locality so that others in a similar position

can contact them? And may I begin it by asking for replies to a request for partners for a keen 17-year-old who has been playing in tournaments for the past two years. Locality: West or South West London.

I think that a column such as I have suggested would be a very great contribution to the future of table tennis.

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**ANSWER IS YES**

With reference to the letter from Mr. Finney in the November issue of TT News, I can answer 'Yes', organised Table Tennis has been played with Lawn Tennis scoring.

I encountered this while on a hockey tour 'down under' in 1937, the year before I was lucky enough to be selected for the Coroillon Cup team and was therefore immensely keen on 'our' game also.

The ETTA having provided me with the means of contacting the Australian Assoc., I was able to make myself known to the local Assoc. while in Melbourne and enjoyed a few games with their members (nothing untoward in the scoring), sandwiched between other commitments. From my diary of the tour I note that it was on Thurs., 18th July, that we arrived in Sydney, when I immediately contacted the N.S. Wales officials and heard that the City Finals were being held that very evening at the Central Railway Institute. Much had to be fitted in that day, hockeywise, a reception at the Town Hall, tour of the City, a couple of visits to travel agents, reception at Government House, reception at Australia Hotel and back to dinner with our hosts! Consequently I did not reach the Institute until half-way through the proceedings, during the interval in fact, and was asked if I would play a short exhibition game against the lady who had just won the Singles. I readily agreed, and this game went on at the start of the second half. Imagine my astonishment when the umpire announced the score as 15-0, 15-all, etc. etc.! Upon explanation, it appeared that each State could choose its own method of scoring and that when the Australian Championships were held in N.S. Wales that was the scoring used. I think this State was the only one to apply the Lawn Tennis method, certainly Queensland and Victoria played to 21-up. In those days travel was by sea, and Australia and New Zealand had had very little contact with our part of the world table-tennis wise, but I believe it was the next year that they were visited by our dear Victor and I'm quite sure that from then on all conformed to the one system.

As regards Mr. Finney's remarks about the enjoyment for spectators. Although also being a Lawn Tennis player, I feel the scoring suggested by him could make the matches extremely long at times. Is it not, possibly, the modern type of play which has detracted from the above, not the scoring? Of course the top players provide some most exciting rallies, but, by and large, the hit and counter hit (with quite a lot of mistakes) of to-day is over so quickly one does not have time to get 'worked up' while watching as one did in the past when attack and long range defence plus a kill was in vogue. As a Veterans' Match Secretary, give me their game to watch any day — even if they do go to expedite sometimes. Cambridgeshire's well-known Mike Jackson would say "because they go to expedite!"

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### DEAD OR ALIVE

I would like to comment on your very interesting editorial (November Issue) headed as above. I agree almost entirely with Iris Moss but would go further. I think one must blame the incredible short sightedness of the Management Committee of the ETTA in launching the National League without giving proper consideration as to what its repercussions would be. Next I think that the Calendar Working Party ought to be dismissed en bloc or at least asked to explain their reasons for producing what, at first sight, appears to be a nonsensical arrangement i.e. of County Championship matches and National League matches all crammed into one weekend. The fact that they can despatch the important Essex Junior Select Tournament to the wilderness of May 16th, which is virtually out of the calendar, and replace it by a comparatively trivial School event, suggests that they really do not know what they are doing.

In view of the fact that the Association itself is responsible for the position we now are in I feel that they ought to do something to put matters right. As far as the Premier Division of the County Championships is concerned, by all means let this be played off on two weekends as suggested by Iris, but let those two weekends be properly organised by the fullscale organisation which the Association can put into the field. A first class venue should be obtained, the weekends should be fully and extensively advertised, and everything should be done to stage the matches before a big audience. This will obviously involve a great deal of work by local people but as the various National League clubs seem capable of doing this, I see no reason why the Association, with all its resources, cannot do likewise.

The above will of course be absolutely a dead duck unless the Selection Committee of the ETTA is prepared to change its policy of ignoring County Championship results for ranking purposes. I could not agree more with Iris Moss on this subject. The players themselves are bewildered that these matches are not taken into account and the sooner the ETTA changes its mind on this point then the sooner we can return

to the days when everybody wanted to represent their Counties.

I hope that nobody will get me wrong and think that I am just knocking the National League. That is not so. I think that the National League was a marvellous concept but I can see no reason why it should be allowed to kill the long established County Championships which have been so successful up to now. The whole basis of the table tennis set up in this country is that the game is organised by the Counties whose main object in life is to produce County Teams. If after all the junior development and coaching has been carried out over the years by the various Counties they find (as they are now doing) that the players so produced tell them that they do not want to play for them as they have other commitments to their Clubs in the National League, then I feel that the whole system is going to disintegrate.

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### NOT ENTHUSED

I enjoyed reading Donald Parker's "Poznan Analysis" (Oct. issue), especially the reference made to the general principles adopted in this Country relating to the grooming of our future "Cadets". Having read the article one can try and appreciate the enormous difficulties; but could they be overcome? Having, albeit briefly, been associated with National Coaches such as Peter Hirst and David Fairholm, I consider it disappointing that their expertise, motivation and discipline demands are not being enthused into the cream of the cadets in this country.

Is it not possible, for instance, for a National Coach to attend the National Area Regional Trials in order to carry out an assessment of the potentially talented players in each area so that they may receive special consideration.

For instance, why not set up 6 special cadet training/coaching sessions a year, on a weekend basis, at centres distributed throughout the Country, e.g. 2 London (Crystal Palace), 2 Midlands, 2 South West.

Having decided on the number of cadets to be selected to attend the course, (I would not think that there would be that many if high standards were set) the students would be expected to attend all sessions as these would take preference over any other event.

The cost of the course would have to be assessed and maybe the breakdown could be distributed as follows:-

- (a) Contribution by ETTA
- (b) Contribution by Parents
- (c) Contribution by County
- (d) Contribution by Representative Town

Bearing in mind that National Coaches would organise and take charge of these weekends, it would seem that the Country, County, Town, Parents and not least the students would receive very good value for money. Furthermore, if you consider the cost associated with players attending tournaments, the alternative long term approach would, I feel, be well supported by counties and parents.

Once the sessions were organised, would it not be possible for the National Coach to assess each player's capabilities, then issue each student with an individual card/book at the end of the first session indicating areas of work which he/she needs to work on before attending the next session. The work programme of each student to be monitored by the student's personal or County Coach who could ensure that the programme was maintained.

If for any reason the conditions laid down by National Coaches were not complied with, students would be told to leave the scheme. These courses could start at Cadet level with the intention of a continuing scheme being introduced for those who come through into junior level.

This may not be the ideal way of grooming cadets but to return to Donald Parker (who has in the article prompted me to reply) this may go some way to combine talent with appropriate dedication to enable some form of future planning to be undertaken so that the more talented player may begin to peak at the time when it is most important, i.e. Senior Play.

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### ABSURD SET-UP

A Football match lasts 90 minutes, a World Boxing Championship fight 45 minutes, a day at Wimbledon certainly not more than 7 hours, a Cricket Test 6 hours or just over 7 with lunch and tea breaks.

All the Sports mentioned, at the top level, play to very large crowds, our Sport to very small ones.

In the light of this evidence what makes our Sport think that it is so enthralling that a typical day at a tournament must go on for 12 or 14 hours? I really would like to know. Surely all tournaments should be graded and none should last more than 7 or 8 hours at which point an all-embracing fatigue gets hold of everyone in the arena followed by an obsessive desire to start the (often long) journey home.

The result is that Finals are played out before crowds of 20 or 30, mainly relatives, co-travellers, umpires, officials and Lloyd Lewis. All look pale and grey after 12 or 14 hours in the sweat-filled, draughty hall. There is no atmosphere. If there is a sponsor present, you may be sure that he will not come back again and support such an insignificant spectacle.

That is the picture with which we are presented tournament after tournament, 1-Star, 2-Star, 3-Star, all starting full of hope and vigour, degenerating into a ghostly marathon that kills all pleasure. That is how our Sport is played. If it was watched by thousands of enthralled spectators every week, I would accept that I am an eccentric minority. Unfortunately all the

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Has it not occurred to anybody how ridiculous it all is and that all our troubles at the elite level start with the absurd tournament set-up?

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## PRACTICE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONING ON THE DAY OF A MATCH

by Nobuhiko Hasegawa

1967 World Men's Singles Champion

Practice and physical conditioning on the day of a match, not to mention every day, are all-important in order to play in the best condition. If you should relax your efforts on the day, what you have done for the forthcoming tournament will come to nothing.

Surprisingly enough, the reality is that many are not in good trim for the match. Thinking of this, I would like to share with you what is important in practice and physical conditioning on the day of a match.

### Do rigorous whole body exercises

Essentially, you should get yourself in shape for a match by doing rigorous exercises which employ muscles and joints all over the body. This helps your internal organs get ready for hard movements during a rally. I myself used to do running and shadow play in the workout session.

Hiroshi Takahashi, a backhand technician who represented our national team in the Ljubljana Worlds in 1965 and took matches from the unbeatable chopper at that time, Chang Shih-lin, and the then defending world champion, Chang Tse-tung, in the team finals against China, continued a circuit training (which was composed of five exercises, knee bend and stretch, push-up, sit-up, and standing on tiptoes plus an agility exercise) during the Championships.

When Shigeo Ito was in the 1969 Munich Worlds in which he won the men's singles title, he did left-right and forward-backward footwork together with a successive smash in the morning training session.

Voluntarily toughen your training. By doing this, you can raise your fighting spirit and endurance to bring them together in practice and spend a fruitful day. Then, what comes next is physical conditioning. With these things, you are assured of playing a match at your own pace.

Before breakfast on a tournament day, I made it a rule to run for 15 to 20 minutes, do seven to eight 40-metre dashes, and practice rigorous shadow play for seven to eight minutes, including intermission. In the training session, my undershirt was wringing with sweat.

This training kept me fit mentally and technically as well as physically, making me play in top form from the first round. Besides, I could easily find what was wrong with my techniques and, as I played on, my condition became better and better. Owing to this, I finished a match in less time and had plenty of time to elaborate my strategy against my next opponent.

If you show reluctance in practice and training, you will not develop your fighting spirit and endurance. What is worse, you will make them ineffective. Take into consideration that daily training is a must to perform good warm-up exercises on the day of a match.

### Eat breakfast properly


Now, I will touch on breakfast on the day of a tournament.

Those who eat little can not play well because their stamina will not hold up after the first half of a game. On top of this, they slow down their footwork and skills without showing fight. To make matters worse, they get tired so easily that they can not depend upon sharp brain play and occasionally they are outplayed by their weaker opponents.

On the other hand, the case of those who eat a good breakfast is just the opposite of that of light eaters. They don't give up halfway through a match and they have a better chance of winning.

Generally speaking, those who have a silly prejudice against certain kinds of food are of nervous temperament and are apt to respond negatively when it comes to a show-down. Obviously, this offers a psychological advantage to the foe.

Incidentally, when I was an active player, I used to eat two to three bowls of cooked rice and clean my plate at breakfast. I sometimes ate my friends' left-overs and they called me a "human vacuum cleaner". So I had more energy than others, thus



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As you know, we say "A soldier can not march on an empty stomach". Let's eat a good breakfast, unless the game will start soon after the breakfast hour. In that case, eat a little to keep you moving quickly.

#### Practice based on an actual game

The content of practice at the tournament site changes depending upon what you have done before going there. Specifically, if you finished footwork, service, and receive practice, just hit a ball lightly along with service and receive to get used to the bounce of the playing table.

That is one case and another case is: when you did not practice, except for training centering on running and shadow play. In this case, by using the ball flight course which is usually cross court, practice left-right and forward-backward movements in addition to attack from service or receive.

And a third case is: when you could not afford to do either of the two methods. It is advisable to practice shadow play and run lightly after the second method.

A high school player should do warm-up exercises until his feet begin to feel heavy. Adults, say, those over 27, or housewives, should be careful not to work too hard and stop while they still feel rather light on their feet.

#### Footwork practice is most important

You can not play your best without good footwork practice prior to a match.

One or two years before my retirement at about 27, I sometimes avoided a lot of footwork practice due to negligence. This made me a miserable loser without exception.

Conversely, when I had engaged in good footwork practice or when I thought it was necessary to win, and encouraged myself to do it no matter what, I was never defeated. In other words, the more I practiced footwork, the better I played.

#### Hit every ball as carefully as in a real game

Thinking little of practice, some players hit a smash or a drive ball roughly. As a result of this, they are apt to be out of tune when they are playing a match. It is no exaggeration to say they are the last to win, being troubled, especially when they are in a crisis, by the bad form developed in the workout session.

Your practice as well as your mental attitude before a match is closely connected with how you will play in it. Try to hit every stroke with a good form as if you were in an actual game. Ideally, like top-notch players, pay special attention to each ball you hit and practice until a good form becomes second nature.

In this way, you can avoid easily-made mistakes and rely on accurate movements and a swing at a decisive point in a match. Consequently, this makes you strong in a contest.

To a high school paddler it may seem difficult to hit every ball with his best form and to acquire a good form while playing in a match. When he uses a wrong form, he should imagine the best form on the spot so as to translate it into practice.

Always be on the alert during a rally. The importance of this is reflected in the fact that a first class player makes few mistakes in attacking after the first half of a game, thus leading his opponent at a stretch.

#### Good physical conditioning

Following are some points you should be careful about with regard to good physical conditioning: Don't drink too much water and soda. Take proper meals in line with your playing schedule. Don't walk around in the arena during intermission. Change your playing shirt when you sweat and keep yourself warm.

As for drinks, you should take something good for your health, for example, milk, vegetable juice, and hot green tea. I heard Noriko Yamanaka, a World Women's Team Champion in 1967, brought in some sliced lemons mixed with sugar for vitamins.

I would like to tell you about my physical conditioning in the All-Japan Nationals. The Championships are usually held in cold December. I had to play matches one after

the other, particularly on the last day.

So my elder brother offered me his car and I took a rest there. It was really convenient. His car was in a parking lot by the gymnasium and I had everything I needed there, extra playing shirts, some food, and drinks such as hot tea and honeyed vegetable juice.

Every time I finished playing a match, I went back to his car and, while relaxing, I thought of a strategy against the next contestant. This was the way I concentrated on the game.

Twenty minutes before a match started, I set out with warm-up exercises such as a dash and shadow play. Thus, being fit both mentally and physically, I went to my court.

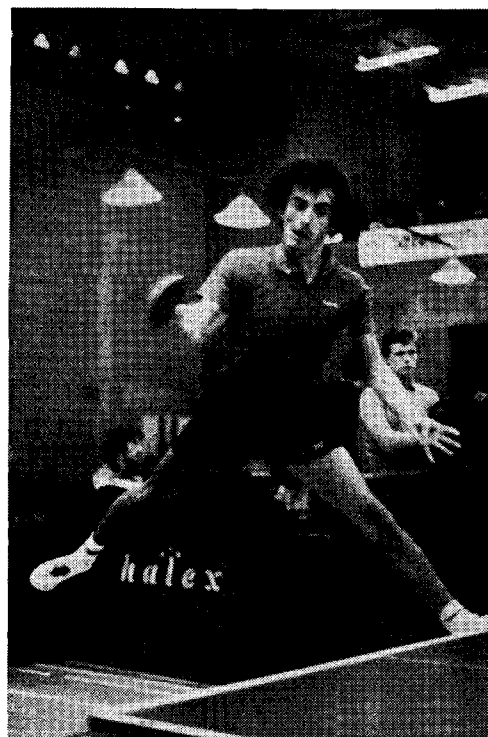
A commentator of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation came up to me when I was watching the All-Japan Nationals the year after my retirement and said to me, "In the tournament arena, I had more difficulty finding you than all the other participants in the Championships I have worked for". He was right as I almost always left the arena to rest in my brother's car or in a quiet place away from many people.

Importantly, be extremely strict with yourself and find your own best way to physically condition yourself.

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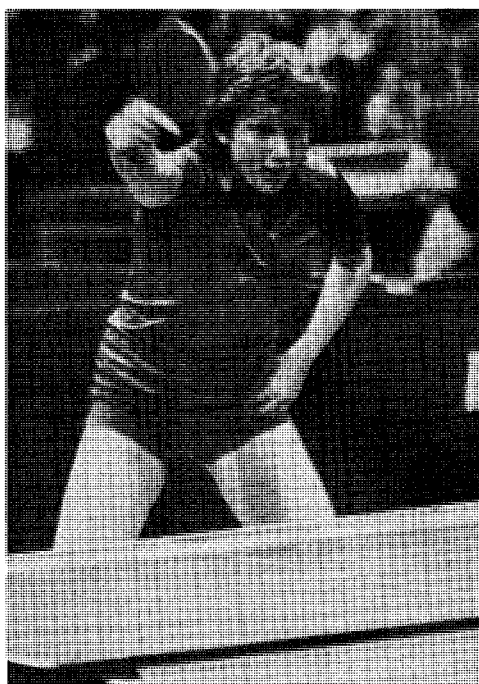
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away match against Kremlin Bicetre in Paris, was the men's singles winner in the Halex Sport-sponsored Midland Counties 3-Star Open at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall over the weekend of Nov. 15/16.

But in a repeat final of that which took place at Ferens Recreation Centre, Hull, **Alison Gordon** avenged her defeat by Linda Jarvis to enhance her prospects of elevation from her current No. 8 position in the national rankings as indeed is the case with Mrs. Jarvis situated just one place lower.

As at Hull, Donald Parker requested a partner in the men's doubles and could not have been disappointed to be paired with Potton, nor indeed with Bob Tuckett at the Humberside. Final success evaded the Essex/Lancs combine at Walsall with the title going to **Nigel Eckersley** and **Kevin Beadsley** who had previously distinguished themselves with a semi-final success of some note over Maxwell Crimmins, the defeated men's singles finalist, and Kenny Jackson.

Miss Gordon paired with **Anita Stevenson**, took her second title in the counterpart women's event, the junior singles titles being won by Gary Lambert and Joy Grundy, the latter claiming her fifth girls' singles title of the season!



**ALISON GORDON**

Peter D'Arcy failed to follow up his Humberside success in the veterans' singles being beaten in the semis by Gordon Chapman who, in a three game final, lost to **Stan Battwick**. **Philip Bradbury** emerged as the winner of the Class 2 Restricted Singles beating Malcolm Francis in the final having been at pains, initially, to dispose of Billy Gleave, in the semis.

Potton was made to fight for his win in the men's singles final against a determined Crimmins who held a commanding lead in the second game and is not inclined to give anything away. Points against him have to be earned the hard way but Potton was equal to the task he set himself in that second game.

Prior to the Essex man had beaten, all in straight games, the young Lancastrian Paul Rainford (12, 16), Andrew Bellingham of Staffs (14, 17) and Colin Wilson of Middlesex (11, 13) up to the quarters. And the same treatment was then meted out to Bradbury and Tuckett, the latter in the semis.

Crimmins too sliced through the opposition provided by Paul Whiting (11, 21),

Derek Munt (8, 9) and David Barr (16, 15) but it took the Surrey man three games to dispose of Douggie Johnson and, in the semis, Paul Day.

Parker, seeded No. 2, was eliminated by Mark Mitchell, a player he had beaten in the previous weekend's county match, but the Middlesex player had no further success although putting up a great fight against the Aussie, Tuckett.

Of the other seeds Graham Sandley succumbed to Eckersley, Jackson to Tuckett and Nicky Jarvis, happily recovering from illness, was a non-starter.

Anita Stevenson, top seed in the women's singles, was eliminated in the quarters by Alison Gordon and, likewise in the bottom half of the draw, the No. 2 seed, Karen Witt, was despatched by Mrs. Jarvis.

But the main shock was provided by

Mandy Smith who removed the No. 3 seed Melody Hill who had been taken to three by Jill Harris.

In the absence of Carl Prean in the boys' singles Gary Lambert came through in the bottom half of the draw to oppose Bradbury, the top seed, in the final which the Devon lad took in straight games. Cheshire's Billy Gleave, regarded as a dark horse in the unseeded ranks, was beaten in the second round by Jeremy Duffield who, in turn, fell to Lambert.

Helen Williams, top seed in the girls' singles, had just one visit to the table in this event, and was seen off in no mean fashion by her Middlesex colleague Sarah Sandley 19 and 7! Despite advancing further the Nos. 3 and 4 seeds, Jean Parker and Gina Pritchard both went out in the quarters, the former to Jackie Bellinger and



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the latter to Lisa Bellinger for a remarkable Bedfordshire double act.

There was an enormous entry for the Restricted singles which protracted the two days' play into a late final session, but, no doubt about it, this is a popular event being totally needed.

Doug Young did his usual efficient job as Referee, backed up by the ever faithfuls on control, whilst hovering in the background was the unassuming maestro Maurice Goldstein, the jack of all trades and master of all he surveys with the possible exception of his lighter which must spin out his pouch of tobacco!

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Day (Ca) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 19, -17, 13;  
M. Crimmins (Sy) bt D. Johnson (Wa)

10, -21, 11;  
R. Potton (E) bt P. Bradbury (Bu) 15, 13;  
R. Potton (E) bt B. Bradbury (Bu) 15, 13;  
R. Tuckett (Aus) bt M. Mitchell (Mi)

19, -17, 18.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Crimmins bt Day 8, -14, 13;  
Potton bt Tuckett 18, 16.

**Final:**  
POTTON bt Crimmins 18, 22.

**Women's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
A. Gordon (Bk) bt A. Stevenson (Le)

18, -11, 18;  
M. Smith (Bk) bt M. Hill (Y) 20, 17;  
A. Mitchell (Mi) bt K. Smith (Le) 11, 17;  
L. Jarvis (Sy) bt K. Witt (Bk) 15, 15;

**Semi-finals:**  
Gordon bt Smith 19, 13;  
Jarvis bt Mitchell 16, 15.

**Final:**  
GORDON bt Jarvis 14, -15, 19.

**Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
D. Parker (La)/Potton bt Bradbury/A.

Wellman (Bk) 18, 19;  
K. Beadsley (Y)/Eckersley bt Crimmins/

K. Jackson (E) 13, 14.  
**Final:**  
BEADSLEY/ECKERSLEY bt Parker/Potton

14, -13, 16.  
**Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
S. Hunt (Li)/Smith bt J. Grundy/J. Parker

(La) 21, 11;  
Gordon/Stevenson bt Hill/S. Midgley (Y)

-17, 17, 17.  
**Final:**  
GORDON/STEVENSON bt Hunt/Smith

17, 12.  
**Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
Bradbury bt A. Golding (Gs) 10, 17;

P. Rainford (La) bt A. Dixon (St) 17, 16;  
G. Lambert (Dv) bt J. Duffield (Wo) 14, 15;

D. Rudge (Wa) bt P. Dawes (St) -14, 15, 18.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Bradbury bt Rainford 9, 12;

Lambert bt Rudge -19, 8, 15.  
**Final:**  
LAMBERT bt Bradbury 17, 14.

**Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
S. Sandley (Mi) bt S. Collier (Bk) 16, 13;

L. Bellinger (Bd) bt G. Pritchard (Dv)

20, -20, 17;  
J. Bellinger (Bd) bt Parker 20, -16, 15;

Grundy bt L. Harman (Do) 19, 15.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Sandley bt L. Bellinger 16, 8;

Grundy bt J. Bellinger 20, 15.  
**Final:**  
GRUNDY bt Sandley 19, 18.

**Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
D. Dodd/P. Namdjou (K) bt Bradbury/

Lambert -22, 19, 20;  
Dixon/Duffield bt Rainford/I. Smith (Sp)

10, 20.  
**Final:**  
DODD/NAMDJOU bt Dixon/Duffield

-9, 20, 16.  
**Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:**  
Bellinger/Bellinger bt Pritchard/H.

Williams (Mi) 14, 15;  
Grundy/Parker bt Collier/L. Goldsmith

(Mi) 11, 15.  
**Final:**  
GRUNDY/PARKER bt Bellinger/Bellinger

#### Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

S. Battrick (E) bt R. Smith (Av) 6, 6;  
G. Chapman (Sy) bt P. D'Arcy (Ch) 15, 14.

**Final:**  
BATTRICK bt Chapman -20, 19, 15.

**Restricted Singles Quarter-finals:**  
M. Harper (Ca) bt S. Moore (Sx) 17, -19, 16;  
M. Francis (Sx) bt P. Taylor (Ca) 15, 7;  
W. Gleave (Ch) bt B. Hayward (Wa) 16, 13;

Bradbury bt P. Whiting (Dv) 18, 12.  
**Semi-finals:**  
Francis bt Harper 19, 19;

Bradbury bt Gleave -19, 17, 9.  
**Final:**  
BRADBURY bt Francis -16, 15, 17.

### CHINA DOMINATES

Players from the People's Republic of China won both the Men's and Women's Team Titles in the 28th French Open Championships played at Evry over the period of December 4/7 1980.

World Cup winner Guo Yuehua won the Men's Singles beating his compatriot Huang Liang 10, 10 and 14 in the final. Cao Yanhua of China beat the former World Champion Pak Yung Sun, Korea DR 15, -14, 16, 19 in the final of the Women's Singles.

Full report will appear in the January issue of "Table Tennis News".

### SEALINK'S BIG DAY!

The biggest weekend of table tennis ever to be staged in Milton Keynes takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st December, 1980, at Stantonbury Leisure Centre when National Titleholders Sealink Milton Keynes take on the mighty Hungarians, Spartacus Budapest in the quarter-finals of Europe's "Champion of Champions" Cup and then meet arch rivals Soham the next day in a vital top of the table National League match.

Among the many table tennis players due to appear in Milton Keynes over the weekend of 20th and 21st December are World stars, Tibor Klampar, Istvan Jonyer, Zsolt Kriston, England Internationals Paul Day, Bob Potton, Doug Johnson and Kenny Jackson, Scottish No. 1 Richard Yule, and Australian No. 1 Bob Tuckett.

Further details of both matches can be obtained by ringing the Sealink Booking Office on 0908-74502.

### News from the Trade

#### JOHN SOUTER SIGNS WITH DUNLOP

John Souter, who is currently ranked No. 1 Junior tournament player, has signed a contract with Dunlop Sports Company to play the Dunlop Prexy rubber table tennis bat, and to wear Blue Flash shoes with items from the company's range of sports-wear.

John has represented England twelve times in junior internationals and has been a member of the senior team in the Scottish Open at Edinburgh. He has recorded wins over such players as John Hilton, Jill Hammersley, and Nicky Jarvis as well as receiving a gold medal in the European Youth Consolation Boys' Singles held in Poland earlier this year.

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

#### December 1980

- 10 England v USSR, European League, Basingstoke Sports Centre (7.15 p.m.).
- 11 England v USSR, Friendly International (Braintree).
- 13/14 ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS, Hinckley Leisure Centre, Coventry Road, Hinckley, Leics. From 9 a.m. each day. Cadet Finals, BD, GD and XD Finals on Saturday 8 p.m. BS, GS Finals 5.30 p.m. Sunday.
- 13 Cardiff Open (Sofia Gardens, Cardiff).
- 14 Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Bradford).
- 20 County Championships (4).
- 21 National League (7).
- 28 National League (8).

#### January 1981

- 3 County Championships (5).
- 4 National League (9).
- 15 England v Czechoslovakia, European League (Belper).
- 17/18 County of Cleveland 7th 3-Star Open and Butterfly Cleveland International Team Championship, Thornaby Pavilion, Town Centre, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. Team final Saturday 8 p.m. Individual Events 6 p.m. Sunday.
- 17 North Wales Junior Open (Deeside).
- 17/18 ESTTA Team Area Finals.
- 18 Scottish Closed (Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh).
- 20 England v Czechoslovakia, Friendly International (Coventry).
- 22/24 STIGA WELSH OPEN (Sophia Gardens, Cardiff).
- 24 Pontefract 1-Star Open (Pontefract, Yorks).
- 24/25 Cotswold Junior 2-Star 'Select' (Gloucester).
- 25 Edinburgh 2-Star Open (Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh).
- 25 National League (10).



