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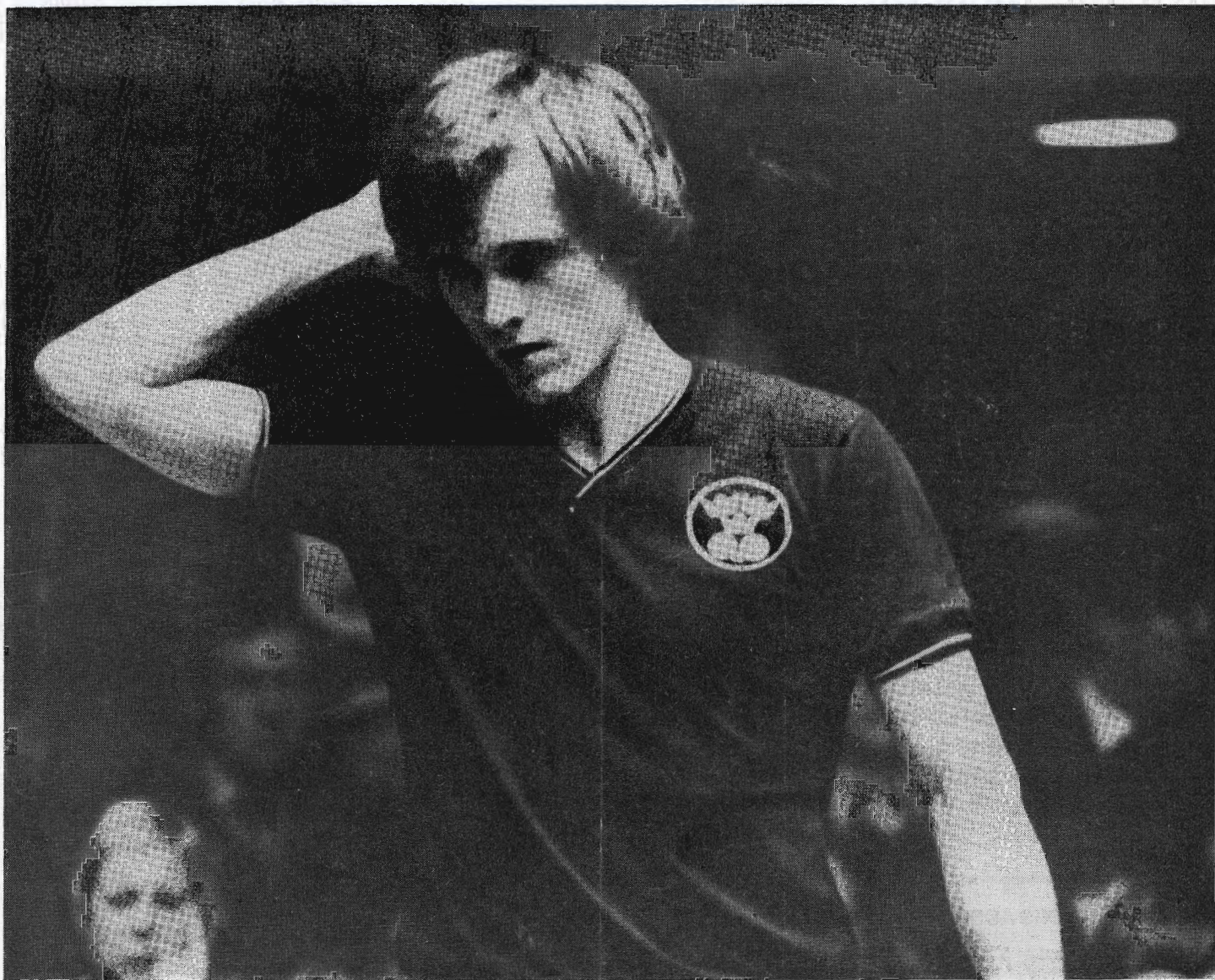


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# On the International Front

by The Editor



### STILL THERE . . . AT THE TOP!

There was much anguish and gnashing of teeth at Belper Sports Centre on Jan. 15 when England, defending their unbeaten record in the Super Division of the European League, found themselves 0-2 down to Czechoslovakia.

But from thereon a spirited revival was staged to such an extent that England won the next four sets for a decisive 4-2 lead which pleased the crowd no end and the match sponsors, Auto Windscreens (Chesterfield) Ltd., even more. They had backed a winner!

Both Desmond Douglas and John Hilton suffered 2-straight reverses, to Milan Orlowski and Josef Dvoracek respectively, in that black opening phase subsequently relieved when Jill Hammersley, carrying on the good work from Basingstoke, had the measure of Alice Pelikanova who, despite a nervous beginning, put up stout resistance albeit unavailing.

Douglas and Paul Day then set about Dvoracek, looking every inch the Guardsman that he is not, and the smaller Jindrich Pansky in no mean fashion to take the men's doubles to be followed by a cliff-hanger in which Douglas, partnered by Linda Jarvis, sparked back from an opening game deficit to beat Pansky and Marie Hrachova 19 in the third for England to go 3-2 into the lead.

Douglas was then called upon to make a third consecutive return to the table but

with that opening set defeat far behind him, and the adrenalin in full flow, his reflexes were just too much for Dvoracek who went under 11 and 18 for England to secure their fifth successive win to maintain their top position in the league.

Sadly John Hilton, our European champion, had nought to show for his labours even allowing for him taking the second game off Orlowski in the final set.

**Individual Scores:**

D. Douglas lost to M. Orlowski -15, -10;

J. Hilton lost to J. Dvoracek -19, -15;

J. Hammersley bt A. Pelikanova 14, 13;

D. Day/Douglas bt Dvoracek/J. Pansky

17, 18;

Douglas/L. Jarvis bt Pansky/M. Hrachova

-18, 12, 19;

Douglas bt Dvoracek 11, 18;

Hilton lost to Orlowski -19, 16, -15.

Meantime, in Budapest, Hungary preserved their unbeaten record with a like 4-3 success over France who did remarkably well to take three sets from the defending champions. Jacques Secretin was involved in all three French successes beating Gabor Gergely in singles and sharing in two doubles wins with Patrick Birocheau and Claude Bergeret. Tibor Klampar (2) and Gergely (1) plus a win for Szusza Olah, over Miss Bergeret, got the Hungarians home.

**Scores:**

T. Klampar bt P. Birocheau -19, 13, 15;

G. Gergely lost to J. Secretin -9, -12;

## PERISH THE THOUGHT

It is never easy, at the best of times, for a match secretary to fulfil the requirements of the post and moreso if the job is linked, as it often is, with that of publicity.

Affording the local paper up to date results, match reports and league tables might seem easy meat to those with the flair unless the person responsible happens to be you!

Only then does one appreciate just what the job entails and should the worthy incumbent be without a home telephone then you are assured of trouble in abundant proportions.

The late or non-submission of result sheets is a constant thorn in the side of match secretaries throughout the land and of that there is no doubt.

But spare a thought for those such officials who happen to operate in an area affected by a postal dispute, such as the unofficial one in Manchester. Who would want to be a match secretary there? Perish the thought.

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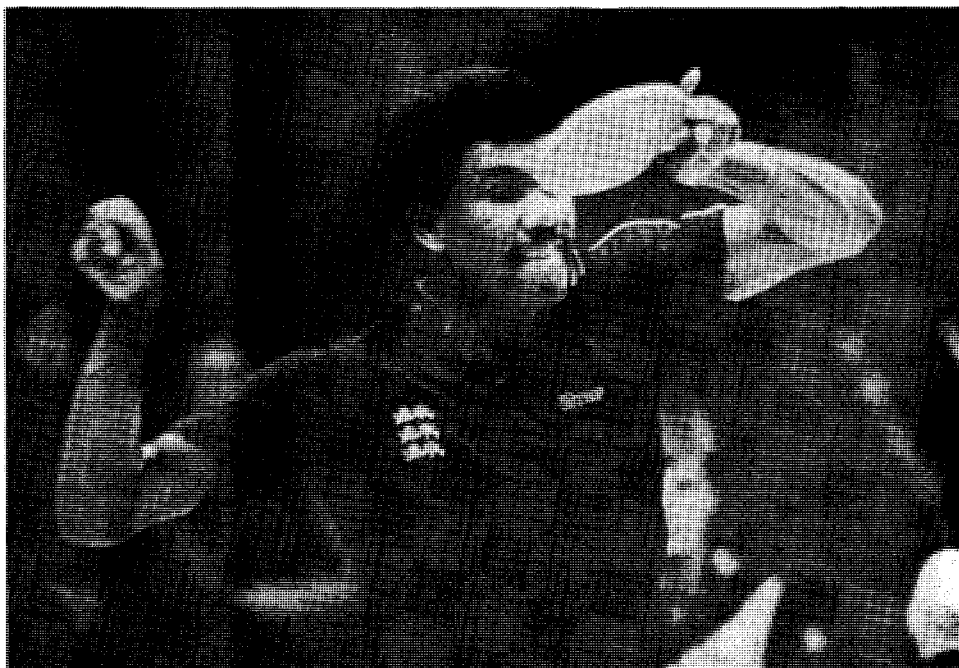
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Desmond Douglas who carried on the good work started by Jill Hammersley at Belper by winning the men's and mixed doubles, with Paul Day and Linda Jarvis, and then won the match for England by beating Josef Dvoracek.

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S. Olah bt C. Bergeret 15, -15, 19;  
 I. Jonyer/Klampar lost to Birocheau/  
 Secretin -12, -17;  
 Z. Kriston/E. Urban lost to Secretin/  
 Bergeret -11, -16;  
 Klampar bt Secretin 15, 11;  
 Gergely bt Birocheau 15, 16.

On the same night, in Leningrad, Sweden went into a 4-0 lead against the Soviet Union yet only won 4-3 against the point-less Russians who came back remarkably well. The two Ulf's, Thorsell and Carlsson, opened up in blistering style putting down, most effectively, Anatoli Strokotov and Igor Solopov respectively.

Marie Lindblad then took the scalp of European champion Valentina Popova and the coup-de-grace was administered by Carlsson and Mikael Appelgren with a men's doubles win over Strokotov and Bagrat Burnazian.

Scores:  
 A. Strokotov lost to U. Thorsell -7, -8;  
 I. Solopov lost to U. Carlsson -9, -17;  
 V. Popova lost to M. Lindblad 16, -16, -18;  
 B. Burnazian/Strokotov lost to M. Appelgren/Carlsson -19, 11, -9;  
 Solopov/F. Bulatova bt Appelgren/Lindblad 11 13;  
 Strokotov bt Carlsson -12, 17, 11;  
 Solopov bt Thorsell 16, 15.

Federal Germany, like the Soviet Union, are still searching for their first win and, at home to Yugoslavia in Ettlingen they failed to inspire even their most avid supporter in going down 0-7 with only one set needing a deciding game!

The Yugoslavs had Dragutin Surbek back in harness and it was he who figured in four successes accounting for Peter Stellweg and Wilfried Lieck in single combat and in doubles, partnering Zoran Kosanovic and Branka Batinic.

Scores:  
 P. Stellweg lost to D. Surbek -15, -9;  
 W. Lieck lost to Z. Kosanovic -6, -14;  
 K. Kruger lost to B. Batinic -17, -16;  
 H-J. Nolten/R. Wosik lost to Kosanovic/  
 Surbek -8, 14, -11;  
 Nolten/Kruger lost to Surbek/Batinic -13, -7;  
 Stellweg lost to Kosanovic -19, -18;  
 Lieck lost to Surbek -18, -19.

In catching up with their outstanding fixture away to the Soviet Union, Hungary only made it 4-3 thereby failing by one set to join England in the lead position. In

Moscow, on Jan. 17, the Hungarians won the first three sets including a win for Beatrix Kishazi over newcomer Inga Javorovskaya preferred in singles to Miss Popova.

Burnazian and Strokotov won the men's doubles beating Gergely and Zsolt Kriston, and Strokotov and Popova followed up with a win against Kriston and Edit Urban in the mixed. Gergely then won the match for Hungarians in beating Solopov but, in the final set, Strokotov came good to beat Janos Takacs.

Scores:  
 I. Solopov lost to J. Takacs 18, -17, -17;  
 A. Strokotov lost to G. Gergely -15, -14;  
 I. Javorovskaya lost to B. Kishazi -17, -20;  
 B. Burnazian/Strokotov bt Gergely/Z. Kriston 18, -12, 14;  
 Strokotov/V. Popova bt Kriston/E. Urban 18, 14;  
 Solopov lost to Gergely 16, -14, -15;  
 Strokotov bt Takacs 15, 14.

#### SUPER DIVISION

|                 | P | W | L | F  | A  | P |
|-----------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| ENGLAND         | 5 | 5 | 0 | 24 | 11 | 5 |
| Hungary         | 5 | 5 | 0 | 23 | 12 | 5 |
| Sweden          | 5 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 14 | 4 |
| Czechoslovakia  | 5 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 13 | 3 |
| France          | 5 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 18 | 2 |
| Yugoslavia      | 5 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 1 |
| Federal Germany | 5 | 0 | 5 | 8  | 27 | 0 |
| Soviet Union    | 5 | 0 | 5 | 8  | 27 | 0 |

Fixtures for Feb. 12/81 are:

Hungary v Czechoslovakia  
 Yugoslavia v France  
 Sweden v England (in Boras, Feb. 11)  
 Federal Germany v Soviet Union

#### DIVISION ONE

For once in a way, promotion favourites Poland were hard-pressed to preserve their unbeaten record in Division 1 needing a last set win for Andrzej Grubba over Gottfried Bar to get his team home 4-3 against Austria who led 3-2 after the mixed doubles, in Gdansk.

Scores:  
 L. Kucharski lost to G. Bar 9, -15, -14;  
 A. Grubba bt G. Muller 15, 17;  
 W. Sikora lost to D. Fetter -16, 11, -17;  
 Grubba/Kucharski bt Bar/Muller 15, 14;  
 S. Dryszel/M. Urbanska lost to Muller/  
 Fetter -13, 8, -18;  
 Kucharski bt Muller -16, 17, 15;  
 Grubba bt Bar 12, -18, 9.

Promotees Finland travelled to Messina to account for Italy 5-2 to maintain their second position behind Poland and to leave their victims with but one point from five matches. Fighting their way to a 2-2 score-line Italy failed to make a third comeback and crashed to defeat in the final three sets.

Scores:  
 M. Constantini lost to J. Jokinen 17, -24, -20;  
 G. Bisi bt K. Ikonen 15, 17;  
 M. Cergol lost to S. Grefberg -12, -8;  
 Bisi/Constantini bt Ikonen/Jokinen -19, 21, 16;  
 Bisi/Cergol lost to Jokinen/Grefberg -18, -16;  
 Constantini lost to Ikonen -19, -17;  
 Bisi lost to Jokinen 7, -17, -16.

Meanwhile, in Athens, Bulgaria kept themselves in the picture with a narrow 4-3 success over Greece where Djevat Hassanov had two singles victories and Daniela Guergueltcheva figured in a women's singles success and the mixed doubles with Ivan Stoinov.

Scores:  
 D. Zikos bt I. Stoinov 13, 18;  
 C. Priftis lost to D. Hassanov 20, -20, -14;  
 E. Spanou lost to D. Guerguelcheva -9, -8;  
 Priftis/Zikos bt Hassanov/Lukov -19, 19, 15;  
 Priftis/Spanou lost to Stoinov/  
 Guergueltcheva -16, -17;  
 Zikos lost to Hassanov -16, -17;  
 Priftis bt Stoinov -16, 14, 14.

In Heerenveen, Friesland (known for European/World championship skating) the

Netherlands had a narrow squeak in beating Luxembourg 4-3 — a match umpired and refereed by Englishmen Brian Webb and Alf Leigh.

Luxembourg had as their non-playing captain Li Deyang of China who has replaced Lu Yuang Sheng who has, because of illness, returned to his home in Peking.

In the beginning it looked all too easy for the Dutch side which went into a 3-0 lead but pulled back to 3-2 and much depended on the result of the penultimate set between Rene Hijne and Yves Maas with Hijne losing the first game -16. But it all came right in the end with Hijne successful in the next two and a winning lead was established.

Scores:  
 R. Hijne bt A. Hertmann 20, 17;  
 H. Gootzen bt Y. Maas 7, -19, 8;  
 S. de Kruiff bt C. Risch 13, 19;  
 Gootzen/P. Swier lost to Hartmann/Maas 15, -23, -19;  
 Swier/de Kruiff lost to Hartmann/Risch -13, -15;  
 Hijne bt Maas -17, 10, 17;  
 Gootzen lost to Hartmann -16, 19, -17.

In the second game of the men's doubles Han Gootzen and Patrick Swier had match point at 20-16 over Andre Hartmann and Maas yet failed to capitalise on it.

#### DIVISION ONE

|             | P | W | L | F  | A  | P |
|-------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Poland      | 5 | 5 | 0 | 27 | 8  | 5 |
| Finland     | 5 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 10 | 4 |
| Bulgaria    | 5 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 14 | 4 |
| Austria     | 5 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 18 | 3 |
| Netherlands | 5 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 19 | 2 |
| Greece      | 5 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 23 | 1 |
| Italy       | 5 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 23 | 1 |
| Luxembourg  | 5 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 25 | 0 |

Fixtures for Feb. 12/81 are:

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

#### DIVISION TWO

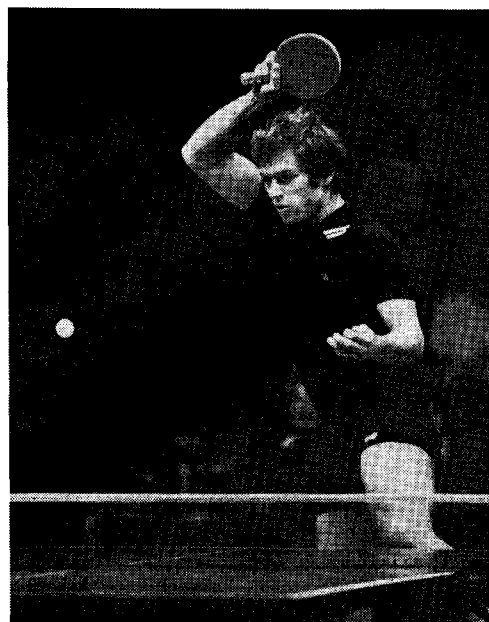
Ireland, as reported elsewhere by Willie Walsh, crashed at home 3-4 to Belgium whilst Denmark, now the champions, saw off the challenge of Switzerland 6-1 in Winznau. Only one set escaped the champions... the first when Thomas Busin beat Bjarne Grimstrup in straight games!

Scores:  
 T. Busin bt B. Grimstrup 11, 16;



Back in her rightful position as England's leading lady, Jill Hammersley started revival at Belper by beating the fledgling Alice Pelikanova.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.



No holds barred is the motto of Milan Orlovski, Czechoslovakia's opening set winner over Desmond Douglas at Belper.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

# IRISH AFFAIRS

by Willie Walsh

## IRELAND LOSE TO BELGIUM

In the Electricity Supply Board Sportsco Hall, Dublin, Ireland who were installed as firm favourites before the match suffered an unexpected defeat before a packed attendance.

The atmosphere at the opening ceremony was certainly electric as the teams entered the arena, but the first shock for Ireland was the surprise defeat of Colum Slevin 22-20 in the 3rd by Thierry Cabrera. To make matters worse, the final point was a net cord. All credit to the Belgian who lost the first game and then went on to win the second.

In the final game Cabrera lead 10-6 at the change of ends and at 13-8 Slevin served off the table which added further to his woe. Slevin finally closed the gap to 15-17 and from then on we had a cliff-hanger, -- 15-18; 15-19; 16-19, 17-19, 18-19; 18-20; 19-20; 20-20. Cabrera then hit a scorcher of a forehand to lead 21-20 and then came the winner with a net cord.

Pat Glynn redressed the imbalance when he beat Romain Schalley and gained for himself his first International singles win. The crowd really took to the Birmingham player and at the finish, they were on their feet applauding him. In the second game he came back from the dead as he trailed 1-10, but he finally caught Schalley at 12. From then on it was 'neck and neck' until Glynn finally clinched it at 22-20.

In the women's singles, Belgium introduced Corinne D'Hondt instead of the absent Barbara Lippens against Anne Leonard and this was thought to auger well for Ireland. Miss D'Hondt had other ideas though as she won the first game 19. Leonard was down 16-19; 17-19; 18-19; 18-20 and then D'Hondt won the game with a net cord. Leonard won the second 14, but from 14-all in the third her game hit a bad patch as Miss D'Hondt won eight of the next nine points to win.

Slevin and Glynn lost the men's doubles



Irish correspondent Willie Walsh makes the presentation to women's singles winner Anne Leonard at the Glenalbyn Open.

Photo by Noel Hitchcock, Dublin.

to Cabrera and Schalley to give the Belgians a 3-1 lead at the interval. But Slevin and Leonard made it 2-3 when they had a comfortable victory over Cabrera and D'Hondt in the mixed.

Slevin then had the crowd on their feet again when he beat Schalley to level the match.

And so to the final set as Glynn and Cabrera lined up to decide the destination of the points. In the first game the burden proved a bit too much for Glynn as he lost -10, but in the second he played his heart out as he led 16-14. Cabrera then hit a purple patch to win the next six points. Glynn fought back to win the next two, but then his world collapsed when Cabrera killed a loose shot by Glynn to seal the issue. Full marks to Glynn though, he never stopped trying.

Full marks too, to Alex Thackberry, Chairman of the Leinster Branch of the ITTA, for their wonderful hard work and excellent organisation.

## RESULTS

(Irish names first)

C. Slevin lost to T. Cabrera 12, -13, -20.  
P. Glynn bt R. Schalley 8, 20.  
A. Leonard lost to C. D'Hondt -19, 14, -14.  
Slevin/Glynn lost to Cabrera/Schalley 22, -18, -15.  
Slevin/Leonard bt Cabrera/D'Hondt 16, 18.  
Slevin bt Schalley 16, 12.  
Glynn lost to Cabrera -10, -18.

## GLENALBYN OPEN

That great Irish Table Tennis nursery Glenalbyn, Dublin, which has produced more International players at all levels of Irish Table Tennis than any other Club, ran one of the most successful and exciting domestic tournaments, in Oatlands College, it has been my pleasure to watch for a long time. I'm sure readers will agree that the most successful tournaments are the ones that threaten to be a disaster and drive the organisers up the wall. During the week prior to the tournament the organisers were plagued with scratchings — the most notable being Pat Glynn. The seeding had to be re-arranged and the entire draw done again. Then there was the unavailability of local player Colum Slevin who was with the Irish Schools team in Chester and things began to look even worse.

Undaunted, that great patriarch of Glenalbyn, Richard Leonard and his handful of workers — John Manning, Michael Greene, Siobhan Slevin, Larry Roe and Ciaran Leonard got dug in and did they work?

The women's singles was won for a record 6th time by Anne Leonard when she beat Mary Sheehan in the semi-final and Ulster junior No. 1, Louise Gibson in the final. Miss Gibson beat Kathleen Murray in the other semi and Miss Murray shocked Geraldine Leonard in the quarters.

## Tommie Comes Back

37-years-young former International and the doyen of Irish Table Tennis for over 20 years — gracing it with dignity and sportsmanship — Tommie Caffrey won his first open tournament for many a day when he beat Norway's John Strange in the semi-final and scored his third win on the trot over Kevin Keane in the final. Tommie lost to Keane in the Bray Open in November, but beat him twice in the Leinster Super League since.

The final had everything. Keane's extrovertiness against Caffrey's cuteness. Caffrey won the first game 17, but lost the second -18. In the 3rd Caffrey led 11-5, but lost the next six points. Keane then led 16-13, but

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they levelled at 17-each. They were level again at 19, but Caffrey served what looked like two innocent balls which Keane missed, so Caffrey was back in the big time again. What a well deserved reception he got then and also at the presentation.

In the other semi Keane had to fight all the way to beat Ciaran Leonard.

**Footnote:**

**Tommie Caffrey is the most capped Irish player in any sport with over 150 caps. He last played for Ireland against Greece in September, 1977 in Derry. He then retired from the international scene to concentrate on his business commitments. He now plays in the Leinster Super League and the occasional open, but one wonders if he had the time what could he still achieve.**

**Glenalbyn Open Results**

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

K. Keane bt C. Leonard -14, 19, 14;

T. Caffrey bt J. Strange 13, 9.

**Final:**

CAFFREY bt Keane 17, -18, 19.

**Women's Singles Final:**

A. LEONARD bt L. Gibson 11, 10.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**

CAFFREY/MURRAY bt Greene/Sheehan 12, -11, 12.

**Women's Doubles Final:**

A. LEONARD/I. CANAVAN bt G. Leonard/H. Walsh 13, 12.

**Men's Doubles Final:**

G. GREENE/K. LEONARD bt M. Greene/J. Robinson 19, 20.

**CLUB CHAMPIONS**

Anahilt, Co. Down, the Ulster Champions beat Glenalbyn the holders and Leinster Champions 7-5 to take the Irish Rubies Trophy and their passport into Europe as all-Ireland Club Champions.

Glenalbyn who were without International Colum Slevin, led 5-2, but Anahilt fought back to win the remaining 5 sets.

**RESULTS (Anahilt names first)**

T. Heasley bt K. Leonard 17, 14.

R. Copes lost to K. Keane 22, -14, -14.

J. Cash lost to G. Greene -17, -15.

T. Heasley lost to Keane -13, -19.

Cash lost to Leonard -16, -16.

Copes bt Greene 19, 19.

Cash lost to Keane 13, -13, -18.

Heasley bt Greene 11, -20, 15.

Copes bt Leonard -14, 17, 15.

Heasley/Cash bt Keane/Leonard 15, -22, 15.

Heasley/Copes bt Keane/Greene 12, 17.

Cash/Copes bt Leonard/Greene 9, 19.

**St. Andrews Open Team Event**

Yes! the heading is correct. It is the St.

Andrews Open and not the St. Patrick's. This tournament should really be called the Bob Turner Open as it was devised, staged, refereed, organised and everything else required was done by Bob.

It was great to see playing there "Connie" Warren and his wife — the former Irish international Joan Fitzsimons — and Warren's arch rival of some years ago, Jim Langan. The rivalry was again renewed as Warren's team beat Langan's 4-1.

Martin Kinsella and Glynn had a titanic encounter against Langan and K. Leonard before winning in the 3rd.

N. Schlauch, the regional champion of Hanau, West Germany beat K. Keane the joint Irish No. 1, 8, 13.

The star of the tournament however was Dave Welsman who was unbeaten throughout and among his victims were Langan and Kinsella!

The four teams that reached the final stages were — Balbriggan 1, J. Hamill selected, C. Warren selected, and M. Kinsella selected. They played-off on a round robin basis and after further exhaustion the winners were Connie Warren's team and runners-up Martin Kinsella's crew.

**Leinster Junior Open**

The Leinster Junior Open Championships were staged in Perrystown Community Centre last month and provided hundreds of youngsters with as much match practice and competition as they could possibly hope to get anywhere. The Leinster Junior branch are as hard working a bunch of people as you would find anywhere, and if Table Tennis in Ireland does not improve, it will not be their fault.

**RESULTS**

**Junior Boys - Super Div.**

A. Walsh bt M. Irwin.

Club - Glenalbyn bt Ulster.

**Junior Girls - Super Div.**

L. Gibson bt M. McMullen.

Club - Ulster.

**Cadet Boys - Super Div.**

G. Casey bt B. McGrane.

Club - Ulster bt Perrystown.

**Cadet Girls - Super Div.**

H. Watson bt M. Christie.

Club - Cameron Park.

**Under-12 Boys - Super Div.**

A. Redmond bt C. Russell.

Club - Cameron Park bt Rockford.

**Under-12 Girls - Super Div.**

L. Cullen bt E. McManus.

Club - Lorcan bt Glenalbyn.

**TOP ULSTER RANKING**

The full Ulster ranking lists read:

**Men**

1 Derek Weir, 2 Jimmy Hammill and Tom Heasley, 4 Allistair Cairns, 5 Jack Cash, 6 Roger Strong.

**Women**

1 Karen Walker, 2 Liz Cheevers, 3 Louise Gibson and Valerie Moore, 5 Pat Hunter and Stella McAtamney.

**Boys**

1 Brian Orr, 2 Mark Irwin, 3 Gary O'Hara, 4 Raymond Dunleavy and John Fall, 6 Gary Casey.

**Girls**

1 Louise Gibson, 2 Mary McMullan and Jennifer Reid, 4 Eveline Nelson and Nora McEvoy, 6 Mandy Dunleavy.

**Cadet Boys**

1 G. Casey, 2 C. Inglis, 3 A. Robson,

4 G. Wallace and C. Boyd, 6 I. Young.

**Cadet Girls**

1 N. McEvoy, 2 J. McCarty, 3 J. Forrest,

H. Kennedy and V. Matthews, 6 H. Newell.

**ISLE OF WIGHT NOTES**

by John Prean

**AGAINST THE ODDS**

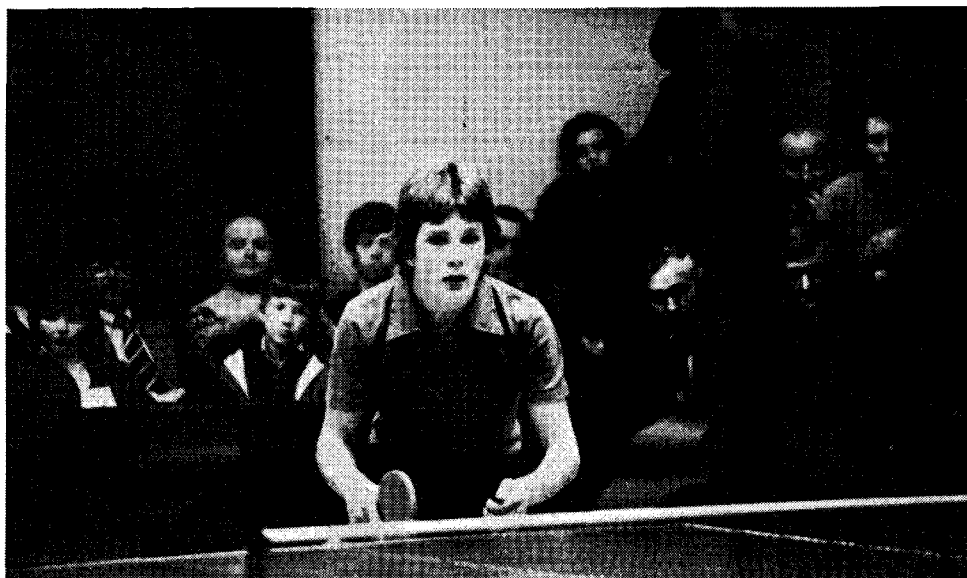
The population of the Isle of Wight is 120,000, so that on statistical calculations the chances against our producing an English Junior Champion must be 300 or 400 to 1. Nevertheless this is what Carl Prean did at Hinckley at the age of 13 (table tennis age 12).

I read John Wright's analytical report in Table Tennis News. It was noted that our small Isle of Wight contingent was not at the Finals on the first day; having often complained of lack of spectator support in our Sport, I accept the criticism. It should be said that, despite the various transport problems imposed by our geographical position, we do support the main events of the ETTA and on the first and second day of the English Open at Brighton it is not unusual to see thirty or forty supporters from the Isle of Wight, fewer at the English Closed, where the playing schedule hardly encourages spectators. Whilst at Woking we were able to muster good support, but we shall find the new Table Tennis capital of Gillingham much harder to reach. We would support other tournaments if these finished earlier or at least a time that enables us to catch the last boat. Alas, as I have written on other occasions, this is not the case and it seems to be a tradition that all tournaments drag on into the late hours of the night, no thought whatever being given to those competitors and spectators who still face a homeward journey of several hours.

This gives me the opportunity of saying that the Junior Closed at Hinckley was extremely well and considerably organised. Having often had to make the opposite comment, it gives me particular pleasure to congratulate everyone on this feat. We felt that after the disappointment in the Cadet Event our Representative would need a good night's rest and our "Counsel of Elders" went into session to analyse what had gone wrong. Certainly the little fellow was a different player the next day.

The Monday after the event proved just as thrilling, as the 'phone hardly stopped ringing and we were touched by all the good-will and good wishes. It was tremendous. Carl went on to do the "Double", Cadet and Junior in the Cotswold 2-Star 'Select'. The Boys' final was the best Junior final I have ever seen, but with the usual late finish, hardly anybody saw it. Played at three or four o'clock in the afternoon it would have drawn and entertained a very large crowd. Great credit to Paul Rainford, loser by 19 in the 3rd. He played magnificently and no-one deserved to lose. Table Tennis was the only winner.

The Doubles was won by the "scratch pair" of Mark Oakley and Prean. After some problems in the earlier Rounds they looked



Poised for action in the European League match against Belgium in Dublin is the Irish No. 1 Colum Slevin.

Photo by Noel Hitchcock, Dublin.

a good pair. I wonder whether they will ever defend that 100% record?

Though the finals started about seven. they finished nearer nine by which time there was no chance of catching our boat at 11.15 p.m. and it meant another night in Gloucester and missing school and work the next day. Gloucester was no different from other tournaments. The finals started around seven o'clock, whilst in Sweden they have to be finished by then. Ignoring our own strip of water, the homeward journey for most competitors must still be three or four hours which means returning in the early hours of the morning. Given this inevitable fact I shall never understand why our Sport is conducted in this way. One result is that we play in far fewer tournaments than we would like.

The uninterrupted success story of our County Teams ended at last when our Senior Team returned from the 400 mile round trip to Cornwall defeated, and our bright Championship hopes were buried. We needed a 5-5, but lost 4-6. The unbeaten Doubles records (Women's and Men's) held and Carl won his usual two. We could not muster the vital 5th point and fielding two reserves did not help.

The Veterans made it 4 out of 4, winning away against Somerset I. Jim Daly was again our hero and my own luck in the vital 5th match set continued. So we again won 5-4. Their No. 1 Colin Feltham looked a fine player in both defence and attack - Jim Daly won "deuce" in the 3rd; the match was that close.

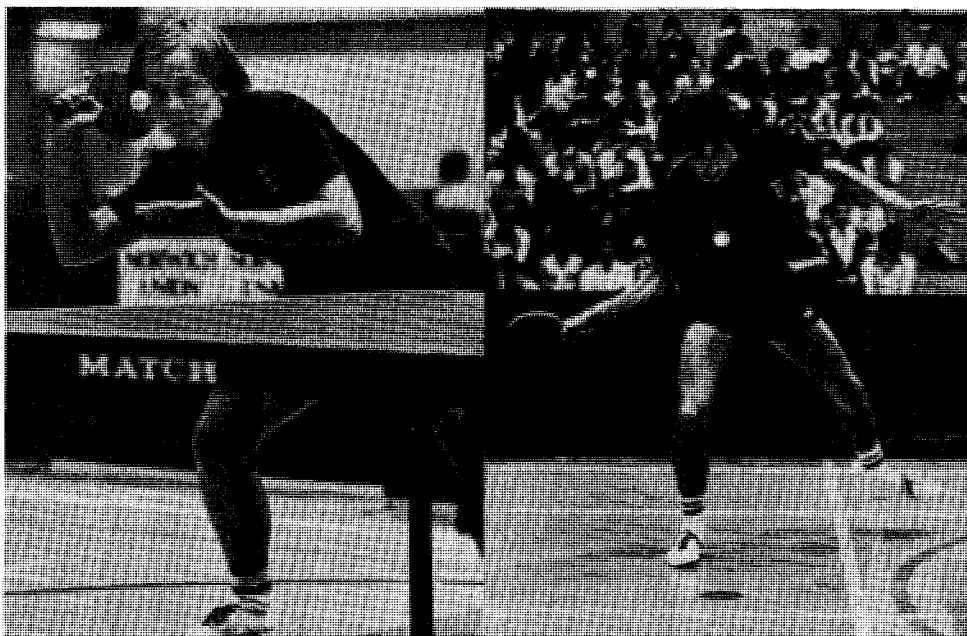
The local Island League 1st Division (there are 7 altogether) has again developed into a two-horse race between Ryde (Jim Daly's team) and Columbia (Carl's, but he only played in the vital matches). The teams drew 5-5 and Columbia kept their 1 point lead which may be enough. Carl (3) and Simon Lamb (2) made their points, but they lost the doubles and will have to sweat it out the rest of the season. Jim won 2 for Ryde and his team mates Fred Sillwood and John Stacey 1 each, Stacey v Neville Allen 30-28 in the 3rd! Sign of the times - smallest attendance ever for a match between these old rivals.

Our Junior Ranking Tournament saw Darren Phelps (Sandown) at No. 1, Jonathon Barton (Ryde) at No. 2. Philip Nicholls (Columbia) at No. 3 and also No. 1 Cadet. Katherine Brooks was No. 1 girl. She is only 12 and shows a lot of promise and a good pedigree - her father John, is our best, indeed only Umpire and a former Island Champion.

Whatever happens during the rest of the season we have had a remarkable start as a County with 7 victories in 8 matches, but a great deal of work remains to be done at the grass roots if we are to make the best of our new opportunities. Despite the new attraction of County matches and good local players, spectators interest is at a very low ebb and matches which might have attracted up to 50 spectators a few years ago, today are seen by only a handful. It is a subject that I first explored in Table Tennis News several years ago and I pointed then to various reasons why I thought our Sport was losing its spectator base. In a nut-shell I felt that the "modern game" depending on the early ball attack had little spectator appeal, though it was undoubtedly the way to win matches. The "modern game" has now come to the Isle of Wight and the spectators have gone elsewhere . . .

### BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Strathclyde University, Glasgow over the weekend of Jan. 31/Feb. 1 the men's singles event was won by Chris Rogers (Sheffield) with a final victory over David Gannon (Lancaster) 13 and 9. A. Burke (London) won the women's title beating L. Smith (Aston) 11 and 16 in the final.



Bob Potton (r) and Carole Knight, still in line for World Championships selection yet only nominated as reserves for the Czech Open.

Photos by Thomas B. Slater, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

## HILTON RESTED

The ETTA selectors have decided not to pick the 1980 European champion, John Hilton, for the squad that will play in the Czech Open in Prague on Feb. 19/22. Hilton, 33, now committed to a heavy playing schedule in Federal Germany, is to be rested but keeps his place in the unchanged and unbeaten team against Sweden in Boras now brought forward to Wednesday, Feb. 11.

England captain, Peter Simpson, explained, "This is John's first year as a professional player and he has a very heavy schedule in the next two weeks with the Europe Top 12 and European League immediately followed by the Norwich Union English Championships".

Teams:  
v Sweden (European League) - Desmond Douglas, John Hilton, Paul Day, Jill Hammersley and Linda Jarvis. NPC: Peter Simpson.

Czech Open (Prague) - Douglas, Day, Dougie Johnson, Graham Sandley, Mrs. Hammersley, Mrs. Jarvis, Karen Witt and Alison Gordon. NPC's: Peter Simpson and Donald Parker. Reserves: Bob Potton and Carole Knight.

## NORWICH UNION MASTERS TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG

The Norwich Union Masters, the culmination of the Norwich Union Grand Prix, is to be held this year in the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong between 10th and 14th June, exact dates to be finalized.

This magnificent stadium with a seating capacity of 3,500 is ideally suited for table tennis, a sport which has such an enormous and exuberant following in Hong Kong.

When the Grand Prix was launched three years ago, incorporating two competitive events, the Norwich Union Trophy and the Norwich Union Masters, it was intended to be expanded outside Europe into a world-wide event. This was foreshadowed in the International Table Tennis Federation's Bulletin of May 1978. A start was made with the inclusion during the current season of the Norwich Union Canadian Open Championships.

The BBC televised the Masters event from Milton Keynes and Preston during the last

two years, but due to 'cuts' in their budget arrangements could not cover the Masters this year.

Prize money for this year's Masters in Hong Kong will be £11,700 (\$US27,650), with the winner receiving £4,000 (\$US 10,000) and the runner-up £2,000 (\$US 4,500). The prize pool at Preston in 1980 was £5,190. Local television will be involved, and it is hoped to provide signal and tapes for other countries, including of course the United Kingdom.

Norwich Union, the world's largest sponsor of table tennis, has already been promised the help and co-operation of the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association, and also welcomes very much the help of the Urban Council of Hong Kong. We acknowledge the support and help of British Caledonian Airways.

The Norwich Union operates in many countries throughout the world, including Hong Kong.

Competitors in the Masters will comprise the top fourteen players in the Grand Prix, together with the new world champion, to be crowned in Yugoslavia in April, and England's John Hilton, the European champion.

The identity of the top 14 players in the Grand Prix, whose position is achieved by their performance in eight Open Championships and the Norwich Union Trophy, will not be known until after the Czechoslovak Open Championships, the last event in the 1980/81 Grand Prix, which takes place from 20th to 22nd February.

After the 7th event, the Stiga Welsh Open Table Tennis Championships, the following lead the points table:

|                        | Grand Prix Points |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Guo Yue Hua (CHN)      | 2100              |
| Tibor Klampar (HUN)    | 2000              |
| Istvan Jonyer (HUN)    | 2000              |
| Josef Dvoracek (CZE)   | 1975              |
| Desmond Douglas (ENG)  | 1600              |
| Milan Orlowski (CZE)   | 1575              |
| Ulf Carlsson (SWE)     | 1400              |
| Jindrich Pansky (CZE)  | 1325              |
| Huang Liang (CHN)      | 1200              |
| Ulf Thorsell (SWE)     | 1200              |
| Andrej Grubba (POL)    | 1150              |
| Gabor Gergely (HUN)    | 1150              |
| Mikael Appelgren (SWE) | 1100              |
| Zoran Kosanovic (YUG)  | 1000              |
| Leszek Kucharski (POL) | 1000              |
| Lu Yao Hua (CHN)       | 1000              |

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# Cleveland 3-Star Open

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## CZECHS DOMINATE AT THORNABY

by Alan Ransome

Only Jill Hammersley was able to break the grip of the touring Czechoslovakian team on the titles and prize money at the Cleveland 3-Star Open played at Thornaby Pavilion on Jan. 17/18.

Jill, playing her first open since her recent comeback was pushed all the way in the final of the women's singles against Marie Hrachova. The Czech girl led most of the way in the opening game of the final, only to find the strong defence of the former European Champion coming into its own in the last few points. Again Miss Hrachova dominated the second and this time was successful at 17, but in the decider the experience of Mrs. Hammersley showed through in the latter stages.

Other interesting matches in the women's event was Carole Knight's run. In the second round she almost came a cropper to young Jean Parker of Lancashire, just winning 19 in the third. Then in the quarters she showed some of her old form to account for Linda Jarvis at 11 in the third. The semi-final match against Hrachova was a good one with the Czech girl getting home in two close games.

Jill Hammersley put out Alison Gordon and Alice Pelikanova without too much difficulty, Miss Pelikanova having a round earlier narrowly defeated Karen Witt. Anita Stevenson, lost for the second time in two days to Melody Hill so effectively ending her chances of selection for Novi Sad.

The men's singles was Czech-dominated all the way. On paper Desmond Douglas was the most dangerous but he did not have one of his better days. In the earlier rounds he struggled with Bradford Unity's No. 3 Kevin Beadsley and then found Jindrich



### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

County Councillor F. Rogers, Chairman of Cleveland County Council, presents Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia with a cheque for £350 as his prize for winning the men's singles in the Cleveland 3-Star Open.

Photo by Stan Hilton, Billingham, Cleveland.

Pansky hitting a purple patch in the quarters.

Pansky also beat Paul Day and Graham Sandley without losing a game. Sandley came through in the place of Milan Orlovski who pulled out of the tournament due to a leg injury. His place was taken by Vlado Miko, the 1966 European silver medalist who is the Czech captain. Miko did well beating Ian Kenyon and Andy Wellman before losing narrowly in the decider to Ian Horsham.

With Douglas out of the tournament the way was open for the Czech No. 1 and European No. 5 Josef Dvoracek to pick up the £350 prize money and this he did without the loss of a game. He accounted for Dougie Johnson, Nicky Jarvis, and Donald Parker on his way to the final.

Other interesting results in the tournament included a victory for Unity's Steve Mills over Bob Potton in the third round but Mills found Jarvis a little too tight a round later.

Peter McQueen did well to oust Vietnamese boatman Chu Van Que but he found Parker a bit too steady in the quarters.

The men's doubles was again Czech-dominated as Pansky and Dvoracek took their revenge from the European League a few days earlier, over Douglas and Day.

The women's doubles provided the shocks. Out went Jill Hammersley and Linda Jarvis to Karen Smith (nee Rogers) and Suzanne Hunt. Out went Hrachova and Pelikanova to Witt and Gordon. This left the field open for Carole Knight and Anita Stevenson to cruise through beating both sets of giant killers to win the title.

On the Saturday at Thornaby the Butterfly International team Event produced some magnificent table tennis and was a great success. Again, both the men's and women's sections were dominated by the Czechs. There was a number of interesting matches en route. In the men's event the best display came from Unity who pushed Czechoslovakia in the opening round. Mills put Unity one ahead with a 19 in the third victory over Pansky. Chris Rogers did well to take the middle game from Dvoracek but this victory put the Czechs back into the match. They won the doubles but Mills came close to causing his second upset of the day when he took Dvoracek to 16 in the third.

Another team to perform above expectations was City of Newcastle. They "took" Canada 3-0 in the opening round and then gave England a scare in the quarter-finals. Chu Van Que opened for Newcastle by seeing off Johnson 14 in the third. Sandley made short work of surprise choice Ian

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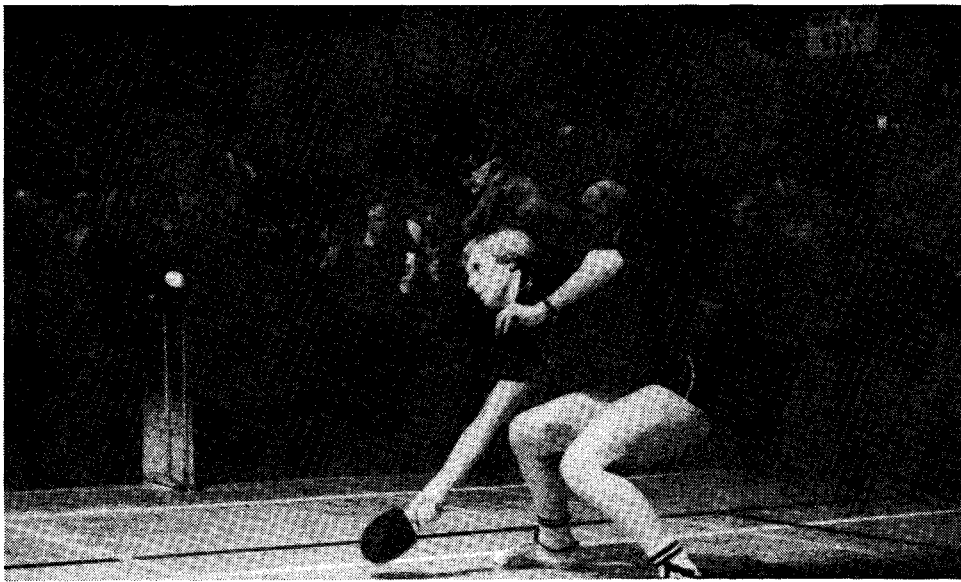
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**Splendid defence carries Jill Hammersley through to victory in the women's singles event against Marie Hrachova.**

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Stevenson the quick ones which gave Ormesby a chance. They grasped it with both hands with Carole and Melody both beating Anita in straight games. The match that really decided this contest was the doubles, where England brought in Linda Jarvis to play with Jill Hammersley. The Ormesby pair on this occasion were too strong winning at 14 in the third, putting England out of the tournament in the semi-final to the extent of 3-1 with Jill taking the only set against Carole Knight.

Probably the best match of the women's event was Czechoslovakia's 3-2 victory against Omega which saw Karen Witt at her very best. Karen opened the scoring for Omega with a "duece" in the third win against Alice Pelikanova then pulled the score back to two-all by beating Marie Hrachova. Try as she might, Alison Gordon was unable to pull off a win and the Czechs went through at 3-2.

The final was very much one way traffic with the Czechs winning 3-0 against Ormesby without the loss of a game.

The prizes of the Championship were presented by Councillor Frank Rodgers, the chairman of Cleveland County Council whose Leisure Services Department sponsored and co-organised the event with the Cleveland Table Tennis Association.

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles Round 4:

N. Eckersley (Ch) bt B. K. Johnson (Wa) 11, 11;  
 D. Parker (La) bt P. McQueen (Sy) 18, -18, 12;  
 N. Jarvis (Cv) bt S. Mills (Y) 18, 18;  
 J. Dvoracek (Cze) bt D. Johnson (Wa) 17, 14;  
 I. Horsham (E) bt V. Miko (Cze) -12, 20, 18;  
 G. Sandley (Mi) bt S. Turner (La) -18, 17, 16;  
 J. Pansky (Cze) bt P. Day (Ca) 18, 19;  
 D. Douglas (Wa) bt J. Kennedy (K) 5, 16.

##### Quarter-finals:

Parker bt Eckersley -21, 17, 14;  
 Dvoracek bt Jarvis 13, 13;  
 Sandley bt Horsham 14, -16, 7;

Robertson and England took the doubles but again Chu Van Que put the National team under pressure before going down "duece" in the third to Sandley.

Other early matches included Macleans 3-1 win over Ellenborough and Sealink Milton Keynes going down 2-3 to Scotland with Sealink player Richard Yule playing a blinder for his country and against his club.

The semi-finals saw England scoring a

narrow victory over Macleans 3-2 with Max Crimmins winning both his singles, whilst Soham put up a spirited display against the Czechs before going down 0-3. Czechoslovakia made equally short work of England in the final taking all three sets without the loss of a game.

In the women's team event the surprise of the day was the defeat of England at the hands of the Ormesby team Carole Knight and Melody Hill. England played Anita



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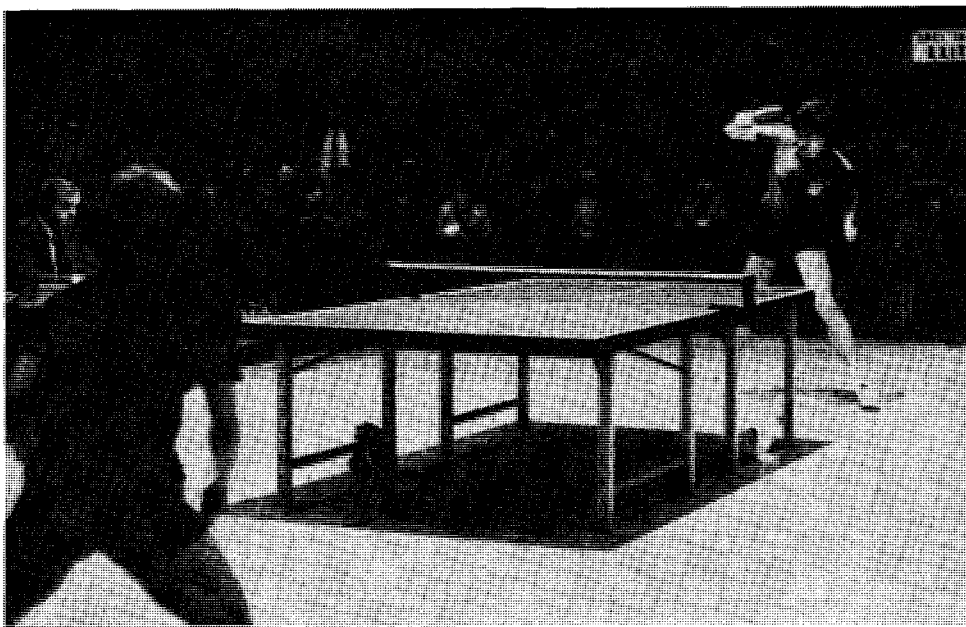
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Josef Dvoracek hammers one over against his compatriot Jindrich Pansky in the men's singles final.

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Pansky bt Douglas 16, -13, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Dvoracek bt Parker 18, 14;  
Pansky bt Sandley 13, 16.

**Final:**  
DVORACEK bt Pansky 18, 19;

**Women's Singles Round 3:**  
J. Hammersley (En) bt J. Harris (St) 8, 12;  
A. Gordon (Bk) bt C. Maisey (Wi) 10, 11;  
K. Witt (Bk) bt S. Jones (Wal) 10, 11;  
A. Pelikanova (Cze) bt L. Hryszko (Y) 13, 9;  
C. Knight (Cv) bt C. Dalrymple (Sco) 15, 13;  
L. Jarvis (Eng) bt J. Grundy (La) 16, 6;  
M. Hill (Y) bt A. Stevenson (Le) 11, -21, 5;  
M. Hrachova (Cze) bt H. Shields (Y) 11, 8.

**Quarter-finals:**  
Hammersley bt Gordon 14, 13;  
Pelikanova bt Witt -12, 20, 19;  
Knight bt Jarvis -12, 15, 11;  
Hrachova bt Hill 17, 9.

**Semi-finals:**  
Hammersley bt Pelikanova 9, 9;  
Hrachova bt Knight 19, 17.

**Final:**  
HAMMERSLEY bt Hrachova 21, -17, 15.

**Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
Dvoracek/Pansky bt M. Corking/T. Martin (Cv) 12, 12;  
Horsham/D. Newman (E) bt K. Kitchener (Sk)/C. Wilson (Mi) -16, 17, 20;  
K. Rodger/R. Yule (Sco) bt R. Potton (E)/Sandley 20, -19, 14;

Day/Douglas bt K. Beadsley (Y)/Eckersley 19, 19.

**Semi-finals:**  
Dvoracek/Pansky bt Horsham/Newman 14, -11, 13;  
Day/Douglas bt Rodger/Yule 19, 15.

**Final:**  
DVORACEK/PANSKY bt Day/Douglas 17, 9.

**Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
M. Reeves/H. Williams (Mi) bt S. Hunt (Li)/K. Smith (Le) -10, 16, 16;  
Knight/Stevenson bt Dalrymple/V. Thomson (Sco) 15, -20, 10;

Gordon/Witt bt Hryszko/Shields 16, 16;  
Hrachova/Pelikanova bt Hill/S. Midgley (Y) 10, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
Knight/Stevenson bt Reeves/Williams 12, 12;  
Gordon/Witt bt Hrachova/Pelikanova 18, -12, 18.

**Final:**  
KNIGHT/STEVENSON bt Gordon/Witt 15, 14.

**Class 2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:**  
S. Moore (Sx) bt S. Turner (La) 17, 13;  
I. Kenyon (K) bt G. Davies (Ca) 19, 15;  
K. Paxton (Cv) bt C. Williams (Mi) 13, 21;  
K. Satchell (Wi) bt M. Abbott (Do) 11, 9.

**Semi-finals:**  
Kenyon bt Moore 16, 16;  
Satchell bt Paxton 15, 10.

**Final:**  
KENYON bt Satchell -16, 15, 20.

**Team Events**

**Men's Final:**  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 ENGLAND 0  
Pansky bt Johnson 19, 12;  
Dvoracek bt Sandley 17, 18;  
Pansky/Dvoracek bt Johnson/Sandley 20, 19.

**Women's Final:**  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 ORMSBY 0  
Hrachova bt Hill 11, 11;  
Pelikanova bt Knight 13, 15;  
Hrachova/Pelikanova bt Hill/Knight 5, 13.

**SCOTTISH OPEN 80/81**

The Scottish Open has been postponed from March 20/22. Negotiations are currently under way to find a sponsor; if successful the event will be staged at Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh on Friday/Saturday, May 5/6, 1981.

well could move up the chart whilst Loughborough's match with Leicester will certainly affect the final position. Paul Bumpus and Louise Forster continue to record good wins for them. The depth Coventry have is illustrated in that their second team are able to occupy a mid-table position. Mark Randle beat all the Derby team and his average of 83% is outstanding for a second team player. Newcomers Leamington Spa will be pressed with the form shown by Colin Aston and Eddie Stafford. Chris Bache (Nuneaton) who looked like completing the season 100% lost all three to Derby and followed by losing another to Bumpus.

Finally . . . where have all the left-handers gone? In the 21 players who qualify for the averages only two David Slack (Derby) and Richard Tilford (Notts) are left-handed.

**1980-81 Rearranged Match**  
Derby 8 Loughborough 2

**1980-81 Third Session**  
Coventry II 10 Grantham 0  
Derby 10 Nuneaton 0  
Leicester 7 Leamington 3  
Hinckley 3 Nottingham 7  
Loughborough 0 Coventry I 10  
Nuneaton 4 Loughborough 6  
Grantham 2 Nottingham 8  
Derby 6 Coventry II 4  
Coventry I 9 Leamington 1  
Leicester 8 Hinckley 2

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Coventry I   | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 9  | 16 |
| Derby        | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 10 | 10 |
| Leicester    | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 47 | 33 | 10 |
| Nottingham   | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 38 | 32 | 10 |
| Loughborough | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 40 | 40 | 10 |
| Coventry II  | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 35 | 8  |
| Leamington   | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 40 | 40 | 8  |
| Lincoln      | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 35 | 4  |
| Grantham     | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 56 | 4  |
| Nuneaton     | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 55 | 1  |
| Hinckley     | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 65 | 1  |

**LEADING AVERAGES**  
(Qualification - 4 matches)

|                       |    |    |     |
|-----------------------|----|----|-----|
| Ian Davies (Co)       | 12 | 12 | 100 |
| Michael Thomas (Co)   | 12 | 12 | 100 |
| David Aldwinckle (Le) | 24 | 22 | 92  |
| Stuart Horn (De)      | 12 | 11 | 92  |
| Richard Marklow (Co)  | 12 | 11 | 92  |
| Chris Bache (Nu)      | 24 | 20 | 83  |

**EAST MIDLAND CADETS LEAGUE**  
by Philip Reid

Coventry with three more massive wins are virtually certain to top the league. Both Ian Davies and Michael Thomas are unbeaten and with Richard Marklow losing only once they have shown a consistency no other team can match. Only Derby (Stuart Horn, David Slack and Andrew Stills) who are also unbeaten can depose them from top spot. Leicester's David Aldwinckle became the first player to win 50 sets in the league in their match with Hinckley and with Marcus Bellot and Gavin Green supporting him Leicester are in a very creditable third place.

Nottingham had two good wins with Michael Archer and Richard Tilford playing

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# JOOLA YOUTH TOURNAMENT No. 1

S.E. Region at Elephant & Castle  
PREAN, HAMS AND POPKIEWICZ  
TRIUMPH

by Barry Pollentine



CARL PREAN

The day after Boxing Day and I arrive, almost, or so it seems, with the dawn, at the Elephant & Castle Recreation Centre, London, still full of the Christmas spirit (literally) and smelling of the sweet aroma of stale cigar smoke and suffering from lack of sleep. Facing me an empty hall — but not for long. Comes the trailer and then the three of us begin to unload tables, nets, surrounds, etc. and by 12 o'clock we are shattered but the hall has rapidly been converted into a tournament arena. Already, two hours before the scheduled start, eager participants have commandeered the tables and are busily intent on kicking up — oblivious of the frantic activity around them as we try desperately to finish our preparations. Scheduled start was 1 p.m. and we began on time — the first hurdle is over. Time now for a rest? No — Alan has us charging in and out to his car to unload the Tees Sport "shop" and stock it with all manner of equipment, photographs, literature, etc. — no peace for the wicked!!

Each category — under-13 boys and girls and under-15 boys and girls were conducted as group matches to begin with.

The under-15 boys attracted an entry of 43, and there were fourteen groups, thirteen of three and one of four. the winners of each group proceeded through to four further groups, two containing four players and two containing three players.