SEALINK MILTON KEYNES, l to r (back): Richard Yule, Chester Barnes, Doug Johnson, (front): Bob Potton, Skylet Andrews, Bob Tuckett.

Photo by Brian Ashton.

# THIS AND THAT IN SURREY



by Murray Corbin

## CHOSEN FEW

I regret being unable to meet last month's deadline. The position is that beside being very busy in business and coaching, I do not get any help or co-operation from the League Secretaries or County Team Captains, regarding news or points of view. Last season I received help from a chosen few, although I generally had to ask. I am tired of knocking my head against the wall. In the circumstances, I cannot see myself remaining in this role much longer.

## COUNTY RANKING LIST - TOP EIGHT

### Men

Max Crimmins, David Welsman, Peter McQueen, David Hannah, Martin Shuttle, Gordon Chapman, Steve Holloway and Mark Oakley.

### Women

Linda Jarvis, Lorraine Garbet, Jayne Mitchell, Kerry Merritt, Jenny Webster, Susan Walker and Michele Hams.

### Boys

Mark Oakley, Nicky Hoare, Mike Hammond, Andrew Sexton, Paul Holloway, David Dewsbury, Robert Campbell and Lionel Faure.

### Girls

Lorraine Garbet, Michele Hams, Lesley Popkiewicz, Jane Mills, Lynne Bennett, Nicola Taylor, Jane Barella and Amanda Chapman.

### Cadet Boys

David Baker, Graham Vigor, Derren Hams, Robert Smith, Peter Galica, Michael

Kerley, Andrew Davies and Kevin Thorogood.

### Cadet Girls

Lesley Popkiewicz, Jane Mills, Lynne Bennett, Nicola Taylor, Karen Wilde, Patricia Atkinson, Julie Cottrell and Jane Sutton.

## BITS AND PIECES

In the Junior 3rd South County match in October, the Surrey Junior 2nd Team of Robert Campbell, Andrew Sexton, David Dewsbury, Lesley Popkiewicz and Jane Mills, defeated Dorset Junior 2nd, 10-0. Well done — Fantastic! Derren Hams' win over Susan Walker in a Thames Valley league match — Playing Captain Martin Richards (Crescent 'B'), will choose his Wandsworth Inter-League Team from Paul Holloway (Earlsfield 'A'), Nicky Hoare and Neville Miller (Wimbledon Hotshots). I am informed that their first win was at the expense of Leatherhead — Which of the Junior Boys do you think would turn up for a two day competition, play on the first day and not check on the time of his first match on the second day? The result, he was scratched — Has Susan Tame made an impressive return in the Surrey Senior Closed? — Why do players amuse themselves by calling Peter McQueen, "A Tit-a-Tat player"? For a well built lad, he really should be putting the ball away. I like to watch Peter playing, but I have observed that he plays on his toes all of the time. The power he lacks is lost, because at least one foot should be firmly on the ground just before hitting the ball — In a recent Wandsworth league match, after beating Steve Holloway, Nicky Hoare lost to Terry Haley. Sad! — Have you Juniors sent off your entry forms for the Surrey Closed at Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Walton, on Jan. 31/Feb. 1? — During the recent Regional Trials, Eddie Gorniak suffered defeats by the hands of Andy Sexton and Mike Hammond; Lynne Bennett's demoralisation of Laura Goldsmith and Lorraine Garbet exterminating Julie Askem. Unfortunately, too many of the Cadets lack skill and depth this year and did not get on remarkably well during these trials. However, they are quite young and show great promise for the future — I understand that there were very good performances from Paul "Fatty" Holloway, Leslie Popkiewicz, Nicky Hoare, Michele Hams and a few others at the recent Kent 2-Star.

Next month I hope to bring you the results of the Surrey Senior Closed and any

outstanding County matches. I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, on behalf of the Surrey Table Tennis Association.

## Letter to the Editor

### UNUSUAL SPONSORSHIP

I would like to let you know that it is not only the top table tennis teams that manage to obtain sponsorship. East Hanningfield, which is a small village situated just outside Chelmsford in Essex run ten teams in the local leagues have managed to arrange a sponsorship with a local firm, C. Andrews (Printers) Ltd. This sponsorship is a free shirt for every player registered with the club and a cash donation. What is also unusual about this sponsorship deal is that Mr. Andrews nor any of his employees do not even play or have any connection with table tennis.

The East Hanningfield club is surely one of the most progressive table tennis clubs. They only started playing in the local leagues three years ago and since then have managed to obtain their own premises on a local farm. These premises are used only for table tennis and are available for the club members to use at any time. Through fund raising activities the club has in the three years managed to raise over £1,000 and this has all been used in renovating their premises.

The majority of the clubs teams are in the lower divisions and contain a number of young players who now look very smart wearing the same shirts. These youngsters are sure to improve and are all aiming to try and get into the clubs first team squad which at present includes Essex-ranked players — Yvette Brown, Martin Speight and Ian Carson.

It must be good for table tennis that in today's present economy slump a supposedly minority sport, can gain sponsorship in preference to the more popular sports and not just for the top players.

C. JACOB,

East Hanningfield  
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Police House,  
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Essex.



Left to Right: David Dewsbury (Monks Hill, Croydon), Robert Campbell (Larkhall Bees), Nicholas Hoare and Neville Miller (YMCA Hotshots). Just a few who will find the going a little difficult this season.

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# ETTA Coaching Committee Region No. 2

## REPORT ON RANKING TRIALS Compiled by ALAN SHEPHERD

For the first time in its brief history this Region has held Trials and has produced Ranking Lists, under strong pressure from the Chairman of the Selection Committee, Peter Charters! I am inclined to think that the urgency of the matter was rather reduced by the announcement that the Junior Ranking Tournament (North) due to be held on the 22nd November 1980 had been cancelled, since previously the invitations to that event were based upon the various Regional Ranking Lists, as submitted. In our case none had ever been submitted but now we were at last coming into line with national policy. The only thing that puzzles me a little is that, on reading the article by Peter Charters in the October edition of this Magazine, in which he set out the various facets of the national selection policy he did not really explain how the five coaching regions fitted into the picture and I would be very much happier if he could make this clear in a future article.

What we did was to get all the leading Cadets together on one day and all the leading Juniors together on another day at Tony Pacitto's famous venue, Aylestone School, Brent. Unfortunately, although we had very full contingents attending from Kent, Surrey, Middlesex and Essex, we had only a very small nomination list from Sussex, of which only one player managed to turn up, namely Tina Curran. Sussex did not help by failing to nominate either Teresa Moore or Gary Bonner, and until some explanation is received they have been omitted from the Ranking Lists.

On the Cadet day 32 boys and 20 girls attended and the group winners were Andrew Dodd (Kent), Chris Herbert (Essex), Nigel Tyler (Middx), Andrew Barker (Essex), Steve Dorking (Essex), Andrew Cunningham (Kent), Laura Goldsmith (Middx), Lynn Bennett (Surrey), Sharon Clarke (Kent) and Jane Mills (Surrey). There were then play-off matches based on a system I had learned in Germany last Easter which, although not giving an absolutely perfect solution to the problem of ranking 12 fairly equal players, did have the tremendous advantage of getting the job done in the small amount of time which was at our disposal. The Ranking Lists which came out at the end of the day (in a slightly extended form) were as follows:

### Boys

- 1 N. Tyler (Mi), 2 D. Goode (Mi),
- 3 A. Cunningham (K), 4 S. Dorking (E),
- 5 A. Barker (E), 6 C. Herbert (E),
- 7 B. Lazarus (E), 8 D. Cole (E),
- 9 A. Dodd (K), 10 R. Darnell (E),
- 11 J. Goode (Mi), 12 C. Bartram (K),
- 13 N. Sweeting (E), 14 B. O'Grady (K),
- 15 G. Vigor (S), 16 M. Slifkin (Mi),
- 17 K. King (E), 18 T. West (E),
- 19 N. Chapman (Sy), 20 D. Baker (Sy).

### Girls

- 1 L. Ponkiewicz (Sy), 2 L. Bennett (Sy),
- 3 J. Mills (Sy), 4 L. Goldsmith (Mi),
- 5 A. Barker (E), 6 N. Taylor (Sy),
- 7 S. Clarke (K), 8 S. Stephens (E),
- 9 A. Woolven (K), 10 L. Hayden (E),
- 11 R. Knight (Mi), 12 J. Houghton (K),
- 13 K. Bussey (Mi), 14 K. Alder (E).

On the following Sunday 41 boys and 20 girls attended and the group winners were Nicky Hoare (Surrey), Eddie Gorniak (Middx), Ian Attridge (Essex), Andrew Sexton (Surrey), Michael Hammond

(Surrey), Peter Hayden (Essex), Michael O'Leary (Middx), Paul Sayer (Essex), Debbie Taylor (Essex), Tricia Taylor (Essex), Kim Hayden (Essex), Lorraine Garbet (Surrey), Julie Askem (Essex) and Susan Cole (Essex).

There was some fairly remarkable results in the play-off section and probably the most remarkable achievement was by the virtually unknown Michael O'Leary, of Middlesex, who is a sort of a junior version of Don Smith, who chopped everybody off and remained unbeaten throughout the day. There were some stirring battles in the final stages, not least in the section where Peter Hayden, Ian Attridge and Joe Okosieme were playing off for the positions 7-9, the results being as follows:  
Peter Hayden bt Ian Attridge -20, 14, 19;  
bt Joe Okosieme 13, -19, 19;  
Attridge bt Okosieme -14, 14, 18.

In the girls' section Lorraine Garbet was, perhaps predictably, supreme, and rode rough shod over all rivals, none of whom managed to take a game from her.

At the conclusion of the event the following ranking lists were produced, with the ranked players who had been excused attendance at the Trials, being inserted. This explains why Michael O'Leary figures at No. 4.

### Boys

- 1 John Souter (Mi), 2 Mark Oakley (Sy),
- 3 Adrian Moore (Sy), 4 Michael O'Leary (Mi)
- 5 Ray Namdjou (K), 6 Nicky Hoare (Sy),
- 7 Steve Dettmar (E), 8 Paul Namdjou (K),
- 9 David Dodd (K), 10 Andrew Sexton (Sy),
- 11 Paul Sayer (E), 12 Peter Hayden (E),
- 13 Ian Attridge, 14 Joe Okosieme (K),
- 15 Gary Spencer (K),
- 16 Mike Hammond (Sy),
- 17 Eddie Gorniak (Mi),
- 18 Denis Hendricks (E), 19 John Sparks (E),
- 20 David Dewsbury (Sy), 21 Tony Stark (Mi),
- 22 Paul Holloway (Sy),
- 23 Alan Longhurst (K),
- 24 David Pilcher (K), 25 Lionel Faure (Sy).

### Girls

- 1 Helen Williams (Mi),
- 2 Lorraine Garbet (Sy),
- 3 Sarah Sandley (Mi), 4 Manja Ball (K),
- 5 Julie Askem (E), 6 Tricia Taylor (E),
- 7 Kim Hayden (E), 8 Susan Cole (E),
- 9 Debbie Taylor (E), 10 Kim Mudge (E),
- 11 Michelle Hams (Sy),
- 12 Linda Crawford (E),
- 13 Jane Barella (Sy), 14 Lisa Every (E),
- 15 Michelle Williams (Mi).

I would like to express my most grateful thanks to Peter Corner and Fred Garbet who worked like Trojans throughout both days in helping me to administer the entire operation, and without whom I doubt whether I could possibly have coped.

Now we will be watching the tournaments closely and culling from them and other relevant sources the results of the players inside and outside our Ranking Lists with a view to adjusting them on a regular basis. I would emphasise that it is up to the players to send in their results to me as well, and they must not rely on my finding those results out independently. Meanwhile I do hope that Peter Charters and his Committee are happy with what we have done!

## ETTA 100 CLUB

Thanks to the hospitality of Edna and Tom Blunn on Saturday, Oct. 26, a draw was duly carried out at 1A Pulcroft Road, Hessele for the normal prizes, plus £150 in further prize money that came with the compliments of ERNIE. The lucky winners were:

- £100 — Brian Kennedy
- £50 — Jimmy McCormack
- £25 — Tony Ross
- £5 — Tony Chatwin

The ten prizes of £15 each from Premium Bonds were won by: Mrs. Jean Clay, R. D. Beard, H. Pearce, K. Pirece, A. Wickens, A. Brook, G. Daniels, S. Dane, Mrs. Pat Archdale and S. H. Crevald.

## JILL HAMMERSLEY MAKES A COMEBACK



Jill Hammersley, for many years England's leading table tennis player who retired at the end of last season, has decided to return to a full time playing career.

Jill gave up playing earlier this year because of domestic problems and a desire to concentrate on other business commitments. More recently she became the Promotions Manager of TSP Sports, her equipment sponsors, but after discussions with the Company's Managing Director Eddy King and the England Team Captain Peter Simpson, she has decided to return to the game in the belief that she still has much to contribute to the England team now enjoying much success in international competition, where her added strength and experience will be invaluable.

"After my break and following my trip with the England team to Yugoslavia for the European League match, I now have regained all my previous drive and ambition and I'm looking forward to competing again", says Jill.

In particular Jill's immediate aims are to retain her England No. 1 spot which she has held for many years, and to do well in the forthcoming World Championships in April in Yugoslavia, if selected!

## SCHOOLS' MOVE

Eddie Mitchell, National Competitions Secretary of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association has moved to 6 Quinton Close, Matchborough West, Redditch, Worcs. B98 0EL. Phone: Redditch (0527) 29339.

## EXCHANGE WANTED

Paul, 13 year old member of Finnish team/Posen last summer, seeks family in England where he can improve his English and play a lot of table tennis. Time of visit 1st June to 25th July 1981. Opportunity to spend holiday on our island in Finnish Skerryguard offered.

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# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

## ISLE OF WIGHT NOTES

by John Prean



The above picture shows Carl Prean signing for Soham (on the left Team Manager Eric Day, on the right the team's star Paul Day).

### CREST OF A WAVE

The Island is still on the crest of a wave. Our County teams which were expected to start as under-dogs every time, have won all their matches! The First Team travelled to Bath and won 7-3 against Avon 2 and they repeated this score in their Home match against Somerset 2. Congratulations to Rose Grimaldi (2 wins out of 2 so far), Jill Fothergill (1 out of 2), Steve Harris (3 out of 4), Roger Hooky (getting closer to his first win) and Carl Prean (4 out of 4). All Doubles were won.

The Veterans also recorded two wins, both by the closest of scores, 5-4 against Dorset 2 and Avon. In Jim Daly they have a player of undoubted class. Also excellent in the Mixed Doubles with Joy Batten. It is hard to believe that he is a veteran as loops and smashes rain down on the opposition. His one defeat against Sid Brice of Dorset was a classic match of attack versus defence with many great rallies. I had the pleasure of playing for that vital 5th point on each occasion. I had hoped my "come-back" would be less nerve-racking, though the social side in veterans matches remains happy and relaxing.

Our sole representative at "mainland" tournaments, Carl Prean chalked up further successes, winning the Newbury U-14 and U-17. Has this been done before in the same year? He won the Kent Junior 2 Star U-13, U-15 and U-17, a unique treble.

He has signed for Soham in the National League but as they have a very good squad with plenty of depth, appearances are likely to be limited. However, he made his debut against Fellows Cranleigh and won both his singles, a sensational performance for a 12-year-old, but one staunchly ignored all round, so that our Sport lost some useful publicity. Soham are to be congratulated for their enterprise in taking a chance on this young player when so many others attri-

buted all to the "long pimples" with which they themselves cannot play.

The clash between the National League and the County for Carl's services will one day be real and a sad one as we have strong and sentimental roots here.

I warmly endorse Miss Iris Moss' idea in the November issue of "Table Tennis News". The alternative is for the Counties to lose many of their best players for good. Desperately slow though the Counties were and still are to institute much needed reforms, it would nevertheless be a tragedy if years of tradition either fell apart or descended into the second rate. Miss Moss' proposal is an eminently reasonable one, if these weekends are sensibly organised with schedules that leave a little for the social side and do not degenerate into 14 hour marathons.

Whether the County Association grasps this new lifebelt remains to be seen.

## BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Dimmock

### MIXED RESULTS

With the top four male ranked players not making themselves available for selection, for the latest round of County matches, team formation was certainly different. However, newcomers all gave a good account of themselves, but, unfortunately, it was not possible to raise a Senior 2nd team to visit Norfolk and consequently the match was conceded.

The Senior 1st, away to Cambs, suffered a 10-0 defeat but they went down fighting. David Beddall, against the Cambs No. 2 Geoff Davies, was 16-14 up in the 3rd and looking confident when two net cords pulled Davies back into the game and to ultimately win it at 19. Steve Barratt who last season was playing in the Junior 2nds did well to take the experienced Robert Swift to three. Yet another newcomer was Martin Verdon, a 21-year-old who had not previously represented the County at any level. Knowing just how dedicated Martin is, it was refreshing to see him giving a good account of himself. For the females Julie Dimmock was not able to make it a hattrick of wins over Mandy Judd in team competitions losing -16 in the third. Dawn Campbell never got into any real rhythm until midway through the second game, but it was then too late to turn the tables on her opponent.

The Junior 2nds entertained Oxon and defeated them in a very exciting match. Once again we saw a very fine performance from Andrew Conquest who maintained his 100% record with two fine wins and teamed up with Mark Andrews to take the doubles. Andrews is certainly keeping the pressure on the top three boys as he is showing the same good form on the tournament circuit. He recently beat Peter Brownlow, the boy ranked No. 2 in the East/East Midland Region at the Newbury Junior Open.

Dunstable TTC teammates, Stephen Cartwright and Mark Andrews were the other two boys in the team. They won a singles each, a first for both, Mark in his second representative match and Stephen on his debut. Well done boys! For the girls, 11-year-old Lisa Robins, who last month won the Cadet girls' title, has now broken into county TT and has immediately chalked up her first win — a good sign for the future. Julie Miles played with characteristic determination but just failed to pull off a win. The final result Beds 6 Oxon 4.

The veterans were not able to continue their winning ways. Against Hunts the team of Jim Wooliscroft, Peter Cutting, Colin Gill and Audrey Robinson were only able to record a single success, this being a win for Audrey over Diana Bushby which avenged last season's defeat. Audrey's enthusiasm for the game is as high as ever. Her experiment of using anti-loop rubber on one side

of her bat is certainly proving to be a success.

The Junior 1st of David Sharpe, Ian Doughty, Colin Luscombe, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger started their weekend of competition in the Junior Premier Division against Bucks who included highly-ranked England junior Philip Bradbury. The match was expected to be a dour struggle and it ran true to form. The girls won all their sets with no real problems. Bradbury was not really extended in his singles but in the doubles he was not sufficiently dominant to overcome the well proven partnership of Dave and Colin. The score reached 5-4 in favour of Beds and it was left to Luscombe to clinch it. He had earlier beaten Johnathan Wright but against Stuart Lines, the Bucks No. 2, it was a nail-biting finale but Colin's temperament pulled him through to win 22-20 in the 3rd making the final score 6-4 to Beds.

The following day against Devon, wins by Sharpe and Luscombe gave the team a good start and it looked as if Doughty was going to make it three when he took the first game off Gary Lambert. He was in front in the second but the Devon lad pulled himself round and ran out the winner 16 in the 3rd. From then on it was anyone's match, Jackie and Lisa taking the girls' doubles against the strong pairing of Gina Pritchard and Carol Butler.

Unfortunately they could not take a singles between them, Lisa losing to Gina 25, -19, -16 and Jackie to Carol -20, -21. But the boys were still in there fighting. Colin took his second singles and Ian pulled out a win in the very last set of the match to level the scores.

The final match of the weekend was against Staffs with everyone full of confidence and looking for another win. Ian lost the first set but Colin pulled it back with a win over P. Dilger. Beds then went into a commanding lead with wins in both doubles followed by individual wins by Lisa over Rachael Roberts, Jackie over Fiona Elliot and Ian over Dilger.

The last set of the weekend arrived with Beds 6-3 in front, the stage being set for the star of the team Luscombe to make it 7-3. He faced stiff opposition in Andrew Dixon but won the first 11 and it then looked as if he was going to maintain his 100% record. But it was not to be as Dixon came back to take the next two games at 16 and 15. What a weekend! The team are top of the division, not bad for a group of youngsters who, some pundits had said "Well they are there but won't be able to hold their own". Well done, an excellent team performance, good luck in the next vital session.

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

### CRIMMINS BEATEN BY BUCKS No. 2

After the County Championships match against Surrey our senior first team may not have been able to celebrate a victory but they did witness a result which will probably remain the biggest shock of the season.

County No. 2 Ian Haines playing at No. 1 in the absence of Philip Bradbury recorded a remarkable 2-straight win over England No. 6 Max Crimmins, this after he had lost in straight games to David Welsman. The other Bucks win, against a very strong Surrey side, was from Nikki Hamilton who kept her 100% first team record.

Our Senior 2nd team recorded their first victory for many seasons with a fine 6-4 win over Oxfordshire II. Robert Harman (2) J. Barton (1) V. McCarthy (1) L. Phelps (1) and the men's doubles were the winners for Bucks. I hear that with 3 points from four the side are now talking of winning the division! Leicestershire II will no doubt have other ideas on Nov. 29.

The Junior 2nd team suffered a 9-1 ham-

mering at the hands of Berks II. Linda Phelps showing a welcome return to form was our only victor. Linda also stepped in as a reserve for the Senior 2nds in the evening and won her singles in that match. Junior girls beware! Linda is obviously intent on climbing up the ranking list after her dismal trial results.

The Junior 1st team returned to the Junior Premier and had mixed results. Obviously the side were apprehensive of the task before them and it is now disappointing that with a little luck we could easily be top of the division after the first weekend session.

Led by Bradbury against Beds the boys knew they had an uphill task as our girls were most unlikely to get any change out of the Bellingier sisters. Phillip won twice, Johnathan Wright and Stuart Lines one each as we went down 6-4. Unfortunately the match was marred by some most dubious umpiring which even had the Beds contingent baffled. It may sound like sour grapes but we were convinced that some of the decisions certainly affected the result of the match and could easily affect our chances of surviving in the Premier Division this season.

In our second match we only had ourselves to blame for a 4-6 reverse against Sussex. Lines lost from 20-14 up and our girls had a big lead in each leg of the doubles before losing them both -19. Also both Dawn Robbins and Deborah Simmonds went to three in their singles but could not hold on for victory. But the biggest disappointment was the defeat of Bradbury by Adrian Moore. Wright was our most successful player with two wins.

Our final match of the session was against Devon from which county we did not expect much reward. However wins for Bradbury, Wright and a magnificent recovery by Lines against England-ranked Gary Lambert saw us into a 3-0 lead! Devon came back to take both doubles and the battle was on. We finally overcame them in the final singles when, yet again, Lines came from behind to win and give us a 6-4 victory. Bradbury and Wright both won 5 from 6 and we can look forward with more confidence to the second session.

As from Nov. 29 the first session of the Bucks men's inter-league competition heralds the opportunity for players to improve their rankings or for the non-ranked players to enter the lists.

Right now we are negotiating with Sealink Milton Keynes to stage our senior 1st team match against Oxon on Dec. 20, after Sealink have played their 3rd round Europe Club Cup of Champions match at the same venue. It is also hoped that we can register Sealink's Australian capture Bob Tuckett in time to play in this fixture.

Hopefully, next month, I shall have received some news from the local leagues for inclusion in Bucks Notes.

## DURHAM NOTES

by Ray Simpson

### SPLENDID RECOVERY

Durham Seniors scored a good 7-3 away win over Cleveland at Hartlepool on Nov. 3 in the County Championships after recovering from being 2-3 down.

Dave Svenson opened for Durham, and actually had a set point at 20-19 in the third against Tony Martin, but went down 22, -11, -23. Tony Gelder put Durham back on level terms with a 10, 15 victory over Phil Ward, thanks to some thoughtful looping and serving. Stephen Souter put Cleveland ahead again by defeating Ian Svenson with some good loops and serves when it mattered most.

The Women's doubles pairing of Lynne Bainbridge and Julie Smith then had an easy win over Cleveland's Norma Carne

and Julie McLean by 11 and 7, but Cleveland went 3-2 up when in the men's doubles Ward and Martin beat the Svenson twins 15, -18, 15.

But then Durham's revival began. Gelder and Martin had a long three-gamer with Gelder eventually overcoming some silly lapses in concentration in the third end to win 12, -15, 20.

Miss Smith recovered well from 16-19 down in the first against Miss McLean with her third ball attack to win 21-19, and she kept going in the second to win 21-16, putting Durham 4-3 up.

Dave Svenson then played extremely well against Souter by forcing his opponent into mistakes on his loop winning 18, 13, leaving Mrs. Bainbridge to ensure the Durham victory by defeating Miss Carne 7 and 8.

Ian Svenson then pulled off a good victory against Ward 21, 9, after being 1-9 down in the first, and forcing Ward into backhand mistakes.

A great victory to raise Durham's hopes of a successful season.

In the National League, South West Durham's string of defeats continues. After three earlier defeats, they went down 4-5 against Stockton and 1-3 against Norton.

Against Stockton, SWD led 4-3 with two sets left, but victories by Souter over debutant Bill Reay 13, 14, and Mark Murphy over Bill Powton 18, 11 saved their side. Earlier, Reay had beaten Murphy 19, 16, Gelder had defeated Paul Crawford 17, 19, John Crawford had scored a very notable victory over Malcolm Corking by -16, 15, 16, and the Gelder/Crawford pairing had taken the doubles 20, 9.

Against Stoke, SWD never recovered from their bad start, despite spirited resistance from Gelder and Crawford against Malcolm Green and Tony Boasman respectively. It was Gelder eventually who scored SWD's consolation defeating the (dare I say it.) "old warhorse" Peter D'Arcy 14, 17. Crawford almost snatched a second against Green but was edged out 17, -14, -15.

Geoff Purvis, manager of Easington District Leisure Centre, who is moving to the South Lakes, was presented with a tankard at the County Executive Meeting on Nov. 3 in appreciation of all the hard work he has put in at the Centre on behalf of Durham table tennis.

Accommodation is being provided for the Durham Open which will be held on March 7/8 at Easington District Leisure Centre. Details are on the entry forms which will be available soon.

The Durham County Closed will be held at Lowhills Road Sports Centre on Sunday, Feb. 1/81. Entry forms are now being distributed.

The season's greetings and all the best for 1981.

## NORFOLK NOTES

by Neville Graver

### DOUG AND WENDY CHASE BROADSIDE TITLES

The Broadside Norfolk Closed Championships take place on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the University of East Anglia, Norwich. Doug Bennett and Wendy Hogg will be looking for their fourth successive singles titles. Play commences at 9.30 a.m. with singles events being played in groups. A separate Junior Closed will be held later in the season at the Neatherd High School, Dereham, on Sunday, Feb. 8, although the Broadside Closed is open to both seniors and juniors. Indeed, it is from the latter quarter that Bennett may get his strongest challenge, particularly from Richard Stevenson, who was Norfolk's most successful player in the recent county first team match against Essex II. Successful may not be quite the

right word, as Norfolk were beaten soundly 10-0, but Stevenson's sets both went to three, and he can consider himself very unlucky to have lost both. Bennett, however, was uncharacteristically lethargic in the match, and is going through for him a shaky patch.

In junior county matches, the first team made amends for their defeat against Hunts by beating Suffolk 9-1, whilst the second team, weakened by the absence of Philip Logsdon, lost 4-6 to Herts II. David Loveday was the star for Norfolk in that match, winning all his sets. Encouraging signs for Norfolk, however, are the positions of Chris Rayment and Phil Logsdon at Nos. 2 and 5 in the Eastern Region Cadet rankings. These positions in fact reverse their relative positions in Norfolk. Les Rayment, county coach, who, with Vic Bennett, has been largely responsible for the improved state of junior table tennis in the county, is awaiting confirmation from the ETTA of the allocation of two tables at the county coaching centre, where they are badly needed. He is concerned, however, at the lack of senior players coming forward as coaches to maintain the momentum. Previous experience has shown that there is interest in the county, but potential coaches are deterred from qualifying by the prospect of a trip to St. Neots for approval. Some means of overcoming this would undoubtedly be a great help.

Umpiring in Norfolk has seen a resurgence in recent years, due mainly to the hard work and enthusiasm of County Umpires Secretary Linda Nelson. A seminar is being held at Drayton Leisure Centre, Norwich, on Sunday, Dec. 21, between 2.15 and 6 p.m., at which members of the NUC will be attending. Anybody interested in attending can contact Linda on Gt. Yarmouth 56111 Etx. 246.

On the domestic playing front, CEYMS still lead the Norwich league, whilst Cottesley are in front in Dereham. In Fakenham, where John Hilton plays an exhibition on Dec. 13, Exiles maintained their title bid with a 10-0 win over British Legion, and Gaymers have a clear lead in the Wymondham League. In Great Yarmouth, an American handicap tournament, sponsored by Clives Sports was held, resulting in a win for county junior Sue Jenkinson, beating S. Molloy in the final 31-25, 31-20.

Players in the Kings Lynn area should note that league secretary Ray Drew has changed address to 67 London Road, Kings Lynn.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

### STILL A CHANCE

Although Staffordshire finished with only three points from three matches in the first of the two weekends in the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships, they are still in with a chance of top honours since no county took maximum points and Staffs have got three of the stronger counties behind them. All three matches were close and could have gone either way. In the first match, a 6-4 win against Surrey, the girls Fiona Elliot and Rachel Roberts can take much of the credit with wins in both singles and in the doubles, and the boys, Paul Barnett, Andrew Dixon and Paul Dilger, playing in that order, each won one of their two singles. A draw against Middlesex, even though not playing their strongest side, was very creditable and Barnett (1), Dixon (1), Dilger (2) and Roberts (1) gained singles victories, but here, as in the third match against Bedfordshire, lack of experience in the doubles took its toll and cost Staffs valuable points. Against Beds the Bellingier sisters were far too strong for our girls and only Barnett and Dixon were able to contribute with two wins apiece, Staffs going down 4-6.

The Junior "B" team continued its winning run with a 7-3 victory over Warwickshire. With a completely changed team selected from the squad, wins were recorded by Bridgeman (2), Trubshaw (2), Hunt (1), Tracy Spencer (1) and Tracy and Lynn Burgess in the girls' doubles.

The senior "A" side returned from Essex without adding to their points tally in the Senior Premier Division, but the 6-3 score-line against them was very respectable under the circumstances.

The Staffs domestic encounter between Norton and Wolverhampton Tarmac in Div. 2 of the National League was a closer fought match than the score of 7-2 suggests, the away team Norton taking the honours. Andrew Rich worked hard against Tony Boasman but failed to take the deciding game, but Tony Isaac levelled the score for the south of the County by showing too much experience for Malcolm Green. Andrew Dixon then put them into the lead by holding on to a narrow points margin in a below par battle with Eddie Wilkes, but after this it was Norton all the way with England veteran Peter D'Arcy mesmerising both Trevor Washington and Tony Isaac with his services. This sort of play may win matches but its hardly likely to bring in the crowds once the novelty has worn off.

In the Woodfield 1-star, there were victories for Paul Barnett (Boys), and Jill Harris (women). Isaac did well to reach the men's final, beating Andrew Bellingham on the way. Vicky Bellingham lost to Tracy Lightfoot in the final of the Girls' Singles.

**Please Note:** The Closed Championships at the Northwood Stadium will now take place on March 8th, 1981.

Revised County Rankings are as follows:

#### Men

1 A. Bellingham, 2 A. Isaac, 3 A. Rich, 4 G. Hallam, 5 P. Barnett, 6 M. Evans, 7 A. Dixon, 8 C. Bakewell, 9 D. Hanney, 10 P. Dilger, 11 B. O'Brien.

#### Women

1 J. Dunning, 2 J. Harris, 3 F. Elliot, 4 R. Roberts, 5 V. Bellingham, 6 M. Maude, 7 S. Cain, 8 P. Brookes, 9 S. Hadley, 10 L. Burgess.

#### Boys

1 P. Barnett, 2 A. Dixon, 3 P. Dilger, 4 W. Bridgeman, 5 A. Trubshaw, 6 M. Harvey, 7 S. Willshire, 8 A. Tottey, 9 C. Hunt, 10 J. Ford, 11 Adrian Dixon.

#### Girls

1 F. Elliot, 2 R. Roberts, 3 V. Bellingham, 4 S. Hadley, 5 L. Burgess, 6 A. Hegarty, 7 T. Spencer, 8 S. Roden, 9 K. Willshire.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

### SENIOR RANKINGS

The first senior County ranking lists of the season have now been officially issued, and these are as follows:

#### Men

1 Chu Van Que, 2 Ian Robertson, 3 Andrew Clark, 4 Martin Young, 5 Fred Short, 6 Dave Armstrong, 7 Bob Dodds, 8 Malcolm McMaster, 9 John Burke, 10 Neil McMaster, 11 Chris Shepherd, 12 Peter Whiteman, 13 Steve Robinson, 14 Dave McAllister, 15 Ronnie Scott.

#### Women

1 Barbara Kearney, 2 Kit Cheung, 3 Christine Burke, 4 Caron Buglass, 5 Pauline Jackson, 6 Shirley Laver, 7 Daphne Russell, 8 Susan Norris.

There have been one or two minor amendments to the junior boys' ranking list shown last month, with David Maughan and Martin Moore changing places to be ranked at No. 3 and No. 4 respectively, and Steve Allen coming in at No. 11, thus moving all the remaining six players below him down

one place. The junior girls' and cadets' ranking lists have not been changed.

It is good to see leading junior Neil McMaster making his breakthrough into the senior rankings for the first time at No. 10. He is undefeated so far this season in County junior matches, and is also doing well in the Premier Division of the Northumberland League. His considerable promise now at last looks like being fulfilled, following the disappointment of last season, when but for a broken leg sustained during the previous summer, he would very likely have gained an England Cadet ranking.

Meanwhile, John Burke, in his first season out of the junior rankings, has decided to give up the game temporarily following a slump in form, although he did win a singles in the recent second team match against Derbyshire II — we hope this will not be for too long, as the County can ill-afford to lose promising young players. Top junior girl Christine Burke and former leading junior Caron Buglass are also to be congratulated on reaching No. 3 and No. 4 in the women's rankings, but although there are several very keen and enthusiastic young girls in the junior and cadet ranking lists, there are as yet insufficient coming through to bridge the gap between themselves and the women currently ranked.

The County matches played on Nov. 8 produced mixed fortunes for Northumberland. The first team scored a brilliant 8-2 win away to Yorkshire II, the first time they have beaten this side for many years. Chu Van Que, Andrew Clark and Barbara Kearney were all undefeated, and Yorkshire's only consolation was two singles from Ian Robertson and Kit Cheung. This more than made up for the disappointing draw against Durham, and there should be a packed house for the first home game of the season against Cleveland on Dec. 20. The second team lost 4-6 to Derbyshire II, with Fred Short helping himself to two singles on yet another County comeback, and John Burke winning one. Christine Burke and Caron Buglass easily won the women's doubles, but following that were both rather surprisingly beaten in their singles. The juniors lost by the same score to Lincolnshire. Neil McMaster again winning two singles, and Martin Schapira and David Maughan (on his debut) one each.

A good crowd was again in evidence at Eldon Square on Nov. 9 to see the City of Newcastle National League team record their fifth successive win 7-2 over third-placed Tarmac (Wolverhampton). This match was at one stage very finely balanced at 3-2, with Ian Robertson beating Andrew Rich 20 in the third, Andrew Clark losing to Paul Judd -21 in the third, and Robertson and Keith Paxton eventually taking the doubles 20 in the third against Judd and Tony Isaac. From then on, however, City of Newcastle were in total command, and won their last four sets in straight games. Chu Van Que as usual won his two singles with very little trouble, and brought the house down with some fearsome hitting from all angles. What an asset he is proving to be for both the City and the County. The next home game will be on Dec. 21 against second placed Norton, and this should again attract a good crowd.

Barbara Kearney tasted success in the Hartlepool Open on Nov. 1, when she won the women's doubles event in partnership with Carole Knight. She also reached the semi-finals of the women's singles, but lost to Yorkshire's Helen Shields 21-23 in the third game.

The Newcastle Schools League is once again being ably organised by Phil Clark, and the leading placings are as follows:

#### Senior

	P	W	D	F	A	P
Rutherford .....	7	6	1	61	9	13
RGS 'A' .....	6	6	0	56	4	12
Walker .....	7	4	1	33	37	9

#### Intermediate

RGS 'A' .....	7	7	0	61	9	14
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	P	W	D	F	A	P
Heaton 'A' .....	7	6	1	56	14	13
Rutherford .....	7	5	1	53	17	11

#### Girls

	P	W	D	F	A	P
Manor Park 'A' .....	7	7	0	60	10	14
Walker .....	7	6	0	46	24	12
Westerhope 'A' .....	7	5	0	37	33	10

## DORSET NOTES

by Martin Abbott



Dorset's Senior first team in their new Butterfly outfits. From l to r: Martin Abbott, Simon Heaps, Trevor Smith and Julie Reading.

Photo by courtesy of Times Herald Newspapers.

### MEN DOMINATE — FOR A CHANGE!

In the latest round of county matches Dorset emerged with three wins and two defeats. The Senior first team started the season in fine style by beating Middlesex II 8-2 with Simon Heap, Martin Abbott, Trevor Smith and Julie Reading all unbeaten.

The Senior 2nds travelled to Cornwall and won 7-3 with Joyce Applin and Leanne Harman, making her debut, both undefeated. Chris Pickard, Jason Creasey and John Robinson each won one singles.

The Veterans' first team beat a strong Somerset side 7-2 with Cyril Bush and Joyce Coop again providing the backbone of the team by winning all their sets. The Veterans' 2nd team narrowly lost to the Isle of Wight 4-5 with Eric Buckley going down to John Prean -21 in the third with the score at 4-3 to the I.O.W.

Finally our second Junior team travelled to play Kent II and lost 0-10 but I am told that both Ray Fairhall and Russell Wilson should have won one singles each but narrowly lost in three games.

Dorset have issued the first Junior ranking list of this season which reads:

#### Boys

1 M. Werner, 2 G. Pope, 3 G. Plutz, 4 R. Wilson, 5 R. Fairhall, 6 J. Allman, 7 J. Joynes, 8 S. Talbot, 9 M. Jerome, 10 Martin Poulson, 11 R. Thomas, 12 Matthew Poulson.

#### Girls

1 C. Creasey, 2 L. Harman, 3 S. Hegarty, 4 S. Svott-Pawson, 5 K. Hardiman, 6 H. Feltham, 7 A. Russell.

Dorset have two representatives in the

National League this season, namely Martin Abbott and Trevor Smith. Both play for Generation II TTC in Fareham where the team is run by the very industrious team manager Charlie Childs and club chairman and ace driver Tim-Emerson-Manhire. So far the team with Surrey's Dave Hannah and Glenn Baker making up the four-man squad have played four matches winning the last two. Their next match is crucial in their quest to do well in this Div. 2 (South) Division — against Brighton Seagulls at home on Nov. 30.

## MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by Ian E. McKelvey

### NOTTINGHAM "B" THE PACEMAKERS

There are now enough results to hand for some of the divisions to be beginning to take shape. It is already clear that Nottingham "B" are the team to beat in the Men's Division 3. Following their win over Coventry "B", reported last month, they have added wins over Cheltenham "B" by 7-3 and Derby "B" by 9-1. Trevor Kerry is unbeaten after three matches and Terry Bramford has eight out of nine, losing only to Frank Jones of Cheltenham "B". Their closest rivals could be Shrewsbury, who have opened with wins by 6-4 over Oxford and 9-1 over Kidderminster, the brothers Les and Ian Baker being unbeaten.

Birmingham "A" gave further evidence of their determination to return to the top flight when they beat Potteries "A" 9-1 in Div. 2. Although using six players in the first two matches, they have dropped only one set. Hinckley "B", on the other hand, have failed to win a single set in their first two matches. Coventry "A" and Wolverhampton "B" finding matters all too easy. Between these extremes, there is likely to be close competition. Recent results include draws for Potteries "B" against their "A" team and against Nottingham "A". Steve Rowe won three and the doubles with Phil Anderson for them against their "A" team, in a match in which the first six sets all went the distance. Kevin Edwards was the architect of Nottingham's draw with this team, recording three wins, supported by Alan Croome's two.

Division 4 looks like being one of the closest in the whole League. 5-5 and 6-4 are the popular scores here, only Wolverhampton "C"'s 8-2 win over Market Drayton suggested greater strength than the mean. Ray Dixon and penholder Steve Cartwright each claimed three wins in this match, but both only just made it against Market Drayton's Keith Sillitoe. Cartwright winning 19 in the third and Dixon 20 in the third. John Berresford took another maximum for Lichfield in their draw with Tamworth.

Up at the top, in Div. 1, the champions Gloucester already seem unlikely to retain that honour. The same team as they fielded last season, Bill Dawe, Martyn Lane and Mark Owen, crashed 1-9 to Chesterfield "A" at home and then 2-8 at Leicester. Young Alan Cooke won three for Chesterfield against the champions, as he did against Wolverhampton "A" in an 8-2 win. Leicester "A", however, beat Chesterfield 7-3 with Keith Fellows winning three, to establish a strong base for an assault on the title.

Junior matters continue to leave much to the imagination, but Birmingham "B", in Div. 2, confirmed my earlier expressed opinion of them by thrashing Derby "A" 10-0. The latter were held to 6-4 by their "B" team largely due to the efforts of David Slack who won three for the "B" team and combined with Matthew Montague to take the doubles.

Coventry "C"'s three Ians, Fowler, Davies and Randle, have made a good start in the third division, each winning five in a 9-1 win over Market Drayton "A" and an 8-2 win over Nuneaton. Hinckley have also begun with two wins over Kidderminster

and Worcester, Colin Jones being unbeaten.

Two teams to watch in the fourth division are Loughborough and Pontesbury. Pontesbury's Roger Morris, Barry Ruddick and Brian Andrews have started with 10-0 wins over Stratford and Walsall "B", while Loughborough also have two 10-0 wins over Bromsgrove and Market Drayton "C". Market Drayton "B", however, held Loughborough to 6-4, with Paul Fisher winning three. He is unbeaten, and Mansfield's cadet Richard Tilford has eight out of nine, losing only to Fisher.

Birmingham "A" scored a significant win 7-3 over Derby in the Women's Division. Diane Hardy, Karen Groves and Sandra Peakman each won two for the winners, whilst Linda Holmes achieved a similar distinction on behalf of the losers. This result could set Birmingham fair for a recapture of the title, an East Midlands prerogative for the last three years.

Gloucester made a good start in Veterans Division 1 against West Bromwich when Bryan Merrett made one of his rare appearances. He was, of course, completely untroubled, and is still of a calibre to grace the Men's first division did he only care to play. Our Chairman, Don Pritchard, proved himself capable of much more than chairing meetings when he took three for Walsall in an 8-2 win against Kidderminster. Phil Canning also took three for Walsall in this match.

Stroud had a happy start in their first venture into Veterans table tennis, when they beat Derby "B" 9-1 in a Division 2 match. Eric Watts and Ron Bomberg were unbeaten here.

I will conclude by wishing my readers a Merry Christmas and a successful and happy New Year.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### DECLINE OF YMCA

A sad feature this season in the Cambridge and District League is the decline of YMCA who at one time had three teams in the first division and were always in the forefront of any competition. This season YMCA have only one team in the league and that team is struggling in the second division with a minimum amount of players. Secretary John Loker who has admirably tried to "soldier on" with an ailing club has now had to concede to current circumstances and I fear that it will be a long time before things can become any better for this club that has given so much to Cambs table tennis with outstanding players both pre and post war. I hope that we shall see a recovery despite the difficulties there are at present.

In the first division of the Cambs League, Soham I are still striding out at the head of the table and a notable victory over University I shows their current good form. However, St. Ives are hotting up the title race with victories over Soham III and University Press by 9-1 and 10-0 respectively. The clash between these two teams resulted in a 7-3 victory for Soham which left St. Ives top of the table six points ahead of Soham who had a match in hand. This situation is the closest for some years. In the St. Ives v Soham match Gary Jordan had two good wins over Andy Withers and Brian Richardson but went down in three to Mick Palmer who was unbeaten for Soham. St. Ives' other win came from Philip Cole who beat Richardson.

The University teams operating in this division have naturally made a late start due to the term starting in October and it will be the form of these teams which may decide the outcome of the division. University I made an inauspicious start when they lost 2-8 to Soham I and their second team fared little better when they could only

manage three sets against Soham II. In the University I v Soham I match Pyburn of the 'Varsity beat Brian Richardson for their only singles victory. In the match against Soham II the University second team had wins by Walmsley and Lusher who both beat Colin Rayner and here again the 'Varsity took the doubles. However University II had an easy 9-1 win against Swavesey I and on this showing should do well in the top flight.

The Cambs K.O. Handicap Trophy is now well under way and as usual there is the departure of some of the better teams in the earlier rounds. Swavesey I who operate in Div. I of the league were beaten by fourth Division Press III with Alf Prince now in the veteran stage and a former well known Junior going through the match unbeaten. Swavesey II from Div. II were beaten by the same score (7-2) by Torchbearers III who are also a fourth division team. Mike Grant and John Jaggs were unbeaten for Torchbearers.

The County Championships has started well for Cambs and already they are beating teams who have been their bogey in past seasons. In October the 1st team beat Essex for the first time and on Nov. 8 the Juniors, not to be outdone, had a first win over Middlesex, beating the County's second team at Gunnersbury. The match appeared to be going the usual way when Paul Stacey lost to Goode and Jamie Frost was beaten by Tyler. However, Julian Wheel got Cambs off the mark by looping with good effect against "chopper" Michael O'Leary. Then Ruth Hunter and Tracey Fisher proved much too good in the doubles to level the score. Wheel and Frost continued the good work by winning the boys' doubles and the latter beat Good to give Cambs four wins on the trot.

The ever reliable Tracey Fisher made sure of a point with a singles win over Spencer but Stacey was unable to handle O'Leary's chop and clinch the match. It was left to Ruth Hunter to earn the visitors both points, beating Laura Goldsmith after trailing 15-20 in the third. Wheel almost completed the day unbeaten when, after a grandstand finish he went down 23-25 in the third to Tyler.

The 1st team had a very easy 10-0 victory over Bedfordshire who fielded a weak team owing to a current dispute. Only Julie Dimmock, who took the first set off Mandy Judd, looked the part. These two points give Cambs maximum points from two matches with an excellent 17-3 average. The Junior second team were well beaten 8-2 by Essex III at Owlstone Croft, where Cambs' only success came from their two more experienced players Michael Lister and Alison Edge who beat Ian Chalkley and Linda Crawford respectively.

In the National League Soham came back into contention with an 8-1 win over Scimitar Fellows Cranleigh at Plaistow. It was a tremendous debut for England cadet Carl Prean from the Isle of Wight who was signed recently by Soham. He won both his singles as did Paul Day, Kenny Jackson and John Souter. Soham's only defeat came in the doubles where Day and Souter lost for the first time this season.

In their match against Ormesby, Soham again had an easy win although the former team were without Nicky Jarvis and Keith Rodger who had both been taken ill at a training camp. They were replaced by two Juniors Lindsay Taylor and David Polasek who lacked experience at this level. Ormesby's hopes rested on Donald Parker and Denis Neale but these were rudely shattered when Day beat Neale and Jackson beat Parker. Neale beat Souter later in the match after Day had had a very exciting tussle with Parker who he beat -20, 20, 17.

Soham have made a remarkable start in the March League by taking three 20 point maximums and then a 19 in their first four matches to build up a big lead. The team is basically a junior one plus John Ashman

with Michael Lister, Julian Wheel, Nick and Tim Ashman and March lad Paul Oldroyd.

Training at the Wesley Club, Cambridge until they return to Switzerland and Sweden respectively are Bruno Bissig and Kent Renstrom. They leave in December after completing language courses at the local Language Schools. Bruno plays in the third division of the Swiss League and has a very good all round game and Kent a most ferocious forehand drive. He coaches in Sweden and I had a very pleasant chat with him about all the International players past and present — a nice table tennis innovation!

In the Men's Division of the SEM League Cambridge have started off well with a 6-4 victory over North Herts. Brian Jones won two and with John Thurston, Albert Jackson and Clive Woollard all chipping in with one each and then, Jones and Woollard winning their doubles victory was assured. Richard Jermyn won both his sets for North. Herts over Jackson and Thurston. Wisbech have started off badly by losing to Ely (0-10) and Northampton (1-9). In the Ely v Wisbech game Steve Palmer, Keith Richardson, Mick Palmer and Alan Booth won all comfortably and only Defty for Wisbech succeeded in capturing a set from S. Palmer.

In the Junior 1st Division Wisbech have played several games but have lost all. Their results are as follows: v Bedford (0-10), v Northampton (3-7), v Kettering (4-6) and v Milton Keynes (1-9). Jamie Frost has been the most successful player with 6 victories to his credit. In the Veterans Div. 1 Cambridge have again started well with three victories to their credit including wins over Bedford (6-4), St. Neots (9-1), and North Herts (8-2). Thurston has won all his sets in good style and is still a force to be reckoned with. In the Veterans Div. 2 Ely had a 9-1 win over Peterborough with Brian Judd winning all his sets as did "Lofty" Adams. Pat O'Bryne also came in with two victories.

**LATE NEWS** — New Chesterton Institute have now taken over the leadership of Div. 1 in the Cambs League with a 3 point lead over St. Ives.

## SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE

by Leslie Constable

The League has at last got off to a start after a lapse of one season and it is quite clear that at this early stage Ely are again the main contenders. They got off to a good start by beating Wisbech 10-0 all in two-straight except the set between S. Palmer of Ely and J. Defty of Wisbech. Defty took the second at 13 but then faded out to lose -11 in the third. Keith Richardson, Alan Booth and Mick Palmer all won without trouble and with Ely gaining both doubles Wisbech went home pointless.

Wisbech also lost heavily to Northampton and only succeeded in winning one set when Plume beat Forster. Northampton also beat Bedford (8-2) only Fordham winning for Bedford and he managed to beat Allen and Bennett. Milton Keynes had a good start by beating RAF and Bedford 9-1. In the RAF match Wooding, Lines, Haines and Harman won their singles with only the doubles going to RAF when Beechers and Bass beat Haines and Lines.

In the Bedford match Giles, who came in for Lines, was the only Milton Keynes player to be beaten in singles when he lost to Beddall. RAF also lost to North Herts 3-7 but Beechers won two singles for the RAF and he seems to be their outstanding player. Harper and Booth were outstanding for North Herts who came unstuck against Cambridge by 4-6 although Jermyn and Harding came in for Harper and Booth. In this match Richard Jermyn won his sets for North Herts with comparative ease but the all-round strength of Cambridge's John

Thurston, Albert Jackson, Brian Jones and Clive Woollard proved too strong in the end although they clinched one doubles set when Jermyn and Harding beat Thurston and Jackson -16, 18, 19.

In the Junior section North Herts won 5 matches but came unstuck against Milton Keynes (0-10) and Dunstable (1-9). Milton Keynes should do well in this section although Dunstable also have a strong side helped by Lisa Bellinger, Julie Dimmock, Luscombe and Sharpe. There should be a tight finish in this section. In the Veterans Section Cambridge are going all out to retain their title and in their opening matches have beaten North Herts (8-2), St. Neots (9-1), and Bedford (6-4). The "ever-green" Thurston has won all his sets so far and what with being the mainstay of the Cambridge Men's side he really is a bit of a "phenomenon" at his age. In the Ladies' Section I do not have many results to hand but Luton and Northampton seem to be heading for honours at this stage.

### RESULTS

#### Men's Division 1

Cambridge 6 North Herts 4  
RAF 3 North Herts 7  
Milton Keynes 9 Bedford 1  
RAF 1 Milton Keynes 9  
Bedford 2 Northampton 8  
Northampton 9 Wisbech 1  
Ely 10 Wisbech 0  
St. Neots 10 Northampton 0 (W.O.)

#### Junior Division 1

Bedford 3 North Herts 7  
North Herts 6 Northampton 4  
Peterborough 3 North Herts 7  
North Herts 0 Milton Keynes 10  
Dunstable 9 North Herts 1  
Milton Keynes 9 Peterborough 1  
Northampton 4 Kettering 6  
Kettering 1 Dunstable 9  
North Herts 3 Kettering 7  
Peterborough 3 Bedford 7  
Wisbech 0 Bedford 10 (W.O.)  
Northampton 7 Wisbech 3  
Wisbech 4 Kettering 6

#### Ladies' Division

Luton 9 Kettering 1  
Northampton 8 St. Neots 2  
Kettering 4 St. Neots 6

#### Veterans' Division 1

North Herts 2 Cambridge 8  
Cambridge 9 St. Neots 1  
Cambridge 6 Bedford 4  
Peterborough 3 St. Neots 7  
Bedford 5 North Herts 5  
Bedford 5 Peterborough 5  
Northampton 0 North Herts 10

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

### CHALLENGERS DEFEATED

The County look as though they could be in for a good season. The 1st team visited Burton-on-Trent and won 8-2 against the team who they regarded as probably their most strongest challengers — Derbyshire. Maurice Newman turned in an excellent performance to win two with David Gannon and Keith Fellows winning one each. With Anita Stevenson and Karen Smith both available Leics were at their strongest in this particular section.

The 2nd team too had a good 8-2 win over Northants, but the outstanding player was the Northants skipper Dave Marsh. He beat both Alan Philpott and Grahame Hall and his genial attitude and fine defence will make him a popular figure at Leicester whenever he cares to see us. Philip Smith won two for Leics which would suggest he is back to something like his best form. Julie Revill and Eileen Shaler also played well but Jane Nicoll looked a fine prospect for Northants.

Perhaps the best news though was the Juniors' 9-1 win at Herefordshire. Last season the juniors, with the same team, com-

pleted the season without winning one match but it is clear a team boasting Simon Grew, Paul Brindley, Martin Pickles, Yvonne Hall and Jane Heath should do well in the 3rd Division. The Veterans, however lost to Nottinghamshire by nine sets to nil. Over the years Notts have consistently beaten us but the enthusiasm of Rod Pickering was an encouraging feature for the team. With the prospect of Colin Truman, John Iliffe and Alan Crowson being available in the near future, the tide could rapidly change, although of course there is more to Veterans' table tennis than beating Notts.

Leicester dominated the Leicestershire Towns League (Cadets) event with David Aldwinckle, Marcus Bellot and Joanne Murray beating all opposition including their own 'B' team 5-0 in the final. Bellot lost to Louise Forster (Loughborough) and Joanne Murray to Roger Hobill (Melton) but other than that their record was unblemished. Nobody extended Aldwinckle — one of the best prospects in the county for years.