The first group of winners contained C. Prean (IOW), D. Topiwala (K), J. Chapman (K) and A. Cunningham (K), and it was C. Prean who came through. Group two contained P. Halliday (BK), M. Llewellyn (K) and D. Dewsbury (SY), Dewsbury being the victor here. Group three contained A. Dodd (K), R. Duff (K) and R. Thomas (HA), and from this group Dodd emerged as the eventual victor. Group four was won by N. Hoare (SY) whose opponents were M. Syed (BK), P. Andrews (BK) and C. Bartram (K). The semi-finals found Prean playing Dewsbury, and although he offered resistance during the early stages of the games,

Dewsbury eventually succumbed to the range of shots and lightening reflexes of his opponent, Prean, and went down 21-10, 21-15. The other semi-final brought Hoare and Dodd to opposite ends of the table, and after winning the first game with comparative ease, 21-11, Hoare eased up, but finding himself several points adrift in the second he tightened up and won 21-19. The final between Prean and Hoare deserved to be the main event of the day as a hard-hitting game, between two boys with excellent reflexes and a marvellous range of shots, ensued. Hoare took the initiative in the first game, and from 14-14 produced several explosive backhands that caught his opponent wide, and he surged into an unassailable 20-15 lead, finally winning 21-17. In the second game Prean played tighter, and began to move his opponent round the table, and opening up the rallies when he had Hoare off balance and forcing him into several mistakes, he finished strongly to win 21-14. The third game saw Prean take a five point lead, but then several hard-hitting rallies ensued and once again Hoare began to use his backhand to good effect, to finally change ends at 9-10. At 12-11, Prean began to dominate the table and with several forehand winners, took the confidence out of his opponent, and ran out 21-14 in the third, to take the title.

The under-15 girls attracted an entry of fourteen and so two groups of three and two of four were formed.

From these four groups, T. Moore (SX), D. Simmonds (SY), M. Hams (SY) and L. Popkiewicz (SY) emerged as victors. The first semi-final between Hams and Popkiewicz saw Popkiewicz take the first game with several free flowing forehand loops, which if Hams returned, were killed with authority, to win 17. In the second game Hams tightened her game, and at the same time prevented her opponent the chance of looping/killing her and she built up a commanding lead, to take the second game 16. The third game was very evenly contested, with both players probing for an opening and taking any opportunities, when they arose, to hit the ball. Hams was 10-12 down, and then managed to dominate her opponent to such an extent that she led 17-12 before Popkiewicz began to attack once again, but the damage had been done and Hams clinched the match 21-17. In the second semi-final, T. Moore met D. Simmonds and although both girls enjoyed several free flowing, hard-hitting rallies, it was Moore who realised that by steadying the game and pushing her opponent from side to side of the table, then she was achieving more success, as her opponent began to make several mistakes. Adopting



MICHELE HAMS

this policy half-way through the first game brought victory to Moore by 21-14, and continuing to play this steady game brought her victory by 21-12 in the second. The final between Hams and Moore began with Moore taking a 6-1 lead in the first only to be overhauled, and find herself 9-12 down. Moore was patiently trying to force her



L. POPKIEWICZ

opponent into mistakes but was finding her opponent's forehand loop too powerful at times and she determined to change her tactics after losing the first 21-17. In the second game Moore began to use Hams' loop against her by moving quickly into position and blocking it back wide of Hams. This paid off to give her a lead of 12-7, but Hams fought her way back, with a series of quick forehand kills, and intelligent pushing to lead 20-18. It was then the turn of Moore to fight and she saved two match points to level at 20-20. Twice Moore held match points and twice Hams kept herself in the game by forehand kills, and then Moore finding herself 22-23 down, made one more mistake to lose the game and the match.

The under-13 boys event had twenty-one entries, who were split into seven groups of three, with the winners of each group being put into two further groups. Group A winners consisted of C. Prean (IOW), P. Galica (SY), A. Cunningham (K) and P. Savins (BK), and C. Prean won through to this group to reach the final. The other group contained B. O'Grady (K), M. Syed (BK) and P. Andrews (BK) and it was Syed who won this group to meet Prean in the final. In the final Prean was far too strong for his opponent, and unleashed a powerhouse of shots upon him and won very swiftly 21-4, 21-2.

The under-13 girls event had sadly only seven contestants who were placed in two groups, the winners of which went through to contend the final. Group 1 was won by L. Popkiewicz (SY) and Group 2 by D. Simmonds (BK). In the final, Popkiewicz took a commanding 7-1 lead with several forehand loop winners, that she put away down both sides of the table, but then Simmonds closed her down and drew level at 10-10. For a few more points the game was evenly contested with Popkiewicz once again taking command to win 21-14. The second game was point for point until, once again, midway through Simmonds allowed Popkiewicz to dominate and with fierce hitting she won through to triumph 21-14 again.

And so ended the first Joola Youth Championships — on time (hurrah!) and an enjoyable day seemed to be enjoyed by all. Richard Scruton conducted the pro-

ceedings smoothly and efficiently whilst Alan Ransome gave advice and encouragement to youngsters who crowded his stall to emerge smartly dressed and equipped with bats/rubbers designed to improve their play, and with his comments lodged firmly in their minds. When all had departed, the last task was to pack away all those tables and accessories which had played such an important part during the day. Finally, tired and weary but with the knowledge that a successful day had been enjoyed, we went off home — or to Cardiff for tournament No. 2. A new day, a new venue and new winners. One down, seven to go!!



**MATTHEW SYED**

## Letters to the Editor

### **MORE POWER TO OUR ELBOW**

May I first congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Roy Evans and their helpers on a very professional and successfully organised Welsh Open. It is due to events at this tournament which has prompted me to write this letter, namely the time wasting in semi-final between Thorsell and Douglas. The last time these two players met in the Welsh Open Thorsell also used time wasting tactics against Douglas.

The rules state that play should be continuous. How often play became spasmodic at important parts of a match with towelling and sometimes advice from the captain.

As also a referee at Squash I feel that Table Tennis should take an example from this game in the department of time wasting. When a player in Squash, in the opinion of the Referee and Marker, is continually time wasting, they would award the game or set, after a warning, to the other player. Time-wasting — walking back too slowly after a point, dropping the ball and kicking it away, blowing his nose too often, deliberately serving a bad first service too often. These are considered as time wasting. The player would only be warned once, second time the game could be awarded to his opponent.

Also, another part of the game of Table Tennis where players and captains take advantage is the one minute allowed between games. Again in squash players are called to start play 10 seconds before the minute and 2 minutes between 4th and 5th game, is up. If a player is late on court the next set is awarded to the player on the court, after the minute.

I feel that Table Tennis could benefit from the Umpire and referee having this power, this would have given the umpires the power to have stopped the time wasting tactics as used by Thorsell.

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### **MEMORIES RECALLED**


I was sorry to read in the December issue of Table Tennis News of Leslie Cohen's death. He was a likeable chap, and a lovely player at his best. I first saw him about 1937 representing the Manchester League against the Ashton-u-Lyne team, which I remember the best two players were Harry Renshaw and Len Hill.

In the Manchester team was Benny Casofsky, Freddie Cromwell and C. W. Davies from Manchester YMCA. 25 games in those days — I think Manchester won 18-7. After the war, Leslie Cohen was a member of the Grove House team which drew a full house when they played at Manchester YMCA. What teams! Andy Miller, Norman Davies, C. W. Davies, Arthur Waite and Ken Stanley.


Grove House, Benny Casofsky, Hymie Lurie, Jeff Ingber, Les Cohen, "Twink" Cohen and Freddie Cromwell. A 5-all draw which always seemed to materialise seemed a fair result. Les Cohen seemed to model his play on Victor Barna, having a good defence, a good backhand, a little weak on the forehand in comparison with the great man.

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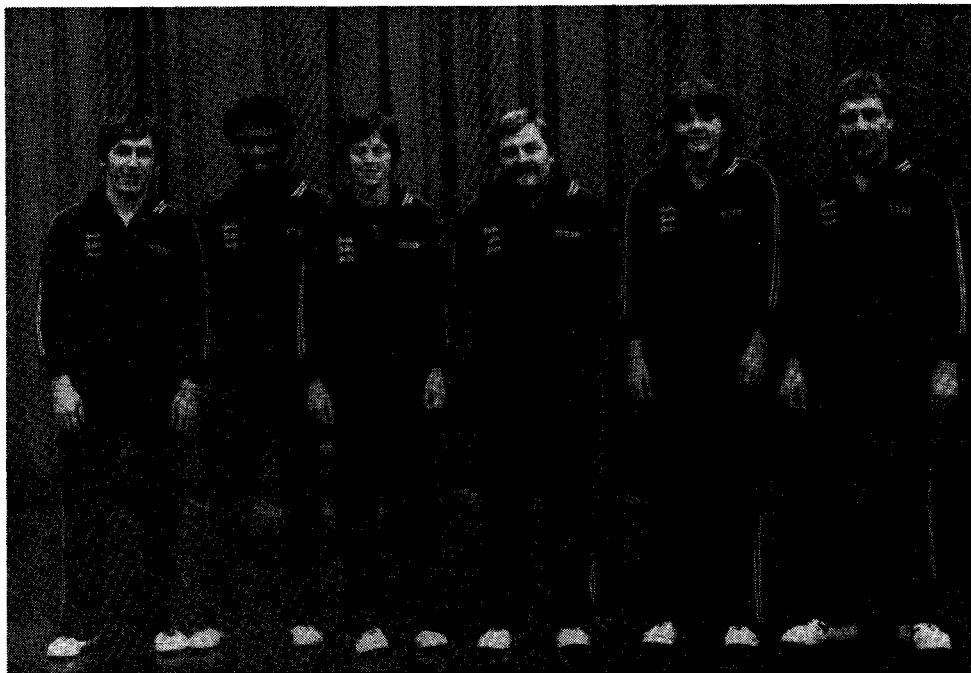
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Only Jill Hammersley is missing from this line-up of certainties for the 36th World Championships in Yugoslavia. The players are (from l to r): Paul Day, Desmond Douglas, Linda Jarvis, Peter Simpson (NPC), Karen Witt and European champion John Hilton.

Photo by John Starling, Crawley, Sussex.

### 36TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTIONS FOR NOVI SAD, YUGOSLAVIA

The National Selection Committee have decided to make the following firm selections for the 36th World Table Tennis Championships in Novi Sad (April 14/26, 1981):

**Men**  
Desmond Douglas  
John Hilton  
Paul Day

**Women**  
Jill Hammersley  
Linda Jarvis  
Karen Witt

The Committee decided to short-list the following players for the remaining two men's team places and one women's team place:

**Men**  
(In alphabetical order)  
Douglas Johnson  
Robert Potton  
Graham Sandley

**Women**  
Alison Gordon  
Carole Knight

The final selections for the remaining places will take place at the end of February, after the Norwich Union English Championships and the Essex 3-Star/Czech Open tournaments (these last two events are on the same weekend — Feb. 21/22).

Men's Captain: Peter Simpson.  
Women's Captain: Donald Parker.

It is news to me that there is a "correct procedure laid down by the Calendar Working Party" under which one takes action "in advance of the start of the current season" and presumably makes an application for the allocation of a date to one's event in the following season. Mr. Vickers implies that his Association took advantage of this alleged procedure and thus got his event into the first draft of the 1980/1981 calendar. Would it be possible for Mr. Vickers to refer me to the relevant document setting out this "correct procedure"?

The only correct procedure that is known to me is that which is made clear by a document received by the Essex County dated 30th January, 1980 from the ETTA (Document No. 493/59/MDW) which directed all Organisers of Open Tournaments to submit an application form (OTI) by "no later than Monday, 31st March, 1980". Essex duly submitted their application on 19th March, 1980, requesting that their Tournament be allocated to its normal date on the first weekend in 1981 and were accordingly amazed to find out that it had been supplanted by the Schools Tournament.

In my opinion the first draft of the calendar is totally irrelevant since it was issued nearly 6 months before the date upon which one was required to apply for dates!

My argument is not with the ESTTA of which I am a firm supporter as Mike Vickers will be aware, but with the ETTA and its Calendar Working Party.

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### UMPIRES FOR NOVI SAD

The following English umpires have been selected to officiate at the forthcoming World Championships in Yugoslavia: Jack Melnick (Leader), P. Goacher and K. Green. Reserve: G. Hammond.

### ENGLAND versus JAPAN

Following the World Championships in Yugoslavia, a Japanese team will visit England and, provisionally, matches will be played on April 28, 30 and May 2, 1981.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ANYTHING BUT TRIVIAL

On behalf of the Executive Council of the English Schools Table Tennis Association, I have been requested to write to you concerning an article written by Alan Shepherd and published on page 8 of the December issue of Table Tennis News.

Mr. Shepherd wrote as follows . . .

"The fact that they can despatch the important Essex Junior Select Tournament to the wilderness of May 16th (1981), which is virtually out of the calendar, and replace it by a comparatively trivial School event . . ."

ESTTA wish to make it known that

- National Schools' events are **not** trivial, with a great deal of hard background work put in over a considerable period of time.
- ESTTA followed the correct procedure laid down by the Calendar Working

Party well in advance of the start of the current season — Essex did not.

- the first draft of the Calendar Working Party for 1980/81 clearly showed that the Essex Junior Select had been moved to the 16th May, 1981 — and this was dated the 15th October, 1979 (Document number 439/67/MDW).

ESTTA would appreciate that these points are brought to the attention of the readers of Table Tennis News, so that a clearer understanding of Mr. Shepherd's letter can be formed.

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### Re: CALENDAR ARRANGEMENTS

I chose my words very carefully and did not describe the Schools' Tournament as "trivial" but "comparatively trivial". This is unarguable because the Essex Junior Select Tournament is a Ranking Tournament.

# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

## SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

### TELFORD 'CLOSED'

#### 'Doubles' for Bill and Julie

Veteran Bill Herbert and Junior Julie Ballard took the honours at the Telford League's closed tournament at Bennett's Bank, each winning two titles.

Herbert (Telford Development) took the men's and veterans' singles titles while Ballard won the women's and girls' singles. No. 1 seed Herbert beat unseeded Geoff Clibborn (Burnhill Green) 18, 16 in the men's final after beating No. 6 seed Martin Tufft in the semis. Clibborn had a great run to the final with his victims including No. 4 seed Motto Jones, No. 3 seed Tony Horobin and No. 2 seed Mike Beaman.

Herbert completed a good day when he beat Motto Jones 13, -14, 16 in the veterans' final.

Ballard beat Julie Wakeley in straight games in both the women's and girls' finals.

Two unseeded pairs contested the men's doubles final with Clibborn and Malcolm Langford defeating their Burnhill Green colleagues Dave Elkin and Steve Tanner 15, -18, 14.

In the mixed unseeded Tracey Powell and Horobin beat the favourites Julie Wakeley and Motto Jones 14, -17, 19.

The boys' title went to Martin Tufft who defeated his Albrighton team-mate Jamie Rea -13, 16, 21.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### CHALLENGE MAINTAINED

Cambs maintained their title challenge in two divisions of the County Championships. The first team beat Norfolk 8-2 in Div. II East at March to give them maximum points from three matches and an impressive sets average of 25-5. Cambs won the first five sets before Norfolk managed their first win. Geoff Davies, who had previously beaten Dougie Bennett the Norfolk No. 1, was surprisingly beaten by junior Richard Stevenson, who had not looked a danger when beaten in an earlier singles by Robert Swift. Joanne Palmer clinched the two points for Cambs by beating Jean Burbage, but then Keith Richardson, not for the first time, was beaten by Bennett. Mandy Judd still to be beaten in a first team match, continued her winning run by beating Wendy Hogg and Swift completed a double with a win over Mick Broughton.

#### RESULTS

##### Cambs 8 Norfolk 2

K. Richardson bt M. Broughton 10, 11;

lost to D. Bennett 17, -20, -17.

G. Davies bt D. Bennett -17, 16, 19;

lost to R. Stevenson -12, -16.

R. Swift bt R. Stevenson 13, 16;

bt Broughton -18, 12, 18.

A. Judd bt W. Hogg 17, -15, 16.

J. Palmer bt J. Burbage 19, 19.

Richardson/Davies bt Bennett/Stevenson

18, -11, 19.

Judd/Palmer bt Hogg/Burbage 15, -9, 17.

The second team also won their third consecutive match in Div. 3 East with a 10-0 win over Bedfordshire II at Kempton and like the first team have a sets average of 25-5. Cambs team of Andy Withers, Gary

Jordan, Brian Richardson and the Hunter sisters (Jane and Ruth) had few problems in a one-sided affair. Beds fielded the boys who play in their Junior team who are currently top of the Junior Premier, but they were no match for the Cambs trio. Withers completed his third match unbeaten.

The Junior second team lost their third match in a row going down 3-7 to Lincolnshire II at Gainsborough. Michael Lister and Alison Edge were the only victors in singles while the cadet pair Paul Oldroyd and Tim Ashman won the Boys' Doubles. To my mind, the inclusion of stronger and higher-ranked Juniors in the shape of Martin Livermore and Peter Melton would have made a more respectable score against not so tough opposition despite the selection committee's policy of bringing in the younger players for experience. One wonders when the latter players will get a chance to show their paces in the County Championships as this is their last season as Juniors and how are they going to gain experience for the higher sphere without playing this season in the Junior section!

Cambs Junior first team had a good win over Oxfordshire at the Harwell in the Div. II East match. After 5 sets Cambs were trailing 1-4 but took the last 5 to win 6-4. In the early stages Cambs could not reproduce the form that had earned them three points from Middlesex II and Essex and in the first three singles Jamie Frost was the only winner. With both doubles going to the Home County. Cambs looked destined for their first defeat of the season. Frost completed his first double for the County with a win over Malcolm Higgins that was to spark an incredible fight back. Alison Edge, making her first team debut as a late substitute for the indisposed Ruth Hunter, carried on the good work with a win over Julie Woodward. Paul Stacey won the battle of the number ones to level the scores and Oxon were beginning to see the points slip away. Tracey Fisher, playing her first match as No. 1, showed that she has no fear of reputations by disposing of England-ranked Mary Denbow and Julian Wheel made the points safe for Cambs when he beat Richard Argyle.

#### RESULTS

##### Cambs 6 Oxon 4

P. Stacey lost to M. Higgins 16, -16, -16;

bt R. Denbow 17, -13, 17.

J. Wheel lost to R. Denbow -12, -19;

bt R. Argyle 14, 19.

J. Frost bt R. Argyle 13, -13, 16;

bt Higgins 19, 15.

T. Fisher bt M. Denbow 15, -18, 14.

A. Edge bt J. Woodward 18, -18, 14.

Wheel/Frost lost to Denbow/Argyle -15, -11.

Fisher/Edge lost to Denbow/Woodward

-18, -17.

Cambs Senior second team, champions of Div. 3 East last season, are hot favourites to retain their title this season. They crushed Huntingdonshire at Owlstone Croft, Cambridge to keep their 100% record by 9-1. It was a match of youth and attack against experience and defence with the former coming out well on top. Hunts had to wait until the penultimate set to obtain their first success when Sylvia Upton beat Valerie Parkes. Withers, Jordan and Brian Richardson were all in form and won comfortably.

#### RESULTS

##### Cambs II 9 Hunts 1

A. Withers bt A. Gray 7, 8;

bt A. Albon 16, 10.

G. Jordan bt A. Albon 8, 18;

bt R. Norton 15, 17.

B. Richardson bt R. Norton 16, 13;

bt Gray 14, -14, 14.

V. Parkes lost to S. Upton -11, 16, -18.

A. Edge bt D. Bushby 16, -11, 16.

Withers/Jordan bt Albon/Gray -20, 17, 20.

Parkes/Edge bt Bushby/Upton 18, 20.

As a result of matches played just before Christmas in the Cambs League every top team in each division was in winning vein

except for Soham I in Div. I who were not in action but retain their position at the top. In Div. II Wesley I polished off another of their rivals when they beat Police 7-3. Keith Lloyd and Bob Pettit were unbeaten for the leaders and this win put Wesley 17 points ahead of Police, who have a match in hand. Cambridge University III went on their Christmas vacation content in the knowledge that they hold a lead of 32 points over their nearest rivals in Div. IIIA. Their 10-0 win over Haverhill was their third by that margin and brought their tally of points to 75, the highest of any team in the nine divisions. St. George's II are in second position and held on to their place with a 6-4 win over Bassingbourn thanks mainly to three wins by Brian Tolliday.

Wesley II increased their lead at the top of Div. IIIB with an 8-2 win over Haverhill II. Martin Livermore and Peter Melton, who have been ignored by the County Selectors despite their consistency, were again in maximum form. Wesley now lead Shirehall by 22 points.

Ex-German Bundesliga player Ernst Egert has been playing in the Cambs League for University I and in a recent match although beating Brian Richardson of Soham he lost to County players Withers and Swift.

Cambridge were beaten 5-4 by March in a second round Carter Cup match at March. Six of Cambridgeshire's top nine boys were in action and March's Paul Stacey confirmed his No. 1 position by winning his three sets. Cambridge trailed 1-4 but pulled back to 4-4 when Stacey clinched the match for March by beating Martin Livermore after the score had stood at 15-15 in the last set. Tim Ashman did well in beating Michael Lister in three.

#### RESULTS

##### Cambridge 4 March 5

J. Wheel lost to P. Stacey 13, -15, -16;

bt M. Lister 19, 25;

bt P. Oldroyd 18, 21.

M. Livermore bt Oldroyd 5, 18;

lost to Lister -22, -21;

lost to Stacey 16, -13, -17.

T. Ashman lost to Oldroyd 5, -19, -11;

lost to Stacey 18, -15, -6;

bt Lister 16, -8, 16.

Soham have had much recent success in the National League, winning three matches in a row against Milton Keynes (away), Macleans Maidenhead and Unity. In the match against Milton Keynes Paul Day was in tremendous form and won both his singles in convincing style and absolutely thrashed Dougie Johnson and Bob Potton by 10, 14 and 12, 5 respectively. Kenny Jackson had dropped the opening set to Potton but then Soham took the next five to clinch the match. Day also won the doubles with Jackson beating Potton and Tuckett.

Against Macleans Day was again in good form and won both his singles and this was after Soham had lagged 1-4. There was no hint of the drama to come as Day predictably beat David Barr in the opening set. This win, however, was to be Soham's sole success in the first five sets. Jackson was narrowly beaten by Max Crimmins and John Souter appeared not to have recovered from the Christmas festivities as he went down to England No. 3 Philip Bradbury, who, although a good future prospect, is something of a novice at this level. Dave Wells fought hard but lost to Andy Wellman. At 1-3 down the doubles appeared imperative to Soham's winning chances but the previous week's winning combination over Sealink, Day and Jackson, could not put their game together and they went down in three. For the second successive match Day made a mockery of his English ranking when he beat Crimmins comfortably. Jackson then went on to beat Wellman and with Souter beating Barr the scores were suddenly level. Amidst great excitement Wells proved too experienced for the young Bradbury and won a last gasp victory to clinch the match.

Soham went to the top of the League when they beat Unity 7-2, this while Sealink and Ellenborough were losing. Soham were confident of victory against the bottom but one club in the league and they played all their six registered players. England Junior Champion Carl Preat played his second match of the season in place of Wells who played doubles with Keith Richardson. Regular players Day, Jackson and Souter were all unbeaten but Preat had to be satisfied with one singles. He beat the Leicestershire county player Paul Randall, who was making his debut for Unity, but lost narrowly to Steve Turner in the final set. Soham's other defeat came in the doubles when Wells and Richardson went down to Steve Mills and Chris Rogers.

## RESULTS

### Soham 6 Milton Keynes 3

P. Day bt P. Johnson 10, 14;

bt R. Potton 12, 5.

K. Jackson lost to R. Potton -15, -17;

bt R. Yule 17, 16.

J. Souter bt R. Tuckett -10, 16, 18;

lost to Johnson -10, 13, -9.

D. Wells bt Yule 19, -11, 11;

lost to Tuckett -16, 17, -21.

Day/Jackson bt Potton/Tuckett 15, -18, 19.

### Soham 5 Macleans Maidenhead 4

Day bt D. Barr -19, 15, 15;

bt M. Crimmins 15, 15.

Jackson lost to M. Crimmins -17, -19;

bt A. Wellman 15, 15.

Souter lost to P. Bradbury -18, -13;

bt Barr 18, 17.

Wells lost to Wellman -17, 13, -19;

bt Bradbury 18, 15.

Day/Jackson lost to Wellman -17, 13, -9.

### Soham 7 Unity of Bradford 2

Day bt C. Rogers 14, 12;

bt S. Mills 17, 16.

Jackson bt S. Mills 19, 18;

bt P. Randall 10, 16.

Souter bt S. Turner 17, 18;

bt Rogers 17, 15.

C. Preat bt Randall 17, 18;

lost to Turner -21, 12, -19.

Wells/K. Richardson lost to Mills/Rogers -19, -17.

## CAMBS LEAGUE AVERAGES

Mick Palmer the Suffolk County Player who plays for Soham I is the only 1st Division player in the Cambs League to be unbeaten at the end of the first half of the season. Steve Hunt of Torchbearers I is the only 100% player in the 2nd Division.

## LEADING AVERAGES

| Division I     | Division II     |
|----------------|-----------------|
| M. Palmer 100% | S. Hunt 100%    |
| A. Withers 95% | R. Pettit 95%   |
| R. Swift 93%   | S. Stafford 81% |
| G. Jordan 90%  | T. Johnson 80%  |

In the Second Division of the National League St. Neots beat March 5-4.

In the SEM League (Veterans' Section), Cambridge defeated North Herts 6-4 and so won the Division. This is the second successive success for the Cambridge team as they won the division when the league disbanded temporarily two seasons ago.

In the Men's Section Cambridge defeated RAF 6-4 to maintain their position at the top of the league.

## DORSET NOTES

by Martin Abbott

### DAVE'S DEBUT

The last round of county matches saw Dave Constance make his debut for Dorset in their match away to Hampshire.

Dave provided the foundation of the 7-3 victory winning both his singles and combining with Martin Abbott to take the men's doubles. Trevor Smith also had a fine game against his former county winning his two singles in most convincing style. The other wins were provided by Abbott (1) and Julie

Reading and Joyce Coop (both ex-Hants players) taking the women's doubles.

Meanwhile the senior second side were handing out a thrashing to Somerset II in Div. 3 West, winning 9-1, with only the men's doubles preventing the "white-wash". Dorset's victories came from Chris Pickard (2), Jason Creasey (2), John Robinson (2), Joyce Applin (1), Leanne Harman (1) and the women's doubles.

Our Veteran teams had mixed fortunes with the first team winning and the second team losing.

The first team entertained Somerset I and won 8-1 with victories for Cyril Bush (2), Dennis Joyce (2), Dave Woodcock (1), Joyce Coop (1) and both doubles.

Our second team travelled to play Avon I and were defeated 7-2 with John Russell in sparkling form winning both his singles.

Turning to the National League, Dorset now have three representatives playing in Div. 2 South, Simon Heaps joins Martin Abbott and Trevor Smith playing for Generation II, Fareham.

Simon has started well and has so far won all his sets. Our first match of the second half was away to St. Neots who had unbeaten Peter Taylor in their team. The 5-4 victory included a fine win by Dave Hannah over Taylor in three games.

Dave also won his other singles along with Heaps (2) and Abbott (1). This victory put us in 3rd place behind Bristol and Brighton.

Our next match was at home to top of the table Bristol — a match which we had to win.

Glen Baker started us off with a fine victory over Bristol No. 1 Kevin Satchell 1-0. Dave Hannah easily defeated Martyn Smith 2-0. Simon Heaps beat Andy Creed 3-0. Martin Abbott beat Gary Lambert 4-0. Glen and Dave won the doubles 5-0.

So after five sets we had won! However Bristol fought back well after the interval with only Heaps winning his second singles for the home side making the final score Generation II 6 Bristol 3.

This victory now puts us into second place with a good chance of winning the league, however with just under half a season left there is still a long way to go.

Our next match is away to Prudential on Feb. 8.

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

### REASON FAIRLY CLEAR

Leicestershire, who have had so much success in the 2nd Division in the past few years have been shown this success is by no means hereditary. After dropping a point at home to Worcestershire they went to Birmingham and dropped two to Warwickshire II, this despite picking all the women's events in both matches. The reason, on the face of it is fairly clear. Season after season Paul Randell has proved virtually unbeatable at this level and it will not need me to point out how much two from the No. 1 regularly can do to a team's confidence.

Anita Stevenson and Karen Smith have also done their share, hardly losing during this spell and when Chris Rogers joined the team at the ripe old age of 13 and gained immediate success it was clear the team wouldn't lose many sets, let alone matches. What has happened? Well Chris is no longer available with studies etc., and Paul, after such a long spell, feels he can do without competitive play at this level. The truth really (and this is meant in no way derogatory to the present incumbents) is that we have nobody who can match the consistency of Randell and Rogers. Randell is not, perhaps the most spectacular of players but you would have been able to get long odds against anybody beating him at this level.

Rogers, younger and more aggressive, was also nearly unbeatable. David Gannon lacks nothing in enthusiasm and has had some close finishes. In addition he travels all the way from Lancaster University for county matches but one could hardly imagine Paul losing to some of the players who have got the better of Dave, even now. To take over from a player of the calibre of Randell and Rogers was never going to be easy but David has tackled it realistically — one can only hope success will come in due course.

Maurice Newman has been in and out of the team for years but no player has ever given more fully to the county. His fighting spirit has been much admired for years but he has never really produced the results such enthusiasm and determination deserved. Keith Fellows' presence in the team has been like a breath of fresh air. Full of enthusiasm and energy, his transfer to this county from Staffordshire has been a very popular one and his efforts coaching the juniors have resulted in that particular section of the county going from strength to strength. That then is the position the county finds itself in. Perhaps a useful side which still needs to find the consistency and steely determination which Randell and Rogers were able to inject into it.