It was my pleasure to accompany Philip Smith and Frank Cooper-Watson to the recent 'Lambert & Butler International Table Tennis Championship'. Philip is our first Auditor (1931) and Frank, originally Treasurer, became Secretary in 1932, a post he held for many years. Frank and Philip had not met for about forty years — they had plenty to talk about!!

Leicester easily retained their hold on the Leicestershire Towns League (Junior) event. With Simon Grew, Yvonne Hall and Martin Pickles all available the issue was never in doubt. This event, incidentally was staged at the old Loughborough Swimming Baths which is the new Loughborough Sports Centre. General feeling is that the new venue will prove very acceptable indeed.

Magpie are running away with the 1st Division of the Leicester & District League, having dropped only two of their first fifty sets. Barwell Liberal players occupy the first three places in the 2nd Division and this team looks certain to top the division. There is a good mixture of youth and experience in the trio of John Iliffe, Colin Jones and Baz Grant. Knighton Park and Goons are closely contesting the third division with Geoff Aldwinckle currently leading the averages. Thorn Lighting, spear-headed by Mike James and Kelvin Smith lead Div. 4 but it is the Magpie junior, Stuart Wilford who leads the averages.

Leicester Building Society III currently lead Division 6 — Roy Norman (Belgrave St. Michaels) is the man to beat in this division. Post Office, led by Stan Ford lead Div. 7. Since Stan has been playing in the league since 1936 he can claim to be a player of experience! Steven Want (Wadkins) leads the averages here. Swithland Motors led by 12 year old Paul Bumpus top Div. 8 with Paul still unbeaten. Leicester Building Society IV top Div. 9 with John Towers, who actually plays for Towers leading the averages. Bob Phipps is still 100% in Div. 10 where Belgrave Constitutional lead the way. Nobody has been able to arrest the progress of Police II in Div. 11 where their captain, Geoff Hancock is still unbeaten. Geoff Godsmark (Midland International) are the current chart-toppers of Div. 12 and for Simon Taylor (Forest Centre) it is certainly not a case of unlucky 13 — he has won all twelve of his sets in this division but it is Netherhall who lead that division.

With Bob Halliday and Alan Chapman 100% and Brian Webb on 93% it will come as no surprise to find the club these three play for. Goodwin Barsby top Div. 14. Jan Fura (Wigston Fields) has won all his twenty sets but his team tie with Bentley Engineering III on points and sets at the top of Div. 15. Martin Hallam (DHSS) became the sole possessor of a 100% record in Div. 16 when he beat Derek Doherty (Guardian Royal Exchange) but Belgrave Constitutional II are the table-toppers of this division. County Hall III have only

dropped one point to lead Div. 17 where Mike Harris (Great Glen) still retains an unbeaten record. Leicester Gas IV are leading Div. 18 where Chris Kelly (Thorn) is the top player. Div. 19 sees St. Cuthberts on maximum points with their top player Alex Mason still unbeaten.

With the 'Golden Jubilee' of local table tennis next year there is the proposal to hold a special Hard Bat tournament. There are quite a few local players who would be interested — perhaps we could have an Over-40's and Over-50's section. With the likes of Charlie Jacques, Phil Smith, Bryan Hall and a few others around it could be interesting. I might even consider digging out my own bat for this! Mike Jackson (Cambridge) would surely attend. Mike has again been making his presence felt in Leicester. At a second team match he demanded to know why a certain lady member from the opposition was not playing expressing his disappointment. When told she had got "something on" he turned round looking very surprised and said "Really!". The following day, umpiring a match in which Maurice Newman was playing he called out "Maurice to serve". At the exact moment Maurice threw up the ball Mr. Jackson called "Let - Sorry it should be Newman!".

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Les D'Arcy

### MICHAEL'S DAY

16-years-old Michael Stead (Bradford) had his name printed indelibly in local record books when he played three important matches in one day without dropping a set. On Nov. 2 he played in the morning and won his club's three sets when Hermits were knocked out of the Yorkshire junior inter-club by Leeds Victoria.

In the afternoon he was unbeaten in Yorkshire Junior 2nd team's 8-2 win over Cleveland and followed this up shortly afterwards with three more wins for Bradford men's 3rd team against Harrogate 1st. One of Michael's victims on this latter occasion was Nicky Davies, former Yorkshire closed champion. I am sure we are going to hear much more of Michael as the season unfolds. Scores in the Junior county match were:

M. Stead bt L. Taylor 15, 14;  
bt K. Green -19, 14, 12.  
T. Dyson lost to Green 13, -12, -10;  
bt J. Chan 19, 17.  
D. Rook bt Chan 20, 20;  
lost to Taylor -18, -16.  
Miss M. Seaton bt Miss J. Woodcock 6, 8.  
Miss J. Ryalls bt Miss C. Montague 10, 10.  
Dyson/Stead bt Green/Taylor 16, 17.  
Ryalls/Seaton bt Montague/Woodcock 12, 10.

### HARTLEPOOL 1-STAR

Another player who will remember the first weekend in November with deep satisfaction is 16-years-old Val Wilson of Leeds who also plays in Division 7 of the Bradford League. After winning her group which included the holder of the Girls' singles title, Julie Woodcock, Val went on to defeat Alison Currie (Durham) in the semi and English Schools' international, Karen Arnold 12 and 19 in the final of the Hartlepool 1-Star Open, to take her first open title.

Helen Shields was also in excellent form to reach two finals. In the women's singles she provided tough opposition for the winner, Carole Knight before going down -18, -17. Miss Knight and Barbara Kearney also proved too good for Helen and Julie Woodcock in the women's doubles.

### WEST YORKSHIRE 2-STAR

Organiser Steve Nunn must have been more than a little sad when he had to turn down a late entry from Euro champion, John Hilton from what turned out to be a



Mr. Wang demonstrates a point to coaches and staff of the Dewsbury TT League's Coaching Group at the Batley Sports Centre.

very popular championship in spite of National League matches taking place on the same day.

Alan Fletcher was the only Yorkshire men's winner when he captured the men's doubles title with Alan Griffiths, the former Welsh No. 1.

Yorkshire's senior first team opened their Premier Division programme by defeating Warwicks 5-4 in a fine team effort in which each member made a winning contribution. The second team were unable to find the same resources in depth and went down 2-8 to Northumberland with Steve Mills and Helen Shields each claiming a win in singles.

### SCORES

S. Mills bt I. Robertson 15, 16;  
lost to Chu Van Quo -17, 12, -13.  
R. Priestley lost to Chu Van Quo -16, -16;  
lost to A. Clark -12, -8.  
R. Shutt lost to Clark -13, 18, -15;  
lost to Robertson -17, -19.  
Miss L. Hryszko lost to Miss B. Kearney -11, -6.  
Miss H. Shields bt Miss K. Cheung 10, 8.  
Mills/Priestley lost to Clark/Robertson -14, 14, -19.  
Hryszko/Shields lost to Cheung/Kearney 18, -19, -14.

However, it was Yorkshire's Junior 2nds who, in spite of two setbacks, pulled off one of their best wins ever. First blow came when popular coach and non-playing captain, Sylvia Broadbent, was unable to make the trip to Radcliffe because of the death of her mother. And Tim Dyson was also unable to put in an appearance because of a breakdown in transport and his two singles had to be conceded. Yet Michael Stead, David Rook, Melanie Seaton and Rachel Brook achieved a memorable 8-2 victory.

I am sure Sylvia Broadbent must be proud of them and Mr. Paul Rook who deputised at short notice. It was an example of true Yorkshire grit — and never better displayed than when against their friends at the other side of the Pennines.

### SCORES

M. Stead bt P. Ashcroft 17, 13;  
bt F. McEwen 16, 15.  
D. Rook bt M. Mercer -19, 15, 16;  
bt Ashcroft 19, 20.  
Miss R. Brook bt Miss H. Frost -14, 13, 17.  
Miss M. Seaton bt Miss B. Hoyle 13, 17.

Rook/Stead bt Ashcroft/Mercer -14, 17, 16.  
Brook/Seaton bt Frost/Hoyle 19, -18, 19.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Unity pulled off their first victory in the Premier Division of the National League when they visited Dunlop Sports Birmingham. Kevin Beadsley gained revenge for his County Championships defeat against Pat Glynn and he and Steve Mills accounted for four sets while Chris Rogers gave Unity the match in the eighth set by overcoming Derek Munt.

### TABLE TENNIS DIPLOMACY

"Table tennis diplomacy", is how Les D'Arcy describes his recent involvement with one of China's former masters.

Les, a prominent figure in local and County circles, spent some time at a local sports centre recently, admiring the skills of a Chinese player practising with Hungarian Steve Bodrog, former Yorkshire inter-league player, now playing in the Wakefield League.

After the practice Les asked Steve if his Chinese friend would like to play against some of the top players in the Sports Centre's TT coaching scheme organised by the Dewsbury TT League.

The Chinese player, Mr. Wang, agreed and confidently disposed of the opposition with no opponent obtaining more than six points out of 21.

His performance was nothing exceptional by his standards as he had beaten all opposition in similar fashion since his arrival in England on a business project several months ago.

Earlier this month, Wang appeared as a guest on "Match Point", a regular table tennis programme presented by Les for the Yorkshire Table Tennis Association on Radio Leeds.

Wang, who first had to obtain permission from the Chinese Embassy in London before appearing on the programme, proved to be a great sporting ambassador for his country.

After the broadcast, in which Wang outlined the coaching system in China, and passed on some valuable hints to coaches he received a tape recording of the programme from Les to take back to China.

Wang reciprocated by giving his host a piece of special rubber for his bat. The rubber is given only to China's top players.

It cannot be bought and must only be given as a token of friendship.

Wang's international career extended from 1957-73. His successes included a win over the 1958-59 World champion Jung Kuo Tuan and a Chinese Zone Championship which includes six of China's largest cities. He was ranked third in China's Under-18 Championship and third in the country's under-25 Championship.

He has since returned to China. Meanwhile, Les is practising with the mysterious Chinese rubber bat covering hoping that next time they meet, possibly in China, he will be able to give the Chinese master a better game.

Said Les: "One thing is certain if we do play each other. At the end of the game Wang will have his usual big smile of victory, and I shall be dripping with sweat!"

## CUMBRIA COMMENT

by John Taylor

### INGREDIENTS MISSING

Just at the moment the County seems not only to be short of funds but also of that other vital ingredient, players! Over the last few years a good number of the top players have lost interest in playing at county level, a drop in interest which seemed to coincide with the rise of the Millom School club and its members in particular who made an unprecedented step by reaching the dizzy heights of the England junior rankings (actual or "A" Group) and consequently began to dominate the Cumbrian domestic scene. The time had now arrived however when former school club members of the calibre of Chris and Ian Reed, Diccon Gray and Neil Smith have all been lost to college life and the county is struggling to field quality sides for their County Championships programme, particularly at senior level.

The men's ranking list looks healthy enough at the top but Gray will be unavailable for selection and before Alan Fay's recent inclusion at No. 2 the list looked decidedly weak with the Barrow trio of Alan Manson, veteran Eddie O'Hara and Andrew Murphy effectively becoming the top three. The position of Murphy serves as a good illustration of the situation in the county in general when you realise that he is playing at No. 3 for the county senior side and yet has to be content with a second team spot when playing in the Barrow and District League for Vickers Sports Club "A". He did however justify his selection for the opening match against Staffs II and did the best of the three by taking both of his sets to a decider.

Bella Gray and Janet Sephton head the women's rankings and both will complement any side in which they are included. Bella in fact picked up Cumbria's only win in that first match against Staffs.

Stephen Dixon heads the Boys rankings as expected and Tim Pachul and Neil Yardley both move up one place due to the disappointing non-appearance of last season's David Archer. Ian Sharp gains his first county ranking at No. 8 and on present form will soon be challenging for a second team spot.

Louise Brockbank takes over from the over age Bella Gray as the No. 1 Girl with three fresh faces: Debbie Soothill, Beverley Sharp and Sharon Sayer making up the top four. Eddie O'Hara again tops the Veterans' list strengthened this season by the inclusion of Ray Carr. Last season's No. 2, Peter Buxton, finds himself at the bottom of the list following a bad day at the trials. Mary Carr (no relation to Ray) comes onto the scene and has already proved a welcome back-up for Clarice Rose.

Full RANKINGS are:

#### Men

1 Diccon Gray (M), 2 Alan Fay (B),

3 Alan Manson (B), 4 Eddie O'Hara (B), 5 Andrew Murphy (B), 6 Stephen Dixon (K), 7 Bill Robinson (B), 8 Alex Craib (C), 9 Ron Wilson (K), 10 Tim Pachul (M), 11 Neil Yardley (B), 12 Andrew Pachul (M), 13 Ian Brown (C), 14 Barry Lynch (B).

#### Boys

1 Stephen Dixon, 2 Tim Pachul, 3 Neil Yardley, 4 David Hillbeck (K), 5 Scott Davidson (M), 6 Tony Huddleston (M), 7 Shaun Ellison (K), 8 Ian Sharpe (M), 9 Gareth Hughes (M), 10 Kevin Brindle (K), 11 John Fearon (K), 12 Jeff Smith (M), 13 Stuart Sayer (C), 14 Michael Friar (M), 15 Paul Simpson (M), 16 Paul Williamson (B).

#### Women

1 Bella Gray (M), 2 Janet Sephton (M), 3 Louise Brockbank (M), 4 Mary McPortland (B), 5 Debbie Soothill (K), 6 Beverley Sharp (M), 7 Sharon Sayer (C), 8 Pam Bickerdike (M), 9 Elizabeth Proctor (M).

#### Girls

1 Louise Brockbank, 2 Debbie Soothill, 3 Beverley Sharp, 4 Sharon Sayer, 5 Elizabeth Proctor.

#### Key

B—Barrow, C—Carlisle, K—Kendal, M—Millom.

All four of the County Championships sides are struggling for any success at the moment and the Junior 1st and Veterans have both lost their first two fixtures with the latter in particular finding the opposition very tough indeed. The Seniors and Junior seconds also lost their opening fixtures, the results to date being:

Seniors 1 Staffs II 9  
Lincs 9 Junior 1st 1  
Derbys 6 Junior 1st 4  
Cleveland 2nd 8 Junior 2nd 2  
Veterans 0 Staffs 9  
Lincs 9 Veterans 0

The County 2-Star Open passed smoothly at the end of September apart from the worry over the dramatic drop in entries. The quality of the entry was undoubtedly there but the men's and boys' singles alone lost 54 and 36 entries respectively. If the trend were to continue next year the future of the tournament would almost certainly come in doubt. Stephen Dixon and Eddie O'Hara were the most successful of the home players by reaching the semi-final stage of the Boys' and Veterans' singles respectively where they both went down to the eventual winners, Paul Rainford and Peter D'Arcy.

## CHESHIRE NOTES

by Mike Freeman

### BILLY'S MONTH

Cheshire were busy with various Cadet and Junior coaching and training sessions culminating on Sept. 6/7 with Bryan Merrett spending the weekend with the County juniors. The rankings for both categories were very closely contested, with 14-years-old Billy Gleave taking all before him.

Peter Flint had to be content with the No. 2 Junior spot, but it was a successful comeback after his serious illness last season. The delight of all sessions was little Clare Potts who can just see over the table and came through as the No. 1 Cadet girl.

Lynne Fennah asserted herself to win the Girls' with Tracey Lightfoot a close second, although the position was reversed at Regional level at the end of September — our girls finishing 3rd and 4th behind the two England-ranked players from Lancashire.

September was Billy Gleave's month with him going on to beat three England-ranked players to win the Colgate North of England Junior title and then to finish first in the Regional Cadet trials to be ranked No. 3 behind England-ranked Smith (Salop) and

McLoughlin (Lancs) who had not been required to play. Billy followed this up with a second title at the Grove 1-Star and 9-years-old Clare Potts put up a great display to be ranked 8th in the Region with Cheryl Clarke 11th both attending Regional trials for the first time.

### RANKINGS

#### Boys

1 B. Gleave (Sfd), 2 P. Flint (Wa), 3 R. Bevan (Wi), 4 K. Eden (Wa), 5 T. Bowen (C), 6 K. Connor (W), 7 J. Truweek (Sale), 8 T. Thirsk (Wa), 9 D. Fulker (C), 10 D. Schienmann (Sale).

#### Girls

1 L. Fennah (Wi), 2 T. Lightfoot (C), 3 D. Conroy (Wa), 4 M. Kirkham (Wa), 5 C. Clarke (Wa), 6 S. Addis (C), 7 C. Baldwin (C), 8 S. Burrows (K).

#### Cadet Boys

1 Gleave, 2 Truweek, 3 S. Collier (C), 4 B. Stringer (R), =4 T. Turner (C), =4 W. Harrison (C), 7 S. Colclough (EP), 8 S. Terry (EP), 9 G. Dickson (C), 10 S. Jones (EP).

#### Cadet Girls

1 C. Potts (Ch), 2 C. Clarke (Wa), 3 J. Hope (EP), 4 M. Walsh (C).

#### Key

C—Crewe, Ch—Chester, EP—Ellesmere Port, K—Knutsford, R—Runcorn, Sfd—Salford, Wa—Warrington, Wi—Wirral.

On the Senior side Cheshire were delighted to learn that Nigel Eckersley would be available for the county again, and he duly led the county to an excellent 6-3 win over Essex, ably supported by Mark Hankey, Tony Boasman and Janet Deakin. The Juniors, Billy Gleave, Peter Flint, Rob Bevan, Lynne Fennah and Cheryl Clarke got away to a winning start also, defeating Derbys 8-2, whilst the Veterans had mixed fortunes, the 1st team beating Leics 7-2 but the 2nds going down 2-7 to Lincs.

On the tournament front Eckersley has again got away to an excellent start winning the Cumbria 2-Star and the Hartlepool 1-Star with victories over Nicky Jarvis in the final of both. Pete D'Arcy also kept the Cheshire flag flying high winning the Cumbria and Humberside veteran events.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Smith

### AT LONG LAST

At long last Gloucestershire now has its own Schools Table Tennis Association. The County Committee have organised the schools events up to now, but with the growing interest of table tennis in schools an inaugural meeting took place at Chosen Hill School, which resulted in the formation of the Gloucestershire Schools TTA. The officers elected were:

Chairman: Mr. P. J. Rimmer, Novwe Dom, The Rocks, St. Briavels Common, Glos.

Secretary: Mr. S. Leuillette, 23 Hillyard Close, Hardwicke, Glos. Tel. Glos. 720640.

Treasurer: Mr. S. J. Taylor, 24 Hazel Croft, Churchdown, Glos.

At the meeting, the draw for the Team K.O. Competition took place with entries in 6 of the 8 events.

The Selection Committee have been busy holding a series of trials before the season began, and issued the following ranking lists.

#### Men

1 D. Harvey, 2 J. Turner, 3 D. Griffin, 4 P. Harris, 5 R. Russell, 6 W. Dawe, 7 A. Giles, 8 G. Slack, 9 A. Golding, 10 M. Lane, 11 R. Peppard, 12 F. Jones,

#### Women

1 N. Tsakarisanos, 2 C. Robb, 3 V. Cruwys, 4 J. Golding, 5 C. Iacopi, 6 S. Giles, 7 J. Foulser, 8 J. Towle.

#### Boys

1 Griffin, 2 Golding, 3 P. Tsakarisanos,

4 R. Russell, 5 S. Beattie, 6 R. Chappell,  
7 A. Beckett, 8 G. Wright, 9 G. Wiltshire,  
10 N. Harrison.

#### Girls

1 N. Tsakarisanos, 2 S. Webby, 3 C. Symonds,  
4 C. Slack, 5 C. Hughes, 6 C. Ind,  
7 K. Jackson, 8 J. Evans, 9 J. Ellery,  
10 H. Colwill.

The first senior match against Warwicks was a disaster, with Dave Harvey not available being on duty with his National League team the following day (how much longer will the County Championships remain in its present form remains to be seen) and Martin Lane who is not playing county table tennis this year, we lost 1-9. Bill Dawe won the only set. In fairness to Warwicks, they were also affected by the National League, none of their nominated men playing.

The Juniors fared much better. In the opening match against Devon at Plymouth they won 8-2, but then suffered a shock 4-6 home defeat to Avon, with Paul Jackson being too good for the home team.

On the Open Tournament scene, the juniors have been having some success. Nina Tsakarisanos reaching the semi-final of the women's singles at the Woodfield, and Andrew Golding and Darren Griffin winning the boys' doubles at both the Swansea and Woodfield tournaments. The County Closed to be held at the Stroud Leisure Centre on Sunday, Dec. 7 is again to be sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank, to whom we are deeply grateful for their help. The organisation is in the hands of Ray Westbury, the tournament secretary, and George Payne the referee.

## OXFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Arthur Chilvers

### BAD START

Oxon have got off to a bad start this season in many respects. The first shock came with the news that County Umpires Sec., John Lockey, had suffered a heart attack. Although we understand John is recovering he is almost certain to relinquish his place on the County committee and will be a sad loss.

One had to search for good news after the opening county matches. Of the first team only Wendy Parker showed that she will be able to cope with the standard in the second division with any confidence and even she lost her set after leading 12-6 in the third. One noticeable point in this fixture with Sussex was the excellent umpiring of the home officials.

11-years-old Amanda Shufflebottom won high praise from the Junior 2nd team coach. Although out of her depth she never gave up and always snapped up the chance to play her shots. Amanda has only been playing for a few months and to have represented her county already shows her tremendous potential.

The Junior 1st team insisted that despite their 10-0 defeat at the hands of Essex it was a match where had they had some luck they could have had a draw. Although I sympathise with the kids there are times when you have to make your own luck.

After the apparent success of the new Oxon County League last season the entry of only five teams this season is baffling to say the least. Perhaps next season the committee should make an effort to promote the league and so attract more entries. If anyone out there can give me some tips on how to promote a new league I would be very grateful. Perhaps my old mate Arnie Warents would like to help me out. How about it Arnie? My address is 9 Edward St., Abingdon, Oxon.

The Oxford and Dist. TTA held their annual championships at Osberton Radiators on Oct. 26/27. In general the performances of note came from the juniors. Paul

Mabbott had an outstanding tournament and had a rare success over Richard Denbow in the final of the boys' singles. In the senior events he was successful in the men's doubles and a defeated finalist in the mixed with Peter Jones and Jackie Windle respectively.

But the outstanding doubles performance of the weekend must have been the first round victory of Neil Hughes and David Baskerville over No. 1 seeds Hammett and Chilvers. Eleanor Hughes kicked back at her critics once again by reaching the women's singles final and losing a well-contested final to Wendy Parker. Wendy had a convincing win over Carrie Filmer and must surely have proved beyond doubt that she should take over Carrie's No. 1 county ranking.

Julie Woodward and Alison Hine also deserve a mention for producing their most consistent performances at local tournament level. Oxford University produced the men's singles champion in Sanjay Kathuria. Sanjay is a highly ranked player from India and was runner-up in the recent Indian national championships. He had very little difficulty in brushing aside the local challenge to add the O&DTTA crown to his list of victories.

### RESULTS

#### Men's Singles:

S. Kathuria bt A. Chilvers 19, 10.

#### Women's Singles:

W. Parker bt E. Hughes 14, -16, 14.

#### Men's Doubles:

P. Jones/P. Mabbutt bt C. Alcock/C. Jackson 16 18.

#### Women's Doubles:

C. Filmer/Parker bt Hughes/J. Woodward 19, 18.

#### Mixed Doubles:

Jones/A. Hine bt Mabbutt/J. Windle -17, 13, 18.

#### Veteran Singles:

P. Kent bt R. Ligorish 17, 17.

#### U-11:

A. Shufflebottom bt T. Filmer 17, -14, 18.

#### Boys' Singles U-13:

W. Mason bt J. Webb 15, 19.

#### Boys' Singles U-15:

N. Hughes bt R. Argyle 19, -19, 19.

#### Boys' Singles U-17:

Mabbutt bt R. Denbow 11, -13, 18.

#### Girls' Singles U-13:

Shufflebottom bt J. Taylor 11, 13.

#### Girls' Singles U-15:

M. Denbow bt Woodward 12, -17, 12.

#### Girls' Singles U-17:

Denbow bt Windle 10, 13.

#### Boys' Doubles:

Argyle/Denbow bt P. Crabb/Mabbutt 22, 16.

#### Girls' Doubles:

Hine/Woodward bt Denbow/Windle 17, -19, 15.

## SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

### SOMETHING DRASTIC

As spectator attendances at county matches all over the country continue to fall something has got to be done — something drastic — Iris Moss has hit the nail on the head with her suggestion that all divisions should play their opponents over two week-ends. Sussex is among the counties who have increased their teams to six this season as a handful of chairs is enough to accommodate the spectators at most county matches. At some matches I am told, the players and umpires outnumber the spectators!

The smaller open and closed tournaments are being hit even harder by the National League. The East Sussex championships on Nov. 30 will be without four Seagulls — some of the strongest players in the county — because of National League commitments.

John Coleman, organiser of the Hastings Tigers 1-Star open at Bexhill on Nov. 16

was tempted to allow rather more than usual to play in the event. He turned 36 prospective contestants away leaving around 125 and a midnight finish.

John Burleton, the Kent No. 4 turned on the power and the application was a little too much for Peter Pudduck (Littlehampton) in the final of the men's singles.

Rachel Mackreill, well-known in Dorset and Warwickshire has been placed into voluntary captivity at Chelsea College, Eastbourne for the usual term of three years to the delight of the Sussex selectors. Without being seriously extended she duly won her first Sussex tournament, the Hastings Tigers, halting Julie Webster (Leatherhead) in the final round, after taking out Teresa Moore the Bexhill bombshell in the semi-finals. Tigers main shocks both in the quarters were the defeat of the Sussex No. 1 Phil Smith by Adrian Moore and the men's doubles exit of Smith and Keith Horton to the Eastbourne father and son Alan and Paul Rowden.

## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

### RAINFORD DENIED

As a follow-up to their surprise 6-3 win over Middlesex in the Premier Division of the County Championships, Lancashire appeared all set for another success when, with the match score poised at 4-4, Paul Rainford held a commanding 17-8 lead over David Newman in the third game of the final set against Essex at Newton-le-Willows on Nov. 29.

But from that stage the young Prestonian only managed one more point as Newman made a remarkable recovery to give his team a 5-4 win after Donald Parker had gone down -17, -13 to Ian Horsham in the penultimate set.

Earlier in the day, at the same venue, Lancashire 2nds had beaten Cleveland 8-2 the visitors having to concede 3 sets being short of two women players thus denying Carolyn Scowcroft of Bolton and Preston's Jean Parker participation.

Clive Heap of Farnworth and Keith Williams of Liverpool both had dual successes in single combat, Heap beating Tony Martin and S. Brunskill, and Williams disposing of Brunskill and Michael Laird. Liverpool's John Marshall lost to Martin (-18, -22) and the two Liverpoolians lost the doubles to Martin and Brunskill.

Away to Lincolnshire at Caistor, Lancashire's juniors won 6-4 with Frazer McEwen, Michael Mercer, Ian McLoughlin and Helen Frost each taking a singles and Miss Frost and Jackie Myers winning the girls' doubles. Chris Bryan was a double winner for Lincs with Stuart Worrall contributing one and Gillian Sharp the other. This was altogether a much better showing than the debacle of the 2-8 defeat by Yorks II in the previous match at Radcliffe, a win for the White Rose county which would doubtless bring a smile to the face of Bert Dainty, a former Yorks Match Secretary.

In Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire League, Salford made a great start in the men's section by beating Manchester 10-0 and Farnworth, with Denis Neale, 6-4. It must be stressed, however, that a wholesale turnover of former Mancunian representation to Salford has considerably enhanced the prospects of the latter league.

In the meeting of the two at Eccles Youth Club on Sept. 25 Phil, Bowen, Mark Hankey and Tony Boasman turned out for Salford to 'whitewash' their former league's team of Tim Taylor, Tim Worthington and J. Mayall. Subsequently away to Farnworth the same Salford trio shared the six sets won with Boasman having a 14, 12 win over Neale.

But, more recently still, on Nov. 21, Salford were held to a 5-5 draw by Rochdale

whose Tim Malkin was a treble winner and, for Salford, Peter D'Arcy was a treble loser!

Preston with victories over Stockport (6-4), Rochdale (10-0) and Manchester (9-1) are now the favourites to recapture the title they lost to Manchester last season. In the meeting between the two on Nov. 21 Preston's only loser was Paul Rainford, to Taylor whose teammates, Worthington and former Welsh international Michael Owen, were totally without success against Donald Parker, Steve Turner and young Rainford.

Current Positions:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Preston	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Salford	3	2	1	0	21	9	5
Stockport	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Farnworth	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Bury	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Manchester	3	1	0	2	7	23	2
Rochdale	3	0	1	2	9	21	1
Liverpool	2	0	0	2	7	13	0

In the women's, first division reigning champions Stockport have begun where they left off beating Crewe (10-0) and Southport (9-1) Debbie Coulthard being their only loser so far to Sue Hughes of Southport. Otherwise it has been plain sailing for Di Johnston and Doreen Schofield.

## Obituary

### LESLIE COHEN

English table tennis in general, and Manchester in particular, lost a wonderful ambassador when Leslie Cohen, President of the Manchester and District League, died suddenly on November 6th, 1980.

He had been suffering from a heart complaint for some time, but was much improved, and had just returned from a holiday in Israel, and looking forward to retirement.

Leslie started playing on the home dining room table in 1934, and when it was suggested that he should join a club, became a member of the Three Courts team, so beginning his long association with the Manchester League.

His biggest thrill was seeing Victor Barna in the World Championships at Wembley in 1935, and from that moment Leslie was determined to become a great player. This he did to such good effect that he became an England International, and a personal friend of his hero Victor.

After his playing days, he devoted his time to the administration side of the game, joining the Management Committee of the Manchester League in 1957, became Chairman in 1959, and on the death of Jack Livingstone was elected President in 1971, conscientiously carrying out the duties of each position.

Nationally he was Chairman of the International Club, and a member of the Appeals Board.

Leslie Cohen was always ready to give help and advice, and was respected by all who knew him and had the honour to share his friendship.

Manchester Table Tennis will miss him, of that there is no doubt, but the memory of a fine gentleman and sportsman will live on.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Renee, and son Elliot.

L.W.J.

## SOMERSET SUMMARY

The first County matches involving Somerset were staged in November with all home encounters venued at Taunton YMCA. The Juniors played Gwent away and lost 2-8 with Vanessa Frost winning her singles and doubles partnered by Wendy Payne.

Somerset's No. 1 boy, David Lee, was promoted into the senior "A" team for their

match against Devon on the same day. The "A" team have been sponsored with six sets of kit, including tracksuits, shirts, bags, etc., by Rucanor of London and we are thankful for their support. The team lost 2-8 with Brian Reeves taking a singles and doubles with John Hartry. The Somerset "B" side travelled to the Isle of Wight and they lost 3-7 with Judy Wodehouse, Ray Thornton and John Crabtree each taking a singles.

Somerset have two veteran teams this season but both lost 2-7 to Wiltshire and Dorset 1st with Tony Brown having a good game on home ground. The Somerset Junior scene is looking healthier now than it has for a long time. At the trials there were approximately 200 youngsters of all ages competing. It has also been brought to the County's attention that there is junior talent in the Minehead area and we hope to forward any interest from that region.

The competition for the U-17 rankings this season has increased considerably. So much so, in fact, that the organiser, Mr. L. Bridges, has staged extra ranking sessions for these juniors resulting in the following order:

### Boys

1 David Lee, 2 Dean Sully, 3 Mark Nicholls, 4 Andrew Hooper, 5 John Smeeton, 6 Steve Webb, 7 Owen Kelly, 8 Michael Heal.

### Girls

1 Wendy Payne, 2 Vanessa Frost, 3 Claire Bryant, 4 Louise Jarman, 5 Linda Clarke, 6 Sarah Webb, 7 Fiona Fearn, 8 Melanie Carey.

Also on the junior scene in November the first round of the schools' competition was held. The event was staged at Sydenham Sports Centre, Bridgwater and run by Mr. Alan Jeffries. This event seems to be increasingly popular as there were over 100 participants this time. The overall champions on the day were Millfield School in both the U-14 and U-17 competitions.

## CLWYD NOTES

by Roy Williams

### ISHERWOOD TOP

Roger Isherwood won the Llandudno Junior Round Robin held at Erias Park Pavilion, Colwyn Bay on Sunday, Nov. 16. The competition, which attracted 23 entries, was run on the lines of the Swaythling Cup, producing places and a final group. The event was organised by newly promoted TTAW coaches Les Jones and Dennis Hunt and proved to be very successful. Michael Walker was second with Derek Butterworth and Neil Hetherington taking third and fourth places.

Wendy Jones won the girls' section, followed by Cheryl Jones, Kath Ashton and Gina Wynne. There were six entrants.

The Llandudno League champions, Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, still lead but had more than a little luck when close rivals had to concede their match being unable to raise a team due to illness and business commitments. Lansdowne "A" with a match in hand are in second place.

Doetra "B" and Hotpoint "A" are both unbeaten in Div. 2 and Quinton Hazel top the third division. Friendship Club and Presbyterian are equal leaders of the Fourth Division whilst Presbyterians "C" dominate Div. 5.

A new competition (the baby of Lansdowne's Ken Jones) and open to all divisions is for a doubles trophy for the last team to lose in league matches. Any combination from the team can be used. The draw for the quarter-final of the Division 1 league resulted:

North Western "A" v DOETRA "A"  
 KL Sports v Colwyn Bay TT "A"  
 Colwyn Bay TT "B" v Colwyn Bay CC "A"  
 Lansdown "A" v Linfood "A"

### SPECIAL MEETING

League placings in the Rhyl League have

no present meaning as the management committee is split on decisions recently made. The Gen. Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Hook, called a special meeting at Rhyl Labour Club and Mr. Phillip Overson, who was nominated from the floor, took the chair.

After a long discussion the meeting voted for a resolution to be sent to the next league meeting for suspensions to be waived as due to no amendments in the Rule Book very few knew the new date for subscriptions to be paid by. 53 players signed a petition which prompted Mrs. Hook to call the meeting and 37 people attended. All league matches, however, have been played and the sooner this dispute is settled the better for table tennis in the area.

Congratulations to Mark Thomas for his recent Junior Open tournament wins and his unbeaten performance for Wales in their recent Junior International against Scotland.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NOTES

by Dennis Millman

### MARKED SUCCESS

Despite a reduced entry, this 30th County Closed Tournament, sponsored by Golden Wonder, was a marked success, with organisers Ian Nicol and Jim Chatburn keeping to such an accurate time-table, that an appreciative audience stayed to watch some entertaining finals.

With Gary Alden and Mandy Wallis not competing, it was expected that competition for the major honours would be close, and so it proved, for after a series of cliff-hangers, the Men's and Women's Singles went to Keith Nicoll and Dorothy Marsh respectively.

Although Nicoll ended the day in fine style, he had been extremely fortunate in the early stages, for in his opening match he had difficulty in accounting for Terry Cardwell, while at the quarter-final stage he was at one stage in deep trouble against Brian Wooding, and after extricating himself from Wooding's clutches, he was lucky enough to get a fine edge which finally



Men's champion Keith Nicholl with father Ian presenting the trophy.

Photo by courtesy of Golden Wonder.



Women's doubles finalists (l to r): Margaret Maltby, Joanne Cutler, Dorothy Marsh and Glennis Hooper.

Photo by courtesy of Golden Wonder.

killed off the much-improved Northampton player's determined challenge. More composed in the semi-final he had little difficulty in coping with County No. 2 Romano Gallo.

Meanwhile twin brother Ken had been performing well in the other half of the draw, eventually playing with his customary coolness and expertise to remove both Dave Marsh and Steve Lyon in close finishes.

The final started in the usual way, with the more dominant Keith seizing the early initiative, but then some clever blocking, allied to some fine counter-hitting from Ken, keeping the issue in doubt right up to the end, before Keith scraped home at "deuce" in the second.

The Women's Singles was also close with Dorothy Marsh using her wider range of strokes and experience, and her greater determination to good effect to beat first Glennis Hooper in the semi-final and then Margaret Maltby in a hard-fought final.

The tables were turned however in the doubles, for Mrs. Maltby and Joanne Cutler outstayed Mrs. Marsh and Miss Hooper to win another fluctuating battle in which the crisp hitting of Mrs. Maltby proved the deciding factor.

Dorothy's husband Dave had a less rewarding day, reaching just one final, the Men's Doubles, but even here he was out of luck, as Keith Nicoll and Gallo, playing together in this event for the first time, outstayed Marsh and Lyon to get home in the third.

Seeded at No. 1 in the Veterans' Singles, Marsh had another set-back, when he failed to master the dead, yet two-paced bat of Dave Pipe and so went out in the semi-final, and he was quickly followed by the winner for the past three years — John Palmer, who was leading 18-14 in the third game when expedite was called, at which point his opponent Dennis Millman took seven of the next eight points to go into the final with Pipe. However in a dour final, it was Pipe who ended as champion without recourse to expedite, much to the chagrin of Cambridge County Umpire Mike Jackson who officiated.

Gallo, who had never previously won a County title at any level, managed two on this occasion, for in the Mixed he and

Margaret Maltby beat fellow Northampton players — Neil Knatt and Joanne Cutler.

The Junior events although lacking the usual number of entries, did however have quality, particularly in the shape of Ian Hawes and Graeme McKim who fought out the final of the Boys' Singles with the impetuous Hawes coming out on top, as he displayed a maturity beyond his years. In the corresponding girls' event, Jane Nicoll had little difficulty in gaining her first County singles honour, with Gillian Philpot providing the final opposition.

Northampton were well to the fore in the Boys' Doubles and the Cadet Boys' Singles, providing all the finalists, with McKim and Richard Malfait taking the doubles and Nigel Metcalfe displaying fine form and promise to hold off Richard Bashford in the singles.

Jane Nicoll, and Jane Wallis, returning from her self-imposed early retirement, took the Girls' Doubles and thus became the only holders to retain a title, while the diminutive Maxine Shears, complete with Indian headband, took the last of the magnificent trophies donated by Golden Wonder, in the Cadet Girls' Singles.

All the trophies were presented to the winners by Chairman of the County Association — Ian Nicoll, who had the unusual distinction of having his twin sons as finalists in the Men's Singles.

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Lyon bt J. Palmer -12, 20, 16;  
Ken Nicoll bt D. Marsh 15, -16, 19.  
Keith Nicoll bt B. Wooding -23, 18, 20.  
R. Gallo bt Sanders 12, 9.

##### Semi-finals:

Ken Nicoll bt Lyon -14, 17, 18.  
Keith Nicoll bt Gallo 15, 17.

##### Final:

KEITH NICOLL bt Ken Nicoll 16, 21.

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

M. Maltby bt J. Nicoll 17, 14;  
D. Marsh bt G. Hooper 17, -16, 18.

##### Final:

MARSH bt Maltby -11, 17, 16.

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

Lyon/Marsh bt I. Hawes/S. Kendall 12, 10;  
Gallo/Keith Nicoll bt Palmer/D. Millman 17, 16.

##### Final:

GALLO/NICOLL bt Marsh/Lyon 15, -19, 15.

##### Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

J. Cutler/Maltby bt Nicoll/J. Wallis -19, 14;  
Hooper/Marsh bt G. Philpot/M. Brooks 15, 15;

##### Final:

CUTLER/MALTBY bt Hooper/Marsh 13, -15, 15.

##### Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

N. Knatt/Cutler bt Lyon/Hooper 14, 19;  
Gallo/Maltby bt Wooding/Marsh 18, -17, 13.

##### Final:

GALLO/MALTBY bt Knatt/Cutler 15, 15.

##### Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

D. Pipe bt Marsh -14, 17, 16;  
Millman bt Palmer 11, -10, 19.

##### Final:

PIPE bt Millman 16, 17.

##### Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

G. McKim bt A. Bennett 19, 14;  
I. Hawes bt A. Kimbell 8, 20.

##### Final:

HAWES bt McKim 20, -17, 17.

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

J. Nicoll bt A. Nicoll 21-6, 21-7;  
G. Philpot bt Wallis 21-17, 21-18.

##### Final:

NICOLL bt Philpot 21-12, 21-17.

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

Hawes/S. Kendall bt N. Ridge/T. Cardwell 12, 19.

##### Final:

MALFAIT/McKIM bt Hawes/Kendall 15, 14.

##### Girls' Doubles Final:

J. NICOLL/WALLIS bt Philpot/M. Shears 8, -11, 12.

##### Cadet Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

N. Metcalfe bt S. Rogers 18, 11;  
R. Bashford bt M. Hughes -21, 20, 13.

##### Final:

METCALFE bt Bashford -17, 14, 15.

##### Cadet Girls' Singles Final:

SHEARS bt S. Nannery 16, 7.

## HASTINGS TIGERS 1-Star

### TWO TITLES FOR RACHEL

Kent's John Burleton was the winner of the men's singles title in the Hastings Tigers 1-Star Open on Nov. 16, his final victim being Peter Puddock of Sussex beaten 8 and 16. In the semis Burleton disposed of another Sussex player, Graham Gillett (16, 15) whilst Puddock ousted Adrian Moore, also of Sussex, 14 and 18.

Rachel Mackriell (Sx) was the winner of the women's singles title when, in the final, she beat Miss J. Webster of Surrey 15, -13, 14. Adrian Moore and Gillett had a men's doubles success in beating Burleton and T. Spain in the final with Miss Mackriell and Mrs. M. Dignum winning the counterpart women's title.

Graham Gillett and Miss S. King were the winners of the mixed beating Burleton and Miss K. May in the final.

### BUMPER ENTRY ANTICIPATED

The Cleveland Table Tennis Association anticipate a bumper international entry for their Open Championships, sponsored by Cleveland County Leisure Services, to be played at Thornaby Pavilion on January 17/18, 1981.

Czechoslovakia, Poland and England, three of Europe's top countries, plus Canada, Wales and Scotland, have indicated that they will accept invitations to participate in the event.

The Championship will be divided into two parts — the Butterfly International Team Event on Saturday with sixteen men's teams and eight women's, the additional places in the team championships being filled by clubs in the National League competition, and the singles and doubles championships being played on the second day.

The entry is likely to include Desmond Douglas, John Hilton, Milan Orlovski, Josef Dvoracek, Andrzej Grubba and Leszek Kucharski, all European-ranked players and the event promises to be of a higher standard than any played in Cleveland for several years.

Entry forms (Closing date: Dec. 14) are available from the organiser, Alan Ransome, of 'Conifers', Church Lane, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Tel. (0642) 223333 (b), 322223 (h).

## West Yorkshire 2-Star Open

### RECOVERY AID FOR BRADFORD

by STEVE NUNN

Tournament Organiser and Referee

The first 2-star tournament to be held by the Bradford and District TTA was staged at the Richard Dunn Sports Centre on Sunday, Nov. 9. It was sponsored by the Bradford - based National Breakdown Recovery Club and the £420 prize money, spread throughout, was presented to the winners by the Managing Director of the Company, Mr. R. Slicer and his wife.

Certainly a debt of gratitude is owed to Mr. Slicer without whose kind assistance it would have been impossible to stage such an event due to ever escalating overheads. It seems quite a sum when you see £1 entry fee for the singles events — but one has to take into consideration there is 20p ETTA Fee, 12p to be paid for each player to the Sports Centre, 10p local administrative fee and 10p postage for sending out the entry form. It all goes to show that in fact the players are paying a mere 50p for entry into these events.

Again we were indebted to Tench Sports of Manchester, who supplied the balls and we would have been well in the red at the end of the day, especially at the rate balls were not being returned to control. At one period I thought we would not have sufficient to finish the tournament. This is a problem not confined to Bradford and I do wish players would co-operate more and make it their business to see that balls are handed back.

This was one of two disappointments I had as organiser. The other was having to refuse the entries of two Irish internationals and two world class players including our own European champion John Hilton. A great disappointment this and although I had a nice gesture from one of the Bradford players, J. Yeats, who said he would withdraw his entry to let Hilton play this was not possible as we had already sent entries back. My apologies to all those players who were disappointed but closing dates have to be adhered to — the moral being get your entries in early.

And now on to the table tennis proper. In the men's singles final it was England versus Wales with the No. 2 seed David Constance, now with Dorset, overcoming the top seed Alan Griffiths who did well to pull up from 1-9 down in the third to level the scores at 17-all but faltered to lose -19.

There were few surprises in this event but just the opposite in the counterpart women's which boasted an entry of 38 but the top seed, Carole Knight, phoned to advise that due to an accident she had hurt her back. This left Melody Hill, the local girl, as the favourite to take home the £50 first prize. But Melody was toppled in no uncertain manner by Joy Grundy, the Lancashire lass, in the quarters.

Another convincing win was that of Sally Midgley over Jean Parker but then Sally was removed by Helen Shields in what was

one of the best sets of the day. But it was a joyous day for Miss Grundy in the final as it was in the girls' singles against Melanie Seaton.

In the men's doubles Terry Donlon and Derek Schofield got a third round walk-over when Steve Kosmowsky and Clem Lo scratched. I see no sense in contesting early rounds and then walk out half way through an event. However the Cheshire pair were beaten in the quarters by the No. 2 seeds Constance and Paul Rainford the losing finalists to Alan Fletcher and Griffiths.

The women's doubles was won in great style by the Yorkshire girls Melody Hill and Sally Midgley who went through the event without the loss of a game. The boys' singles was dominated by Mark Thomas of Wales, the Welsh No. 1 Junior and top seed. His only real opposition came in the final when he met Kent's top boy Paul Namdjou but the Welsh lad won comfortably in the third game. The veterans' title also went to Wales when George Evans beat Schofield in three, a set that Derek could have done without going to a decider as he had only arrived back in England from America at 10 p.m. the previous evening.

My congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. George Yates, the ETTA Deputy chairman, who presented the players free draw prizes. I know that George has a deal of commitments but it was nice to see him, and his wife, after trying for some years, to get them to come across to Bradford. My thanks also to the Richard Dunn Sports Centre staff, for their co-operation; the Yorkshire TTA chairman, Geoff Scruton, and Malcolm Hartley of the Bradford Telegraph and Argos and all who gave me their support for what I hope will be an annual event.

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Fletcher (Y) bt M. Stephenson (Y) 17, 25;  
P. Rainford (La) bt M. Thomas (Wal)  
19, 22;

A. Griffiths (Wal) bt G. Evans (Wal) 15, 13;  
D. Constance (Do) bt G. Brook (Y) 8, 15.

##### Semi-finals:

Griffiths bt Rainford 15, 13;  
Constance bt Fletcher 10, 16.

##### Final:

CONSTANCE bt Griffiths 16, -14, 19.

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

H. Shield (Y) bt S. Midgley (Y) 19, -10, 19;  
J. Grundy (La) bt L. Hryszko (Y) 14, 11.

##### Final:

GRUNDY bt Shields 12, 12.

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

Constance/Rainford bt Evans/A. Healan  
(Wal) 18, 19;

Fletcher/Griffiths bt J. Weatherby/R.  
Weatherby (Ch) 18, 16.

##### Final:

FLETCHER/GRIFFITHS bt Constance/  
Rainford 7, 20.

##### Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Hryszko/Shield bt L. Fennah/W. Mayers  
(Ch) -18, 17, 16;

Hill/Midgley bt Grundy/J. Parker (La)  
11, 10.

##### Final:

HILL/MIDGLEY bt Hryszko/Shields 20, 15.

##### Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Thomas bt B. Gleave (Ch) 9, 15;

P. Namdjou (K) bt Rainford -4, 11, 17.

##### Final:

THOMAS bt Namdjou -19, 14, 8.

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

Grundy bt Fennah 9, 18;

M. Seaton (Y) bt Parker 19, -15, 16.

##### Final:

GRUNDY bt Seaton 17, 17.

##### Veteran Singles Semi-finals:

Evans bt T. Donlon (Ch) 11, 6;

D. Schofield (Ch) bt G. Smith (La)  
-17, 11, 7.

##### Final:

EVANS bt Schofield -18, 17, 16.

## 46th HUMBERSIDE 3-STAR OPEN

### ELEVATION SHOULD FOLLOW

by REA BALMFORD

Max Crimmins and Linda Jarvis, ranked 6 and 9 in the country respectively, should be able to look forward to a move up the lists following their success at the Humber-side 3-Star Open in Hull over the weekend of Oct. 25/26.

Both won their singles event from a top class field and both beat the No. 1 seed in the semi before coming to the table for the final, while Mrs. Jarvis emphasized her superiority by adding the Women's Doubles title — with Karen Witt — to her singles crown.

Crimmins, playing from the third seeded spot, had no easy passage to his semi-final clash with Paul Day, for Cheshire's Tony Boasman only gave him best at 18, 22 on his first visit to the table and in a Round 3 match Sheffield University student Chris Rogers extended him to 19 in the final game.

Local man Alan Fletcher, now playing his table tennis in the Federal German Bundesliga made no impression and Nicky Jarvis, although edging the middle game, little more in the quarters, and then came the clash with Day.

Crimmins, whose topspin from deep positions proved most effective, was always prepared to get in first and the Cambridge left-hander, who built up his attack much more slowly, found problems in getting into the game, although he did steal the second at 19.

Waiting for the Surrey player in the final was youngster Kenny Jackson, not long out of the junior ranks and even more recently returned from a spell of coaching and training in Japan, but, with the scalp of Day under his belt, Crimmins had no intention of allowing Jackson to create a similar upset, taking the match out in straight games after again proving himself better away from the table than his opponent.

Jackson's major problem in the earlier rounds was Vietnamese international Cha Van Que, now resident on Tyneside, who had beaten former top junior Colin Wilson in a Preliminary Round.

The man from the Far East took the second game, but the Essex boy had obviously learned well under his Japanese mentors and, angling his left-handed forehand very wide, got home in the third at 17.

Second seed Don Parker was the next hurdle, and another tight game ensued, but the Lancastrian went the way of Day in two very close games.

Australian No. 1 Bob Tuckett provided the point of interest in the third quarter and he duly took his place in the last eight after getting past Andy Wellman, but, in the bottom section of the same quarter Mark Mitchell, jointly seeded at 5, was shown the door by Middlesex colleague John Souter, who went on to overcome Tuckett in three before going out to Jackson in straight games.

Outstanding result in Day's quarter was the Round 2 victory of 14-year-old Carl Prean who, without winning anything, had a fine tournament beat David Barr.

Mrs. Jarvis, who has for so long lived in the shadow of Jill Hammersley on the English tournament circuit, announced her intentions when she took out the rapidly improving Karen Witt at the quarter-final stage and then shot out top seed Carole Knight in a straight games semi.

The final proved an interesting contrast

between another of the younger school in Alison Gordon, always prepared to go for her shots, and the steadier, more controlled game of the established England international.

Miss Gordon could well have got the verdict in straight games, but it was not to be and her game collapsed in the decider which went 21-9 to Mrs. Jarvis.

Shock result in the bottom half of the draw were the Round 1 dismissal of second seed Anita Stevenson by Nottingham University's Cheryl Buttery, who, in her turn, went down to Claire Maisey, very much a newcomer to the big time.

The girl from unfashionable Wiltshire can feel pleased with her day's work for she also made the Women's Doubles final with Gina Pritchard, the pair putting an end to the hopes of the top seeded Knight — Stevenson on the way.

Maisey went out to Gordon in straight games before the Berkshire player went on to take her final place by a narrow margin at the expense of Yorkshire's own Melody Hill (Ludi).

In the Men's Doubles the scratch pairing of Parker-Tuckett proved a formidable team, taking the title with wins over first Jackson-Crimmins (semi-final) and then Day-Jarvis, while in the parallel women's event Jarvis-Witt ousted Gordon-Mandy Smith in the semi before moving on to a comfortable final victory over Pritchard-Maisey, who had followed up their shock early win by shutting the door on Mrs. Hill and Linda Hryszko.

The two junior events went the way of the No. 1 seeds Souter and Joy Grundy with the Veteran title being claimed, for the fifth time since 1974, by Pete D'Arcy.

132 players entered the Class 2 Mixed Singles which, in itself, shows the value of this event, the final being fought out between Mark Oakley and Prean, the former getting the verdict in two.

The Humberside Libraries and Amenities Committee who, along with three local business firms and Hull Kingston Rovers R.F.C., made the staging of the event possible by their sponsorship, presented a trophy for the best performance from a player from the local area, and this went to Sean Madden of Hull, who reached the last eight of the Class 2, taking out Gary Lambert on the way before falling to Prean.

If, however, there were awards for similar performances by 'down the ladder' players, Prean and Miss Maisey would have collected my vote, with a 'saver' on Leicester's David Gannon who, now beginning to realise his promise, reached the last 16 of the Class 2 with wins over men of the calibre of Paul Beck, Boasman and Kevin Satchell.

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

M. Crimmins (Sy) bt N. Jarvis (Cv) 14, -19, 8;  
K. Jackson (E) bt D. Parker (La) 20, 19;  
P. Day (Ca) bt G. Sandley (Mi) -19, 8, 12;  
J. Souter (Mi) bt R. Tuckett (Aus) 17, -20, 17.

##### Semi-finals:

Crimmins bt Day 15, -19, 16;  
Jackson bt Souter 16, 16;

##### Final:

CRIMMINS bt Jackson 14, 17.

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

L. Jarvis (Sy) bt C. Knight (Cv) 9, 20;  
A. Gordon (Bk) bt M. Hill (Y) 18, 22.

##### Final:

JARVIS bt Gordon 20, -16, 9.

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

Parker/Tuckett bt Jackson/Crimmins -20, 18, 9;  
Day/Jarvis bt W. Percival/B. Johns (Ch) 15, -18, 5.

##### Final:

PARKER/TUCKETT bt Day/Jarvis 20, 19.

##### Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

K. Witt (Bk)/Jarvis bt Gordon/M. Smith (Bk) 12, -13, 14;

G. Pritchard (Dv)/C. Maisey (W1) bt Hill/L. Hryszko (Y) 14, 8.

##### Final:

WITT/JARVIS bt Pritchard/Maisey 11, 17.

##### Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

Souter bt Carl Prean (IOW) 14, 13;  
P. Bradbury (Bu) bt M. Oakley (Sy) 15, 6.

##### Final:

SOUTER bt Bradbury -20, 14, 13.

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

J. Grundy (La) bt J. Myers (La) 11, 9;  
M. Seaton (Y) bt J. Speight (Y) 15, 13.

##### Final:

GRUNDY bt Seaton 12, 11.

##### Veteran Singles Final:

P. D'ARCY (Ch) bt S. Battrick (E) 18, 22.

##### Class 2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:

Oakley bt Battrick -19, 5, 13;  
Prean bt S. Madden (Y) 14, 9;  
M. Francis (Sx) bt D. Gannon (Le) 17, 14;  
Johns bt S. Moore (Sx) -18, 20, 20.

##### Semi-finals:

Oakley bt Francis 18, 14;  
Prean bt Johns 18, -19, 11.

##### Final:

OAKLEY bt Prean 20, 16.

## Northumberland Closed

### CHU THE CHAMPION by PAULINE JACKSON

Chu Van Que, as expected, is the new Northumberland Closed men's singles champion. At Blyth Sports Centre on November 15, he brushed aside the opposition to easily take this title, his final victim being Andrew Clark, who had played well to defeat former champion and second seed Ian Robertson in a very close semi-final. The fourth semi-finalist was No. 4 seed Martin Young, which meant that the first four seeds had reached their allotted places, but he only just made it after a tremendous set against Dave Godbold, eventually winning deuce in the third.