The second team have no such problems. Champions in the 3rd Division they look almost there already this season with only one match to play. Alan Philpott has had a magnificent first season and with Grahame Hall, Philip Smith, Eileen Shaler and Yvonne Hall all producing the goods this team have never looked in danger of defeat. The biggest encouragement of all, however must come from the junior side. Without a win last season they have rattled off wins of 9-1, 8-2, 8-2 and 9-1 and are looking likely champions. Paul Brindley has now hit the form we all knew he was capable of and with Simon Griew and Martin Pickles looking better every match this looks a very strong team indeed. The rapidly-improving Stuart Wilford looks good enough to win at that level and with Paul Bumpus also waiting his chance, the county have strength in depth.

On the distaff side Yvonne Hall is, as usual, unbeaten and with Jane Heath giving her good support this team hardly has a weakness. When Sue Meredith was called in at short notice she also won, so things on the junior side look very rosy indeed. The same cannot be said for the Veterans' side. Firmly entrenched at the foot of the chart it has needed numerous 'phone calls by Brian Mayfield and myself to keep the team going and frankly unless there is more enthusiasm this team could well fall by the wayside at the end of the season.

In the Leicester Closed only one of the eight seeds failed to reach the quarter-finals in the Men's Singles, the eventual winner being the No. 1 seed Gannon, who struggled for some time in the final against Newman, but eventually won fairly comfortably. Over the years Newman has given some impressive displays in both the Leicester and Leicestershire Closed yet has never won either — just how unlucky can you get? Gannon also won the Intermediate event, beating Lincolnshire's Stuart Worrell in the final. Worrell had a tough passage to the final beating Wilford (-10, 22, -24), S. Day (-18, 18, 20) and Griew (17, 20) before losing in straight games to Gannon.

Shock winner of the Women's Singles was Eileen Shaler who beat Yvonne Hall in an exciting final. Mrs. Shaler also picked up the Mixed Doubles in partnership with Philpott with a two-straight win over Pickles and Yvonne Hall. The Men's Doubles was won by Newman and Hall with a final victory over Phil Smith and Gannon. Entries as a whole were very disappointing, with many players claiming not to know anything about the tournament.

The Graded events, however proved quite popular. Joanne Murray beat Andy

Windram to take the Under 100 event whilst Graham Hibberd put in a convincing display to win the Under 150 event, beating Simon Finch in the final. Stuart Wilford, never out of the news for long impressed in taking the Under 200 title with a win in the final over club-mate Pak Yin Chung. Wilford, however gave an even more polished display in the strongly contested Under 250 event which he won without as much as dropping a game. It was Steven Day who triumphed in the final of the Under 300 event but not before he had been taken to three by Simon Griew, Trevor Kerslake and, in the final, Colin Grundy.

This season Hinckley have three teams in the Midland League and it looks as though the first team will hold their own in the 1st Division. John Iliffe is getting good support from the still-improving Alan Philpott but the 'B' team have still to win a set. The junior trio though (Colin Jones, Trevor Coates and Andrew Allen) look to have a good chance of promotion from Div. 3. In the Wilmott Cup three from Iliffe wasn't enough for them to beat Louth and in the Carter Cup Hinckley went out to Leicester after beating Potteries. It is Cup Final time at Hinckley with Westfield very much involved in junior events. In the Mark Wormleighton Junior Cup Final they play John Cleveland whilst their opponents in the Bob King Under-17 Challenge Trophy will be Ashby Parva.

The Inter-Divisional semi-finals involve Barwell Liberal 'B' v EMEB 'C' and Ashby Parva 'B' v Hinckley Mencap or Barwell Liberal 'A'. On the Divisional front (where one point is awarded for each set won this season) Hinckley M.C. lead with M. Thomas still 100%. Market Bosworth lead the 2nd Division whilst Ashby Parva appear to have things nicely sorted out in Div. 3. Div. 4 sees Westfield 'A' (Graham Johnson, Derek Dixon and Terry Lucas) clear leaders whilst John Cleveland lead the Junior section by no less than 24 points, Andrew Bee being 100%.

## BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

### SET FAIR

There have been mixed fortunes for our county sides recently. The senior side seem set fair to take their place in the play-off matches with only Gwent standing between Berkshire and the chance to challenge for a Premier division spot. Iain Fullerton from Maidenhead retained his place against both Somerset and Wiltshire and with three wins from four singles, he has made a fine impression in his first season of senior competition. The match against the former went much as expected with Andy Wellman spearheading a 9-1 victory. The away match at Swindon caused us all manner of problems. A comfortable 4-1 lead was turned into a 4-5 defeat as a Kevin Satchell-inspired Wiltshire came so close to pulling off a shock victory. Dave Reeves saved blushes in the 10th set to give us a very hard won point.

The record of the second team is not very impressive, several changes in the line-up have been made without any noticeable improvement, and it may be the selectors may be forced to take a chance with youth before the end of the season.

The junior first team have found the standard tough but there is enough talent in the squad to suggest that next season will see a big improvement. The second team have an excellent chance of winning their section. In an excellent match against Bucks they impressed with a 7-3 victory. Paul Halliday with two wins and Steve Millar's victory over Andy Conquest providing the highlights. How refreshing to see the Bucks team so well supported for this match, a real credit to their county.

At the other end of the spectrum our

veteran team have been involved in several tight matches. Both teams lost to Herts but it was honours even against Hampshire with a 3-6 reverse for the first team and a 6-3 win for the second. Sylvia Bruton from Bracknell has played in all the second team matches so far and her determination and team spirit has inspired her team mates to several excellent performances.

This season's inter-town championships have reached their conclusion and have resulted in another overall win for Reading. The senior and veteran teams had given the town a slender one point lead earlier in the season but in the second half junior and cadet matches, the Reading boys crushed all opposition to clinch the championship. Although Maidenhead were without the services of Fullerton, it is doubtful if his presence could have stopped the complete domination of the U-17 event by Reading's Jimmy Stokes, Simon Rowland and Paul Halliday. There were excellent performances from Michael Childs and Linda Green, who scored a remarkable win over Pauline Townsend of Swindon, and the two up-and-coming Syed brothers from Reading's Omega Club. Another player to catch the eye was Paul Savins who looks to have the talent and temperament to go far in the game.

Reading won the Boys' U-17 Div. I and II and the Boys' U-14. Maidenhead won the Girls' U-17 thanks to the powerful play of Sue Collier and Susan Blackburn, and Swindon's impressive trio of young ladies took the Girls' U-14 title.

Several of the local leagues are now holding their closed championships and full results and reports will be included next month. The first major local tournament of the season, the Ken Fillingham Grouping Tournament, attracted an entry of 64 and was won by Simon Rowland of Reading. Simon, who is fast becoming a specialist in this type of event, was a worthy winner in a final group which included Roy Mason and Dave Gilham.

The Reading Individual Handicap event had over 100 entries and was won by a penholder player P. Jaques. Paul Collins of the Woodley Club was runner-up and, yes you've guessed it — Simon Rowland won the consolation event.

## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

### PERILOUSLY CLOSE

Staffs have played two more matches in their Premier Division programme and by losing both have moved perilously close to relegation in their first season against top competition. Such is the spirit of the team that captain Andrew Rich still maintains that they will pull through, but whatever happens it will be a season of experience gained with a lot of enjoyment along the way — and they will go down fighting, as witnessed by their match against Lancashire. With a little more luck they could have captured both points, but in a close contest in which twelve games went to "deuce" or -19. Lancs ran out 5-4 winners. Andrew Bellingham was our star performer, winning both singles, including a fine victory over England No. 9 ranked Donald Parker. Probably the deciding match was the men's doubles. Bellingham's partnership with Tony Isaac never really settled down, and with the margin of defeat so narrow, a little more stability could have reversed the score. Janet Dunning came up against Joy Grundy, fresh from her run of tournament successes, and although losing her singles nevertheless had the satisfaction of partnering Rich to win the mixed.

In their trip to Bradford they met the unbeaten Yorkshire team and for the first time failed to achieve even a respectable scoreline, going down 1-8. Bellingham got

the visitors off to a good start with an easy victory over Alan Fletcher, but here our successes ended. Not that they didn't play well, but against a team of Yorkshire's strength, there was only limited opportunity for further success. The outstanding contest was Bellingham's singles against the Yorkshire No. 1, Kevin Beadsley, a truly class player who, surprisingly, is not in the England ranking list. Despite strong play by Bellingham, Beadsley was able to vary his game to recover in each set to win 17, 19. The women's singles was an interesting tussle between the two England ranked players, Jill Harris and Melody Hill, the latter surely being the hardest hitting woman in English table tennis. Jill held on to take the first at 19, Hill took the second comfortably, but the third was evenly balanced when Harris unwisely allowed a controversial edge to unsettle her and the Bradford player ran out easy winner 21-12.

Results of other county matches include a Senior B side win at Lincoln 6-4, and their unbeaten record takes them to the top of Div. 3 North. Greg Hallam and junior Paul Barnett are proving to be the mainstay of this team and this is an appropriate point at which to congratulate Paul on his deserved election to the England junior ranking list, going in at No. 16. The Staffs Junior B side, continuing their 'squad' approach, gained a 6-4 win over Northants, with cadet Adrian Dixon coming in and winning both his singles, but they came a cropper against Leicestershire, losing 2-8.

There are only a limited number of changes in the County Ranking List, although with such a mixed bag of results from the junior boys recently, many of them running against form, it was only after much discussion that the list remained largely unchanged. It really has been the silly season for results, as shown by those in the Malcolm Scott Restricted reported last month.

### 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 P. Dilger, 10 W. Bridgeman, 11 B. O'Brien, 12 D. Hanney.

### Women

1 J. Harris, 2 J. Dunning, 3 F. Elliot, 4 R. Roberts, 5 V. Bellingham, 6 M. Maude, 7 S. Cain, 8 P. Brookes, 9 S. Hadley, 10 A. Hegarty, 11 L. Burgess, 12 J. Chubb.

### Boys

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

### Girls

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

### Cadet Boys

1 Adrian Dixon, 2 Matthew Harvey, 3 I. Wright, 4 S. Meigh, 5 M. Thorneycroft, 6 P. Booth, 7 C. Dawes.

### Cadet Girls

1 A. Hegarty, 2 K. Gamston, 3 A. Barnett, 4 L. Page, 5 B. Capper.

It's a pleasure to report that the Staffordshire County Schools TTA has been reformed after a lapse of some years and have already got into their stride with a number of tournaments. 19 schools expressed initial interest, and there were 37 entries in their first Schools Team Tournament, the eight section winners representing the County in the Area Finals. Individual tournaments are due to be held and a county match against Nottinghamshire is arranged for Mar. 4. Mr. D. A. Roberts is secretary and all those interested in the individual tournament are asked to contact him at King Edward VI High School, West Way, Stafford. Mrs. R. Dilger, of Sandon High School, Stoke, is Chairman, and Mr. Gamble, also of King Edwards, is Treasurer. Incidentally, a team from King Edward's currently tops the first division in

the Stafford League. That's not to say that they are going to be there at the end of the season. There are one or two other teams with a few old stagers such as John Taylor, now a first year man in the veteran class, who are biting at their heels.

The County League has reached the half-way stage with Potteries "A" and "B" heading up the 1st and 2nd Divisions. Walsall "A" are also unbeaten in the 2nd, but its a long time since we have seen three Wolverhampton teams struggling at the bottom of the divisions. In the lower divisions, at least all the teams have shared in the points and one must welcome the fact that teams from the smaller leagues, Darlaston, Bridgnorth and Lichfield, are leading Divisions 3, 4 and 5.

#### LEADING POSITIONS

##### Division 1

|                   | P | W | L | F  | A  | P |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Potteries 'A'     | 3 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 5  | 6 |
| Stone 'A'         | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 15 | 4 |
| Wolverhampton 'A' | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 7  | 2 |
| Darlaston 'A'     | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9  | 18 | 2 |
| Stafford 'A'      | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8  | 10 | 2 |
| Wolverhampton 'B' | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 0 |

##### Division 2

|               |   |   |   |    |    |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Potteries 'B' | 3 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 5  | 6 |
| Walsall 'A'   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 5  | 6 |
| Walsall 'B'   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 4 |

##### Division 3

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Darlaston 'B' | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 5  | 6 |
| Lichfield 'A' | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 10 | 5 |
| Cannock 'A'   | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 3 |

##### Division 4

|                   |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Bridgnorth 'A'    | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 11 | 6 |
| Stafford 'B'      | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 4 |
| West Bromwich 'B' | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 2 |

##### Division 5

|               |   |   |   |   |    |    |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Lichfield 'B' | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 6  | 6 |
| Stone 'B'     | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 13 | 5 |
| Stafford 'C'  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 2 |

## DURHAM NOTES

by Ray Simpson

### ASPIRATIONS FADE

Durham seniors saw their County Championship aspirations fade and then disappear over Christmas and the New Year, but the Juniors maintained their 100% record.

The first Senior disaster came against Yorkshire II at Shiny Row on Dec. 20, with the visitors coming out on top by 9-1. All the men's singles sets were lost, Ian Svenson going down -21, -15 to Mike Stevenson and 16, -20, -12 to Tony Sanderson, Dave Svenson losing -19, -17 to Stevenson and -15, -20 to Mike Illingsworth, while Tony Gelder lost -16, -12 to Sanderson and -20, -14 to Illingsworth.

For the women, Lynne Bainbridge fell to Helen Shields -13, -14, but Durham's best performance on the night came from Julie Smith, who fought hard against Julie McLean before going down 20, -9 -17. The women's combination went down -9, -13 to the Yorkshire pair. Durham's consolation set came when the Svenson twins won the men's doubles 17, 11 against Sanderson and Illingsworth.

Non-playing captain Paul Smith told me afterwards that only Miss Smith played to anything like her real form.

Durham had their women to thank for salvaging a 5-5 draw against Cheshire on Jan. 3. Miss Smith continued her good form and took Miss M. Turner 17, 12 and helped Mrs. Bainbridge win the women's doubles 17, 16. Mrs. Bainbridge in turn defeated Miss A. Hepple 14, 11.

The other victories came from Gelder who defeated Trevor Manning 16, -17, 16 and the Svensons once again won the doubles 11, -19, 18.

Durham Juniors meanwhile had a good

9-1 away win over Cumbria on the same day. With Cumbria fielding an unregistered girl, Durham had two sets start, but the boys made sure they did not need them anyway. David Blackburne, a late replacement for Michael Polkinghorne, marked his debut with a good double, beating Ian Sharp 19, 15 and Shaun Ellison 17, 12. Durham's No. 1, Barrie Gill defeated Ellison 15, 11 and David Gilbert 15, 11, while Darren McVitie defeated Gilbeck 14, 13 and Sharp 12, -19, 9, while the two combined to take the doubles 6, 13.

In the National League, South West Durham at last recorded their first victory in the League over nearest rivals Billingham Synthonia, and in so doing hoisted themselves away from the bottom. Their winning 6-3 performance had everything which they have been looking for all season, and every player won a set.

The match was also a personal triumph for SWD No. 4 Keith Wilson, who playing in the winless No. 4 position, won both his sets in confident fashion, against Phil Webster (19, 19) and Jevan Ghan (17, 16).

John Crawford had earlier put SWD ahead by defeating Keith Bell 19, 12, a lead which Bill Reay restored by defeating Chan 11, 12 after Ian Plummer had beaten Gelder very intelligently by 7, 10. A vital doubles victory by -21, 19, 15 to make it 4-1 and Gelder's 18, 11 win over Webster that won the match completed SWD's tally.

SWD had earlier travelled to Ormesby II on Dec. 21 and lost 2-7, with Crawford and Reay recording the victories. Crawford defeating Kevin Green 19, 16 and Reay beating the same player -13, 14, 15. A good showing in this match for Martin Gent who took Lindsay Taylor to three but unfortunately losing heavily in the decider.

SWD then interrupted their Xmas celebrations to make the long trip to Salford on Dec. 28, and went down 1-8 to the second in the table side. Gelder put SWD into an early lead against Phil Bowen 16, 11, and Crawford hung on long enough in the second against Brian Johns to put worried looks on Salford faces before Johns won 13, -20, 18, and then Salford reeled off seven in a row to make sure of the match.

My feelings after the hectic Christmas/New Year period about the number of matches during that time are that in the 1981-82 season we could do without the two double weekends, and a match between Xmas/New Year. However that is unlikely to happen this year as Boxing Day falls on a Saturday.

The leading County League positions are as follows:

#### Men's Division

|                   | P | W | L | P  |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Sunderland        | 4 | 4 | 0 | 16 |
| South Shields "A" | 3 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| Philadelphia      | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8  |

#### Women's Division

|                | P | W | L  | P |
|----------------|---|---|----|---|
| South Shields  | 2 | 2 | 10 | 8 |
| Sunderland "C" | 1 | 1 | 0  | 4 |
| Sunderland "A" | 1 | 1 | 0  | 4 |

#### Boys' Division

|            | P | W | L | P  |
|------------|---|---|---|----|
| Peterlee   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| Sunderland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4  |
| Aycliffe   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4  |

One idea which may develop in the county is the inter-league tournament between Durham and Bishop Auckland on Feb. 22, at Belmont C.C. Each league is sending three teams and will play each other on the basis of an ordinary scorecard. Both leagues are using strong sides so it should be a good day.

Entries were about the same as last year for the Closed tournament which was held on Feb. 1 at Lowhills Road Sports Centre, Peterlee. A full report of the tournament will be in the next issue.

## MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by Ian E. McKelvey

### BIRMINGHAM DOMINATION

With the season's programme just over half completed, Birmingham have five unbeaten teams, three at the top of their divisions and two in second position but with games in hand. At least four championships now seem likely for them.

One of these is in Junior Division 1, where the position is much clearer than when I last reported. Wolverhampton "A" at last began their fixtures with a 7-3 win over previously unbeaten Nottingham "A". Martin Harvey winning three for Wolverhampton. Gloucester's unbeaten record fell when they lost 4-6 to Coventry "A", who brought Adrian Pilgrim into their side for the first time this season. He duly obliged with three wins including Paul Jackson's first defeat. Jackson won his other two, as did Darren Griffin, but the comparative weakness of the Gloucester No. 3 has proved fatal to their prospects. Jackson and Griffin again won two each but with no further support for Gloucester against Birmingham "A". Jackson losing to Ian Smith and Griffin to the defensive Phil Gunn. Coventry "A" and Nottingham "A" had a fine tussle in which Coventry led 4-2 but were held to a draw as Shaun Green completed his maximum for Nottingham in the final set. Birmingham took a big step towards the title when beating Wolverhampton 8-2, both Gunn and Smith beating Andrew Dixon, brought into the Wolverhampton side for the first time this season. He did take Wolverhampton's one singles and share in their doubles win. Coventry "A" head the division with 9 points from 5 matches, whilst Birmingham "A" have 8 from 4. The match between these two will no doubt be decisive, and my money would have to be on Birmingham.

Junior Div. 2 is another Birmingham dominated division. Their "B" team trounced Walsall 10-0 to reach the half way stage unbeaten, and having already played Leicester and Coventry "B", the other likely looking teams, must be certain to win the championship. Coventry "B" recorded wins over Walsall "A" and West Bromwich "A". Adrian Wogan being undefeated in both matches.

Leicester recorded wins over both Derby "A" and "B", but lost 1-9 to Oxford when obliged to field a very weak team all of whom were on debut. Oxford also beat Derby "B" 6-4, but the two Derby teams occupy the bottom two positions.

Derby "B" are perhaps unfortunate to have lost three matches 4-6 and one 3-7. The latter, against Wolverhampton "B", produced the most remarkable score of the season so far when Kevin Ash (Wolverhampton) beat Matthew Montague 20, -24, 33 in the sixth set.

Birmingham "A" also head the Women's Division, their last two results being 10-0 wins over the Market Drayton "A" and "B" teams. Market Drayton "B" further lost 0-10 to Birmingham "B", in what could turn out to have been the "wooden spoon" match and 1-9 to Wolverhampton. Carol Wickstead won the one set. Of the teams Birmingham "A" have left to play, only Wolverhampton, whose Janet Dunning is unbeaten, look capable of extending them. Even if they lost this one, which I doubt, I would expect the Birmingham team of Karen Groves, Sandra Peakman and Diane Hardy to take the title.

Veterans Div. 1 has seen four matches in the last month, all ending in wins for the principal title contestants. Nottingham "A" beat Coventry "A" 6-4. Ron Bolton maintaining his unbeaten record in singles and doubles, assisted by one each from John Ellis and Dave Pearson. Roy Thomas and John Earles each won two for the losers. Walsall beat Oxford "A" 7-3, with another maximum from Phil Canning and the usual

from Tony (two-a-match) Reeves. Both beat Alf Davies, but Richard Knight won two for Oxford. Birmingham beat both Gloucester and West Bromwich. Terry Bache also maintains an unbeaten singles and doubles record, but Arthur Sutton dropped his first singles to Bill Horton of West Bromwich, and Bryan Belcher lost to Les Williams of West Bromwich and Peter Wood of Gloucester. Birmingham have 8 points from 4 matches. Walsall 7 from 4 and Nottingham 5 from 3; the point dropped by each of Walsall and Nottingham being in a previously reported draw between them. The Birmingham - Walsall and Birmingham - Nottingham matches will decide the championship.

The fifth division in which a Birmingham team is riding high is Men's Div. 2. Birmingham "A" recently inflicted the first defeat of the season on Potteries "B" by 7-3. Lester Bertie won three and Barry Hayward two for Birmingham. Steve Rowe, Phil Anderson and Paul Barnett each won one for Potteries, as did Mike Browne for Birmingham. Birmingham "A" are second in this division, one point behind Nottingham "A" although with a game in hand. The latter look the likely runners-up, after beating Potteries "A" 6-4. Alan Croome won three, Kevin Edwards won two, and these two combined to win the doubles. Greg Hallam won two for Potteries.

He won a further three against Leicester "B", achieving a draw for his side. Steve Day unexpectedly outshone his more highly regarded team-mates by taking two for Leicester, whilst Dave Gannon and Phil Smith could only manage one each, although they did take the doubles. Hinckley "B" have yet to win a set. They lost 0-10 to Leicester "B" and defaulted to give Birmingham "B" their first points, subsequently added to by a draw with Coventry "A".

Of the remaining divisions, likely winners have emerged for four. Men's Div. 3 continues to be dominated by Nottingham "B" who beat Kidderminster 8-2 despite omitting their unbeaten player, Trevor Kerry. Terry Bramford and Orford Spencer each took three. According to the comments on the scorecard Kidderminster provided a bottle of brandy to go with the refreshments. If they are going to do this regularly, perhaps they would let me know. Favourable press might be ensured! Stroud are emerging as likely runners-up. They beat neighbours Cheltenham "B" 6-4 despite being 0-3 down, Shrewsbury by the same score, and Derby "B" 7-3. The last match was a draw on the table, but Derby had included an ineligible player whose wins were subsequently forfeited. Stroud's is a team effort on the part of Andrew Golding, Alan Giles and Peter Harris.

Likely winners of Men's Div. 4 are Wolverhampton "C". They have beaten Tamworth 6-4 and Leamington 9-1. For Tamworth Alan George took all three including a win 6, 10 over Ray Dixon who otherwise has won eleven out of twelve! Another player to win three in a defeat was Richard Hayes of Loughborough, who nevertheless lost 3-7 to Leamington. Rugby look likely runners-up, recently beating Worcester 9-1. Greg Saville and Pat McCabe are the strength of this team.

Junior Div. 3 continues to be dominated by Coventry "C". They whipped Stroud and West Bromwich both 10-0, although they only just edged Birmingham "C" out 6-4 with Ian Randle beating Thomas Duncan -17, 20, 21 in the final set. Hinckley dropped a point to West Bromwich "B", which tends to confirm Market Drayton "A" as runners-up, but Colin Jones of Hinckley has now won fifteen singles and five doubles in five matches. Veterans' Div. 2 has seen some changes. Of the three leading teams reported in the last issue, Derby "A" have emerged as favourites by virtue of their 6-4 win over Cheltenham. Roland Hutchinson won three for Derby. Previously Cheltenham

had drawn with the other leading contenders, Nuneaton. Peter Slack (Cheltenham) recording that he won three to celebrate his birthday. Nuneaton subsequently dropped another point to Oxford "B" for whom Alan Boon won three. Promotion could depend upon the result between Derby "A" and Nuneaton.

Leicester "A" and Bristol are the main contenders of Men's Div. 1. The latter are unbeaten, but Leicester have dropped only one point and have the bottom two teams yet to play. The match between these teams will therefore be decisive. In Junior Div. 4, Pontesbury have an unblemished record of three wins 10-0. Unfortunately for predictions, these are against the bottom three teams, so it is too early to conclude that they are likely winners. Loughborough, on the other hand, suffered a 2-8 reverse at Mansfield, which does their chances no good. Cadet Richard Tilford and Steven Bingham each won three for Mansfield. Loughborough's time will come — their two best players are both cadets next year.

The League's Closed Championships will be held at The Grove School, Market Drayton on Sunday, 3rd May. Entry forms will be distributed in due course, and the tournament is open to all members of affiliated Leagues, not just Midland League players.

## BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Tony Dimmock

### COUNTY CLOSED

In the 1st senior match against Suffolk, played at Bedford, new signing Gavin Booth was representing the county for the first time and it was obvious from the very first points of his set against Stuart Palmer that his determination and power of shot was going to be an asset. He did not win this one but what an enthralling game, which could have gone either way.

Gavin made sure of opening his account when against Mick Palmer his power overcame the touch and direction play of his opponent. David Beddall and David Sharpe both played with confidence and assurance to beat Julian Hall and Beddall almost notched up two wins by extending S. Palmer to the very last points of the third.

The girls Lisa Bellinger and Julie Dimmock took the doubles two-straight after being well down at the mid-way stage of each game. Lisa brimming with confidence easily won her singles but Julie playing in a hesitant manner went down in the third, resulting in a final score of 5-5.

The veterans entertaining Northants immediately went into a 2-0 lead with wins by Pete Cutting and Jim Wooliscroft, but the visitors fought back to level the score. Wooliscroft and Gill took the doubles and then Northants got their nose in front by taking the mixed and Palmer beating Wooliscroft 8, -20, -15. Jim was kicking himself after taking the first and being 20-18 up in the second. Colin Gill won the next singles and the score was level once again; surely neither team deserved to lose, sadly it was Beds when Cutting just went down in the third to Millman 21-18. "What a match".

The Junior 2nd made the journey to Reading to pit their skills against run-away leaders of the division Berkshire. This team, well organised by non-playing captain and acting chauffeur Mick Miles, made sure that our supporters would out-number the opposition and it was with dis-belief that the hosts watched the Beds contingent arrive at their Church Hall venue. The match was closely contested and it was an out of touch Andy Conquest who went to the table first and lost to the Berks No. 2. Characteristically, he pulled himself together later to beat their No. 1 M. Childs in a very entertaining set in which Andy

played a shot or two lying on his back!

Andrew James making his debut for the county showed that he has a very good all-round game and he was a credit to the team when he defeated S. Miller who had earlier spoilt Conquest's 100% record in the division. The two Julies, Miles and Dimmock almost took the doubles in an exciting three gamer. After winning the first and being 20-18 up in the second they lost their way and were unable to get back into a smooth rhythm. Julie Dimmock won her singles against T. Vallis and the other Julie after fighting back to win the second just failed to make it a win. The final result 7-3 to Berkshire.

Carter Cup activity has revolved around three of the local leagues. Dunstable entertained Leighton Buzzard and were defeated 6-3. Lee Holmes had two wins for Dunstable one of these being against the very much more experienced David Fisk. The dominant player in the match was Conquest who won all his sets for Leighton. This win meant that the Luton League who had put out Northampton in the previous round would travel to Leighton.

This time it was the county No. 1 junior David Sharpe who held Luton together and took them through to a 6-3 victory.

In the Bromfield Trophy the Dunstable girls have started on the road to retain the cup by a 6-0 win against Birmingham and a 5-2 victory over the strong Wolverhampton league.

Congratulations to Lisa Bellinger who in the first ranking list issued by the ETTA continues her climb to the "top", being No. 1 Cadet and No. 2 Junior, at the tender age of 13. This is a tremendous achievement. Jackie, her sister, suffering from "swotting blues" being of exam age, moved up to 5th position from eighth last year.

County umpiring strength continues to improve. Congratulations are extended to the latest recruits Mark Luscombe and county Treasurer Doug Ayres.

### SENIOR COUNTY CLOSED

Unfortunately the tournament date clashed with the English Junior Closed which meant many of the younger players were not competing. However, a good entry was received which was well organised by Gerald Hammond in his usual efficient manner.

Gavin Booth had a very successful day winning the men's singles and with his partner, Dave Hyde, took the doubles. Mind you, he was stretched by Wooliscroft in the semi-final of the singles. In the women's it was the evergreen Audrey Robinson who took the title, but her daughter Lynn gave her a few problems in the semi and she had to be at her best to overcome the tenacious Julie Miles in the final. For the veterans Pete Cutting was in top form beating Gary Sharpe in the semi-final. He then proceeded to hit through the defence of the defending champion Wooliscroft to take the title. In the women's doubles there was a major upset when the young pairing of Mary Jarrett and Lisa Robins defeated the Robinson mother and daughter combination in a closely contested final.

### RESULTS

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

R. Phyo bt M. Luscombe 15, 18;  
G. Booth bt J. Wooliscroft 13, -12, 20.

#### Final:

BOOTH bt Phyo 11, 16.

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

A. Robinson bt L. Robinson 21, 14;  
J. Miles bt M. Jarrett -20, 19, 15.

#### Final:

ROBINSON bt Miles -15, 4, 18.

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

D. Hyde/Booth bt D. Foster/S. Buckley 10, 12.

Phyo/M. Verdon bt S. Barby/R. Beard 19, -21, 18.

#### Final:

HYDE/BOOTH bt Phyo/Verdon 14, -19, 22.

**Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
Jarrett/L. Robins bt D. Campbell/Miles  
18, -17, 11;

A. Robinson/L. Robinson bt M. Morris/  
J. Mitchell 15, 8.

**Final:**  
Jarrett/Robins bt A. Robinson/L. Robinson  
-14, 23, 17.

**Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:**  
Hyde/A. Robinson bt Lyons/Miles 18, 6;  
Hillan/L. Robinson bt Harris/Campbell  
16, 17.