Barbara Kearney, also a hot favourite, became the new women's singles champion by beating Caron Buglass in the final, and apart from a 25-23 first game against Pauline Jackson in the quarters, never really looked in serious trouble. Caron, however, played extremely well to reach this stage, and in her quarter final accounted for title holder Kit Cheung in no uncertain manner. Top cadet Clare Mouzon gave a noteworthy performance to reach her semi-final by eliminating Susan Norris, who had earlier put out Shirley Laver. Christine Burke had little trouble until her semi-final, at which stage she was beaten by Barbara.

The McAllister brothers, David and Kevin, did well to reach the semi-finals of the men's doubles, and only narrowly lost to Chu and Clark. The holders, Robertson and Peter Whiteman came through in the other half of the draw, but lost their crown to Chu and Clark in straight games.

The women's doubles title also changed hands with Barbara and Kit beating Christine and Caron, the holders, in the final over three ends.

Jimmy Scope took the league handicap event from a "scratch" position, and the veterans' final was an all North Shields YMCA affair, with Terry Wilkinson getting the better of Harry Dignan. Barbara Kearney took her third title of the day when she won the mixed doubles, partnered by Clark. Martin Young and Caron Buglass were the losing finalists.

As 15 tables were available, the tournament was able to finish well on time, but the entry for various reasons was extremely disappointing — the lowest ever for a Northumberland Closed. Whatever the reasons — a necessary increase in entry fees, separation of the junior tournament (to be held in February) or a further distance to travel for competitors, the

saddest aspect must be the fact that not one player from Blyth bothered to enter their own tournament at their own venue, which must raise doubts about whether it is worthwhile holding the tournament outside Newcastle in future seasons.

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

Chu Van Que bt H. Dignan 11, 5;  
M. Young bt D. Godbold -18, 27, 20;  
A. Clark bt S. Robinson 17, 11;  
I. Robertson bt F. Short 11, 19.

##### Semi-finals:

Chu bt Young 8, 7;  
Clark bt Robertson 19, 22.

##### Final:

CHU bt Clark 6, 14.

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

B. Kearney bt C. Burke 11, 8;  
C. Buglass bt C. Mouzon 16, 11.

##### Final:

KEARNEY bt Buglass 15, 13.

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

Robertson/P. Whiteman bt Young/P. Said 9, 18;

Chu/Clark bt D. McAllister/K. McAllister 19, 19.

##### Final:

CHU/CLARK bt Robertson/Whiteman 10, 15.

##### Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

Kearney/K. Cheung bt P. Jackson/S. Laver 14, 14;

Buglass/Burke bt Mouzon/S. Norris -20, 10, 16.

##### Final:

KEARNEY/CHEUNG bt Buglass/Burke 12, -10, 12.

##### Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Clark/Kearney bt Said/Laver 13, 13;  
Young/Buglass bt N. McMaster/Burke 18, -14, 16.

##### Final:

CLARK/KEARNEY bt Young/Buglass 16, 17.

##### Veterans' Singles Semi-finals:

T. Wilkinson bt B. Pierce 11, 16;  
H. Dignan bt J. Jackson 17, 16.

##### Final:

WILKINSON bt Dignan 16, 13.

##### League Handicap Semi-finals:

J. Scope (scr) bt M. Moore (+6) 12, -8, 20;  
F. Woodhouse (+3) bt Godbold 19, 12.

##### Final:

SCOPE bt Woodhouse 16, 17.

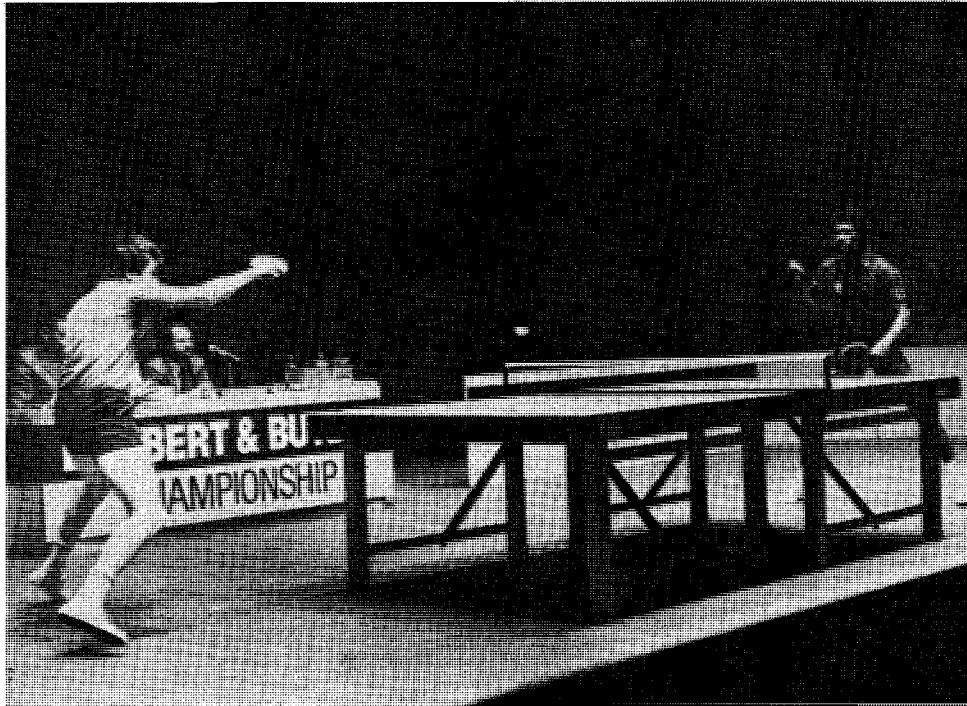


CHU VAN QUE

Photo by F. McGrath, Manchester.

# Lambert and Butler Table Tennis Championship

by Philip Reid



A shot from the final set between Tibor Klampar and Desmond Douglas.

When the opportunity was afforded me to watch the Lambert & Butler Table Tennis Championship, I felt it was an opportunity I could not miss. I had seen very little top class table tennis over the last four years and was eager to rectify this.

Sunday afternoon in London is an ideal time to stage a tournament and I was not surprised all the tickets had been sold. The New London Theatre in Drury Lane was at once a most impressive setting. Everyone must surely get an excellent view and it seemed very compact. The atmosphere I would liken to that at the Dome, Brighton.

In the past I have sometimes felt we may have perhaps fallen down a little on presentation — here it was superbly done. As MC Albert Shipley announced the name of each player with a sensibly brief introduction, the spotlight would focus on a door at the top of the stairs and would follow each player in turn into the arena. It was tastefully and professionally done. The late withdrawal of Stellan Bengtsson due to injury was resolved when Peter Stellwag agreed to participate at only a couple of days notice.

The opening set involved our own European Champion, John Hilton against that brilliant but unpredictable Hungarian, Tibor Klampar, ranked three in Europe. Hilton, let it be said at once is a player of immense ability. One has only to look at his list of wins since winning the European to appreciate this was no 'flash in the pan'. Hilton is a diligent, intelligent player who knows exactly what he is doing.

In the first game Hilton's careful defensive play and sudden hits gave the Hungarian plenty of trouble but Klampar

has been in tight situations before and has one particular asset — an ice-cool temperament. Losing the first he had a word with his captain Ferenc Sido (the biggest man ever to win the World's) and he was soon back in the game. Klampar hits so cleanly and with such unerring accuracy when on

form that he looks nearly unplayable. Hilton stuck manfully to his task but the longer the set went on the more Klampar looked likely to win it and so it proved in a set that was scrappy in parts but never less than entertaining.

Desmond Douglas was next to the table to play Stellwag. The late dash may have affected Stellwag's game for although he produced some fine shots he was never able to put Douglas under any real pressure. Such consistency by Douglas must have given him confidence for he rarely made a bad shot. The crowd were next entertained to the defensive skills of Jacques Secretin who hit far more than usual — there were some good rallies but perhaps not as many as one would have hoped for. Klampar made some mistakes against him but rarely looked like losing.

It was at this stage that the first and perhaps only real shock occurred. Dragutin Surbek, whose forehand is already almost a legend came to the table to play Stellwag. With a higher ranking and Stellwag seemingly out of form there seemed little doubt who would win. Stellwag, however, sorted his game out, hit splendidly down both wings and despite the sort of spirited fight we have always now come to expect from the popular Yugoslav, it was a two-straight win to Stellwag who must have immediately felt his trip was worth while.

Neither Secretin nor Hilton suffer from impetuosity when at the table but their game was interesting. Both proved well able to hit powerfully and with accuracy when the occasion was there. I felt, however that Secretin was below his best form although Hilton's win was richly deserved. When asked later at the reception how he was, the French ace said "Not so fine". I was informed the floor was a bit tacky and the ball sometimes 'did things' through the air, by somebody whose judgement I would always respect. However to expect conditions that are 100% at the first time of asking is to wish for the nearly impossible.

The last set in the groups involved Douglas and our MC spoke of the intriguing possibilities should Desmond lose to Surbek — a triple tie would result and games or if necessary points would be taken into contention. I am sure the possibility of this had never occurred to Douglas. Hitting with power and accuracy in the first Surbek found himself all round the arena with his customary enthusiasm but there was no way he could stem the flow of shots. When, in the second game, he managed to slow it down it looked as though he



The contestants (from l to r): Jacques Secretin, Dragutin Surbek, John Hilton, Peter Stellwag, Desmond Douglas and Tibor Klampar.

might even extend Douglas to three but the England left-hander, getting vital points when it really mattered weathered the storm to win.

The first semi-final then involved Klampar and Stellwag. I had put down Stellwag's indifferent display against Douglas down to 'jet-lag', something which was confirmed in my mind when he beat Surbek. But suddenly, here he was in all sorts of trouble against Klampar. Few people can match the Hungarian with his unerring accuracy and power of shot when he is in full flow. Certainly in the first the unfortunate German could do little to stem the flow and those who thought things would get better in the second were soon in for a shock. Hitting with incredible power, Klampar built up an astonishing 14-1 lead as shot after shot found the target. Whilst one must have had sympathy for Stellwag it was impossible not to admire the hitting of Klampar, hitting which clearly delighted his captain.

The result was of course a formality and when the second semi-final started it looked as though we might get another match just as one-sided. Douglas, by now must have played with and against Hilton often enough to know his game as well as anyone. In the first he had little trouble in coping with Hilton's bat, a bat which has caused so many upsets over the past few months. He seemed able to pick out winners without much trouble and if the score of 21-8 was a little flattering, his superiority was never in doubt. Hilton, though, is always prepared to graft and set about the second one doggedly. Varying his chop, hitting the odd one, a drop shot here and there and he was back in the set.

Douglas, though, knowing the difference between winning and losing this set was £450 was in no mood to let anything slip. An appreciative crowd saw table tennis at its best and whilst Hilton lost it was a set worth watching.

The final opened with Douglas hitting form at once. The Douglas forehand which can be so lethal was also functioning as consistently as I have ever seen it. Whilst the crowd were not particularly biased they would obviously have relished a win for the English player but once again Klampar was to come back. With such an astute adviser as Sido, the tactics will obviously be to bring out the best of the Klampar reflexes and sure enough, hitting the ball early and nearly always winning out on the longer rallies Klampar hammered away incessantly. The speed with his kill and counter-kill are something to be seen and the crowd enjoyed every minute.

At 20-16 in the third Klampar put away yet another forehand, raised his arm in the air (the first sign of emotion he had shown all day) and the tournament was over.

An enjoyable reception and we all went our various ways. But of one thing I feel everyone was agreed — the event had been an unqualified success.

#### SCORES

##### Group 1

Tibor Kampar (Hungary) bt John Hilton (England) -15, 14, 16.

Klampar bt Jaques Secretin (France) 18, 19. Hilton bt Secretin 17, 13.

##### Group 2

Desmond Douglas (England) bt Peter Stellwag (Federal Germany) 11, 13.

Stellwag bt Dragutin Surbek (Yugoslavia) 19, 18.

Douglas bt Surbek 13, 19.

##### Semi-finals:

Klampar bt Stellwag 13, 11.  
Douglas bt Hilton 8, 17.

##### Final:

KLAMPAR bt Douglas -15, 17, 16.

The prize money pool totalled £3,250, allocated as follows:

Winner ..... £1,500  
Runner-up ..... £750

Losing semi-finalists ..... £300 each  
3rd Place in each Group ..... £200 each

Photos by Graham Duncan,  
Tooting Bec, London.

## Cover Picture

Tibor Klampar of Hungary holds the trophy and a cheque for £1,500 as the winner of the Lambert and Butler Table Tennis Championship at the New London Theatre, Drury Lane, London on Nov. 2. With him is England's defeated finalist Desmond Douglas, resplendent in his TSP clothing — as supplied to the England team — and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dyke, the former being the Sponsored Events Manager of Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills.

## NEW SENIOR RANKINGS

The National Ranking Panel have issued the first Senior ranking lists of the season. With the top two places of the men's list unchanged since the June rankings, the main interest lies in positions 3-10 where considerable changes have occurred. Replacing Paul Day at No. 3 is Bob Potton, whilst the tournament results of Max Crimmins and the National League record of Graham Sandley have brought them their higher placings. The former Vietnamese star, Chu Van Que, appears for seeding purposes at 12A with Aussie ace Bob Tuckett, now playing for Sealink Milton Keynes, at 9A.

In the women's list Jill Hammersley is placed at 1A due to insufficient results and Linda Jarvis now holds the No. 1 ranking. As the winner of the Humberside 3-Star Championships on Oct. 25/26 and the runner-up in the Halex Sport Midland 3-Star on Nov. 15/16, this is not surprising and her final opponent on both occasions, Alison Gordon, has risen five places to No. 3. Revised rankings (previous positions in brackets):

#### Men

- 1 Desmond Douglas (Wa) (1)
- 2 John Hilton (La) (2)
- 3 Robert Potton (E) (5)
- 4 Max Crimmins (Sy) (6)
- 5 Graham Sandley (Mi) (10)
- 6 Paul Day (Ca) (3)
- 7 Duggie Johnson (Wa) (8)
- 8 Kenny Jackson (E) (9)
- 9 Donald Parker (La) (4)
- 10 John Kitchener (Sk) (18)
- 11 Nicky Jarvis (Cv) (7)
- 12 Mark Mitchell (Mi) (12)
- 13 Nigel Eckersley (Ch) (11)
- 14 John Souter (Mi) (—)
- 15 David Wells (Mi) (—)
- 16 David Barr (Bk) (13)
- 17 Steven Mills (Y) (—)
- 18 Chris Rogers (Le) (—)
- 19 Colin Wilson (Mi) (—)
- 20 Andrew Wellman (Bk) (19)

- 9A Robert Tuckett
- 12A Chu Van Que (Nd)

#### Women

- 1 Linda Jarvis (Sy) (9)
- 2 Karen Witt (Bk) (4)
- 3 Alison Gordon (Bk) (8)
- 4 Carole Knight (Cv) (2)
- 5 Anita Stevenson (Le) (3)
- 6 Melody Hill (nee Ludl) (Y) (5)
- 7 Mandy Smith (Bk) (7)
- 8 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (6)
- 9 Joy Grundy (La) (—)
- 10 Karen Smith (nee Rogers) (Le) (10)
- 11 Suzanne Hunt (Li) (11)
- 12 Sally Midgley (Y) (12)
- 13 Julie McLean (Y) (—)
- 14 Cheryl Buttery (Li) (—)

- 15 Claire Maisey (Wi) (—)
- 16 Helen Shields (Y) (—)
- 17 Mandy Reeves (Bk) (—)
- 18 Jill Harris (St) (—)
- 1A Jill Hammersley (Bu)

Omitted from the previous men's list are David Constance (Do) (14), Denis Neale (Cv) (15), Ian Horsham (E) (16), Jimmy Walker (Cv) (17) and Mike Johns (Ch) — now the Australian national coach — at No. 20. The women's list has been extended from 12 to 18 players.



Linda Jarvis, now living in Guisborough, now holding the women's No. 1 position.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London.

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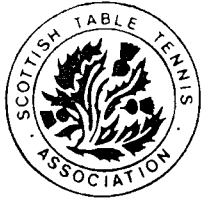
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# SCOTTISH NEWS



by Denis George

## MIDLANDS OPEN, \* Dundee 1st November, 1980

This event was once again sponsored by the local firm GEORGE MORTON LTD. (OVD RUM) and attracted a large entry. The most eagerly awaited event was the first competitive meeting between Richard Yule and Keith Rodger since the latter returned from Japan last March. This was Richard's first Scottish tournament of the season (due to his leg operation) whilst Keith already had the 1980 BENEAGLES and MEADOWBANK titles under his belt. They met in the final and in an atmosphere of anti-climax Rodger raced away from 8-all in the first to win 21-18, 21-12, his high thrown services being the telling factor. This was Yule's first defeat by a Scotsman since David Fraser beat him in the Scottish Closed in November 1973.

### RESULTS

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

R. Yule bt A. Majid 20, 15;  
K. Rodger bt D. McIlroy 10, -14, 15.

#### Final:

RODGER bt Yule 18, 12.

#### Women's Singles Final:

VALERIE THOMSON bt Doreen Quin 15, 15.

#### Boys' Singles Final:

DAVID CAMPBELL bt Graeme Docherty 13, 19.

#### Girls' Singles Final:

THOMSON bt Aileen Bennett 10, 18.

#### Cadet Boys' Singles Final:

CONRAD WHITELAW bt Martin Crawford 18, -16, 19.

#### Cadet Girls' Singles Final:

LOUISE BENNETT bt Lynn Johnston 18, 20.

#### Men's Doubles Final:

J. GRAHAM/R. KERR bt Campbell/W. Mabon 5, -18, 19.

#### Women's Doubles Final:

I. FERGUSON/B. ANNAND bt S. Ferguson/Thomson 24, 17.

#### Mixed Doubles Final:

RODGER/E. ROBB bt I. McLean/I. Ferguson 21, 10.

#### Veterans' Singles Final:

KERR bt E. Dunbar 13, 17.

## SCOTTISH SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Dundee

2nd November, 1980

TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS in Scotland and STIGA (UK) LTD. sponsored this event which was held at the same venue the day after the Midlands Open. Teams from all over Scotland took part.

### Winners:

Junior Girls — CENTRAL Region  
Junior Boys — CENTRAL Region  
Senior Girls — CENTRAL Region  
Senior Boys — AYR

The PLAYER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS Award went to Billy Kennedy of Ayr.

### STTA JUNIOR & YOUTH CLOSED, Edinburgh, 9th November, 1980

The various events went as expected except that Edinburgh's David Campbell had a 'bad' day losing the Boys' Singles to Glasgow's Graeme Docherty and the Under-21 Singles to Walter Clarkson (Falkirk) who has made a comeback to the tournament scene this season since leaving junior ranks 4 years ago. Campbell, however, won the Youth Doubles with Willie Mabon.

### RESULTS

#### U-21 Men's Singles Semi-finals:

W. Clarkson bt C. Gray 15, 16;  
D. Campbell bt R. Nixon 14, 15.

#### Final:

CLARKSON bt Campbell 24, -18, 14.

#### U-21 Women's Singles Final:

CAROLE DALRYMPLE bt Elizabeth Robb 9, 9.

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

GRAEME DOCHERTY bt D. Campbell 13, 16.

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

VALERIE THOMSON bt Brenda Annand 18, -18, 16.

#### U-14 Boys' Singles Final:

MARTIN CRAWFORD bt Conrad Whitelaw 14, 16.

#### U-14 Girls' Singles Final:

LYNN JOHNSTON bt Louise Bennett 16, 17.

#### U-21 Men's Doubles Final:

D. Campbell/W. Mabon bt G. Campbell/S. Fowler 13, 17.

#### U-21 Women's Doubles Final:

DALRYMPLE/L. ROBB bt Thomson/Annand 8, 15.

#### U-21 Mixed Doubles Final:

NIXON/DALRYMPLE bt J. Thallon/Thomson 8, -8, 12.



RICKY NIXON and  
CAROLE DALRYMPLE

Photo by Lindsay McCrea

## JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL SCOTLAND v WALES

15th November, 1980

This match was sponsored by the Midlothian District Council and held at the Lasswade High School Centre where former Scottish No. 1 Lady — Elaine (Smith) Forbes is the Assistant Manager. With both sides losing Poznan players to the 'age barrier' new Scots caps Gordon Clancey (Glasgow) and David Fletcher (Glasgow) and new Welsh caps Gary Wilkins (Blaina) and David Griffiths (Cardiff) made their debut. The Scots won the first tie and from then the ties went alternately to 4-3. The last tie saw the two No. 1s — David Campbell and Mark Thomas battle for the match. In the first end David led 19-17 but lost 20-22 to an inspired Welsh burst. At 19-all in the second a fantastic rally had David lobbing back all Mark's smashes to win the point and go on to take the set 22-20. Mark, however, held the initiative throughout the third to win 21-17 and so draw the match.

### SCORES

David Fletcher bt David Griffiths -14, 12, 18.  
Gordon Clancey bt Gary Wilkins -13, -12.  
David Campbell bt Andrew Jones 17, -18, 18.  
Graeme Docherty bt Mark Thomas 17, -13, -14.

Clancey bt Griffiths 20, 19.

Fletcher lost to Wilkins -16, -19.

Docherty bt Jones 21, 13.

Campbell lost to Thomas -20, 20, -17.

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### EAST OF SCOTLAND OPEN \*\*

Meadowbank, Edinburgh

16th November, 1980

The Welsh boys stayed over and with a goodly contingent up from Northumberland, coupled with the high 'Meadowbank Standard' of playing conditions, made for an enjoyable day of table tennis.

With Chu Van Que, the "Vietnamese Geordie", wild in the draw (his NORTH OF ENGLAND victory had not reached the ears of the Referee at the time of the draw) and in Keith Rodger's half speculation was rife on whether he would end the Scots recent run of success in home tournaments. The way Chu disposed of his early round opponents did nothing to allay Scottish

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KEITH RODGER and DAVID McILROY

Photo by Brian Webster

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fears. However the semi-final meeting of the two produced some sparkling aggressive table tennis. From 1-5 down Rodger got his high service going with good 3rd ball attack to win the first 21-13. In the second the momentum of his attack took Rodger to an early lead; Chu fought back with determination to equalise at 11 and again at 15, but youth was not to be denied as Keith hitting hard to the forehand, then smashing wide to the backhand stepped up the pace to win 21-19. Anwar Majid came through in the other half and put up a better show in the final than the scoreline 9 and 12 would seem to indicate as Rodger won his 4th title of the season.

#### RESULTS

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

K. Rodger bt Chu Van Que 13, 19;

A. Majid bt K. McLean -18, 16, 15.

##### Final:

RODGER bt Majid 9, 12.

##### Women's Singles Final:

CAROLE DALRYMPLE bt Patrice Fleming 15, 18.

##### Men's Doubles Final:

J. GRAHAM/R. KERR bt D. McIlroy/Rodger 18, -10, 15.

##### Women's Doubles Final:

DALRYMPLE/FLEMING bt V. Thomson/S. Ferguson 17, 21.

##### Mixed Doubles Final:

KERR/FLEMING bt R. Nixon/Dalrymple 11, 18.

##### Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

D. Campbell bt A. Jones (Wales) -14, 5, 20;

M. Thomas (Wales) bt C. Gray 16, 8.

##### Final:

THOMAS bt Campbell 15, 10.

##### Girls' Singles Final:

VALERIE THOMSON bt Brenda Annand -20, 16, 9.

##### Open Cadet Singles Final:

D. BLACKBURNE (Durham) bt Lynn Johnston 17, 14.

#### RANKING LISTS

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##### Junior Boys

1 David Campbell (Edin), =1 Graeme Docherty (WOS), 3 David Fletcher (WOS), 4 Scott Rennie (Edin), 5 Douglas Lewis (WOS), 6 Colin Gray (Fife), 7 Gordon Clancey (WOS), 8 Colum Connor (WOS), 9 Stuart Fowler (Stir), 10 Robert Fletcher (WOS), 11 Martin Crawford (Stir), 12 Kenneth Semple (Stir), 13 Colum Kennedy (Ayr), 14 Graeme Sutherland (Edin), 15 Gordon Nixon (Stir), 16 Iain O'Neil (WOS), 17 Russell McGlynn (Stir), 18 John Russell (Stir), 19 John White (Stir), 20 Gordon Waddell (Stir).

##### Junior Girls

1 Valerie Thomson (WOS), 2 Aileen Bennett (Stir), 3 Lynn Johnston (Stir), 4 Linda Snodgrass (WOS), 5 Alison Cook (Ayr), 6 Antonia Breslin (Lan), 7 Jane Colville (Stir), 8 Mary Brown (Stir), 9 Louise Bennett (Stir), 10 Yvonne Sweeney

(WOS), 11 Claire Duncan (Stir), 12 Lesley Crooks (Stir), 13 Patricia Calder (Stir), 14 Karen Moran (WOS), 15 Susan Duggan (Stir).

##### Cadet Boys

1 Martin Crawford (Stir), 2 Conrad Whitelaw (Fife), 3 Gordon Waddell (Stir), 4 Keith Sutherland (Stir), 5 A. Grant (Stir), 6 Billy Graham (Lan), 7 Graeme McIntyre (WOS), 8 Kevin Wilson (Kelso), 9 Ian Stokes (WOS), 10 Nicol Fraser (Edin), 11 Iain Nixon (Stir).

##### Cadet Girls

1 Lynn Johnston (Stir), 2 Louise Bennett (Stir), 3 Claire Duncan (Stir), 4 Jane Colville (Stir), 5 Lesley Crooks (Stir), 6 Patricia Calder (Stir), 7 Susan Duggan (Stir).

##### Key

Edin—Edinburgh, Stir—Stirlingshire, WOS—West of Scotland (Glasgow), Lan—Lanarkshire.

#### TAILPIECE

18 months ago Carole Dalrymple broke a leg playing football in the gym, now Jane Colville (Stirling) who headed the Cadet Girls in the recent STTA Ranking Tournament will be out of action for a few months with a broken leg — a goal post fell on her in the school gym.



## Welsh Corner

H. ROY EVANS

#### ANOTHER TITLE FOR ALAN

The Swansea Open provided Alan Griffiths with another singles title, but he had rather more trouble winning it this time than in the Aberdare Open. In fact until the later stages of his third game against David Welsman in the final it looked as if Alan was going to have to settle for second best. David had won the first game in good style, Alan came back with an easy win in the second, but David led 16-14 in the decider, with his own service to come. And David, as has happened too often in his playing career, then proceeded to lose point after point, partly because of his own anxiety, but mostly because Alan piled on a pressure that had David wilting badly.

Alan had beaten Mark Thomas in his semi-final. Last time they met in Aberdare Mark had put up little resistance, but this time Alan had to play much harder to win.

David had little trouble with Bob Bishop in his semi, but Bob had had a good run, beating seeded Nigel Thomas in the fourth round, and Andrew Evans in the quarters.

Griffiths had a quarter-final win over Mike Owen, who was making a short return visit to Wales, playing well enough to suggest that with the opportunity to play in good company, he could again challenge for a Welsh team place. Jeff Morgan had a good run until Mark Thomas stopped him in straight games in the quarters.

There was an interesting "Intermediate" event for players 17/21, which provided a lot of excellent play. Devon's Paul Whiting won this in a nail-biting final against Nigel Thomas, which went to 29-27 in the third!

Mark Thomas won the Boys' Singles, with

a devastating win over Andrew Jones in the final. Gary Wilkins had given Mark a far harder time in the semi only falling away a bit in the third. Andrew's form in the final was a great disappointment because earlier results had suggested he would give Mark a good game. Andrew had impressive wins right through, including a semi-final victory over Andrew Castle of Hereford. But he was no match for Mark.

There were good performances by David Griffiths, Jeremy Hobbs and Kevin Davies.

In the boys' cadet event, the diminutive Anthony Jones from Aberdare carried Welsh hopes to the final, but there he had to give best to the equally small Jimmy Stokes from Reading. Timothy Turner, a newcomer to East Flint, confirmed earlier promise by getting to the quarters where he gave Stokes a good game. There were also good performances by Stuart Byrne (Bridgend), and John Case (Abergavenny).

There was a repeat of the same final between Anthony Jones and Jimmy Stokes in the under-12 event, with Anthony looking better this time.

In the Men's Doubles, the old firm of John Bloomer and Angie Evans, anxious to repeat their Bournemouth success, had a close call against Mark and Nigel Thomas in the semi-final, but then lost quite easily to Griffiths and Welsman in the final. The latter put paid to Neil Abbott and Paul Hooper in their semi, the latter having eliminated some good pairs.

#### REPEAT

The women's singles was a repeat of other women's events in Wales this season, resulting in an all-England final. Cathryn Jones did get to the semi, but was unimpressive against Elaine Short, another well-known competitor under the name of Lamb, but now changed by marriage to Short. Elaine beat Diane Hardy two straight, and must have met her opponent many times before when her name was Diane St. Ledger! Sue Powell beat Brenda Annand and took a game from Cathryn Jones.

Wales put up a bit more resistance in the women's doubles where Cathryn and Susan Jones took Sandra Peakman and Diane Hardy to 24-26 in the second game.

Tracey Watkins took the Girls' Singles, Susan Jones taking her to three. Sue Powell had an extraordinary semi-final game against Susan Jones, losing the first easily, absolutely blasting her way to victory in the second, and then racing herself to defeat in the third.

Swansea's Jayne Sully put a local colour into the prize winning by beating Sarah New of Swindon in the cadet event. Jayne played very well in this event. East Flint's Heidi Cotter lost in the semi-final to Sarah New.

Helen Perrott from Bristol rather overwhelmed Barry's Julia Davies in the U-12 event, but it was the latter's first tournament and she showed no signs of being downcast.

The Senior Mixed, in which there were some fine matches, brought reward to Welsman and Lesley Tyler, who accounted for some formidable pairs. Their semi-final win over Mark Thomas and Sue Powell saw both girls playing an impressive part in the proceedings. The same was true in the final in which they beat Nigel Thomas and Cathryn Jones.

#### SWANSEA OPEN RESULTS

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

A. Griffiths bt M. Thomas 13, 15;

D. Welsman bt R. Bishop 12, 9.

##### Final:

GRIFFITHS bt Welsman -17, 9, 17.

##### Women's Singles Final:

E. SHORT bt D. Hardy 14, 17.

##### Men's Doubles Final:

GRIFFITHS/WELSMAN bt Evans/Bloomer 15, 12.

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LYNN JOHNSTON and  
JANE COLVILLE

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**Women's Doubles Final:**  
S. PEAKMAN/HARDY bt C. Jones/S. Jones 12, 24.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**  
WELSMAN/L. TYLER bt N. Thomas/C. Jones -18, 14, 16.

**Boys' Singles Final:**  
M. THOMAS bt A. Jones 10, 8.

**Girls' Singles Final:**  
T. WATKINS bt S. Jones 18, -19, 12.

**Boys' Doubles Final:**  
D. GRIFFIN/A. GOLDING bt C. Ross/P. Hooper 11, 16.

**Girls' Doubles Final:**  
P. TOWNSEND/WATKINS bt J. Collins/S. Jones -15, 8, 12.

**Junior Mixed Doubles Final:**  
J. OKOSIEME/WATKINS bt A. Jones/S. Jones -18, 20, 17.

**Consolation Boys' Singles Final:**  
J. STOKES bt A. Jones 6, 14.

**Consolation Girls' Singles Final:**  
J. SULLY bt S. New 15, -14, 12.

**Boys' (U-12) Final:**  
F. STOKES bt Anthony Jones 13, 9.

**Girls' (U-12) Final:**  
H. PERROTT bt J. Davies 3, 4.

**Intermediate Tournament Final:**  
P. WHITING bt N. Thomas -13, 19, 27.

### County Matches

Glamorgan got off to a good start in the County Championships Premier Division with a win over Cheshire. The 6-3 margin was reasonably comfortable, with Griffiths and George Evans taking two each, and Morgan one. Alan and Jeff also won the doubles, but Cathryn Jones lost her singles and the mixed with George. Friendly competition is surely to be encouraged, but the fastidiousness of some of the Cheshire players wasn't well received.

Glamorgan Juniors found Wiltshire Juniors a bit too strong and lost 4-6. Andrew Jones was far too strong in this class and won his two easily. Ceri Phillips after a poor first match, took heart from his very successful doubles partnership with Andrew, and won his second. But Jeff Rigby was out of touch, and lost both his, whilst the girls Susan Jones and Helen Sellick never really looked like winning.

Gwent seniors had a good win over Wiltshire, and, not to be outdone, the junior side accounted for Somerset 8-2. Gary Wilkins and Jeremy Hobbs both won their singles and doubles, whilst newcomer Gareth Avis made his debut with two victories. Julie Helps won narrowly, but Gillian Bevan lost her singles, and together they lost the doubles.

## IRISH AFFAIRS

by Willie Walsh

### LUCOZADE OPEN

Kevin Keane and Anne Leonard won their second individual opens of the season when they captured the men's and women's titles at the Lucozade Open in the Presentation College, Bray.

They both had rather facile victories in the finals as Keane beat the veteran Tommie Caffrey, 8, 13, and Miss Leonard beat Ireland's No. 3 Deirdre Kilpatrick 11, 13.

The men's event sadly missed the presence of Colum Slevin and consequently Keane was odds on to retain his title. He did have slight 'palpitations' though, in the first game of his semi-final match when he scraped home 25/23 against the Ulster player Jack Cash, but Cash faded in the second losing -11. Caffrey played somewhat like his old form when he beat Brian Larrigan in the other semi-final but unfortunately for him, he met an on



Mr. Nick Brittan of Stiga presenting a magnificent silver cup to Mr. George Hegarty, President, Leinster League, for the new Stiga Super League. Smilingly watching the presentation is Mr. Tony Martin, Chairman, Leinster League.

Photo by courtesy of Noel Hitchcock.

form Keane in the final. Keane's greater variety of spin and faster reflexes proved too much for Caffrey, but never-the-less Tommie had nothing to be ashamed of having graced Irish Table Tennis for so long, but now in partial retirement.

Ann Leonard beat Mrs. Gwen Bryant — a wonderful worker for Irish Table Tennis since coming to live here from England; in the semi-final and Deirdre Kilpatrick beat the young and up-and-coming Elaine Tuohy.

An interesting entry in the Doubles was the now retired Jim Langan. It was great to see Jim playing with two promising juniors; Eamon Byrne in the men's and Patricia Blair in the mixed. They may not have won, but I am quite sure playing with Langan made their day.

### RESULTS

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

K. Keane bt J. Cash 23, 11;  
T. Caffrey bt B. Larrigan 11, 13.

#### Final:

KEANE bt Caffrey 8, 13.

#### Women's Singles Final:

A. LEONARD bt D. Kilpatrick 11, 13.

#### Men's Doubles Final:

J. HAMILL/CASH bt Larrigan/M. Hitchcock 18, 18.

#### Women's Doubles Final:

A. LEONARD/G. GREENE bt G. Leonard/H. Walsh 15, 18.

#### Mixed Doubles Final:

KEANE/KILPATRICK bt Larrigan/A. Leonard -14, 18, 17.

### BOOST FOR ULSTER

Dale Farm, as part of their 'Health for Sport Programme' have given the Ulster Branch of the ITTA a massive boost with the announcement of their sponsorship of five of the top Ulster tournaments in the present season. The announcement was made at a Press Conference in the Belfast City Hall, presided over by the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Alderman John Carson and attended by many dignitaries of civic and sporting life.

The tournaments involved are: The Ulster Open in the Valley Leisure Centre, Newtownabbey; the Belfast County Open in Belfast; the Lisburn Open in Lisburn and the County Tyrone Open in Omagh.

The four tournaments are included in a

Grand Prix Championships for Ulster players and are coupled with the Radio Rentals Belfast Invitation event, the County Armagh Open, the County Antrim Open and the County Fermanagh Open. A total of 410 points will be awarded and will be distributed over the 16 best results with 100 points going to the highest placed Ulster players with the qualifiers for the final being based on the best six out of the eight events.

Well done Dale Farm and it is even more generous when one considers the present state of the economy. Well done too, Eddie Limberg, Mrs. Pat Hunter and the rest of the Ulster Branch for your enterprise.

### LEINSTER SUPER LEAGUE

Not to be outdone by Ulster, Leinster Table Tennis received their own boost with the announcement of the sponsorship of a Super League by Stiga. The league which is already under way consists of the top 15 Leinster players divided into 5 teams with imaginative names. This should give the top players greater competition and prove of invaluable assistance to their preparations for the Inter-provincial and International programme.

Again — Well done Stiga and the Leinster Branch!

### STIGA SUPER LEAGUE

The following are the selected teams to contest the Stiga Super League for the season 1980/81:

#### Clippers:

Kevin Keane, John Manning, Tony Gully.

#### Elites:

Colum Slevin, Gerry Greene, John Taylor.

#### Experts:

Tommy Caffrey, Dave Pemberton, Michael Greene.

#### Hobbies:

Kieran Leonard, Brian Larrigan, Noel Hitchcock.

#### Privats:

Dara Melinn, Pat O'Brien, Jim Canavan.

### CONNACHT OPEN

Colum Slevin, who had an operation on his leg during the summer and now plays in Germany as well as Ireland, won the Men's Singles at the highly successful Connacht Open in St. Mary's College,

Galway. Slevin beat Birmingham's Pat Glynn in an absorbing final after beating the holder — Martin Kinsella, in the semi-final.

In this, the first of the Irish calendar's major tournaments, Glynn created a major shock in the semi-final when he beat Irish International and joint No. 1 Keane.

Anne Leonard continued on her merry way when she again proved too strong and consistent for Deirdre Kilpatrick in the Women's final. This time Miss Kilpatrick made her work harder than their previous confrontation.

Slevin and Keane teamed up to win the men's doubles when they beat the overseas challenge of Kinsella and Glynn and Slevin and Leonard overcame Keane and Kilpatrick to win the mixed. Deirdre Kilpatrick finally struck gold when she won the women's doubles partnered by Mary Ryan — beating Anne Leonard and Geraldine Greene.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles Semi-finals:**  
P. Glynn bt K. Keane 16, 24;  
C. Slevin bt M. Kinsella 16, 15.

**Final:**  
SLEVIN bt Glynn 19, 19.

**Women's Singles Final:**  
A. LEONARD bt D. Kilpatrick 17, 17.

**Men's Doubles Final:**  
SLEVIN/KEANE bt Kinsella/Glynn 17, 19.

**Women's Doubles Final:**  
KILPATRICK/M. RYAN bt A. Leonard/  
G. Greene 20, 19.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**  
SLEVIN/A. LEONARD bt Keane/Kilpatrick  
17, 19.

**Boys' Final:**  
ALAN MARSHALL bt Michael Irwin  
13, -19, 11.

**Girls' Final:**  
ANNE MARIE REILLY bt Mary McMullan  
16, 18.

**IRISH RANKINGS**

**Men**

- 1 C. Slevin (1), K. Keane (1), 3 M. Kinsella (3), 4 P. Glynn (5), 5 T. Heasley (4), 6 J. Hamill (—), 7 J. Robinson (—), 8 D. Weir (6), 9 B. Larrigan (7), 10 A. Cairns (8).

**Women**

- 1 A. Leonard (1), 2 Karen Walker (2), 3 D. Kilpatrick (3), 4 L. Cheevers (—), 5 G. Leonard (5), 6 P. Hunter (6), M. Sheehan (4), 8 M. McNeill (—), 9 M. Martin (—).

**IRELAND SWAMPED**

Ever since that great Irish warrior Brian Boru repelled the Viking invasion of Ireland in 1014, the competition and rivalry between the two countries has produced some tremendous and classic battles in many sports and particularly in Table Tennis. In their European Division 2 match in the Antrim Forum last month, Ireland could certainly have done with Brian Boru as the Danes strolled to a leisurely 7-0 win to the dismay of the spectators who expected so much in Ireland's opening match.

When Denmark won the opening two men's singles in straight games, things looked bad enough, but when Anne Leonard lost to Miss Charlotte Polke things really started to look desperate.

Irish hearts and hopes were raised slightly by Keane and Slevin when Ireland won the second game — and their first game of the night — in the men's doubles, but again the misery was restored when Pederson and Hansen ran away with the 3rd game to clinch the set and give Denmark an unassailable 4-0 lead.

The Mixed Doubles and the reverse singles

were purely academic and overall a sad and dismal night.

The match was sponsored by Vladimir Vodka and filmed by ITV for showing on Ulster television the following night, it was staged in a perfect setting and watched by only a fair sized crowd.

Full marks to the Sponsor and the Ulster Branch of the ITTA for their contribution.

**RESULTS**

- J. Hansen bt K. Keane 16, 8;  
C. Pedersen bt C. Slevin 12, 14;  
C. Polke bt A. Leonard 15, 19;  
Pederson/Hansen bt Keane/Slevin  
14, -7, 12;  
Pedersen/Polke bt Slevin/Leonard  
13, -22, 20;  
C. Pederson bt K. Keane 8, 12;  
J. Hansen bt C. Slevin 18, 11.

● **STOP PRESS**

**JONYER TRIUMPHS!**

Hungary's Istvan Jonyer was the winner of the 'Norwich Union Trophy' and the £1,000 top prize money at the Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham on Tuesday, December 3rd, 1980.

Playing his best table tennis for years Jonyer beat his compatriot, Tibor Klampar in the final by 21-19, 19-21, 21-16, 21-12. Klampar had previously beaten the No. 2 player in the world, China's Guo Yuehua in a thrilling semi-final while Jonyer accounted for the Swedish youngster Michael Appelgren in three games in the other.

A full report by Albert Shipley plus photographs will appear in January's "Table Tennis News".



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# NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Robert Oldfield

In a National League season where little can be predicted, one thing is certain: at the halfway stage, not one of the four main contenders can be considered a safe bet for the League Championship, although Sealink Milton Keynes are quoted as 'odds-on favourites'. The youthful Ellenborough have kept their hopes alive with a win over Macleans Maidenhead and an 8-1 over Unity but Macleans must be right out of the hunt now, with only their reserve, Philip Bradbury, able to win against Fellows Cranleigh (Newham) on November 30th.

## CHRISTMAS FARE

On 21st December three vital matches will take place in the London area, to provide a change from the Christmas shopping. Sealink Milton Keynes v Soham must be the top billing but Ellenborough's match against Dunlop Sports (Birmingham) and Ormesby's clash with Macleans Maidenhead are no less vital if these teams are to keep up their challenge with a good sets average.

## Current League Table

	P	W	F	A	P
Sealink Milton Keynes ...	6	5	41	13	10
Ellenborough .....	6	5	33	21	10
Soham .....	5	4	33	12	8
Ormesby I .....	6	3	31	23	6
Macleans Maidenhead ...	6	3	28	26	6
Fellows Cranleigh (Newham)	6	2	17	37	4
Unity .....	6	1	14	40	2
Dunlop Sports (B'ham) .	5	0	10	35	0

Sealink's high position is due mainly to the undefeated Bob Potton, whose National League and tournament form has brought him his best ever ranking of No. 3 in England, and it seems significant that the other players who are totally pre-occupied with playing table tennis have also shown improvements, particularly Max Crimmins and Graham Sandley. Those with other responsibilities, like Paul Day and Donald Parker are showing a downward trend. It's an illustration, once again, of the premium value of time. Time to rest, time to train and the time to prepare mentally and physically for the next concentrated effort.

## CHANGED RANKINGS

The rankings, issued recently by the Ranking Panel, will come into effect at the midpoint of the playing season, when all clubs will have the opportunity to re-rank for the 28th December matches. This is bound to bring added pressure on Ellenborough's John Kitchener and Soham's John Souter, who will be playing for a place higher during the second half, in the scramble for the prize money.

Premier Division		Second Division	
1st	£800	1st	£300
2nd	£400	2nd	£150
3rd	£200	3rd	£75

## SCOOPED AGAIN

While on my travels I tend to collect samples of various local newspapers and the other week I was reminded again of the vast local publicity that table tennis receives. On this particular occasion I was surprised to read an excellent report in the 'Crawley Observer' about the 'Uckfield professional', Malcolm Francis. Francis, it transpired, had signed for Ormesby so, fearing a 'scoop', I checked the files. Two weeks later the duly reported registration was completed and received which serves to illustrate that 'news travels fast' and that

'yesterday's news is no news at all'. The importance of immediately phoning the match results to the National League Administrator, Keith Ponting, on Sunday afternoons is obvious.

## WIDE OPEN SOUTH

In the Second Division (South) two shock results have put the promotion chance wide open. Seagulls Graham Gillett, enticed to a local tournament, was not fielded against Generation II and the Brighton team suffered an embarrassing defeat. Meanwhile, Bristol Cashmans have narrowed the sets difference by beating the leaders, St. Neots, at the end of last month.

## SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P	W	F	A	P
St. Neots .....	6	4	33	21	8
Bristol Cashmans .....	5	4	31	14	8
Seagulls .....	5	3	27	18	6
Generation II .....	5	3	26	19	6
March .....	5	3	22	23	6
Gunnersbury Triangle ...	5	1	20	25	2
Prudential IBIS .....	5	0	3	42	0

## NEWCASTLE TOO FAR AWAY

Not surprisingly City of Newcastle are benefiting from the expertise of Chu Van Que and there seems little prospect of stopping their gallop at the top of Second Division (North). My prediction is that Norton and Salford (now with newly-signed Billy Gleave) will challenge for the second place but, with the help of a few 'reverses' in the second half, Ormesby II and Tarmac/Wolverhampton could improve their positions.

## SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

	P	W	F	A	P
City of Newcastle .....	6	6	45	9	12
Norton .....	6	5	39	15	10
Salford Select .....	6	5	38	16	10
Tarmac/Wolverhampton .	6	3	28	26	6
Ormesby II .....	6	3	25	29	6
Stockton Select .....	6	1	16	38	2
Billingham Synthonia ...	6	1	10	44	2
South West Durham .....	6	0	15	39	0

## RESULTS

### PREMIER DIVISION

9th November 1980

MACLEANS MAIDENHEAD 3  
ELLENBOROUGH 6

M. Crimmins bt M. Mitchell -13, 13, 10;  
bt G. Sandley 13, 18.

A. Wellman lost to G. Sandley -16, -17;  
lost to J. Kitchener -22, -21.

A. Clayton lost to C. Wilson -12, 12, -13;  
lost to M. Mitchell 4, -10, -15.

D. Reeves lost to J. Kitchener -12, 16, -16;  
bt C. Wilson 15, -16, 18.

Crimmins/Clayton lost to Kitchener/  
Sandley -12, 12.

SOHAM 7 ORMESBY I 2

P. Day bt D. Neale 20, 5;  
bt D. Parker -20, 20, 17.

K. Jackson bt D. Parker 17, 20;  
bt L. Taylor 7, 4.

J. Souter bt D. Polasek -20, 13, 11;  
lost to D. Neale 11, -16, -16.

D. Wells bt L. Taylor -19, 11, 17;  
bt D. Polasek 16, 10.

Day/Souter lost to Parker/Neale -10, -15.

DUNLOP SPORTS BIRMINGHAM 4  
UNITY 5

A. Bellingham bt C. Rogers 19, 18;  
lost to K. Beadsley -14, -20.

P. Glynn lost to K. Beadsley -16, 18, -16;  
lost to S. Mills -10, -16.

D. Munt bt S. Turner -16, 15, 8;  
lost to C. Rogers -15, -10.

B. Johnson lost to S. Mills -12, -9;  
bt S. Turner 20, 15.

Bellingham/Glynn bt Rogers/Beadsley  
12, -14, 21.

SEALINK MILTON KEYNES 8  
SCIMITAR FELLOWS CRANLEIGH 1

B. Potton bt D. Newman 17, 14;  
bt I. Horsham 15, 13.

D. Johnson bt I. Horsham 10, 14;  
bt D. Charlery 13, 15.

R. Yule bt T. Penny 9, 16;  
bt D. Newman 9, -14, 8.

B. Tuckett bt D. Charlery 20, 12;  
bt T. Penny -18, 17, 17.

Potton/Tuckett lost to Horsham/Newman  
-18, 17, -20.

30th November 1980

Ormesby 2 Sealink Milton Keynes 7  
Fellows Cranleigh 7 Macleans Maidenhead 2  
Ellenborough 8 Unity 1

## SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)

9th November 1980

Gunnersbury Triangle 1 Bristol Cashmans 8  
Prudential IBIS 2 St. Neots 7

March 2 Fareham 7

30th November 1980

Generation II 5 Seagulls 4

March 8 Prudential IBIS 1

Bristol Cashmans 6 St. Neots 3

## SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)

9th November 1980

City of Newcastle 7 Tarmac W'hampton 2

Ormesby II 7 Billingham Synthonia 2

Stockton Select 1 Salford Select 8

Norton 8 S.W. Durham 1

30th November 1980

South West Durham 0 City of Newcastle 9

Norton 6 Stockton Select 3

Tarmac/Wolverhampton 3 Ormesby II 6

Billingham 1 Salford Select 8

# The Combination Bat

by DONALD PARKER  
ETTA STAFF COACH

There is little doubt that recent years have seen an escalation in the use of combination bats and the continued success of certain players using these rackets will ensure this escalation to continue. A 'combination bat' as understood by leading players and coaches is a bat with two distinctively different surfaces as opposed to one surface with slightly more control and less speed than the other. The most effective and popular combination bats are a conventional reversed rubber combined with either a long-pimpled rubber or an anti-loop type rubber. This combination will produce a racket which can generate different spins with the same stroke dependant upon which side of the racket is used to execute the shot.

I do not at this stage wish to become engrossed in the mechanics of spin and how they are generated by the different surfaces but should anyone be very interested in this area then the Lentec Technical Manual examines this question in more detail than I am about to attempt. The effects of reversed rubber are familiar to most in that an open angle with the racket travelling downwards generates backspin while a closed angle travelling upwards generates topspin. A brushing action generates more spin and less speed and obviously the speed and spin generated are dependant upon the speed and spin on the ball before contact.

In simple terms long pimples have low friction and reverse the spin. Therefore a topspin ball will be returned with slight topspin. The racket angle will effect the spin and also whether the pimples themselves are compressed or tilted. Anti-loop

type rubber generates little spin but has a high control factor and, if anything, slightly reverses the spin. Therefore if a heavy topspin is blocked by anti-loop the spin will be absorbed and returned with, if anything, a slight amount of backspin.

#### ALTERNATIVE

When playing against such a combination bat it is no longer possible to read spin by watching the racket speed and angle therefore alternative techniques have to be used. To make this problem of reading the spin even more difficult the majority of combination bat players adopt a technique known as 'twiddling'. This involves turning the racket around during a rally, a very difficult skill to acquire, but one which John Hilton has perfected. John has the ability to play exactly the same shot with both sides and with no observable differences in technique it is very difficult to read the spin. One of the biggest advantages to the combination bat player is when he is serving. By keeping the bat under the table until the last possible moment and by using a fast accelerating racket it is very difficult to read the spin.

With so many combination bats around players and coaches should be very careful studying ways of reading the spin. If it is possible to detect which side of the racket has been used then the spin on the ball can be calculated. The first method is to actually look at the colour of the rubber. Unfortunately most combination bat players use the same colour on either side but in good lighting pimples cast a shadow on the rubber while anti-loop has a mottled appearance. However a good combination bat player endeavours to make sure there is as little difference as possible in colour between the two surfaces and is indeed given every assistance by manufacturers in this area.

#### LISTEN

The second method is to actually listen to the sound of the ball as it hits the bat. Top players can detect which side has been used with their backs to the table by simply listening to the sound on contact. Combination bat players make this technique extremely difficult for their opponents by the questionable practise of stamping their feet especially on service and against drop-shots. I had a very interesting conversation with Malcolm Francis, who had just returned from China. He informed me of a player who could read spin with his back to the table and when Malcolm stamped his feet. Incredible as it may sound this player was reading the spin by judging the time between the two bounces, the time span varying by fractions of a second dependant upon which spin is on the ball.

It is possible to read spin by the flight of the ball. Aerodynamically topspin creates air pressures around the ball which cause it to dip in flight (Dia. 1) while backspin creates air pressures that lift the ball in flight (Dia. 2). Also as the ball bounces topspin causes the ball to shoot forward (Dia. 1) while backspin causes the ball to kick upwards (Dia. 2).

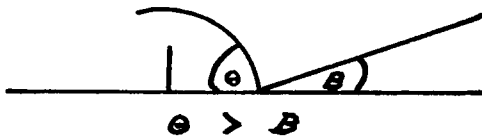


Diagram 1 - Effects of Topspin

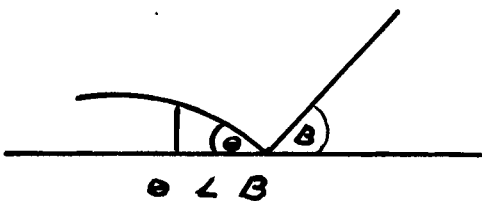


Diagram 2 - Effects of Backspin

Players have a tendency to believe that backspin causes the ball to stay low after it bounces, however when this is compared to the angle at which the ball comes into the table the diagrams are more easily appreciated. Judging spin by the nature of the bounce can be a very precarious technique as the nature of the ball, table, floor and size of room can also have an effect.

#### READ

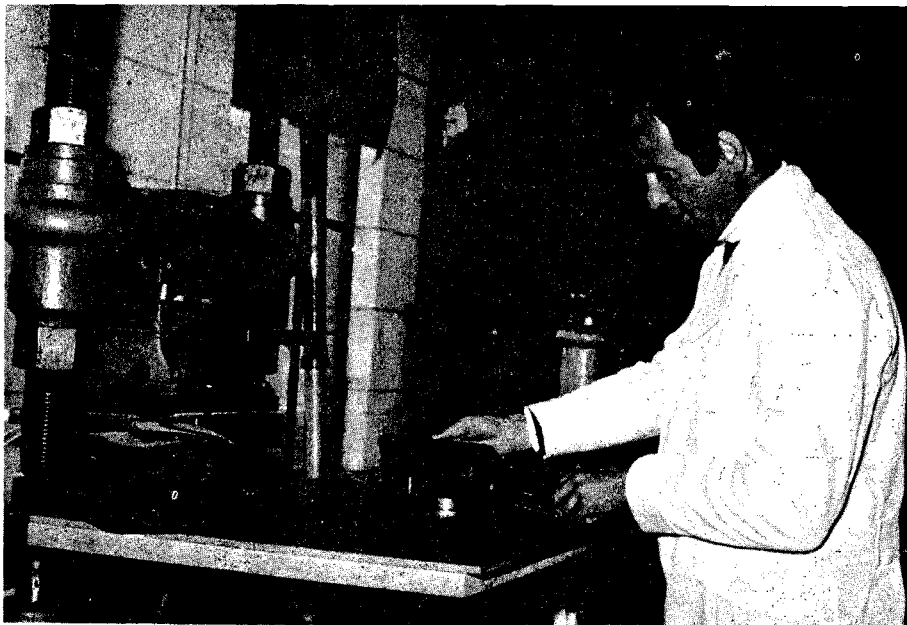
Possibly the best way to read spin, which is reliable irrespective of the conditions, is to actually look at the markings on the ball and judge how rapidly the ball is rotating. In the Team Event of the European Championships in Berne when England met Sweden, the fifth set on court was John Hilton against Ulf Thorsell. The latter 'accidentally' stood on the ball simply so he could have a new one with much clearer markings on it for him to watch. He still lost!