**Final:**  
HYDE/A. ROBINSON bt Hillan/L. Robinson  
10, 16.

**Veteran Singles Semi-finals:**  
J. Wooliscroft bt C. Gill 10, 7;  
P. Cutting bt G. Sharpe 19, -13, 17.

**Final:**  
CUTTING bt Wooliscroft -14, 17, 10.

**RANKINGS - January Revisions**

**Men**  
1 G. Booth, 2 S. Barby, 3 D. Sharpe,  
4 D. Beddall, 5 I. Doughty, 6 J. Wooliscroft,  
7 C. Luscombe, 8 D. Hyde, 9 R. Chambers,  
10 A. Conquest, 11 M. Verdon, 12 R. Phyo,  
13 S. Barrett, 14 S. Oliver.

**Women**  
1 J. Bellinger, 2 L. Bellinger, 3 J. Dimmock,  
4 A. Robinson, 5 D. Campbell, 6 J. Miles,  
7 L. Robinson, 8 J. Roberts, 9 M. Jarrett,  
10 J. Doughty, 11 T. Jackson, 12 L. Robins,  
13 S. Shaw.

**Boys**  
1 Sharpe, 2 Doughty, 3 Luscombe,  
4 Conquest, 5 R. Beard, 6 A. Fordham,  
7 A. James, 8 M. Andrews, 9 S. Cartwright,  
10 L. Holmes, 11 M. Hussey, 12 P. Edwards,  
13 D. Murgatroid, 14 L. Alvis, 15 S. Reeves.

**Girls**  
1 J. Bellinger, 2 L. Bellinger, 3 Dimmock,  
4 Miles, 5 Jarrett, 6 Robins, 7 Doughty,  
8 Jackson, 9 Shaw, 10 A. Lyons,  
11 J. Montague.

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

### AUSSIE DEBUT

Bucks table tennis continues to flourish on the County Scene with all but the veterans having a successful season. Since the last Notes, the senior 1st team have gained victories over Middlesex II and Oxon. These wins give the team six points out of eight, the only defeat being against the powerful Surrey side.

For the match against Oxon, Sealink Milton Keynes provided the venue, for which we thank them, and also we had Sealink star Bob Tuckett making his debut for his adopted county. Tuckett, Bradbury and Haines won all the men's singles and another fine win for Nikki Hamilton gave us a 7-3 victory. Before the match County badges were presented to P. Bradbury, I. Haines, C. Leslie, R. Harman, G. Hamilton, Mrs. S. Dunkley and Nikki Hamilton. We were very fortunate that Alan Ransome had been at the Sealink Europe Club Cup match in the afternoon and stayed on to present the badges.

The Senior 2nd team had a remarkable match on Jan. 3 versus Worcestershire II. Strengthened by the inclusion of Peter Simmonds we were hopeful of a victory. However, after the first round of men's singles we were 0-3 down! Junior girls Dawn Robbins and Deborah Simmonds won the women's doubles and Harman and Simmonds the men's to put us back in the match. Wins for Simmonds, Harman, and a debut senior victory for 12-years-old Deborah gave us a 5-3 lead.

But at this point Dawn Robbins, who I have often praised — so I feel I can criticise — gave her worst performance for the county in losing to the opposition's No. 1. Defeat for Viv McCarthy in the final singles made the match score 5-5.

Back in December the Junior 2nd team

had a tough match against Herts II. Without Deborah Simmonds, through sickness, the boys won five of their events and a singles victory for Linda Phelps gave us a 6-4 win. Mark Butler and Johnathan Bradbury both played the best table tennis I have seen from them winning both their singles and combining to win the doubles. Tyrone Silcott was disappointing especially as he has some magnificent shots but does not appear to concentrate for a complete leg.

Our newly-formed Veterans' team is finding it tough and has yet to record a victory. On Jan. 3 I watched them, for the first time, when they entertained Oxon. If this match was anything to go by I can certainly recommend veterans' table tennis. The play was excellent and the spirit in which the match was played was far above anything I have seen in my few years of watching county play. The bright spot in a 6-3 defeat came from Brian Allen who won both his singles on debut and Peter Leckie was our other winner.

Recently the Coaching Officer, Alec Watson, resigned his position due to pressure of work. He has been quickly replaced by Sylvia Coombs (Milton Keynes) who has recently moved into the county from Kent. Sylvia has suggested starting at the Cadet age group and this is an area in which Bucks is greatly lacking. It will be most welcome. Sylvia would also like to hear from all coaches, and those wishing to coach, in Bucks as at present the County does not have an up-to-date register of coaches.

Feb. 14/15 at Mantem Centre, Slough sees the Bucks Closed take place. Hopefully Philip Bradbury and Bob Tuckett will enter and provide the championships with all of its top players. Ian Haines is the present men's singles champion and the way he has been playing this season — remember Max Crimmins? — he could well retain it even against Bradbury and Tuckett.

### CHILTERN LEAGUE

This month sees the start of the League's Handicap Cup under a different format than previously. This season each player has been given an individual handicap. The three players representing a team then add together their handicaps and subtract it or otherwise from their opponents' combined handicaps. The idea seems quite a good one but looking at the list of handicaps produced, they look to me to be heavily in favour of first division teams. This was evident in a Rd. 1 match I watched recently when the team lying third in Div. 1 met the top side of Div. 2. The 2nd division side was required to score something like 18 per leg, but in the few games I saw they were struggling to reach double figures. At this point I predict that a 1st division will win the cup and if not I shall buy the League Chairman a pint. O.K. Dave?

### HIGH WYCOMBE

It was with great sadness that I have heard of the death of League President, "Roly" Sewell. "Roly" had been ill for some time although I am sure his death comes as a great shock to all. "Roly" had been an active member of the league for 37 years and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The day following his death saw the start of the Roland Sewell Handicap Cup Competition and I hope that this season's tournament will be played in the spirit that "Roly" would have wished for. The Wycombe League championships will be held on Mar. 28/29 with the finals on Monday, Apr. 6. Problems have arisen with the booking of venues for the rounds and the finals. Unfortunately the rounds now clash with both Slough and Chiltern League Champs.

### SLOUGH

Slough recorded a fine win over Reading in the Wilmott Cup and now provide the classic clash, for Bucks, when they entertain

Milton Keynes. With these two leagues, arguably the strongest on playing strength in the county, it will be most interesting to see the outcome.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

### 100% RECORDS MAINTAINED

A busy period for the three County teams during late December and early January unfortunately resulted in only one win from four matches played. The first team, helped by the absence of the opposing team's second woman, beat Cleveland 8-2 on Dec. 20 at Byker Community Centre, with Chu Van Que, Andrew Clark and Barbara Kearney again maintaining their 100% singles records, and Ian Robertson winning one. This means they are now joint top of Div. 2 (North) with Lancashire II, and a keen and hard-fought tussle is expected when they meet at home in the next fixture on Feb. 28.

The juniors, meanwhile, were well beaten on the same day away to Yorkshire II by 2-8, with Neil McMaster and Martin Moore both beating K. McKandla for the side's only successes. Their next match against Cheshire at Byker Community Centre on Jan. 10, however, was a much closer affair, and was lost only by 4-6, with David Maughan taking both his singles, and McMaster and Martin Schapira one each.

The second team made the long trip to Lincolnshire on Jan. 3, and were rather unfortunate to be edged out 4-6. Fred Short, who has lost only one set this season, again reminded us that in spite of the current emphasis on youth, there are still some good "old 'uns" around by winning both his singles, and Martin Young and Dave McAllister won one each. Young's other singles against Dave Skerratt was lost by -18 in the third after a first game win, while Pauline Jackson — a late replacement for Caron Buglass — lost only -19, -23 to ranked junior Gillian Sharpe.

The Northumberland League sides have made a good start in the early rounds of the National Knock-Out Competitions, with the Wilmott Cup team beating the Harrogate League 5-2 on Dec. 29, and the Carter Cup side scoring a convincing 8-1 victory over the Sunderland League on Dec. 30. Both matches were played at Byker Community Centre. The Tyneside Summer League Carter Cup team had a good win when they travelled to beat the Carlisle League 8-1. Nicholas Jeffries and Nicholas Ringrose both won all their sets, and Steve Allen got two. They will meet either the Westmorland League or the Ormesby League in the next round.

The City of Newcastle National League success story continues, and they are still riding high and undefeated at the top of Div. 2 (North). They finished the first half of the season with a 6-3 victory over Norton at Eldon Square on Dec. 21, with Chu Van Que and Keith Paxton winning two singles each, and Ian Robertson and Andrew Clark one each. The following week, with Dave Svenson replacing 'flu victim Clark, they travelled to meet Stockton Select, and powered their way to a 9-0 win. Finally, to complete a busy and successful three weeks, they had Ormesby II as their visitors on Jan. 4, and finished up as 8-1 winners, with Chu, Robertson and Paxton all taking maximums, and Svenson losing the only set to England-ranked junior Lindsay Taylor. They must now be odds-on favourites to win this Division, and to go into a play-off with the winners of Div. 2 (South) to decide who gets promotion to the Premier Division. They were also invited as one of the ten National League teams to complement the six international teams taking part in the men's team event at the Cleveland 3-Star Open during the weekend of Jan. 17/18, and were due to meet Canada in the first round.

The second half of the Northumberland League season has just recommenced after the Christmas and New Year break, and there seems to be no stopping Gladstone Terrace 'A' in the Premier Division. They completed the first half of the season without dropping a point, and started off the second half on the right foot when their team of Nigel Jobling, Paul Said and League handicap champion Jimmy Scope travelled to bottom club Newton 'A', and came away with a 10-0 victory. Electrics 'A', however, with Chu Van Que and Andrew Clark in their side, are only two points behind from the same number of games played, but obviously much will depend on how often they can be at full strength. Dave Armstrong became only the second player to beat Ian Robertson in a League match this season (East Cramlington's Dave McAllister was the first) when playing for New Collingwood 'A' away to North Shields YMCA 'A', but in spite of his maximum, his team still lost 4-6. Robertson and Ronnie Scott each got two for the winners.

DHSS 'A' (from Fred Woodhouse, Ralph Duffy, Ken Hall and Bob Atwell) currently head the Div. 1 table as a result of seven wins and six draws from thirteen matches, but they are hotly pursued by Simonside 'A', who are three points behind but have two games in hand. South Shields YMCA 'B' and the young RGS 'A' team of County-ranked juniors Martin Schapira, Nicholas Jeffreys and Nicholas Ringrose are lying first and second in Div. 2A respectively, while in Div. 2B, North Shields YMCA 'B' (Gerry Meller, Colin Richardson and Harry Dignan) and Delaval C.C. 'D' are currently leading the way. DHSS 'B' (Mike Dunn, Dave Swan and Geoff Sewell) and DHSS 'C' (Bill Hodgkins, Colin Gibson, Pauline Jackson and Les Wordsworth) have the distinction of being top of Div. 3A and Div. 3B respectively, while the respective runners-up are Electrics 'D' and Ashington YMCA respectively. In Div. 3C, Alan Livingstone's Whitehouse Lane 'A' team are currently setting the pace, but Cullercoats 'A' have two games in hand and are only three points behind.

Div. 4A is the closest-fought of the three fourth Divisions, with only five points separating the first five teams. Woodlands Park 'C' and Byker C.C. 'A' are the teams currently in front, but these positions could change considerably by the time these Notes appear in print. In Div. 4B, the situation is only slightly more clear-cut, with East Cramlington 'C' leading Tyne Gas 'B' by two points. Div. 4C is headed by Thompson's 'C' (Alan Behrsing, Alan Fyall and Ken Wilson Jnr.), with DHSS 'E' (Steve Young, Mike Robinson and Gordon Harris) only two points behind. However, Delaval C.C. 'F', who include father and son Aubrey and Andrew Drapkin, are lying menacingly in third place a further point behind, but with a game in hand.

Byker Community Centre are to hold a Medieval Banquet on Saturday, Mar. 28. The cost of tickets is £4.80 per person and includes a first-class meal, wine and mead. These hopefully can still be obtained from Bill McMaster, 11 Cochrane Park Avenue, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE7 7JU (Tel. 665559), as the number is limited to 100, and early application is recommended.

## NORFOLK NOTES

by Neville Graver

### NATIONAL RANKING FOR PHIL

Good news for Norfolk during January was the No. 10 Cadet ranking obtained by Philip Logsdon (Norwich) in the lists produced by the ETTA. Phil is an enthusiastic youngster who, backed by father Gordon, has a great future if he works hard and remains level headed. Juniors in general produced the main news on the playing front in Norfolk, with the junior first team finishing their county programme early

with a 9-1 defeat of Essex 3 to finish with eight points from a possible ten. They must now await other results in their section to see if they have retained the title they won last season.

In senior matches, the second team drew 5-5 with Herts 3, whilst the first team were unlucky to lose by 2-8 away to Cambridgeshire. Even the most ardent Cambs supporter would have to admit that the score does not reflect the closeness of the match. Doug Bennett beat Keith Richardson, after losing to Geoff Davies, whilst Richard Stevenson beat Davies in straight games to record Norfolk's other victory. Six of the ten sets went to three, with Norfolk losing five of them. The first team should have been in action against Kent, but that match has now been re-arranged to Mar. 7.

January saw the re-introduction of the East Anglian League Closed Championships, organised at relatively short notice, and not without problems, by Stan Honor (no reflection on Stan), and sponsored by World of Sport, Norwich. As a result, there were few entries from outside of Norfolk, and the board was swept by Norfolk players. Bennett won the men's singles, with Wendy Hogg taking the women's title. Wendy made it three titles by taking the mixed with Paul Durrant, and the women's doubles with mother Ruth. Les Rayment and Steve Howlett (Wymondham) took the men's doubles crown, whilst Dave Hardy won the veterans' singles.

Norfolk selectors have issued revised senior ranking lists with effect from Feb. 1. These see the Stevenson twins both in the men's top five, Richard at No. 3 and Martyn at No. 5. In the women's section, Jane Burbage (Kings Lynn) is promoted to No. 2 following good displays in county colours.

### Men

- 1 Doug Bennett, 2 Mick Broughton,
- 3 Richard Stevenson, 4 Trevor Bunn,
- 5 Martyn Stevenson, 6 David Smith,
- 7 Neville Graver, 8 Roger Margetson,
- 9 Steve Howlett, 10 Terry Darby,
- 11 Paul Durrant, 12 Jim Defty,
- 13 Bob Mitcham, 14 Philip Logsdon.

### Women

- 1 Wendy Hogg, 2 Jane Burbage,
- 3 Margaret Hales, 4 Joy Dixon,
- 5 Sarah Bignell, 6 Sue Hazel,
- 7 Ruth Hogg, 8 Sue Allen, 9 Zoe Nichols,
- 10 Mary Ashmore, 11 Karen Burkett,
- 12 Sue Browne.

The Norfolk Junior Closed takes place at Neatherd High School, Dereham, on Sunday, Feb. 8, and a large, high standard entry is anticipated.

Interest in coaching is gaining in the county, but county coach Les Rayment is still trying to fix up a weekend for potential coaches. He needs to know precise numbers interested to press his claims with the ETTA. Anybody interested should contact Les on Thetford 3751.

County Umpires' Secretary Linda Nelson tells me that the seminar held in Norwich in December was successful in terms of the items discussed, although numbers attending were disappointing. This was partly due to the proximity of the date to Xmas, and a further session is planned at a later date. Thanks are extended to George White and Colin Clemmett for their time and effort.

## MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

### GRATIFYING COMMENTS

It was gratifying to see that my comments on the County Championships (November Middlesex Notes) were supported by the Editor and also by Alan Shepherd of Essex (December 1980). Let us hope that all concerned, the Management Committee, the National Selection Committee and the County Championships Conference will

work together to save what should be one of the most important events of the National Table Tennis Calendar.

But will any solution be too late for Middlesex? Our team are still perilously near the bottom of the Premier Division despite the fact that our five top ranked men have appeared for us on one or two occasions. We can only hope that we can field reasonably strong teams in our remaining two matches, against Cheshire and Essex, and avoid relegation. Otherwise I can see Middlesex having further problems next season with our best players not being available again or not wanting to play in the 2nd Division.

All seems to be gloom and despondency to me at the moment. Having run our 3-Star and Under-15 Champonships this season, we have used up the reserve we so carefully built up over the years to cover any losses on Open Tournaments. So from 1981 we are completely reliant on sponsorship and in the present financial climate that seems almost impossible to come by.

Our best wishes go to Tony Pacitto, Ralph Goldsmith and the Brent Youth T.T. Club, who have gallantly undertaken to run a National Junior Ranking Tournament at Aylestone School. Needless to say the Middlesex Committee will be doing all they can to help with the organisation etc. but the financial responsibilities will be all their own, and Ralph has certainly got plenty of ideas for ensuring that the cash is forthcoming. We will be watching their progress — maybe we can learn from them — but in the meantime we wish them luck.

## MIDDLESEX U-15 & U-13 2 STAR OPEN

### EMPHASIS ON STAMINA

by IRIS MOSS

The Middlesex U-15 and U-13 Open Championships took place at Picketts Lock Centre, Edmonton, on Jan. 3/4, 1981. Neither the change of venue nor the change of date seem to have affected the popularity of this event, although we did miss out on our contingent of Irish colleens, who were prevented from coming because it clashed with the Leinster Junior event. Even the increase in entry fees did not deter the 149 boys and 67 girls who took part and at least the change of venue, with more tables on the Saturday, did mean that we did not have to refuse any entries for the first time in the history of this event. The stamina of our younger players is indicated by the fact that 47 of the 60 boys in the U-13 event also played in the U-15 event and 20 out of the 29 U-13 girls played in both age groups.

It was a pity that the National Coaching Committee (I think) insisted on some of the ranked players attending a Training Session rather than play in the Tournament. There are not so many events for youngsters of these age groups and I would have thought that competition was possibly as good training as any other. But then I am not a coach so perhaps I do not know what I am talking about.

Because the age limits in our events do not conform to the normal Junior and Cadet age groups, it is difficult to compare performances with the current Ranking Lists, but two Under-13 Boys who I would like to bring to the attention of the National Selection Committee are Murray Jukes of Worcestershire and Bernard O'Grady of Kent.

Unfortunately I never manage to see all the matches at Tournaments these days as I arrive half way through the day. Nevertheless there are nearly always players who stand out in my view as the "Players of the Tournament". This year my nominations would be for Louise Forster of Derbyshire

for her sunny smile which never wavered even when she lost 20-22 in the third and Murray Jukes for his impeccable table behaviour. (A lot of our Senior players could learn something from Murray!). Despite the fact that these youngsters fought like tigers for every point there was no sign of "temperament" whether they did well or not. I think we will hear a lot more of these two in the future.

Final results were:

**Boys' Singles U-15:**

ALAN COOKE (Dy) bt Murray Jukes (Wo) 10, 14.

**Boys' Doubles U-15:**

BILLY GLEAVE (Ch)/NIGEL TYLER (Mi) bt Andrew Sexton (Sy)/Julian Wheel (Ca) 10, 15.

**Boys' Consolation Singles U-15:**

DIPAK TOPIWALA (K) bt Darren Goodacre (K) 18, 19.

**Boys' Singles U-13:**

JUKES bt Bernard O'Grady (K) 7, -18, 17.

**Boys' Doubles U-13:**

B. LAZARUS/T. WEST (E) bt Adrian Dixon (St)/Jukes 20, 19.

**Boys' Consolation Singles U-13:**

DIXON bt Paul Savins (Bk) 21, -19, 14.

**Girls' Singles U-15:**

HELEN BARDWELL (He) bt Tracey Fisher (Ca) 14, 4.

**Girls' Doubles U-15:**

BARDWELL/NINA TSAKARISIANOS (Gs) bt Fiona Elliot (St)/Amanda Judd (Ca) -19, 11, 19.

**Girls' Consolation Singles U-15:**

LEANNE HARMAN (Do) bt Claire Hunter (Wi) 21, -20, 16.

**Girls' Singles U-13:**

LESLEY POPKIEWICZ (Sy) bt Louise Forster (Dy) 10, -15, 20.

**Girls' Doubles U-13:**

LESLEY SOUTER (Mi)/DEBORAH SIMMONDS (Bk) bt Alison Boxall (He)/Popkiewicz 16, -20, 18.

**Girls' Consolation Singles U-13:**

SOUTER bt Lisa Robins (Bd) -12, 27, 24.

My congratulations go to the Referee's Committee under Len Pilditch for finishing both days in very good time despite an extremely full schedule on the Saturday and a reduction in the number of tables available on the Sunday. My thanks go to the MTTA 100 Club for sponsoring the Prize Fund (despite which we lost money on the event); to the management of Picketts Lock Centre who managed to fit us in despite a mix-up in the booking arrangements; and to Reg Rockall for organising help in the setting up of the hall late on the Friday night. A lot of hard work went into organising and running the Tournament but we all felt amply rewarded by the enthusiasm of the youngsters and the appreciation of their parents. Apart from the many complimentary comments passed at the time, I even got a letter from one appreciative mother.

Now it remains to be seen whether we can get sufficient sponsorship to run this event next year. I must admit that personally I would hate to see us abandon it but unless we get sponsorship (or I win the Pools) I cannot see how Middlesex can bear a loss again.

## THE JOHN JAQUES CAMBS. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

### DEARTH OF FEMALES by LESLIE CONSTABLE

The John Jaques Cambs Closed Championships were again held at Cambridge Sports Hall on Jan. 10. There was a good entry although the female element was very disappointing and there were only two pairs in the Women's Doubles. There were no entries for the Cadet Girls which shows that there is now a dearth of girls in Cambs. a situation that will have to be remedied

before long if girls are forthcoming from the Junior ranks.

The big surprise again was the elimination of Keith Richardson from the Men's Singles — this time in the semis when Geoff Davies beat him after a very tough match although I thought that Keith was a bit out of touch in that he volleyed a couple of balls which is most unlike him and which seemed to affect him to some degree. Davies, nevertheless, played well and fully deserved his success. Mick Harper easily disposed of Andy Withers in the other semi, the latter youngster just did not seem able to cope with the superb control of Harper who always had the match in his grasp right from the word go.

The final was a rather subdued affair and Harper easily took the first. Davies seemed to be playing "second fiddle" all the time and although he rallied in the second game he never really seemed able to gain control and Harper, although not playing well was in the lead throughout and got home at 19.

After being taken to three by Ruth Hunter in the semi-final of the Women's Singles, Mandy Judd retained her title by easily beating Joanne Palmer in the final. At no time was she extended being able to raise her game when required. Her attack now is going very well and is most accurate.

In the Boys' Singles the seedings came true to form when Paul Stacey and Julian Wheel met in the final. Both players had had comfortable victories in the semis, against Spurr and Alexander respectively, and the final turned out to be a close affair although Stacey won in two. Wheel tried up to the end but Stacey just had the edge in each game.

In the Girls' Mandy Judd had another success when she beat Ruth Hunter in the final in two, the second going to 25-23. In the semis Mandy had beaten Alison Edge in three after losing the second at -21 but Ruth put paid to Tracy Fisher, again showing her prowess in this event, always being in control.

In the Cadet Boys' Paul Oldroyd was successful against Neil Burgess who was rather disappointing after playing very well in the previous rounds, including a good victory over Tim Ashman in the semis. Oldroyd had beaten young Paul Holiday in the other semi although the latter must surely have a good chance next season in this event.

Keith Richardson and Harper took the Men's Doubles after a close set with Robert Swift and Andy Withers and Mandy Judd and Joanne Palmer took the Women's Doubles a one-sided affair against Pauline Sleight and Alison Edge. Pauline having last played in the Championships about 25 years ago!

When Keith Richardson and Mandy Judd took the Mixed (after looking likely losers), it was Mandy's fourth title of the day and showed her supremacy in all events.

In the Veterans' event Colin Davidson had a very comfortable win over Steve Stafford although it was nearly a time limit affair.

The Final of the Handicap between Kith Richardson (Scr) and Withers (+6) was a real exhibition piece and some of Richardson's retrieving thrilled the crowd, but Withers really hit well and won a well deserved victory by a bigger margin than most people would have thought possible. This was great exhibition stuff and I wish we could see more of it. Neil Burgess received the Merit Award for his play in all events culminating in reaching the final of the Cadet Boys' Singles.

**RESULTS**

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

K. Richardson bt B. Richardson 9, 12;

G. Davies bt G. Jordan 14, 18;

A. Withers bt R. Swift 17, 15;

M. Harper bt J. Wheel -19, 13, 7.

**Semi-finals:**

Davies bt Richardson -19, 15, 20;

Harper bt Withers 14, 11.

**Final:**

HARPER bt Davies 13, 19.

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

M. Judd bt R. Hunter -20, 14, 14;

J. Palmer bt P. Sleight 7, 11.

**Final:**

JUDD bt Palmer 11, 17.

**Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**

P. Stacey bt P. Holiday 12, 11;

T. Spurr bt P. Melton 17, -15, 16;

Wheel bt T. Ashman -17, 15, 17;

C. Alexander bt N. Burgess 17, 19.

**Semi-finals:**

Wheel bt Alexander 14, 18;

Stacey bt Spurr 13, 18.

**Final:**

STACEY bt Wheel 19, 21.

**Cadet Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**

P. Oldroyd bt S. Meecham 12, 11;

Holiday bt N. Ashman 15, 7;

T. Ashman bt P. Holmes 16, 16;

Burgess bt M. Hutchinson 7, 15.

**Semi-finals:**

Oldroyd bt Holiday 16, 20;

Burgess bt Ashman 19, 17.

**Final:**

OLDROYD bt Burgess 15, 11.

**Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**

Judd bt A. Edge 19, -21, 16;

R. Hunter bt T. Fisher 12, 15.

**Final:**

JUDD bt Hunter 17, 23.

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

K. Richardson/Harper bt B. Richardson/

Wheel 18, 17;

Swift/Withers bt Davies/Tiplady 16, 13.

**Final:**

HARPER/RICHARDSON bt Swift/Withers

21, 20.

**Women's Doubles Final:**

JUDD/PALMER bt Sleight/Edge 16, 6.

**Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:**

K. Richardson/Judd bt L. Sleight/P. Sleight

15, 9.

Davies/Palmer bt Withers/Hunter 21, 14.

**Final:**

RICHARDSON/JUDD bt Davies/Palmer

-19, 11, 18.

**Veterans' Singles Semi-finals:**

S. Stafford bt M. Emmerson -11, 18, 23;

C. Davidson bt B. Judd 16, 14.

**Final:**

DAVIDSON bt Stafford 13, 12.

**Handicap Singles Semi-finals:**

K. Richardson bt D. Jarvis 43-41;

A. Withers bt E. Sharpe 42-40.

**Final:**

WITHERS bt Richardson 41-24.

## BRENT JUNIOR T.T. CLUB

### SUDIDAS UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brent Junior TT Club disappointed at the loss of the Northern Ranking Tournament and Rock U-21 agreed with the ETTA and Middlesex TTA, to promote the Southern Junior Ranking Tournament at the Club on Mar. 7/8, 1981.

Tony Pacitto originator of the Rock U-21 was even more concerned at the loss of this new, but popular event and is pleased to announce a new sponsor to the sport in "Sudidas" who are in the Sports Goods trade, and subject to approval by the tournament committee will stage the new competition in March. Like the old Slough Junior Open, the event and the Junior Ranking Tournament will be played in three halls at Aylestone School the home of the Brent Club. The prize money of £865 should attract the best of the young players, and it is hoped that this event will become a regular feature in the calendar in future years.

The tournament will be held on Mar. 21/22, 1981 with the closing date Feb. 23. Entry forms will be distributed shortly at all tournaments, but can be obtained from J. A. Pacitto, H/B Fiona, The Avenue, Wraysbury, Bucks.



# STIGA



# WELSH OPEN

## Thorsell bridges gap by George R. Yates



A much happier Ulf Thorsell, than depicted on the cover, with the new champion holding aloft the winner's trophy at Cardiff.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London.

In bridging a gap of two decades since when a Swede last won the men's singles title of the Welsh Open — it was Tony Larsson in 1961 — Ulf Thorsell gained few friends in the methods he adopted, for a second time, to oust England's Desmond Douglas in the penultimate stage of this season's championships admirably staged at the National Sports Centre for Wales, in Cardiff's Sophia Gardens over the period Jan. 22/24.

Twelve months previously, at a like stage, Douglas was ousted by China's Wang Huiyuan whilst the England No. 1, in 1979, suffered a semi-final defeat by Thorsell whose needling tactics were the subject of debate on that occasion.

Notwithstanding similar tactics, the over use of towelling and delay in serving to name but two, Thorsell went on to dispose of his compatriot and former world champion Stellan Bengtsson in the final and was really in command from the word go allowing for a third game breather.

Players from the Republic of Korea had matters all to themselves in the counter-part women's event with An Hae Sook, listed No. 6 in the South Korean rankings for the first Seoul Open in August of last year, beating Kim Kyung Ja, who was listed at No. 2 behind Lee Soo Ja.

The latter came into her own in the women's doubles when, with Kim Kyung Ja, final victory was achieved over An Hae Sook and Hwang Nam Sook. The men's doubles final was a splendidly-contested affair with Poland's Andrzej Grubba and Leszek Kucharski letting slip a 2-game lead before beating Istvan Jonyer and Tibor Klampar 21-19 in the fifth!

In an all-Swedish mixed doubles final (best of 3) Thorsell captured his second title being partnered by Marie Lindblad in the disposal of Bengtsson and Anneli Hernvall. Prior to, in the team events, Hungary, as the reigning world champions, predictably won the men's title with the "B" team of Korean Republic capturing the women's, Swedish teams filling the runners-up position in both.

### TEAM EVENTS

In a 19-country line-up for the men's team event, with Hungary and Sweden occupying pole positions, England had Douglas and Paul Day designated the "A" team and European champion John Hilton and Dougie Johnson labelled "B".