I attribute John Hilton's success in Berne to the inability of players to use this last technique to read the spin on the ball as, owing to the conditions, the previously mentioned techniques were difficult to execute. John capitalised on this inability and combined with his very high skill level, high fitness level, mental strength, tactical awareness and many other factors brought back to a proud England the European Men's Singles title.

It should be stressed that only one of the foregoing can be used at any one time otherwise a state of confusion is created. The technique may vary dependant on the conditions, the opponent, the bat etc., but the one that can be used irrespective of anything is to watch the markings on the ball.

(Part 2 of this feature will be published in the January 1981 magazine).

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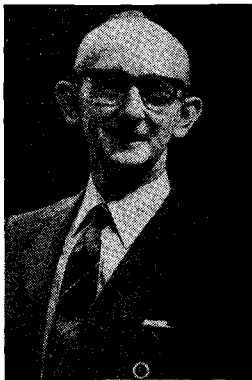
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# VAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



by Tom Blunn, Chairman ETTA

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Sorry, but I could not resist it.

What is V.A.T. all about? Everybody pays it but not many understand it.

It is a revenue producing exercise known as "value added tax". It replaced the old purchase tax in 1973 and is an attempt to harmonise tax gathering with other members of the E.E.C. (known as the Common Market).

V.A.T. is the first and so far the only tax ever levied in the U.K. which is not a specific tax. All previous taxes have been levied on specific or identifiable items, such as Income Tax, Profits Tax, Sur Tax, Corporation Tax, Excess Profits Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Capital Transfer Tax and Purchase Tax, all being of recent origin and memory going back of course to the old salt tax, window tax, property tax, etc..

V.A.T. is a tax as everything which passes for value, including services as well as goods, unless the law provides that the transaction can be deemed not to be liable or being liable, is charged at a zero rate which results in no tax being paid.

There are many such exemptions but people are really only concerned with what they have to pay and in many cases, what they can recover back from the state.

Another peculiar aspect of V.A.T. is that it is administered by the office of the Customs and Excise and not the office of the Inland Revenue with whom we traditionally associate the assessment and collection of taxes. The Customs and Excise are more to be thought of in terms of stamp duty, estate duty, import duty, and chasing pirates.

The expression "value added" originates from the pattern of the tax which is levied at each stage of production and distribution until final consumption and is best demonstrated in relation to goods rather than services (see the example provided).

The tax is divided into two parts known as Input Tax and Output Tax. This is where confusion starts. The tax that a trader pays "out" is the Input Tax, whereas the tax that a trader collects "in" is the Output Tax. The revenue raised and which is collected ultimately by the Customs and Excise is the Output tax less the Input tax. It soon becomes obvious that this form of tax originated on the continent and not in Ireland! The Irish in fact had a much better system known simply as a sales tax.

A trader buys goods for use as raw materials or for resale on which he pays input tax (currently at 15%) to his suppliers. He sells his goods or products and adds output tax, at the same rate and collects it from his customers. The trader makes a quarterly return to the C & E and hands over the output tax but he first deducts what he has paid out in the first place as input tax.

Circumstances often occur where the input tax is higher than the output tax and instead of paying over a net amount he can actually claim a refund of the net of the two taxes.

The trader's customers pay the trader output tax but to them of course it has now become input tax which they themselves recover from the output tax which they charge their own customers.

And so it goes on up the line, in and out, pay and recover until the transaction comes to an end and the goods are consumed finally (or the service rendered).

So who pays the tax in the end? The customer who actually ends the transaction. In relation to table tennis terms it is the players who buy the bats and the clothing, the clubs who buy the balls and tables, the leagues who pay administration expenses, the counties who pay administration expenses and, of course, the ETTA who pay mainly on administration expenses, and hospitality. But in that line of payers, only the ETTA can recover the tax paid because only the ETTA is registered to collect output tax.

This brings us to the next point of misunderstanding. Whilst the tax in theory relates to everyone as customers at the end of the line, the obligation to charge output tax on goods and services, and thus the right to deduct input tax from output tax, relates only to registered traders.

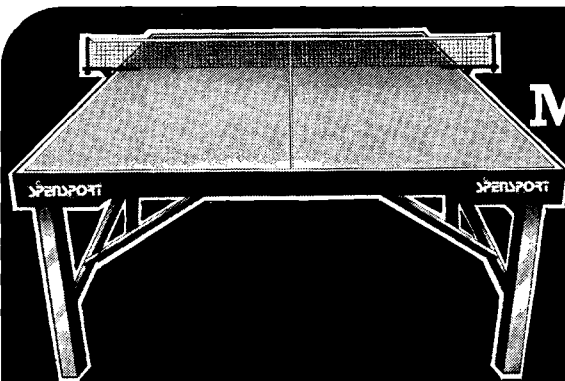
So, who has the right or the obligation to become a registered trader. The tax applies essentially to businesses and traders but not to individuals who earn their living by working as employees for others; in fact it is the others who are liable to register. Like many existing taxes, there comes a point when it is too expensive to collect tax from small taxpayers. So a dividing line is drawn below which no tax is levied. In the case of V.A.T. the line is drawn and above that line it is necessary for businesses and traders to register for purposes of V.A.T. The line was drawn in 1973 at a total turnover of £5,000 p.a. and this has been increased from time to time and at present is £13,500 p.a. This figure is still very low and lower than other members of the E.E.C. and brings in traders who are really not equipped to deal with the situation. Turnover strictly means the receipts of money from all sources relating to the business for whatever purpose, even if some of that money is only being received for the immediate disbursement to others or even in respect of reimbursement of expenses previously incurred. So it is not easy to know when the dividing line has been reached and many traders do not realise that they have reached the point until some time afterwards and the consequences can be very disturbing and costly.

So, to register or not to register, that is the question. It is possible to register on a voluntary basis and this is of benefit to most traders if they can cope with the work involved in keeping the records and preparing regular V.A.T. returns. The benefit is that any input tax paid on such expenses as car repairs, tyres, petrol, telephone charges, printing and stationery and any hospitality expenses, can be recovered from output tax charged to customers.

A V.A.T. registered trader must charge output tax to his customers (or clients) and this might deter him from registering as the consequence would be a higher charge to customer and thus deter them from using the trader's services or buying his goods in future. In general business activities it is likely that the customers are also registered and can deduct input tax paid from output tax charged and the net effect is the same.

With a dividing line of £13,500 p.a. it is possible that every reasonably successful business must reach that figure as it would not be worth trading if it did not do so.

There is, of course, a lot more involved in this new form of taxation but the purpose of the article is to give a simple background to allow readers to gain a little understanding of something which, like it or not, affects them almost every day of their life. Also, I hope to go a little deeper next month into the way in which V.A.T. affects the ETTA, its professional staff and its members, and how it might be possible to mitigate the imposition of V.A.T.



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An imaginary example of the incidence of V.A.T. on the production, distribution and sale of table tennis bats.

**Manufacturers**

Timber		Rubber		Glue etc.		TOTAL		Total
Cost	VAT Input	Cost	VAT Input	Cost	VAT Input	Cost	VAT Input	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£253
100	15	100	15	20	3	220	33	
<b>Add: 25% profit on materials</b>				Cost	VAT	Total		
				£	£			
				55				
Selling price				275				
Output tax				41	41			
Invoice price				£316	£8	net VAT paid to C & E		
Reconciliation: Paid out - materials				253				
net VAT				8				
				261				
Invoiced				316				
Profit				£55				

**Distributor**

	Cost	VAT	Total
	£	£	£
Finished goods - purchases	275	41	£316
<b>Add: 20% profit on goods</b>	55		
Selling price	330		
Output tax	50	50	
Invoice price	£380	£9	net VAT paid to C & E
Reconciliation: Paid out - goods	316		
net VAT	9		
	325		
Invoiced	380		
Profit	£55		

**Retailer**

	Cost	VAT	Total
	£	£	£
Goods - purchases	330	50	£380
<b>Add: 30% profit on goods</b>	99		
Output tax	64	64	
Invoice price	£493	£14	net VAT paid to C & E
Reconciliation: Paid out - goods	380		
net VAT	14		
	394		
Invoiced	493		
Profit	£99		

**Summary of final selling price**

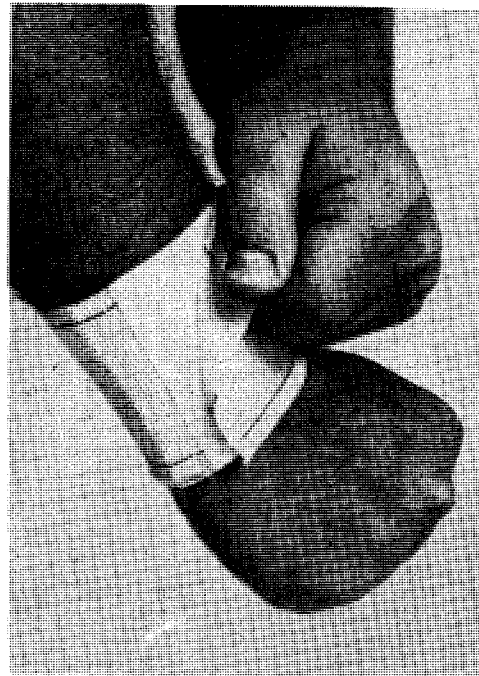
	To C & E	PROFIT
	£	£
Paid by Suppliers of raw materials	33	
Manufacturers	8	55
Distributor	9	55
Retailer	14	99
	£64	£209
Original cost of raw materials		220
<b>Add: Paid to C &amp; E</b>		£429
		64
<b>Final selling price</b>		£493

The transaction would go back further as the suppliers of raw materials would have profit and input tax. The transactions in this case would probably start with the raw materials being obtained from natural resources or imported, in either case there would be no input tax.



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**OWING TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, THE JANUARY EDITION OF THE "TABLE TENNIS NEWS" WILL BE PUBLISHED A LITTLE LATER THAN USUAL.**

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**VETERAN MIDLAND**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Worcs .....	2	2	0	16	2	4
Hunts .....	2	2	0	14	4	4
Beds .....	2	1	1	9	9	2
Northampton .....	2	1	1	9	9	2
Oxford .....	1	0	1	3	6	0
Bucks .....	1	0	1	1	8	0
Herts III .....	2	0	2	2	16	0

**VETERAN WEST**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Dorset .....	2	2	0	13	5	4
Isle of Wight .....	2	2	0	10	8	4
Avon .....	2	1	1	12	6	2
Wiltshire .....	2	1	1	8	10	2
Dorset II .....	2	0	2	7	11	0
Somerset I .....	1	0	1	2	7	0
Somerset II .....	1	0	1	2	7	0

**VETERAN NORTH**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Cheshire .....	2	2	0	16	2	4
Lincs .....	2	2	0	16	2	4
Notts .....	1	1	0	9	0	2
Staffs .....	1	1	0	9	0	2
Cheshire II .....	2	0	2	2	16	0
Leics .....	2	0	2	2	16	0
Cumbria .....	2	0	2	0	18	0

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ping the division. Two from J. White helped Kent to win at Berks whilst Herts came back from 0-3 down to beat Hants.

**VETERAN (SOUTH) B**

**Hampshire 7 Hertfordshire 2**

**Kent II 4 Berkshire 5**

**Middlesex II 4 Sussex II 5**

Hants won comfortably but a rare defeat for Ray Lush (by G. Tyler). Two good wins by Foster helped Berks to victory whilst J. Barry outstanding for Sussex against Middlesex.

**VETERANS (MIDLANDS)**

**Worcestershire 8 Hertfordshire III 1**

**Bedfordshire 1 Huntingdonshire 8**

**Northamptonshire 6 Oxfordshire 3**

With Brian Belcher and Mervyn Wood outstanding Worcs could do well in this division. Only Audrey Robinson could prevent a Beds 'whitewash'. John Palmer on fine form for Northants.

**VETERANS (WEST)**

**Wiltshire 1 Avon 8**

**Dorset 4 Isle of Wight 5**

**Somerset 2 Dorset 7**

M. Baker on top form for Avon. Isle of Wight just beat Dorset. John Prean beat R. Fairhall 15, -21, 20 and E. Buckley 11, -16, 21. They don't come much closer than that. T. Brown won both for Somerset but Cyril Bush never troubled.

**VETERANS (NORTH)**

**Lincolnshire 9 Cumbria 0**

**Leicestershire 0 Nottinghamshire 9**

**Cheshire II 0 Cheshire I 9**

Three one-sided matches. Probably the strongest of all the veterans' divisions.

**JUNIOR PREMIER WEEKEND**

Middlesex, lacking the services of John Souter on the Sunday, due to National League calling, have left themselves with much to do if they are to successfully defend their title in the Junior Premier Division of the County Championships.

Having beaten Devon 7-3 in their opening match they were subsequently held to a 5-all draw by Staffs and went down 4-5 to Yorkshire. Bedfordshire with two wins and a draw lead the table closely followed by Surrey and Yorkshire, just one point in arrears. All three leaders boasting the same set analysis. Results at St. Neots over the weekend of Nov. 8/9 were:

Bedfordshire 6 Buckinghamshire 4
Middlesex 7 Devon 3
Surrey 4 Staffordshire 6
Sussex 3 Yorkshire 7
Devon 5 Bedfordshire 5
Buckinghamshire 4 Sussex 6
Staffordshire 5 Middlesex 5
Yorkshire 4 Surrey 6
Bedfordshire 6 Staffordshire 4
Devon 4 Buckinghamshire 6
Middlesex 4 Yorkshire 6
Sussex 3 Surrey 3

**TABLE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bedfordshire	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Surrey	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Yorkshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Middlesex	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Staffordshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Buckinghamshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Sussex	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Devon	3	0	1	2	12	18	1

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**PREMIER**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Glamorgan	1	1	0	0	6	3	2
Warwicksk	2	1	0	1	11	7	2
Yorks	1	1	0	0	5	4	2
Cheshire	2	1	0	1	9	9	2
Essex	2	1	0	1	9	9	2
Lancs	2	1	0	1	8	10	2
Staffs	2	1	0	1	8	10	2
Middlesex	2	0	0	2	7	11	0

**2 SOUTH**

Sussex	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
Dorset	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Surrey	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Bucks	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Hants	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Middlesex II	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Oxford	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

**2 NORTH**

Northumberland	2	1	1	0	13	7	3
Durham	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Lancs II	1	0	1	0	5	1	1
Yorks II	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Cleveland	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Cheshire II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**2 WEST**

Berkshire	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Devon	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Gwent	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Wiltshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Somerset	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Avon	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

**2 MIDLAND**

Leics	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Warwicks II	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Worcs	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Notts	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Derbys	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Gloucs	1	0	0	1	1	9	0
Northampton	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

**2 EAST**

Cambs	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Kent	2	1	1	0	12	8	3
Herts	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Essex II	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Suffolk	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Beds	2	0	0	2	3	17	0
Norfolk	1	0	0	1	0	10	0

**3 NORTH**

Staffs II	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
Lincs	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Derbys II	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Northumberland II	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Cumbria	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

**3 SOUTH**

Herts II	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Sussex II	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Surrey II	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Hants II	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Berks II	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Kent II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**3 EAST**

Suffolk II	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Norfolk II	2	1	0	1	14	6	2
Cambs II	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Hunts	2	0	1	1	9	11	1
Beds II	2	0	1	1	5	15	1
Herts III	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

**3 MIDLAND**

Leics II	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Bucks II	2	1	1	0	11	9	3
Worcs II	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Northampton II	2	0	1	1	7	13	0
Oxford II	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Shropshire	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

**3 WEST**

Dorset II	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Isle of Wight	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Avon II	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Cornwall	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Somerset II	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Hereford	2	0	0	2	6	14	0

**JUNIOR 2 NORTH**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yorks II	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Lincs	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Cheshire	2	1	1	0	13	7	3
Lancs	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Derbys	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Cleveland	2	0	1	1	7	13	1
Northumberland	2	0	0	2	6	14	0
Cumbria	2	0	0	2	5	15	0

**JUNIOR 2 WEST**

Warwicks	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Wiltshire	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Gloucs	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Avon	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Devon II	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Glamorgan	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Worcs	2	0	0	2	4	16	0
Hants	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

**JUNIOR 2 EAST**

Essex	2	2	0	0	17	3	4
Kent	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Cambs	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Herts	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Berks	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Middlesex II	2	0	0	2	7	13	0
Oxfords	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

**JUNIOR 3 NORTH**

Durham	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Notts	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Cheshire II	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Cleveland II	2	1	0	1	8	12	2
Cumbria II	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Shropshire II	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

**JUNIOR 3 SOUTH**

Kent II	2	2	0	0	16	4	4
Essex II	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Surrey II	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Sussex II	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Dorset II	2	0	0	2	2	18	0
Hants II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**JUNIOR 3 WEST**

Gwent	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Devon III	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Cornwall	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Dorset	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Avon II	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Somerset	1	0	0	1	2	8	0

**JUNIOR 3 EAST**

Essex III	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Norfolk	2	1	0	1	13	7	2
Hunts	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Lincs II	1	0	0	1	3	7	0
Cambs II	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Suffolk	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

**JUNIOR 3 NORTH MIDLAND**

Staffs II	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Northampton	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Warwick II	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Hereford	1	0	0	1	0	10	0
Leicester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shropshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**JUNIOR 3 SOUTH MIDLAND**

Berks II	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
Beds II	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Bucks II	2	1	0	1	7	13	2
Herts II	2	1	0	1	7	13	2
Norfolk II	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Oxford II	1	0	0	1	4	6	0

**VETERAN SOUTH (A)**

Herts II	2	2	0	0	14	4	4
Middlesex	2	2	0	0	12	6	4
Essex II	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
Kent	2	1	1	0	6	12	2
Berks II	2	0	2	7	11	0	0
Hants II	2	0	2	6	12	0	0
Sussex	1	0	1	2	7	0	0

**VETERAN SOUTH (B)**

Essex	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
Middlesex II	2	1	1	0	13		

# County Championships Round-up

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## EVERGREEN GEORGE

Best performance in the Premier matches must be that of George Evans, who is still defending as well as ever. He had little trouble winning two against Cheshire and with his compatriot Alan Griffiths hitting well, the Glamorgan team looked a very good side indeed. Only Janet Deakin really made much impression for Cheshire.

Another defender to show his paces was Warwickshire skipper Barry Johnson. Barry rarely gets in the team at Premier level but he recorded two good wins against Yorkshire but still finished on the losing side. Yorkshire however had secured victory as early as the sixth set when Melody Hill, also successful in the Mixed, beat Karen Groves.

Bob Potton was back in the Essex side against Staffs and it made all the difference. Essex in fact won all six Men's Singles but lost the remaining three sets. Jill Harris, who has been elevated to joint No. 1 in Staffs continues to improve which must be very reassuring for them. Middlesex, who only lost the title on sets difference last season, lost again — this time to Lancashire where Donald Parker gave a polished display.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Warwickshire 4 Yorkshire 5

P. Glynn bt K. Beadsley 12, 12;

lost to A. Fletcher -6, -21;

D. Munt lost to Beadsley -18, -16;

bt A. Clayton -18, 15, 20.

B. Johnson bt Fletcher -17, 15, 19;

bt Clayton 3, -18, 19.

Miss K. Groves lost to Mrs. M. Hill -14, -17.

Munt/Johnson lost to Fletcher/Clayton

-14, 20, -16.

Glynn/Miss Groves lost to Beadsley/Mrs.

Hill -18, -17.

### Glamorgan 6 Cheshire 3

A. Griffiths bt M. Hankey 10, 17;

bt A. Boasman 13, 17.

G. Evans bt Hankey 12, 11;

bt W. Percival 15, 15.

J. Morgan bt Boasman 16, 14;

lost to Percival 18, -15, -16.

Miss C. Jones lost to Miss J. Deakin -13, -15.

Griffiths/Morgan bt Hankey/Percival

19, -18, 18.

Evans/Miss Jones lost to Boasman/Miss

Deakin 13, -11, -16.

### Middlesex 3 Lancashire 6

M. Mitchell lost to D. Parker -9, -7;

bt S. Turner 18, -21, 16.

C. Wilson lost to Parker 18, -15, -11;

lost to P. Rainford -10, -16.

J. Payne lost to Turner 18, -11, -18;

bt Rainford -13, 18, 19.

Miss A. Mitchell bt Miss J. Grundy 13, 10.

Mitchell/Payne lost to Rainford/Turner

-20, -18.

Wilson/Miss Mitchell lost to Parker/Miss

Grundy 17, -16, -19.

### Essex 6 Staffordshire 3

R. Potton bt A. Bellingham 17, 12;

bt A. Rich 11, 13.

I. Horsham bt Bellingham 11, -20, 15;

bt A. Isaac 14, 13.

D. Newman bt Rich 12, 7;

bt Isaac 15, -16, 18.

Mrs. E. Foulds lost to Miss J. Harris -11, -19.

Horsham/Newman lost to Bellingham/Isaac

-16, 17, -13.

Potton/Miss Foulds lost to Rich/Miss Harris

-17, -18.

## DIVISION 2 (NORTH)

### Yorkshire II 2 Northumberland 8

### Cleveland 3 Durham 7

Once again Newcastle's capture from South Vietnam, Chu Van Que proved unbeatable but his team-mate Andrew Clark

is still 100%. T. Gelder shone in Durham's win.

## DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

### Dorset 8 Middlesex II 2

### Surrey 8 Buckinghamshire 2

A shock here for England No. 6 Max Crimmins who lost to Bucks. No. 2 Ian Haines but the final result hardly ever in doubt. Simon Heaps is the new captain of Dorset and he made an impressive debut against Middlesex.

## DIVISION 2 (WEST)

### Somerset 2 Devon 8

### Avon 2 Wiltshire 8

### Gwent 6 Wiltshire 4

Devon already look strong challengers for the title with Paul Whiting outstanding. Wiltshire had Kevin Satchell looking sound against Avon.

## DIVISION 2 (MIDLAND)

### Derbyshire 2 Leicestershire 8

### Warwickshire II 7 Nottinghamshire 3

### Northamptonshire 2 Worcestershire 8

Maurice Newman, now playing probably better than he has ever done starred for Leics. Robert Watson made a great debut in the senior ranks for Notts, winning two but his team went down 3-7 to Warwicks. Simon Claxton on top form for Worcs whilst for Northants Keith Nicoll came close to winning two, losing out to Trevor Washington -17, 13, -19, after winning his first set.

## DIVISION 2 (EAST)

### Norfolk 0 Essex II 10

### Kent I 5 Suffolk 5

### Cambridgeshire 10 Bedfordshire 0

Two rather one-sided matches and one which became a draw when it was realised Kent had played two players in the wrong order!

## DIVISION 3 (NORTH)

### Northumberland II 4 Derbyshire II 6

Two good wins by F. Short failed to deny Derbys victory.

## DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)

### Surrey II 4 Herefordshire II 6

### Hampshire II 3 Sussex II 7

Herts look good promotion prospects — Stuart Seaholme good against Surrey. The young Sussex team, with Steven Moore outstanding could do well.

## DIVISION 3 (EAST)

### Suffolk II 6 Huntingdonshire 4

R. King and S. Upton starred for their respective sides.

## DIVISION 3 (MIDLAND)

### Worcestershire II 7 Shropshire 3

### Buckinghamshire II 6 Oxfordshire II 4

### Leicestershire II 8 Northamptonshire II 2

Robert Harman's two went a long way towards Bucks victory. Malcolm Green (Shrops) and Dave Marsh (Northants) both won two yet finished on losing side.

## DIVISION 3 (WEST)

### Isle of Wight 7 Somerset II 3

### Cornwall 3 Dorset II 7

### Herefordshire 4 Avon II 6

For once John Bassett wasn't the star for Cornwall — John won one, B. Cornelius two but Dorset with their ladies J. Applin and L. Harman on form took the remaining sets. Mark Owen's two for Herefords not sufficient to secure a point against Avon. Scores of 3, 4, 10, 8 indicate Carl Preat's superiority in this division for Isle of Wight

## JUNIOR 2 (NORTH)

### Lancashire 2 Yorkshire II 8

### Derbyshire 6 Cumbria 4

### Cleveland 5 Cheshire 5

### Yorkshire 8 Cleveland 2

### Northumberland 4 Lincolnshire 6

Lincolnshire and Yorkshire look favourites here — particularly Yorkshire for whom N. Stead is still unbeaten and they've picked up all the girls' events too. In the Cleveland-Cheshire clash the home side's Kevin Green played well but Lynne Fennah and Tracey Lightfoot easily took the girls' events. Alan Cooke continues to show rich promise for Derbys. Lincs had to fight all the way against Northumberland where Neil McMaster once again won two only to see his team lose.

## JUNIOR 2 (WEST)

### Warwickshire 9 Hampshire 1

### Glamorgan 4 Wiltshire 6

### Worcestershire 4 Devon II 6

### Gloucestershire 4 Avon 6

Warwickshire and Wiltshire look strongest here. Against Hants Warwicks dropped only GD. Two easy wins for Glamorgan's Andrew Jones, but still his team lost. Devon won all three girls' events (Sarah O'Leary and Cara Rowe) to help Devon to win whilst Avon's star was Paul Jackson.

## JUNIOR 2 (EAST)

### Middlesex II 4 Cambridgeshire 6

### Essex 7 Berkshire 3

### Oxfordshire 2 Kent 8

Cams dropped four BS but thanks to Ruth Hunter and Tracey Fisher still won (G. Tyler best for Middx). Essex lost all girls' events against Berks but stronger boys brought them a 7-3 win. David Dodd still unbeaten for Kent.

## JUNIOR 3 (NORTH)

### Cheshire II 8 Shropshire 2

### Nottinghamshire 10 Cleveland II 0

Notts relegated from Division 2 last season look on this form ready for a prompt return.

## JUNIOR 3 (South)

### Kent II 8 Dorset II 2

### Essex II 7 Surrey II 3

Kent very strong and still unbeaten in boys' events. Tricia Taylor and Debbie Taylor steered Essex to victory.

## JUNIOR 3 (WEST)

### Gwent 8 Somerset 2

Gary Wilkins and Jeremy Hobbs never troubled. Vanessa Frost best for Somerset.

## JUNIOR 3 (EAST)

### Cambridgeshire II 2 Essex III 8

### Suffolk 1 Norfolk 9

Good debut by Steve Dorking for Essex. Richard and Martyn Stevenson never troubled for Norfolk — Richard conceded 29 points, Martyn 37.

## JUNIOR 3 (NORTH MIDLAND)

### Herefordshire I Leicestershire 9

### Staffordshire II 7 Warwickshire II 3

Staffs an entirely new team but still won comfortably. Leics never won a match last season — won at the first time of asking.

## JUNIOR 3 (SOUTH MIDLAND)

### Buckinghamshire II 1 Berkshire II 9

### Bedfordshire II 6 Oxfordshire II 4

### Hertfordshire II 6 Norfolk II 4

Berks look to be making a strong challenge for this division — only two GS dropped so far this season. Stronger girls (Caroline Boxall and Anita Jermyn) brought Herts victory. Andrew Conquest inspiration behind Beds win.

## VETERAN (SOUTH) A

### Hertfordshire II 5 Hampshire II 4

### Berkshire II 3 Kent 6

### Sussex 2 Middlesex 7

With Alan Lindsay still showing great consistency Middlesex look capable of top-

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