It was an easy opening ride for the "A" duo, against Iceland, who were really given the cold shoulder, but Norway "A" in a second round match put up more resistance with Tom Johansen beating Day to level the match score at 1-1 but Douglas was more than equal to the task in disposing of both Pal Guttormsen and Johansen as well as doing his bit in a doubles success.

Even sterner resistance was encountered at the quarter-final stage with Federal Germany "A" equating a 0-2 deficit when, firstly, Michael Plum and Peter Stellwag

won the doubles and Stellwag registered a 2-straight win over Douglas.

This was subsequent to Day having beaten Stellwag 8 and 12 (!) and Douglas had seen off Plum. But it was Day who carried England into the semis with a fifth set win over Plum.

Curtains came with the meeting with Sweden "B" whose Tommy Danielsson, a late substitute for Ulf Carlsson, began the encounter with a 16, 17 win over Douglas and Day, in the second set, lost to Mikael Appelgren.

From that inauspicious start a recovery was staged with the English pair winning the doubles and Douglas just getting the better of Appelgren. But there was no repeat salvage operation for Day in the fifth and final set won, in convincing style by Danielsson.



Tommy Danielsson, a more than able Swedish substitute for Ulf Carlsson.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

England "B" raised a few eyebrows in beating Korea Republic "A" 3-2 in their opening encounter, both Hilton and Johnson losing to No Yoon Kwan. A second success, 3-1 against Federal Germany "B", saw Hilton lose yet another set in going under to Hans-Joachim Nolton but the Mancunian came good in his other set beating Ralf Wosik over three.

A flap was on in the Hungarian camp when England's "B" duo came back from 0-2 down to level the match score with a win for Hilton over Gabor Gergely following success in the doubles. But the ultimate escaped them when, in the fifth and final set, Jonyer registered his second singles success in beating Johnson 15 in the 3rd.

Hungary went on to win the title with successive wins over Sweden "A" and Sweden "B".

In the womens team event England "A" (Jill Hammersley and Linda Jarvis) had one match only to reach the quarters which they won 3-1 against a Nissen Motors-sponsored Japanese team, Linda dropping the one. But, up against Korea Republic's Lee Soo Ja and Kim Kyung Ja, the English girls had no real answer and failed to take a game in the 3-set encounter.

England "B" (Karen Witt and Alison Gordon) began with an easy opener, 3-0 against Portugal, and an equally convincing performance against Japan "B" only to be taken out in the quarters by Sweden "A".

In this latter encounter after Alison had lost to Marie Lindblad, and Karen to Ann-



An Hae Sook (Korea Republic) winner of the women's singles event whose final victory was against her compatriot Kim Kyung Ja.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

Christin Hellman, the English girls staged a spirited recovery with a doubles success followed by a win for Karen over Lindblad. But, despite taking Hellman to a third game decider, Alison was not equal to the task in the deciding set.

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Early shock in the men's singles event was the departure of top seed Hilton beaten in Round 2 by the Federal German No. 8 Jurgen Rebel. Tibor Klampar, the second seed, survived just one more round before surrendering his chances of pocketing £400 when defeated by that man Thorsell, the eventual winner.

England's other official representatives, Day and Johnson, fell, respectively, to Tetsuo Inoue — he represented Japan in the Birmingham world championships — and Nolten.

Bob Potton fell to Thorsell in Rd. 1 and Max Crimmins to Lee Sang Kook at the same stage. Graham Sandley did manage a first round win, at the expense of qualifier Alan Fletcher, but thereafter was despatched by Gergely in no mean fashion.

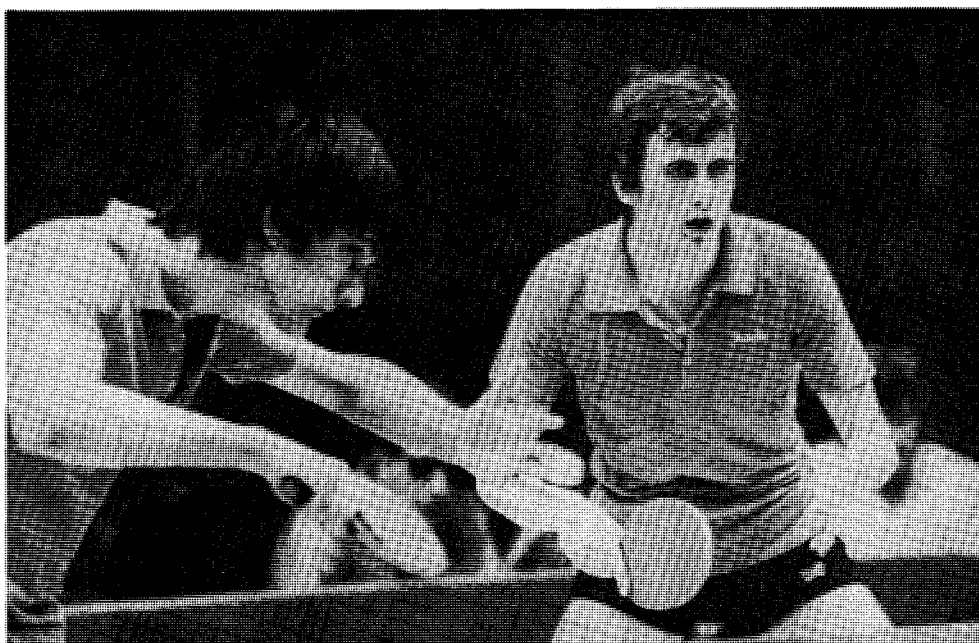
Nicky Jarvis had good wins over Steve Mills and Ian Kenyon but he too fell to a Hungarian, in the person of Jonyer, whilst Donald Parker failed to take a game off Grubba after beating qualifier Dave Barr.

Carl Prean, the reigning English Junior champion, found the Welsh wizard, veteran George Evans, with just that bit more know-how and failed to break out from the qualifiers whilst Danielsson, the Swedish substitute, was beaten in three games by Jonyer in Rd. 1.

Jill Hammersley, like Hilton, was also a top seed, in the women's singles but fell -20 on expedite in the fifth to the eventual winner An Hae Sook. Linda Jarvis was a first round faller to Brigitte Thiriet of France whilst Karen Witt and Alison Gordon also failed at the first hurdle losing, respectively, to Yumi Hayashi of Japan and Anneli Hernvall of Sweden.

Carole Knight, seeking the selectors' nod to pack her bags for Novi Sad, had a first round win over Carine Risch of Luxembourg but lost over five games to Kim Kwung Ja -15 in the fifth.

Jill and Linda, together in the doubles, reached the semi-final stage but Karen and



Poland's magic doubles pair Kucharski and Grubba on their way to final success over Jonyer and Klampar of Hungary.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London.

Alison were taken out in the first round by the Federal Germans Anke Olschenski and Susanne Wenzel.

No end success either in the men's doubles with our top pair Douglas/Day falling to the Swedes Appelgren/Thorsell and Hilton/Johnson losing to Josef Dvoracek and Jindrich Pansky of Czechoslovakia.

Des and Linda, our main hope for success in the mixed event fell to South Koreans in the quarters and all in all, Douglas apart, there was very little for English supporters to cheer.

### FINALE

It was good to be back in the main hall with no apologies having to be made for the previous year. Indeed, with padded seating for the spectators and a splendid new wooden floor for the competitors the Centre sparkled anew being the envy of all and sundry.

Weatherwise too, with Spring-like conditions prevailing, Cardiff seemed a different place but what would it be without the twin-cylindered Roy and Nancy Evans who would doubtless acknowledge the engineering ability of their chief mechanics — Chairman Eddie Thomas, Vice Chairman Patrick Arkell and Hon. Treasurer Ron Davies.

And the party too, in the Centre Hotel, after the protracted afternoon finals session was all that could be wished for in dancing the night away to the Shacksounds Disco. Stiga and the TTA of Wales have a happy marriage.

### TEAM RESULTS

#### Men

##### Round 1

Poland B 3 Ireland A 0  
S. Dryszel bt C. Slevin 11, 17;  
A. Jakubowicz bt P. Glynn 21, 18;  
Dryszel/Jakubowicz bt Glynn/Slevin -13, 15, 19.  
Federal Germany B 3 France B 0  
England B 3 Korea Republic A 2  
D. Johnson lost to No Yoon Kwan 16, -20, -16;  
J. Hilton bt Oh Byung Man 20, 12;  
Hilton/Johnson bt Kim Ti Taek/No Yoon Kwan 18, 18;  
Hilton lost to No Yoon Kwan -23, -18;  
Johnson bt Oh Byung Man 8, 13.  
Denmark 3 Jersey 0  
Wales A 3 Norway B 1  
A. Griffiths bt Per Arne Sveum 11, 13;  
D. Welsman lost to J. Gierloff -13, -14;  
Griffiths/Welsman bt Gierloff/Sveum 20, -16, 18;  
Griffiths bt Gierloff -18, 13, 19.  
Luxembourg 3 Guernsey 0  
Sweden A 3 Scotland B 0  
U. Thorsell bt W. Sichel 11, 17;  
S. Bengtsson bt D. Hannah 15, 14;  
Bengtsson/Thorsell bt Hannah/Sichel 10, 4.  
England A 3 Iceland 0  
D. Douglas bt B. Kristjansson 2, 3;

P. Day bt S. Konradsson 9, 10;  
Day/Douglas bt Konradsson/Kristjansson 8, 8.  
Norway A 3 Wales B 0  
P. Guttormsen bt N. Thomas 11, 17;  
J. Johansen bt M. Thomas -15, 16, 13;  
Guttormsen/Johansen bt Thomas/Thomas 15, 9.  
Scotland A 3 Belgium 1  
K. Rodger bt R. de Prophetis 18, 18;  
R. Yule lost to D. Le Roy -17, -21;  
Rodger/Yule bt de Prophetis/Le Roy 18, 20;  
Yule bt de Prophetis 13, 9.  
Federal Germany A 3 Korea Republic B 1  
Poland A 3 Portugal 0  
Canada w.o. Ireland B Scr  
Sweden B 3 France A 0

##### Round 2

Hungary 3 Poland B 1  
England B 3 Federal Germany B 1  
Johnson bt R. Wosik 19, 15;  
Hilton lost to H-J. Nolten 16, -20, -18;  
Hilton/Johnson bt Nolten/Wosik 8, 18;  
Hilton bt Wosik 19, -16, 17.  
Denmark 3 Wales A 1  
C. Pedersen lost to Welsman -20, 14, -25;  
J. Hansen bt Griffiths -17, 14, 9;  
Hansen/Pedersen bt Griffiths/Welsman 13, -17, 18;  
Pedersen bt Griffiths 13, 11.  
Sweden A 3 Luxembourg 0  
England A 3 Norway A 1  
Douglas bt Guttormsen 14, 8;  
Day lost to Johansen -14, -21;  
Day/Douglas bt Guttormsen/Johansen 21, -21, 18;  
Douglas bt Johansen 12, 16.  
Federal Germany A 3 Scotland A 1  
J. Rebel lost to Yule -10, 9, -16;  
M. Plum bt Rodger 16, 12;  
Rebel/P. Stellwag bt Rodger/Yule 16, 9;  
Rebel bt Rodger 21, 16.  
Poland A 3 Canada 0  
Sweden B 3 Czechoslovakia 1

##### Quarter-finals:

Hungary 3 England B 2  
G. Gergely bt Johnson 14, 16;  
I. Jonyer bt Hilton 10, 21;  
Jonyer/T. Klampar lost to Hilton/Johnson -22, -10;  
Gergely lost to Hilton -14, -17;  
Jonyer bt Johnson 17, -18, 15.  
Sweden A 3 Denmark 1  
England A 3 Federal Germany A 2  
Day bt Stellwag 8, 12;  
Douglas bt Plum 9, 18;  
Day/Douglas lost to Rebel/Stellwag -18, -17;  
Douglas lost to Stellwag -17, -20;  
Day bt Plum 10, 15.  
Sweden B 3 Poland A 0

##### Semi-finals:

Hungary 3 Sweden A 2  
Gergely lost to Thorsell 16, -17, -18;  
Klampar lost to Bengtsson -19, -18;  
Gergely/Klampar bt Bengtsson/Thorsell -17, 18, 22;  
Klampar bt Thorsell 16, 17;  
Gergely bt Bengtsson -13, 16, 19.  
Sweden B 3 England A 2  
T. Danielsson bt Douglas 16, 17;  
M. Appelgren bt Day 11, 14;  
Appelgren/Danielsson lost to Day/Douglas 16, -19, -17;  
Appelgren lost to Douglas -18, -20;  
Danielsson bt Day 12, 12.

##### Final:

HUNGARY 3 Sweden B 1  
Klampar bt Danielsson 18, 16;  
Gergely bt Appelgren -14, 15, 15;  
Gergely/Klampar lost to Appelgren/Danielsson 14, -15, -17;  
Klampar bt Appelgren 11, 11.

##### Women

##### Round 1

France B 3 Luxembourg 2  
Japan B 3 Iceland 0



Well, you can't win 'em all, would appear to be the reflected thoughts of the losing finalist in the men's singles — Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London.

**England B 3 Portugal 0**  
 A. Gordon bt A. Fernandes 10, 7;  
 K. Witt bt U. Cardoso 9, 9;  
 Gordon/Witt bt Cardoso/Fernandes 9, 14.  
**Belgium 3 Wales 0**  
 C. D'Hondt bt S. Jones 7, 10;  
 B. Lippens bt L. Tyler 9, 7;  
 D'Hondt/Lippens bt Jones/Tyler 9, 8.  
**Denmark 3 Scotland 0**  
 A. Larsen bt V. Thomson 11, 19;  
 C. Polk bt C. Dalrymple -9, 10, 12;  
 Larsen/Polk bt Dalrymple/Thomson 10, 19.  
**Japan A 3 Guernsey 0**  
**Norway 3 Ireland 1**  
 T. Folkesson bt K. Walker -15, 17, 9;  
 K. Hagen lost to A. Leonard -18, -18;  
 Folkesson/Hagen bt Leonard/Walker -21, 19, 13;  
 Folkesson bt Leonard 15, -19, 16.  
**Sweden B 3 Jersey 0**  
 Canada w.o. Federal Germany B Scr

**Round 2**  
**Sweden A 3 France B 0**  
**England B 3 Japan B 0**  
 Witt bt K. Maeda 18, 14;  
 Gordon bt K. Wura 9, 5;  
 Gordon/Witt bt H. Furukawa/Wura 17, 10.  
**Korea Republic A 3 Belgium 0**  
**Federal Germany A 3 Denmark 0**  
**England A 3 Japan A 1**  
 J. Hammersley bt Y. Hayashi 20, 18;  
 L. Jarvis lost to A. Inamori -17, -13;  
 Hammersley/Jarvis bt Hayashi/Inamori 13, 13;  
 Hammersley bt Inamori 11, 8.  
**Korea Republic B 3 Norway 0**  
**Sweden B 3 France A 0**  
 Czechoslovakia 3 Canada 0

**Quarter-finals:**  
 Sweden A 3 England B 0  
 M. Lindblad bt Gordon -19, 10, 16;  
 A-C. Hellman bt Witt 10, -17, 12;  
 Hellman/Lindblad lost to Gordon/Witt -18, -12;  
 Lindblad lost to Witt -12, 21, -10;  
 Hellman bt Gordon -19, 12, 10.  
**Korea Republic A 3 Federal Germany A 0**  
**Korea Republic B 3 England A 0**  
 Lee Soo Ja bt Hammersley 12, 12;  
 Kim Kyung Ja bt Jarvis 7, 16;  
 Kim Kyung Ja/Lee Soo Ja bt Hammersley/Jarvis 19, 9.  
 Czechoslovakia 3 Sweden B 2

**Semi-finals:**  
 Sweden A 3 Korea Republic A 0  
 Lindblad bt Hwang Nam Sook 17, 14;  
 Hellman bt An Hae Sook 16, 12;  
 Hellman/Lindblad bt An Hae Sook/Hwang Nam Sook  
 -16, 19, 18.  
**Korea Republic B 3 Czechoslovakia 1**  
 Lee Soo Ja lost to M. Hrachova -20, 22, -12;  
 Kim Kyung Ja bt A. Pelikanova 9, 18.  
 Kim Kyung Ja/Lee Soo Ja bt Hrachova/Pelikanova 18, 18.  
 Kim Kyung Ja bt Hrachova 15, 16.

**Final:**  
**KOREA REPUBLIC B 3 Sweden A 0**  
 Lee Soo Ja bt Lindblad 13, -12, 14;  
 Kim Kyung Ja bt Hellman 9, 19;  
 Kim Kyung Ja/Lee Soo Ja bt Hellman/Lindblad 12, 15.

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**Men's Singles Round 3:**  
 J. Rebel (GFR) bt M. Plum (GFR) 9, -14, 15, 14;  
 I. Jonyer (HUN) bt N. Jarvis (ENG) 19, 19, -12, 18;  
 G. Gergely (HUN) bt C. Pedersen (DEN)  
 14, 20, -18, -14, 19;  
 S. Bengtsson (SWE) bt J. Pansky (CZE) 10, 12, -20, 16;  
 D. Douglas (ENG) bt P. Stelliwag (GFR)  
 19, -15, 12, -17, 17;  
 J. Dvoracek (CZE) bt S. Dryszel (POL) 18, 20, 16;  
 U. Thorsell (SWE) bt A. Grubba (POL) 15, 16, 12;  
 T. Klampar (HUN) bt T. Inoue (JAP) 21, 17, 10.  
**Quarter-finals:**  
 Jonyer bt Rebel 23, -11, -11, 14, 16.  
 Bengtsson bt Gergely 19, -18, 18, 19;  
 Douglas bt Dvoracek -12, 19, 10, -17, 18;  
 Thorsell bt Klampar -15, 10, -9, 12, 18.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Bengtsson bt Jonyer 15, 19, -17, 17;  
 Thorsell bt Douglas 20, -12, 17, 23.  
**Final:**  
 THORSELL bt Bengtsson 12, 24, -8, 14.

**Women's Singles Round 2:**  
 J. Hammersley (ENG) bt T. Folkesson (NOR) 13, 16, 8;  
 An Hae Sook (KRR) bt A. Hernvall (SWE) 14, 13, 13;  
 Hwang Nam Sook (KRR) bt Y. Hayashi (JAP)  
 16, -17, 17, 6;  
 M. Lindblad (SWE) bt A. Pelikanova (CZE) 11, 16, 16;  
 M. Hrachova (CZE) bt H. Lindvall (SWE)  
 10, 10, -12, -19, 13;  
 Lee Soo Ja (KRR) bt B. Thiriet (FRA) 18, 14, 5;  
 Kim Kyung Ja (KRR) bt C. Knight (ENG)  
 -10, 16, 13, -20, 15;  
 A-C. Hellman (SWE) bt K. Maeda (JAP) -14, 12, 17, 20.  
**Quarter-finals:**  
 An Hae Sook bt Hammersley 18, -8, -19, 14, 20;  
 Lindblad bt Hwang Nam Sook 11, 13, 17;  
 Hrachova bt Lee Soo Ja -17, 15, 17, 17;  
 Kim Kyung Ja bt Hellman 13, 13, 9.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 An Hae Sook bt Lindblad -13, 13, 19, -16, 14;  
 Kim Kyung Ja bt Hrachova 16, 13, -18, 15.  
**Final:**  
 AN HAE SOOK bt Kim Kyung Ja -12, 15, 14, -13, 9.

**Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
 Jonyer/Klampar bt Dvoracek/Pansky 19, -12, 10, -14, 14;  
 Bengtsson/T. Danielsson (SWE) bt Kim Taek/Oh Byung  
 Man (KRR) 15, -19, 8, -18, 17;  
 M. Appelgren (SWE)/Thorsell bt P. Day (ENG)/Douglas  
 13, 16, 15;  
 Grubba/L. Kucharski (POL) bt H-J. Noltzen/R. Wosik  
 (GFR) -25, 22, -20, 17, 14.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Jonyer/Klampar bt Bengtsson/Danielsson -18, -14, 14, 21, 7;  
 Grubba/Kucharski bt Appelgren/Thorsell -19, 20, 18, 8.  
**Final:**  
 GRUBBA/KUCHARSKI bt Jonyer/Klampar  
 19, 20, -18, -15, 19.

**Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
 Hammersley/L. Jarvis (ENG) bt Hernvall/Lindvall  
 18, -14, 17, 16;  
 An Hae Sook/Hwang Nam Sook bt Hrachova/Pelikanova  
 -17, 12, 9, 23;  
 Kim Kyung Ja/Lee Soo Ja bt A. Olschanski/Sus Wenzel  
 (GFR) 14, 6, 13;  
 M. Stork (GFR)/Thiriet bt Hellman/Lindblad 12, 13, 8.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 An Hae Sook/Hwang Nam Sook bt Hammersley/Jarvis  
 15, 9, 19;  
 Kim Kyung Ja/Lee Soo Ja bt Stork/Thiriet 13, 15, 19;  
**Final:**  
 KIM KYUNG JA/LEE SOO JA bt An Hae Sook/Hwang  
 Nam Sook 15, 14, 18.

**Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
 Lee Sang Kook (KRR)/Lee Soo Ja bt Dvoracek/Pelikanova  
 19, 14;  
 Thorsell/Lindblad bt P. Renverse/B. Abgrall (FRA) 15, 16;  
 Bengtsson/Hernvall bt Pansky/Hrachova 17, 14;  
 Kim Wan (KRR)/Kim Kyung Ja bt Douglas/Jarvis 20, 19.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Thorsell/Lindblad bt Lee Sang Kook/Lee Soo Ja 4, 15;  
 Bengtsson/Hernvall bt Kim Wan/Kim Kyung Ja 19, -12, 21.  
**Final:**  
 THORSELL/LINDBLAD bt Bengtsson/Hernvall 19, 13.

**Men's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 T. Johansen (NOR) bt A. Evans (WAL) 10, 11;  
 J. Payne (MI) bt M. Thomas (WAL) 16, 14;  
 N. Thomas (WAL) bt P. Campagnolle (FRA) -18, 22, 20;  
 S. Kathuria (IND) bt C. Wilson (MI) 14, -19, 20.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Payne bt Johansen 16, -21, 19;  
 Kathuria bt Thomas 8, -23, 19.  
**Final:**  
 PAYNE bt Kathuria 17, 13.

**Women's Consolation Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 M. Aucoin (CAN) bt S. Javerliac (FRA) -8, 19, 11;  
 M. Toussaint (LUX) bt U. Cardoso (POR) 8, 15;  
 B. Abgrall (FRA) bt D. Bourdages (CAN) 19, 4;  
 C. D'Hondt (BEL) bt L. Tyler (WAL) 16, 11.  
**Semi-finals:**  
 Toussaint bt Aucoin -19, 11, 12;  
 Abgrall bt D'Hondt 11, 14.  
**Final:**  
 ABRALL bt Toussaint 14, 13.

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## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

### PRESTON PRESS ON

Big match recently in Division 1 of the Lancashire and Cheshire TTL was the meeting of Salford and Preston at Eccles Youth Centre on Jan. 9.

Denied the services of both Donald Parker and Paul Rainford for their December engagement away to Bury, when they were held to a 5-all draw. Preston had a full strength representation at Eccles where both Rainford and Steve Turner lost to Phil Bowen.

But those were the only two sets to escape from Preston's grasp of the two points at stake which brought about Salford's first defeat of the season 2-8. Neither Mark Hankey nor Tony Boasman made any impression on the visitors whose remaining matches at home to Liverpool and Farnworth should see them regain the championship title from Manchester whose only win this season was by 6-4 at home to Liverpool back in October.

Liverpool pulled off their first win of the season at home to Bury on Jan. 9 when their visitors sportingly allowed Keith Williams to play two sets out of order as he arrived late. This doubtless lost them a point when Williams beat Michael Hoy.

Man of the match for Liverpool was Wayne Percival who, apart from beating the Hoy brothers, Graham and Michael, also accounted for Bob Freely and, for good measure, added the doubles in partnering Williams.

Rochdale too registered their first win last month when, at home to Stockport, they won 6-4 thanks to two wins each for Tim Hatton and Tim Malkin together with a solo for Paul Garvin and the doubles.

Farnworth, in their most recent match, beat Manchester 8-2 with trebles recorded by both Denis Neale and Clive Heap with Tony Worthington the only visitor to record a singles success, against Barry Elliot.

### PLACINGS

|            | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Preston    | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 12 | 9 |
| Salford    | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 20 | 7 |
| Farnworth  | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 16 | 5 |
| Stockport  | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 17 | 4 |
| Rochdale   | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 30 | 4 |
| Bury       | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 23 | 3 |
| Liverpool  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 24 | 2 |
| Manchester | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 38 | 2 |

Blackburn, with four wins out of five starts, would appear the promotion favourites from Division 2 (North) whilst in Division 2 (South) Ashton and Wirral, both with 6 pts from four matches, head the division with Macclesfield 1 pt in arrears.

### Leading Positions

#### DIVISION 2 (NORTH)

|             | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Blackburn   | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 21 | 8 |
| Salford 'A' | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 6 |
| Bolton      | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 21 | 6 |

#### DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Ashton       | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 16 | 6 |
| Wirral       | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 17 | 6 |
| Macclesfield | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 19 | 5 |

Bury currently lead Junior Div. 1 and with England-ranked cadet Ian McLoughlin and "A"-listed junior Frazer McEwen have four wins under their belt, their one point dropped being to Barrow in their very first match.

### Leading Positions

|            | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Bury       | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 12 | 9 |
| St. Helens | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 37 | 13 | 8 |
| Barrow     | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 5 |

Entries for the 12th Lancashire Junior 2-Star Open, at the Bolton Institute of Technology on Sunday, Mar. 1, close on Tuesday, Feb. 17 to Gordon Campbell, 10 Newton House, Red Bank School, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside. Phone: 09252-21057.

Entry forms are also out for the 1981 Merseyside 2-Star Open, to be played at Kirky Sports Centre, Valley Road, Liverpool on Friday, Mar. 27 (for locals) and Sat., Mar. 28. Forms can be had from Brian Leeson, 16 Avolon Road, Liverpool L12 9ER. Phone: 051-228-5028. The closing date is Friday, Mar. 6/81.

## WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Miss M. I. Rose

### NO PRIZE FOR GUESSING

All the teams in the Premier Division of the County Championships seem to be suffering from the impact of the National League. The top players are feeling less and less inclined to compete in both competitions and there is no prize for guessing which comes first.

Fortunately the Warwickshire team are

displaying a remarkable capacity to enjoy both and are showing a heart-warming loyalty to the County team. Let us hope it continues.

To date they have won two of their four matches — against Lancashire and Glamorgan and have lost the other two against Yorkshire and Cheshire, by the narrowest of margins, 5-4. Barry Johnson's record is outstanding — he has won 7 of the 8 sets played. Karen Groves is also doing well and has won 3 of her 4 singles, including wins over Joy Grundy of Lancs and Janet Deakin of Cheshire.

### COUNTY 'B'

The 'B' team have an outstanding record winning all of their five matches played, their latest victims were Leics who are our most dangerous opponents the 'B' winning 6-4. The hero of the match was Barry Haywood who beat D. Cannon deuce in the 3rd.

Lester Bertie, Paul Judd, Barry Haywood, Andy Cockerill, Sandra Peakman, Di Hardy, Lynn Brison (Leamington), have combined into a team that will take some stopping.

Another side doing well is the Junior 'A' who have won their first five matches and have strong hopes of honours. Philip Gunn, Ian Smith, Adrian Pilgrim, Fiona Sutton and Helen Rainbow have settled down and combined well as our County Junior Squad. This is the first season that the Juniors have competed in the West Division and by their results so far travelling obviously suits them. Their latest match was against Worcester where they achieved a very fine 9-1 win, pride of place in this game must surely go to Ian Smith who beat Jeremy Duffield 17 in the 3rd, well done Ian.

The Junior 'B' team (cadets) had not won a game until match No. 5 when they played Hereford winning 10-0 which obviously proves all they need is a little confidence, they are a very young side with high prospects for the future and they are steadily improving.

### WARWICKSHIRE CLUB COMPETITION (B. MACKIE CUP) (HANDICAPS)

After last year's successful event the entries are the highest ever — 46 teams.

Last year's winners Longacre will be looking to follow up on their last season's success with a repeat performance.

### WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

Everybody concerned with the first days' 'Round Robin' of the Warwickshire League, at the West Warwickshire Club, agreed it was a big success — and a much better system of playing these matches.

It saves costs all round, solves the problem of finding venues, and is an opportunity for players to get together.

The results so far show South Birmingham League being 2 points clear.

### LEAGUE TABLES

|                     | P | W | L | F  | A  | P |
|---------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| 1 South Birmingham  | 3 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 6  | 6 |
| 2 East Birmingham   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 8  | 4 |
| 3 B'ham Bus. Houses | 3 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 4 |
| 4 Nuneaton          | 3 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 14 | 2 |
| 5 Stratford         | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 2 |
| 6 Leamington        | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4  | 23 | 0 |

The second day's play will be on SUNDAY, 22nd Mar., 1981 — again at the West Warwickshire Club. The one amendment is that the first session will commence at 2.00 p.m. (not 10.00 a.m.), and the second at 5.00 p.m. — after tea.

In view of the success of the experiment, it is hoped that one of the other Leagues (Leamington, Nuneaton, Stratford) will volunteer to stage the League next season — on the same basis.

### COVENTRY GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION

Congratulations go to the Coventry and District Table Tennis Association on attaining their 50th Anniversary.

To celebrate this milestone in their

history a Golden Jubilee Year Celebration Table Tennis International between ENGLAND v CZECHOSLOVAKIA was played at Coventry Sports Centre on Tuesday, 20th Jan., 1981.

As a final item — Congratulations go to Pat Glynn who was chosen to represent the Ireland team against Spain a very well earned honour Pat.

## REVISED SENIOR RANKINGS

### JILL REINSTATED

Following her return to competitive play the former European Champion, Jill Hammersley, has been reinstated at No. 1 in the new England women's ranking list.

In the men's list Paul Day is back at No. 3 behind Desmond Douglas and John Hilton, but the biggest leap in the revised rankings is by 25-years-old Ian Horsham of Essex who comes straight into the list at No. 13, thanks to his results in the recent Cleveland 3-Star Open.

Revised rankings (previous position in brackets):

#### Men

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

#### Women

- 1 Jill Hammersley (Bu) (1a)
- 2 Linda Jarvis (Sy) (1)
- 3 Karen Witt (Bk) (2)
- 4 Alison Gordon (Bk) (3)
- 5 Carole Knight (Cv) (4)
- 6 Melody Hill (Y) (6)
- 7 Anita Stevenson (Le) (5)
- 8 Mandy Smith (Bk) (7)
- 9 Angela Mitchell (Mi) (8)
- 10 Joy Grundy (La) (9)
- 11 Lisa Bellinger (Bd) (—)
- 12 Suzanne Hunt (Li) (11)
- 13 Elaine Short (nee Lamb) (Dv) (—)
- 14 Karen Smith (nee Rogers) (Le) (10)
- 15 Julie McLean (Y) (13)
- 16 Claire Maisey (W1) (15)

Omitted from the previous lists are: Men - David Barr (Bk) (16) and Colin Wilson (Mi) (20).

Women - List reduced from 18 to 16 places - Sally Midgley (Y) (12), Cheryl Buttery (Li) (14), Helen Shields (Y) (16), Mandy Reeves (Bk) (17) and Jill Harris (St) (18).

## SEALINK SIGN ANOTHER OVERSEAS PLAYER

Barry Griffiths, the talented New Zealand young table tennis player has been signed by National League Champions, Sealink Milton Keynes.

Still only 16 years old, he is already ranked No. 3 senior in his country and is the 1980 New Zealand Under-16 and Under-18 Champion and a member of the New Zealand team for the 1981 World championships.

At Sealink, he is joining a truly all international line-up which includes England No. 7 Doug Johnson, Scottish No. 1 Richard Yule and Australian No 1 Bob Tuckett.

Brian Ashton, Sealink Milton Keynes General Manager said of his new signing, "We have acquired exceptional talent in Barry because already he has a victory over Bob Tuckett under his belt and Tuckett has only been beaten twice in the National League this season. We have also proved yet again that it is still possible to attract top overseas players into this country and that is very important for English Table Tennis at present".

Barry is due in Britain during the first week in February and he will be using his National League experience with Sealink as part of his build-up to this year's Worlds.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

### STILL CAUTIOUS

World Championships rivals Dougie Johnson and Graham Sandley were due to meet on Feb. 8 when last season's champions, Sealink Milton Keynes were fixtured to play Ellenborough. Sandley and Johnson together with Bob Potton, are fighting for the two remaining places for Novi Sad.

Ellenborough, defeated 7-2 earlier in the season, seek revenge over Sealink, who no longer have the services of England No. 5 Potton — now playing for the Nikon Club in Holland. Cambs club, Soham, seem certain to win this season's Premier Division title, leading by 2 pts with a match in hand. But team manager Eric Day is cautious "We could still slip up", he said, "If we lose the two matches against Ormesby and Sealink we would be in dire trouble". Indeed, Soham were not due an easy match on Feb. 8 at home to Fellows Cranleigh who have Ian Horsham and Peter McQueen much in form that could damage Soham's bid.

### CURRENT TABLE

|                       | P  | W | L | F  | A  | P  |
|-----------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| Soham                 | 9  | 8 | 1 | 57 | 24 | 16 |
| Sealink Milton Keynes | 10 | 7 | 3 | 65 | 25 | 14 |
| Ellenborough          | 10 | 7 | 3 | 51 | 39 | 14 |
| Macleans Maidenhead   | 10 | 6 | 4 | 50 | 40 | 12 |
| Ormesby I             | 10 | 5 | 5 | 49 | 41 | 10 |
| Fellows Cranleigh     | 10 | 4 | 6 | 34 | 56 | 8  |
| Unity                 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 64 | 4  |
| Dunlop Sports         | 9  | 0 | 9 | 19 | 62 | 0  |

### DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Bristol Cashmans have signed 21-years-old Ian Kenyon in a desperate bid to beat Seagulls in their scheduled match for Feb. 8. Kenyon (Kent) won the men's singles title at the Kirklees Open on Feb. 1 and comes in at No. 1 for Cashmans over Kevin Satchell, Martyn Smith, David Harvey and Gary Lambert.

### TABLE

|                      | P | W | L | F  | A  | P  |
|----------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Seagulls             | 9 | 7 | 2 | 54 | 27 | 14 |
| Bristol Cashmans     | 8 | 6 | 2 | 51 | 21 | 12 |
| Generation II        | 8 | 6 | 2 | 44 | 28 | 12 |
| St. Neots            | 9 | 5 | 4 | 46 | 35 | 10 |
| Gunnersbury Triangle | 9 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 45 | 6  |
| March                | 9 | 3 | 6 | 32 | 49 | 6  |
| Prudential Ibis      | 8 | 0 | 8 | 27 | 65 | 0  |

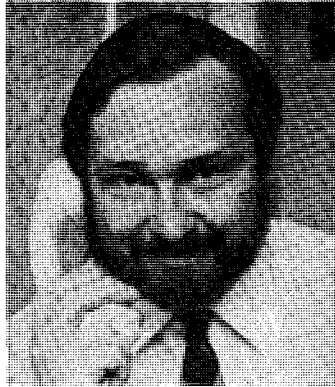
### DIVISION 2 NORTH

City of Newcastle continue their relentless drive for promotion having beaten their nearest rivals Salford Select.

### TABLE

|                     | P  | W  | L | F  | A  | P  |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| City of Newcastle   | 10 | 10 | 0 | 73 | 17 | 20 |
| Salford Select      | 10 | 8  | 2 | 63 | 27 | 16 |
| Norton              | 10 | 7  | 3 | 60 | 30 | 14 |
| Tarmac W'hampton    | 10 | 6  | 4 | 50 | 40 | 12 |
| Ormesby II          | 10 | 4  | 6 | 38 | 52 | 8  |
| Stockton Select     | 10 | 3  | 7 | 30 | 60 | 6  |
| South West Durham   | 10 | 1  | 9 | 27 | 63 | 2  |
| Billingham JD White | 10 | 1  | 9 | 19 | 71 | 2  |

# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION



**DAVID LOMAS**  
reports . . .

The Area Finals of the National School Team Championships — organised by the ESTTA and sponsored by Stiga took place on the weekend of Jan. 17/18 at twelve venues throughout the country.

The winning teams are due to compete in the Regional stages of the Championships which are scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22 at Leeds (Moor Grange High School), Stroud (Leisure Centre) and Orpington (Walnuts Sports Centre). The winners then go forward to the National Finals at Lea Green Centre, Matlock on Saturday, April 4.

Some well-known schools have already been eliminated but a battle royal seems ensured should Millom (Cumbria) and The Grove, Market Drayton emerge unscathed from the Regional stage. There is little doubt that these two schools are the leading table tennis schools in the country.

Because of the small entry from U-11 Girls' teams separate arrangements have been made with regard to that competition. The South & East Regional Final took place at the same time as the Area 12 Finals, at Monks Hill Sports Centre, South Croydon, on Jan. 18. Ramridge Junior School, Luton are thus the first team to qualify for the National Finals.

## NORTH REGION

### AREA 1 (at Bishop Auckland)

B19 Newcastle Royal Grammar (Tyne & Wear)

G19 Woodham (Durham)

B16 Ryhope (Tyne & Wear)

G16 Bishop Barrington (Durham)

B13 Newcastle Royal Grammar (Tyne & Wear)

G13 Ryhope (Tyne & Wear)

B11 Castle View (Tyne & Wear)

Best prospects in this area look to be Newcastle Royal Grammar School with Martin Schapira at No. 1.

### AREA 2 (at Leeds)

B19 Allerton Grange, Leeds (West Yorkshire)

G19 Buttershaw, Bradford (West Yorkshire)

B16 Grange, Bradford (West Yorkshire)

G16 Lawnswood, Leeds (West Yorkshire)

B13 Sandal Middle, Wakefield (West Yorkshire)

G13 Wold Junior High, Hull (Humberside)

B11 Archbishop Cranmer, Leeds (West Yorkshire)

A very good day for West Yorkshire teams.

### AREA 3 (at Fleetwood)

B19 Culcheth High (Cheshire)

G19 Millom (Cumbria)

B16 Queen Katherine, Kendal (Cumbria)

G16 Millom

B13 Millom

G13 Millom

B11 Rainford Junior (Merseyside)

Organiser Bob Wood reports another day of domination for Millom but also says that Culcheth have a strong B19 team.

### AREA 4 (at Grantham)

B19 Frank Wheldon (Notts)

G19 St. Helena, Chesterfield (Derbyshire)

B16 Tupton Hall (Derbyshire)

G16 Tupton Hall (Derbyshire)

B13 Granville, Burton on Trent (Derbyshire)

G13 Tupton Hall (Derbyshire)

B11 Staveley Junior (Derbyshire)

A good day for Derbyshire teams in general and Tupton Hall in particular. In the Boys U-16 event Tupton Hall's No. 1, Alan Cooke defeated Chris Bryan of Grantham whilst 12-years-old Andrew Henry was undefeated.

## MIDLANDS & WEST REGION

### AREA 5 (at Wolverhampton)

B19 Sheldon Heath (West Midlands)

G19 Walton High, Stafford (Staffs)

B16 Moseley Park (West Midlands)

G16 Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire)

B13 Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire)

G13 Grove, Market Drayton (Shropshire)

B11 Market Drayton County Primary (Shropshire)

Ann Durnall reports a disappointing standard in this Area but Moseley Park look a strong team in Boys' U-16.

### AREA 6 (at Bromsgrove and Stratford)

B19 Cheltenham Grammar (Gloucestershire)

G19 Stroud High (Gloucestershire)

B16 Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby (Warwickshire)

G16 Charlton Park Convent (Gloucestershire)

B13 Sladen Middle, Kidderminster (Hereford & Worcs)

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B11 Chalford Hill, Stroud (Gloucestershire)

Due to high entries this Area Final took place at two venues. Murray Jukes at No. 1 for Sladen B13.

### AREA 7 (at Callington)

B19 Millfield (Somerset)

G19 Yeovil College (Somerset)

B16 Exmouth (Devon)

G16 Chilton Trinity (Somerset)

B13 Cambourne (Cornwall)

G13 Millfield Junior (Somerset)

B11 Camborne County Primary (Cornwall)

Defeat for former finalists Callington in G16 who lost 5-3 after taking a 3-0 lead against Chilton Trinity. Gary Lambert at No. 1 for Exmouth.

### AREA 8 (at Bournemouth)

B19 Portsmouth G.S. (Hampshire)

G19 Itchen College (Hampshire)

B16 Ifield, Crawley (West Sussex)

G16 Bournemouth School for Girls (Dorset)

B13 Bournemouth School for Boys (Dorset)

G13 Ifield, Crawley (West Sussex)

B11 St. Michael's, Wimborne (Dorset)

Current title holders Bournemouth School for Girls went out on a doubles decider in the Girls' U-19 event but in the Girls' U-16 even another doubles decider saw them through.

## SOUTH & EAST REGION

### AREA 9 (at St. Neots)

B19 Bedford Modern (Beds)

G19 Longsands, St. Neots (Cambridgeshire)

B16 Van Dyke Upper, Leighton Buzzard (Beds)

G16 Manshead, Dunstable (Beds)

B13 Bedford Modern (Beds)

G13 Ipswich High (Suffolk)

B11 Bedford Modern School (Beds)

Manshead (G16) have very strong team which is headed by the Bellinger sisters.

### AREA 10 (at Reading)

B19 St. John the Baptist (Surrey County)

G19 Goff's, Cheshunt (Hertfordshire)

B16 Gosford Hill (Oxfordshire)

G16 Gosford Hill (Oxfordshire)

B13 Maiden Erlegh, Earley (Berkshire)

G13 Maiden Erlegh, Earley (Berkshire)

B11 Wallop (Surrey County)

National champions, Aldrynton, were "walloped" 6-2 in the Boys U-11 event. Goff's U-19 very strong.

### AREA 11 (at Picketts Lock, Edmonton)

B19 Stepney Green (Inner London)

G19 Brampton Manor, Newham (Essex Met)

B16 St. Martin's Brentwood (Essex County)

B13 Stepney Green (Inner London)

G13 Brampton Manor, Newham (Essex Met)

B11 Lyndhurst House (Inner London)

Sisters Anita and Helen Mancini play in the Clacton team. Brampton Manor keep the familiar Newham flag flying.

### AREA 12 (at Croydon)

B19 Borden, Sittingborne (Kent County)

G19 Tolworth, Surbiton (Surrey Met)

B16 Rutlish, Morden (Surrey Met)

G16 Conyngham, Ramsgate (Kent County)

B13 Donhead Lodge, Wimbledon (Surrey Met)

G13 Putteridge, Luton (Bedfordshire)

B11 Otford County Primary (Kent County)

ESTTA Competitions Secretary Eddie Mitchell is a former pupil of Donhead Lodge, Boys' U-13 winners. And would you believe it the team sheet was signed by the teacher who nursed him through the 11 plus almost 30 years ago!

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

### February

12/14 THE NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS, Black Lion Sports Centre, Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent. Finals: Saturday, Feb. 14 at 1.30 p.m.

14 Exeter Junior 1-Star Open.

15 17th Cheshire 1-Star Junior Open, Grange Road West Sports Centre, Birkenhead, Merseyside (From 9.30 a.m.).

15 Lanarkshire Youth and Junior Open \*\*

15 National League (12).

21 Halton Junior 1-Star Open (Runcorn, Merseyside).

21/22 Essex 3-Star Open (Harlow).

22 ESTTA Regional Team Finals.

28 County Championships (6).

### March

1 Coventry 1-Star Open.

1 12th Lancashire Junior 2-Star Open, Bolton Institute of Technology, Deane Road, Bolton (From 9.30 a.m. Finals at 7 p.m.) (Closing date: Feb. 17/81).

1 National League (13).

7/8 The Durham County 2-Star Open, Easington District Leisure Centre, St. Cuthberts Road, Peterlee, Co. Durham (From 9 a.m. each day. Finals 7.30 p.m. Sat. Junior and Cadet events, Sun. Senior and Vets events).

7/8 Junior Ranking Tournament (South) The Breat Club, North London.

8 Edinburgh Youth and Junior Open \*\* (Meadowbank S.C.).

12 EUROPEAN LEAGUE - SUPER DIVISION

England v Hungary (Ipswich).

14 County Championships (7).

14/15 Junior Premier Weekend - County Championships.

15 East of England 2-Star Open (North Hykeham, Lincoln).

21 Cornish Junior 1-Star Open.

21/22 Cleveland Junior 2-Star 'Select' (Eston).

22 Scottish Closed Championships (Meadowbank S.C.).

## NATIONAL CLUB KNOCK-OUT CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S COMPETITION - Season 1980-81  
ROUND 3

Closing date: 22nd February, 1981

### ZONE 1

Netherfield (Westmorland) (a) Bye  
Thornaby Youth Club (Stockton) (b) Bye

### ZONE 2

Savoy (Fleetwood) v  
Alderley (Wirral) (a)  
Wavertree Labour (Liverpool) v  
Flixton CC (Sale) (b)

### ZONE 3

Nottingham YMCA (Nottingham) v  
Sheepbridge 'A' (Chesterfield) (a)  
Penmaen (Wyberton) v  
Ruston Bucyrus (Lincoln) (b)

**ZONE 4**

- St. Andrews (Derby) v  
South Yardley (Birmingham) (a)  
Grove School (Market Drayton) v  
Phoenix (Coventry) (b)

**ZONE 5**

- Dagenham Dock (Dagenham) v  
Maldon (Chelmsford) (b)  
Soham (Cambridge) v  
Fellows Cranleigh (Barking) (b)

**ZONE 6**

- Kidlington Forum (Oxford) v  
Exiles (Central London) (a)  
Goffs Oak (Cheshunt) v  
Ellenborough (North Middlesex) (b)

**ZONE 7**

- Sturdee (Medway) v  
Lloyds Register (Reigate, Redhill) (a)  
Shoreham TTC (Brighton) v  
Civil Service (Hastings) (b)

**ZONE 8**

- RCT (Aldershot) v  
Saints (Exeter) (a)  
Lytchett (Poole) v  
Omega (Reading) (b)

**ROUND 4 DRAW****ZONE 1 A v B****ZONE 2 B v A****ZONE 3 B v A****ZONE 4 A v B****ZONE 5 B v A****ZONE 6 A v B****ZONE 7 B v A****ZONE 8 A v B****ROUND 2 RESULTS**

- Merseyside Fire Brigade (Liverpool BH) 2  
Alderley (Wirral) 7  
Post Office Courier Club (Preston) 2  
Savoy (Fleetwood) 7  
Flixton CC (Sale) 5 ELPM (Bury) 3  
Mawdsley Village (Southport) 1  
Wavertree Labour (Liverpool) 5  
Phoenix (Coventry) 5  
Moseley Park Schools (Wolves) 2  
Maldon (Chelmsford) 5 Grove (Harlow) 2  
Soham (Cambridge) awarded match against  
Dunstable Young Peoples Club (Dunstable)  
Fellows Cranleigh (Barking) 8  
Gidea Park LTC (Romford) 1  
Dagenham Dock (Dagenham) 6  
Ship Carbon (Becontree) 3  
Gunnersbury Triangle (Acton) 0  
Ellenborough (North Middlesex) 8  
Kidlington Forum (Oxford) 5  
Cippenham (Slough) 3  
Exiles (High Wycombe) 2  
Goffs Oak (Cheshunt) 5  
P.O. Supplies (Woolwich) 1  
Exiles (Central London) 8  
Sturdee (Medway) 8  
Sandown (Tunbridge Wells) 1  
Lytchett (Poole) walkover against  
Merton (Bournemouth)  
Omega (Reading) walkover against  
Weston YMCA (Bristol)  
VRS SPORTS (Portsmouth) 3  
RCT (Aldershot) 6  
Saints (Exeter) 9  
St. Andrews (South Devon) 0

The draw for the Quarter-finals of the Women's Competition for the Gainsford Cup is:

- Grove School (Market Drayton) v  
Clayton Heights (Bradford) (a)  
Fellows Cranleigh (Barking) v  
Ellenborough (North Middlesex) (b)  
Chilton (Bridgwater) v  
Exeter Community Centre (Exeter) (c)  
Merton (Bournemouth) v  
Omega (Reading) (d)

**First Round Result**

- Maldon (Chelmsford) 1  
Fellows Cranleigh (Barking) 5

**SEMI-FINAL DRAW**

Closing date: 22nd March, 1981

First team drawn plays at home

B v A

C v D

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE NOTES**

by Leslie Smith

Gloucestershire now has its own Independent Radio Station, "Severn Sound", and on its Saturday afternoon sports programme, Alf Pepper, the Gloucester League Press Officer has been given a regular table tennis spot to give all the news of what's happening in the three local leagues.

The Schools' individual championships have a new venue this season, Saintbridge School, Gloucester, when a big entry is expected for the event which takes place in March.

The County senior team continue to find the going tough, losing at home to Leicestershire 2-8 and away to Notts 4-6. In the Leics match, John Turner had his first success at senior level when he beat K. Fellows, Cathy Robb winning the other set. The Notts match was closely fought, with six sets going to a decider, Graham Slack showing his best form yet for the seniors, while for determination, the performance of Team Secretary, Jean Golding takes some beating, coming back from 15-20 down in the 3rd to beat Gloria Stocks 22-20!

The Juniors for their away match with Hants were badly affected by illness, but full marks go to the team for returning with a 5-5 draw.

In the match at home to Glamorgan at Nailsworth Boy's Club, the team seemed to be having things all their own way. Following Andrew Golding's opening win against the Welsh No. 2 Andrew Jones, the home team quickly built up a 4-0 lead, including a first girls' doubles success for Nina Tsakarisianos and Clare Symonds. But from then on things went wrong for Gloucs, Darren Griffin and Andrew Golding losing their first boys' doubles for 2 years. Glamorgan continued the fight back to level the match score at 4-4, but Nina wasted no time in beating Susan Jones 19 and 11 to leave Richard Russell to clinch the match by beating Ceri Phillips in one of the best junior matches seen in Gloucestershire for some years.

**SOMERSET NOTES**

by Jill Green

Somerset Juniors took their first win of the season against Devon III's winning 8-2. It was the first match that Somerset Junior No. 1, David Lee, has played in as he has been representing the senior team. He took his two singles as did Dean Sully. Dean also took his two singles when Somerset met Avon, but on that occasion the team lost 4-6.

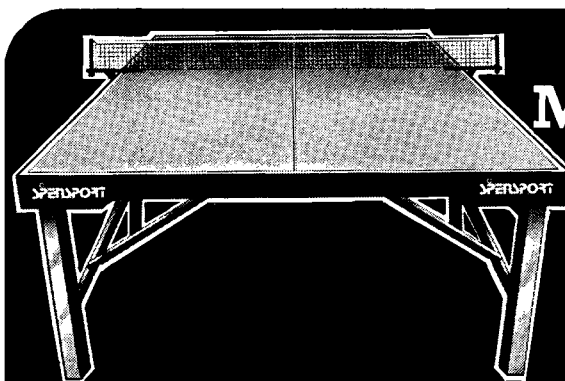
Somerset Junior, Mark Bryant, has been ranked No. 1 in the South West after the U-14 trials and our congratulations go to him for his efforts.

Turning to the senior Somerset sides, the only win achieved from recent matches was Somerset II v Herefordshire. The team won 6-4 with Steve Manlow taking two singles and Graham Green, John Crabtree, Judy Wodehouse and Nicki Palk taking a singles each. Somerset II did not have the same success against Dorset II. They only succeeded in taking the men's doubles in a 9-1 result in favour of Dorset.

Somerset's first team have played three matches in the past two months. Their first was against Gwent at Nailsea the result being 6-4 in Gwent's favour with the women taking all their sets for Somerset and Brian Reeves taking a singles for the men.

The next match was against Berkshire who beat us 9-1 with Brian the only winner. The most recent match was against Avon, played in the usual friendly spirit, but the end result was the reverse of last season with Avon winning 8-2. Brian Reeves and Jill Green took a singles each but a mention must be made of Manlow, making his first team debut, and making the Avon players earn their victory.

The final results to report on are the Bridgwater men's and women's teams' efforts in the National competitions — the Wilmott and Rose Bowl. The men lost their match 4-5 to Torbay but the women were victorious over West Cornwall 6-3 and now have to play Swindon in the next round.



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Pictured here presenting the award is Express and Echo deputy sports editor, Mitchell Alexander. In the centre is Keith's daughter, Sandra, who nominated her father, and the Devon Association chairman, Mr. D. Rattue is on the left.

Photo by courtesy of Express and Echo, Exeter, Devon.

## KEITH PONTING HONOURED

K. T. O. Ponting, Devon's National Councillor and Exeter's "Mr. Ping Pong" had a pre-Christmas surprise when he read his copy of the local Express and Echo. For it was then he knew, for the first time, he was the tenth winner of the paper's 'Service to Sport' award.

Keith, secretary of the Exeter and Dist. TTL and of the Devon TTA, was nominated by his daughter, Sandra. "I think my dad deserves one of your awards" said 18-year-old Sandra.

"At home he is always working on something to do with table tennis. He likes to give the youngsters something to do so they are not going out causing trouble, and he loves to organise things".

Keith's administrative ability was recognised in 1972 when he was the first recipient of the Ivor Montagu award for outstanding national administration.

The Express and Echo award — a trophy and £20 cheque — is jointly given by the paper and Rothmans to people who carry out behind the scenes work for their sport voluntarily while showing loyalty and dedication.

Keith, of 21 Southport Avenue, Redhills, Exeter, has certainly done this since he has been involved with his favourite sport. His 13 years as secretary of the Exeter League makes him the longest serving secretary the league has had since its formation in 1913. He has been secretary of the Devon Association for 10 years.

Keith is the secretary of the national team competitions committee of the ETTA and organises all the national inter-league and national inter-club competitions throughout England.

He is chairman of the new National League and a member of the ETTA calendar working party. An interest in sport for the disabled led Keith to becoming involved with a table tennis club for the handicapped. His service to table tennis was recognised again recently when the ETTA made him a vice-president.

"Between all this work he does a full-time job yet still finds time for his family" said Sandra. "I think he is a worthy nomination and I am sure many people would agree with me".

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NOTES

by Dennis Millman

### "HOME AND DRY"

Shortage of space and lateness of copy caused my January notes to be terminated in mid stream and so this month I will begin by repeating that results from the South East Midlands remain difficult to obtain and even harder to assess, but nevertheless some honours seem certain to come Northants way, with Kettering 'home and dry' in the Men's Second Division, having won all six matches for a total of forty eight points.

As in other spheres, Keith Nicoll has excelled in this competition, winning all twelve singles and sharing in five doubles successes with Steve West, who himself has taken eleven rubbers out of twelve. Ken Nicoll and John Sanders completed a finely balanced team and remained undefeated at doubles, with Nicoll adding nine singles victories.

Kettering has also made an impact on the Junior First Division, despite the loss of the Nicoll twins, with five wins from seven starts, as Richard Malfait and Terry Cardwell provided the majority of points, while the talented Wellingborough trio of juniors, Ian Hawes, Neil Ridge and Stephen Kendall could well join them by winning the Second Division this season.

Wellingborough also possess a strong hand at Veteran level, with Dave Marsh and Dennis Millman, mainly responsible for their second place in last year's St. Neots Winter League, again well to the fore, and John Palmer joining them for the vital confrontation with a strong Milton Keynes side, which resulted in a 7-3 success and assured Wellingborough of the Second Division Title.

Unfortunately the premature, but hopefully temporary, retirement of Anne Wallis has decimated the Wellingborough side, with Kettering taking full advantage of the situation for Glennis Hooper, Anne Lenton and Jane Nicoll to win the local derby 6-1, thus gaining the first Kettering success in these encounters for almost a decade. As a result, Northampton Ladies with strength in depth from Joyce Porter, Margaret Maltby, Helen Cottier, Connie Bane and Celia Abrahams could take the honours for the first time.

On the League front, changes seem to be imminent, for most recent winners of Northampton's Premier Division, YMCA 'A' already appear to be out of contention, despite the continuing availability of the much travelled Steve Lyon, the one time incomparable John Goodall and the seemingly ageless Dick Ingle. Currently ACC 'A' lead the table comprising Brian Wooding, John Sanders, Mick Hawes and Neil Knatt, with the dedicated Wooding currently heading the Northampton averages. Strangely, this same quartet failed appreciably to wrest the Wellingborough title from Rothborough 'A' last season, and this year they could well be beaten at the post by YMCA 'B's' trio of Romano Gallo, David Gallo and John Horne who at the last count had only fulfilled seven matches, but who earlier in the season had inflicted a 6-4 defeat on the leaders.

Only Rothborough 'A' of the perennial County League champions seem likely to retain their title and this to some extent illustrated the sudden decline in standards at the top of the Wellingborough League, rather than Rothborough's invincibility, although Keith and Ken Nicoll together with Richard Malfait make up a formidable trio.

Kettering Town 'A' have retained the Kettering Premier League Championship for five seasons now, but Rothborough 'A' are pulling out all the stops this season, even to the extent of giving Gary Alden his long overdue comeback in the Kettering side, eight seasons after his ill-timed departure. With Keith Nicoll also available on a more regular basis, and Town 'A' too frequently below full strength, this could well be the year for Rothborough to end Town's domination and record a second win in this competition, with the first coming immediately before Town's present unbroken run of success, in 1974-75. The latest leading positions in the Kettering League are as follows:

|                          | P  | W  | D | L | P   |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|
| 1 Kettering Town 'A' ... | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 106 |
| 2 Rothborough 'A' .....  | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 105 |
| 3 Electricity 'A' .....  | 13 | 9  | 1 | 3 | 87  |
| 4 Wellingborough T. 'A'  | 13 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 80  |
| 5 Thrapston 'A' .....    | 13 | 7  | 1 | 5 | 77  |

### LEADING AVERAGES

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 Steve West (EMEB 'A')          | 38-39=97.4% |
| 2 Ken Nicoll (Rothborough 'A')   | 33-36=91.7% |
| 3 Geoff Atkinson (Thrapston 'A') | 31-36=86.1% |
| 4 John Sanders (K. Town 'A')     | 31-36=86.1% |
| 5 Dennis Millman (K. Town 'A')   | 31-39=79.5% |
| 6 Mick Hawes (Keystone)          | 21-27=77.8% |

On the County Championship scene, four matches have taken place during the January, with only the Veterans ending on the winning side in an enthralling encounter against Bedfordshire. Joyce Porter was again invincible, with her positive attacking style, but on this occasion she received most support from Dennis Millman who played and won the final singles against Peter Cutting to give Northants a 5-4 victory.

The Juniors also had a good result when they shared the honours with a young Shropshire side, Ian Hawes and Graeme McKin winning two singles each and Richard Malfait contributing the vital fifth set.

Romano Gallo, much more at home at second team level, again demonstrated his undoubted ability against Worcestershire Seconds but with support coming only from Glennis Hooper the match was narrowly lost, while the First after a fourth successive defeat, can only hope that Gary Alden will soon return to bolster a side badly needing someone to restore the confidence that disappeared with his departure from the action, fifteen months ago.



### SUPER LEAGUE LEADERS

England's European League squad pose before the action against Czechoslovakia at Belper in a match sponsored by Autowindscreens (Chesterfield) Ltd. From l to r: Linda Jarvis, Paul Day, Jill Hammersley (at the wheel), Desmond Douglas, John Hilton and NPC Peter Simpson.

An analysis of their European League records of the last five seasons:

|                 |    | P  | W  |
|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Desmond Douglas | MS | 60 | 40 |
|                 | XD | 31 | 19 |
| John Hilton     | MS | 18 | 11 |
|                 | WS | 24 | 20 |
| Linda Jarvis    | XD | 29 | 18 |
|                 | MD | 6  | 3  |

K. Ring (Ire) bt H. Frost (La) 16, -21, 13;  
J. Myers (La) bt P. Blair (Ire) 10, 6;  
S. Powell (Wal) bt A. Reilly (Ire) -12, 20, 17;  
C. Hemming (La) bt V. Skeats (Wal)  
-16, 11, 7.

#### Semi-finals:

Myers bt Ring 11, 14;  
Powell bt Hemming 19, 17.

#### Final:

MYERS bt Powell 16, 21.

#### Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

C. Slevin/A. Walsh (Ire) bt O'Leary/Stark  
15, -19, 18;  
Rudge/J. Duffield (Wo) bt Jones/G. Wilkins  
(Wal) 12, 12.

#### Final:

SLEVIN/WALSH bt Rudge/Duffield 10, 12.

#### Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Blair/E. Tuohy (Ire) bt H. Cotter/J. Sully  
(Wal) 19, 13;  
S. Jones (Wal)/Myers bt Reilly/Ring 12, 14.

#### Final:

JONES/MYERS bt Blair/Tuohy 13, 19.

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

Gleave bt A. Slevin (Ire) 12, 15;  
J. Ellis (Ch) bt C. Hogarth (La) 15, 10;  
A. Jones (Wal) bt P. Hyde (Sp) 16, 11;  
I. McLoughlin (La) bt B. McGrane 11, 14.

#### Semi-finals:

Gleave bt Ellis 6, -14, 10;  
McLoughlin bt Jones 15, 6.

#### Final:

GLEAVE bt McLoughlin 19, 17.

#### Cadet Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

Sully bt E. McManus (Ire) 11, 14;  
M. Christie (Ire) bt M. Jennings (Ire) 4, 18;  
Cotter bt A. Sherlock (Ire) 10, 11;  
H. Watson (Ire) bt C. Potts (Ch) 21, -18, 18.

#### Semi-finals:

Sully bt Christie 9, 14;  
Cotter bt Watson 15, 12.

#### Final:

COTTER bt Sully -15, 18, 10.

## AVON NOTES

by Paul F. Hewitt

### RECOVERY CONTINUED

Avon County teams have continued their recovery to better form having played seven matches and lost just the one. The first team, now including reinstated Martin Smith as their No. 1, have come to form with a real bang recording a good 7-3 win away at Gwent when Smith with Avon champion Andy Creed got five sets between them and were backed up by a singles and doubles from Tina Shortman. Their next match was even better when they entertained Somerset at Weston, and beat them for the first time since Avon was created. Set of the night was the first Creed beating Brian Reeves on his way to remaining unbeaten on the night. Smith got one . . . losing to Reeves, Paul Jackson got two and both the girls got on the score sheet, Shortman with a singles, and Rebecca Russe joined her for a great doubles win.

Jackson, Shortman and Russe are also playing some great table tennis for the Junior first team as well, though against Wiltshire neither girl got a singles though they got the doubles which earned Avon the draw. Against Devon II they were in top form winning 8-2 with Chris Ross playing splendidly. The only sets to elude the visitors were the girls' doubles and one of Paul Hooper's singles.

The Veterans' team has been much changed this season and the results have reflected this greatly. Early in Jan. they entertained Dorset II and won 7-2 with J. Morris and Joan Collier remaining unbeaten with Mike Baker and Keith Howse sharing the rest of the sets. John Russell got two singles for Dorset. A very different Avon team went to play the Dorset first team and were hammered 9-0 for the County's first defeat since way before Christmas. They had their chances to pick up a few sets but were unable to capitalise.

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## 3rd N. WALES JUNIOR OPEN

### UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

by Philip Leddy

Rapidly establishing itself as one of the most popular events on the tournament scene the 3rd North Wales Junior Open, held on Jan. 17, once again proved an unqualified success for all concerned. The huge sports complex of Deeside Leisure Centre again provided the venue and the organising team of Mike Holden, Dave Tapp and Harry Maddison from the local East Flint League got through a large programme with the minimum of delay. As expected entries were slightly down on last year's mammoth response, but the appearance of a 50-strong squad from Ireland, who overcame both the weather and the seamen's dispute, more than compensated.

The group system was used in both the Boys' and Girls' preliminaries and Dunlop Sports again supplied the tables etc. Lancastrians proved dominant in last year's event, but this year the Boys' Singles saw an all-Welsh confrontation with top seed Mark Thomas proving too powerful for young Andrew Jones, the revelation of the tournament.

#### RESULTS

##### Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

(113 entries)  
M. Thomas (Wal) bt I. Okosieme (K) 19, 15;  
P. Namdjou (K) bt D. Rudge (Wa) 15, 12;  
A. Jones (Wal) bt M. O'Leary (Mi) 14, 15;  
W. Gleave (Ch) bt A. Stark (Mi) 24, -21, 17.

##### Semi-finals:

Thomas bt Namdjou -21, 17, 18;  
Jones bt Gleave -18, 12, 12.

##### Final:

THOMAS bt Jones 13, 15.

##### Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:

(53 entries)

# ENGLAND v. CZECHOSLOVAKIA

by Mike Watts

As part of their 50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary the Coventry and District TTA hosted a friendly international match between England and Czechoslovakia at the Coventry Sports Centre on Tuesday, Jan. 20/81.

Following an injury sustained some time previously, the Czech star Milan Orlowski had immediately flown back home after their 4-3 defeat by England at Belper the previous Thursday, and this left the Czechs rather short on the ground. However, former European star, and now official National Coach, Vlado Miko decided to flex his muscles at the Cleveland 3-Star and after beating Ian Kenyon (surviving two match points) and Andy Welman he went down in the quarters -20 in the third to Ian Horsham. These encounters prompted Miko to name himself at No. 3 for the Coventry match, much to the consternation of Dougie Johnson and Paul Day who, as likely possible candidates for the World Championships squad, could see their chances dimmed somewhat should Miko be successful.

The staging of the match itself was a complete success, and a large crowd in excess of 600 were provided with an excellent international right from the first rally between Bob Potton and Jindrich Pansky which lasted 36 shots. Eight buglers from the Coventry School of Music provided the opening fanfare, and Coventry can feel very pleased with their organisation, which was first class. The Lord Mayor of Coventry played hosts to the Czech team the previous evening, and also attended for most of the match. On completion a dinner for both teams, officials and specially invited guests was held at the Allesley Hotel.

The match itself got off to a tremendous start with Potton and Pansky both eager to please and swopping shot for shot in a high speed encounter played mainly well away from the table. Pansky took the first game and led 17-12 in the second. Then an uncharacteristic lapse by the young Czech allowed Potton back into the game to lead 20-19 and the game was duly won by Potton at 19 with a tremendously high lob which landed right on top of the net, and onto Pansky's side at an unplayable angle. The third game followed the pattern of the previous two, but this time Potton refused to be intimidated, finally winning 21-19 to great applause from the audience.

Day, eager to enhance his growing reputation as a vital member of the highly successful European League squad, then came to the table to oppose Josef Dvoracek, the European No. 5, and although Day played sensibly he could not penetrate the long range top-spin defence of Dvoracek who uses his long reach to great advantage.

Johnson next opposed the Czech captain Miko, and right from the start it was obvious that Miko would have trouble in reading the spins which Dougie uses. Suffice to say that Johnson also found time to pound Miko with his own special brand of attack and Miko's obvious lack of experience to the current day rigours became more and more obvious, Johnson winning 2-straight to put England 2-1 up.

Two women's singles followed. First Anita Stevenson opposed 18-year-old Alica Pelikanova, the European Youth Runner-up in 1980, and should have won. The set was close, Stevenson winning the first, Pelikanova the second. Pelikanova led 16-14 in the third before a sustained burst from Anita took her to 19-16 but back came Pelikanova to level at 20-20 and finally to win 22-20 to put the match level at 2-2. Jill Hammersley then came to the table to great applause to oppose the 17-year-old

Marie Hrachova, the European Youth Champion of 1980. This match was almost a repeat of the previous weekend's final at Cleveland, with Jill gradually wearing down a very difficult opponent in three games to put England back into the lead for the third time.

Potton came back to the table to oppose Dvoracek with the knowledge that his previous encounter with the tall Czech had resulted in only a close defeat at -19 in both games, but despite all his efforts Dvoracek for the second time in the evening proved why he has risen so rapidly in European circles, winning comfortably.

Day put England back into the lead with a 2-straight thrashing of Miko, but try as much as could be expected, Johnson could not outwit Pansky in the final set, even though it went to three.

Following completion of the match

Dvoracek and Pansky gave a one-game exhibition which delighted the audience, and one was left with the spectacle of Pansky jumping onto the table to volley Dvoracek's high lobs from corner to corner.

Coventry must be congratulated on organising such a successful evening at a venue ideally suited for a European League match in the future.

## RESULTS

R. Potton bt J. Pansky -19, 19, 19;  
 P. Day lost to J. Dvoracek -15, -16;  
 D. Johnson bt V. Miko 14, 16;  
 A. Stevenson lost to A. Pelikanova  
 19, -17, -20;  
 J. Hammersley bt M. Hrachova -14, 14, 15;  
 Potton lost to Dvoracek -14, -13;  
 Day bt Miko 11, 11;  
 Johnson lost to Pansky 17, -15, -14.  
**Final Score:**  
**ENGLAND 4 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4**



German Champion Peter Stellwag

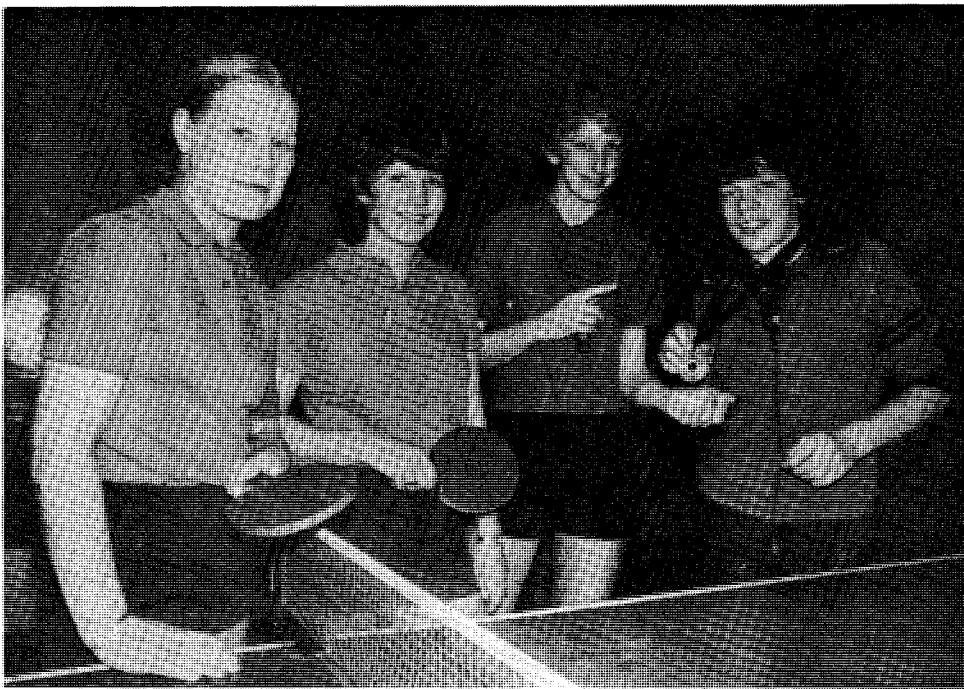


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JOOLA AT TEES SPORT



David Rook of Bradford (extreme right) displays his runners-up medal from the England Cadet Closed at Hinckley where he lost to Billy Gleave in the final. David also reached the semi-final of the Cadet event at the Cotswold Junior Open where he lost to Michael Thomas who was beaten by Carl Preen in the final. David represents Yorkshire Junior II, Bradford IV (seniors), Bradford (Juniors) and Bradford (cadets) who have already won the inter-league title. Lining up with David are Yorkshire's three England-ranked seniors at the Leeds Centre of Excellence (1 to r): Helen Shields (16), Melody Hill (6) and Sally Midgley (12).

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## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Les D'Arcy

### MOOR GRANGE PROVIDE THE GOODS

Twelve Yorkshire players appear in the recent England rankings viz:- Seniors - Melody Hill (nee Ludi) (6), Sally Midgley (12), Julie McLean (13) and Helen Shields (16) and in the men's list Steven Mills (17). Girls - Julie Speight (10). Boys - Tony Sanderson (11). "A" Group - David Illingsworth, Lesley Broomhead and Melanie Seaton. Cadet Boys - David Rook (3) and Martin Firth (8).

Nine of the ranked players are members of the Leeds Moor Grange Centre of Excellence. Chief coach, Hans Soova and his staff, Sylvia Broadbent and Steve Worsman are delighted with this latest achievement of their squad.

The Centre came into being shortly after the Headmaster of Moor Grange School, Mr. Tom Matthews, decided to stop playing tennis. At 54, Tom was looking for a game which combined the skills of tennis with a smaller expenditure of energy. When the teacher in charge of table tennis at Moor Grange left and no one wanted the job, Tom took over, finding just what he wanted.

First he had to learn to play the game himself before he could coach. He took his Coaching Certificate and increased the school's teams from two to eight. But Tom did not stop there. He went on to become English Schools' TTA Chairman and then President. With a leader of this calibre, schools' table tennis had a leader to fight its cause from local to international level.

Groups and individuals became interested. The Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council, led by Cyril Villiers, an enthusiastic table tennis player himself, the L.E.A., the Yorkshire TTA and the Leeds League all helped in different ways. National Coach, Peter Simpson and local coach Colin Morath were both available for advice and in January 1977 the Centre of Excellence was born.

Now, with 12 tables, two large playing areas, an enthusiastic coaching team and guidance from the Y.T.T.A., the Centre will continue to prepare Yorkshire players with the right qualities and attitudes to challenge the best. Meanwhile, Tom Matthews, who is now retired, has set his next target. Every week in term time he visits Leeds Carnegie P.E. College, where he was a former student. Now, he returns to teach the young men and women teachers of the future some of the skills of table tennis and to pass on his positive attitude and philosophy.

He wants his students to have as much fun and satisfaction coaching the younger generation as he has had and in the process, make life a little happier for all who take part.

### COUNTY CHAMPS

The County Championships continue to give indication that all four Yorkshire teams could win their respective divisions. The Premier Division side with a 100% record so far gave increased reason for optimism when they registered their fourth successive victory with an 8-1 win over Staffordshire. Kevin Beadsley, Steve Mills and Melody Hill were all unbeaten.

Yorkshire 2nds have considerably improved their chances with a 9-1 win over Cheshire 2nds and, by the same score, over Durham. Mike Stephenson, Mark Illingsworth, Tony Sanderson, Helen Shields and Julie McLean make a winning blend of youth and experience.

The Junior 2nd Division (North) side have also been in devastating form and enhanced their chances of retaining the championship with two 8-2 wins against Northumberland and over Lincolnshire.

Regulars Michael Stead, Paul Rook, Rachel Brook and Melanie Seaton were joined by Mark Rycroft for the Lincs match. Mark celebrated his debut by winning both his singles.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

In the 1st Division of the National League, Unity of Bradford created a sensation when they took a 5-0 winning lead over former

European Club champions, Ormesby of Cleveland. Newly promoted No. 1 Steve Mills produced a whirlwind attack which was too much for a below form Nicky Jarvis who went down 2-straight. Chris Rogers consolidated against Donald Parker in the finest exhibition I have seen in the National League with both players making some brilliant returns.

Kevin Beadsley pressed home the advantage against Keith Rodger to make it 3-0. If there was to be a fight back by Ormesby then it was at that point, with that warrior of many great battles and six times champion of England, Denis Neale, ready and willing to devour yet another opponent. Steve Turner, without a win in the National Div. 1, must have felt as raw as that cold December afternoon as he faced Denis, but he and his game didn't show it.

He fought for every point to win 24-22 in the 3rd to thunderous applause. It was sheer magic and although Rogers and Beadsley gained the vital doubles to make it 5-0 and a win for Unity, many of the spectators like Steve must have been dreaming action replays of the previous set. Ormesby received some consolation when Parker beat Mills, Jarvis - Beadsley and Neale - Rogers, but it was the Preston lad Turner who crowned his day with a win over Rodger to make it 6-3 to Unity.

At the Yorkshire Closed, 16-years-old York youngster Tony Sanderson came close to an astonishing win over Yorkshire champion Beadsley. Leading 20-19 in the 3rd game of the quarter-final, Tony had the agony of seeing a desperate Beadsley hit the next three winners to take the set. Tony's performance did not go unnoticed. Richard Renton, Unity's Manager, has given Tony a place along with the County No. 1 junior boy, Steven Sharpe, in the National League team's squad.

Sharpe is on top form at the moment. He won the Yorkshire U-17's, the Area 5 Boys' ranking tournament, and has, with Claudia Oakes, also of Wakefield and 12-years-old Andrew Gee of Halifax, been named as Butlin's "Players of the Year".

Another top performance at the Yorks Closed was 14-years-old David Rook's progress to the semis of the men's with wins over Mark Illingsworth, Steve Sharpe and Keith Hurley before being beaten by Beadsley who went on to defeat Nicky Davies 11, 11 in the final. Helen Shields won the women's singles for the third time in four years, defeating girls' winner Julie Speight 11, 16.

### NEW RANKINGS

New Yorkshire rankings are:-

#### Men

1 S. Mills, 2 A. Fletcher, 3 K. Beadsley, 4 A. Clayton, 5 M. Stephenson, 6 R. Priestley, 7 M. Illingsworth, 8 R. Shutt, 9 A. Bottomley, 10 A. Sanderson.

#### Women

1 M. Hill, 2 S. Midgley, 3 J. McLean, 4 H. Shields, 5 L. Hryszko, 6 J. Speight, 7 M. Seaton, 8 L. Broomhead.

#### Boys

1 S. Sharpe, 2 A. Sanderson, 3 D. Illingsworth, 4 N. Edgecock, 5 M. Stead, 6 D. Rook, 7 M. Rycroft, 8 K. McKandla, 9 T. Dyson, 10 R. Waneyey, 11 K. Thompson, 12 D. Indriks.

#### Girls

1 J. Speight, 2 M. Seaton, 3 L. Broomhead, 4 R. Brook, 5 J. Ryalls, 6 J. Evans, 7 K. Burrows, 8 D. Malpass, 9 Julie Evans, 10 J. Todd.

16-years-old Michael Stead won the Telegraph and Argus Hard Bat tournament held at Parkside, defeating Mike Stephenson 20, 16 in the final after going through the rounds without dropping a game. Stephenson and Rd. Priestley beat Derek Schofield and Terry Donlon of Stockport in the doubles final.

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Dorset I (where Cyril Bush is still 100%) and Wiltshire to play. John Russell won two for Dorset II against Avon, but latter won the rest to keep in contention at the top of the chart.

**VETERANS NORTH**

Nottinghamshire 4 Cheshire I 5

Cumbria 7 Cheshire II 2

Leicestershire 0 Lincolnshire 9

Staffordshire 4 Lincolnshire 5

Notts second defeat has put them out of the running. Alf Saunders two good wins (including -14, 17, 14 over Derek Schofield) but Geoff 'excelled' for Cheshire including Ron Bolton's first defeat. Well done Cumbria — two wins in a row! Eddie O'Hara and Ray Carr on great form only. Cheshire can stop Lincs now but Staffs nearly did — won your MS but lost. Ray Dixon two good wins.

Cheshire I 6 Cumbria 3

Staffordshire 4 Nottinghamshire 5

Two wins for Griffiths helped Cheshire keep unbeaten record against still-improving Cumbria. Poor Leics struggling — only six sets in four games! Notts without Pat Hammond only just beat Staffs who look a good side.

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Placings as at 11th January

Compiled by AUBREY DRAPKIN

**PREMIER**

|           | P | W | L | F  | A  | P |
|-----------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Yorkshire | 4 | 4 | 0 | 27 | 9  | 8 |
| Warwicks  | 5 | 3 | 2 | 28 | 17 | 6 |
| Essex     | 4 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 17 | 6 |
| Lancs     | 5 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 22 | 6 |
| Cheshire  | 5 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 23 | 6 |
| Middlesex | 5 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 26 | 2 |
| Staffs    | 5 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 28 | 2 |
| Glamorgan | 5 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 29 | 2 |

**2 SOUTH**

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Dorset       | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 6 |
| Bucks        | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 18 | 6 |
| Surrey       | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5  | 4 |
| Sussex       | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 11 | 4 |
| Oxford       | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 27 | 2 |
| Hants        | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7  | 13 | 0 |
| Middlesex II | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 0 |

**2 NORTH**

|                | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Lancs II       | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 7  | 5 |
| Northumberland | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 5 |
| Yorks II       | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 15 | 5 |
| Durham         | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 22 | 4 |
| Cheshire II    | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6  | 24 | 1 |
| Cleveland      | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7  | 23 | 0 |

**2 WEST**

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Berkshire | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 11 | 7 |
| Devon     | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 4 |
| Gwent     | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 4 |
| Avon      | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 21 | 4 |
| Wilts     | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 19 | 3 |
| Somerset  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9  | 31 | 0 |

**2 MIDLAND**

|             | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P  |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Warwicks II | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 12 | 10 |
| Leics       | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 15 | 7  |
| Derbyshire  | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 14 | 6  |
| Worcs       | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 3  |
| Notts       | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 2  |
| Gloucs      | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8  | 32 | 0  |
| Northants   | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6  | 34 | 0  |

**2 EAST**

|          | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Cambs    | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 5  | 6 |
| Kent     | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 10 | 5 |
| Essex II | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 14 | 5 |
| Herts    | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 21 | 4 |
| Suffolk  | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Beds     | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 1 |
| Norfolk  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7  | 23 | 1 |

**3 NORTH**

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Staffs II     | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 7  | 6 |
| Lincs         | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 4 |
| Derbyshire II | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 23 | 4 |
| Northland II  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 15 | 2 |
| Cumbria       | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8  | 22 | 0 |

**3 SOUTH**

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Kent II   | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 5 |
| Herts II  | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 17 | 5 |
| Sussex II | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 12 | 4 |
| Surrey II | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 9  | 2 |
| Hants II  | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Berks II  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7  | 23 | 0 |

**3 EAST**

|            | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Suffolk II | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 9  | 8 |
| Cambs II   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 5  | 6 |
| Herts III  | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 18 | 4 |
| Norfolk II | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 19 | 3 |
| Beds II    | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 40 | 2 |
| Hunts      | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 29 | 1 |

**3 MIDLAND**

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Leics II     | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 8  | 8 |
| Worcs II     | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 17 | 6 |
| Bucks II     | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 23 | 4 |
| Shropshire   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 17 | 2 |
| Oxfords II   | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 1 |
| Northants II | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 27 | 1 |

**3 WEST**

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Dorset II     | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 12 | 6 |
| Isle of Wight | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 16 | 6 |
| Cornwall      | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 16 | 3 |
| Avon II       | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9  | 11 | 2 |
| Somerset II   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 20 | 2 |
| Herefordshire | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 25 | 1 |

**JUNIOR PREMIER**

|              | 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 |
| Staffs       | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 3 |
| Bucks        | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Sussex       | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 2 |
| Devon        | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 1 |

**JUNIOR 2 NORTH**

|                | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Cheshire       | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 17 | 9 |
| Yorks II       | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 15 | 8 |
| Lancs          | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 22 | 7 |
| Cleveland      | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 23 | 6 |
| Lincs          | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 24 | 5 |
| Northumberland | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 29 | 2 |
| Derbyshire     | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 36 | 2 |
| Cumbria        | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 34 | 1 |

**JUNIOR 2 WEST**

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P  |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Warwicks  | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 10 | 10 |
| Wilts     | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 16 | 7  |
| Avon      | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 20 | 7  |
| Gloucs    | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 21 | 7  |
| Glamorgan | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 16 | 4  |
| Devon II  | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 36 | 2  |
| Hants     | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8  | 32 | 1  |
| Worcs     | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 39 | 0  |

**JUNIOR 2 EAST**

|              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Essex        | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 15 | 9 |
| Kent         | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 7  | 8 |
| Cambs        | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 13 | 5 |
| Herts        | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 20 | 4 |
| Middlesex II | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 29 | 0 |
| Berks        | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8  | 22 | 0 |
| Oxfordshire  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6  | 24 | 0 |

**JUNIOR 3 NORTH**

|               | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Notts         | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 3  | 6 |
| Durham        | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 1  | 4 |
| Cheshire II   | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2  | 4 |
| Cleveland II  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 29 | 2 |
| Shropshire II | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 2 |
| Cumbria II    | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5  | 25 | 0 |

**JUNIOR 3 SOUTH**

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Essex II  | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 4  | 6 |
| Kent II   | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 4  | 4 |
| Surrey II | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 9  | 4 |
| Sussex II | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 2 |
| Hants II  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3  | 17 | 0 |
| Dorset II | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4  | 36 | 0 |

**JUNIOR 3 WEST**

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Dorset    | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 8  | 5 |
| Gwent     | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 14 | 3 |
| Cornwall  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 2 |
| Somerset  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Devon III | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8  | 12 | 2 |
| Avon II   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 20 | 2 |

**JUNIOR 3 EAST**

|           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Norfolk   | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 12 | 8 |
| Essex III | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 23 | 7 |
| Hunts     | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 5 |
| Lincs II  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 2 |
| Cambs II  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8  | 22 | 0 |
| Suffolk   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7  | 23 | 0 |

**JUNIOR 3 NORTH MIDLAND**

|             | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | P |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Leics       | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 6  | 8 |
| Staffs II   | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 15 | 6 |
| Shropshire  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 11 | 5 |
| Northants   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 23 | 3 |
| Warwicks II | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 29 | 2 |

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### Dorset II 9 Somerset II 1

With IOW slipping, Dorset could now take this div. Look at their strength for 3rd Div.!! Chris Pickard, Jason Creasey, John Robinson, Joyce Applin and Leanne Harman.

### JUNIOR 2 NORTH

Yorkshire II 8 Northumberland 2

Cumbria 2 Cheshire 8

Lincolnshire 5 Cleveland 5

Lancashire 7 Derbyshire 3

Cheshire now only unbeaten team in Div. Billy Gleave inspired latest win over Cumbria — what a find he is! Another Cadet — David Rook — impressed for Yorks against Northumberland for whom Neil McMaster again played well. Stuart Worrell (Lincs) only boy on either side to win two in Lancs-Cleveland encounter. He won them both in two straight! Allen Cooke (Derbys) continues to impress with two more wins but Lancs girls (Jacqueline Myers and Helen Frost) too powerful.

Lancashire 5 Cumbria 5

Yorkshire II 8 Lincolnshire 2

Cleveland 9 Derbyshire 1

Cumbria's first point of the season against the strong Lancs side. Tim Pachul (Cumbria) and Michael Mercer starred for their respective sides. Lancs took all girls events. Several close games in Yorks-Lincs match but only Stuart Worrell could manage a singles win for Lincs. Michael Stead impressive for Yorks. Cleveland overwhelmed Derbys for whom only Andrea Mason won. J. Chan never really troubled.

### JUNIOR 2 WEST

Hampshire 5 Gloucestershire 5

Avon 5 Wiltshire 5

Warwickshire 8 Devon II 2

Glamorgan 8 Worcestershire 2

Devon II 2 Glamorgan 8

Warwicks should take this division. P. Gunn 100% (8 wins out of 8) including an odd 1, 20 against N. Wilson! Glamorgan have a fine team. Andrew Jones will take some beating. Hampshire gained first point largely due to two from Graham Toole but Nina Tsakarisianou (Gloucs) still unbeaten. Paul Jackson gave another convincing display for Avon. Wilts girls (Pauline Townsend and Tracey Watkins) won again but Miss Townsend taken to -18, 16, 24 by Becky Russe.

Devon II 2 Glamorgan 8

Devon II 2 Avon 8

Wiltshire 10 Hampshire 0

Worcestershire 1 Warwickshire 9

Gloucestershire 6 Glamorgan 4

Warwicks continue to impress but P. Gunn's 100% record lost when in Worcs' sole win Jeremy Duffield bt him 20, 5. Avon still in with a chance. Paul Jackson continues to improve. Gloucs did well to beat Glamorgan. Andrew Jones lost his 100% in opening encounter to Andrew Golding 18, -13, -20 but Richard Russell real star for Gloucs. Wilts too strong for Hants where only two games went to three.

### JUNIOR 2 EAST

Kent 9 Hertfordshire 1

Middlesex II 3 Essex 7

Oxfordshire 4 Cambridgeshire 6

Herts unbeaten run came to an abrupt halt — won only GD. Kent boys (David Dodd, Paul Namdjou, Ray Namdjou) won all BS and BD in straight games. Steve Dettmar star of Essex side with Mike O'Leary looking good for Middlesex. Oxon 4-1 against Cambs — and lost! James Frost inspired Cambs win.

Essex 6 Hertfordshire 4

Essex almost there Steve Dettmar won two including vital final set with Roger Pyle -20, 16, 18.

### JUNIOR 3 NORTH

Cumbria 2 Nottinghamshire 8

Cleveland II 3 Shropshire II 7

Notts look to be walking away with this Division but congratulations to Ian Sharp who beat Shaun Green (19, -17, 21) — their first BS defeat this season!

Cumbria II 1 Durham 9

Durham's first match of season — and a pretty useful looking side.

### JUNIOR 3 SOUTH

Essex II 9 Hampshire II 1

Once again Stephen Snow Hant's only BS winner. Several close games but Essex clearly superior.

Dorset II 0 Essex II 10

Perhaps the expected result from a top v bottom of table encounter, Peter Hayden especially impressive.

### JUNIOR 3 WEST

Dorset 7 Gwent 3

Somerset 4 Avon II 6

Avon's first win with their girls (H. Perrott and D. Whittaker) winning three. Dean Sully two good wins for Somerset. M. Werner's two wins for Dorset helped dent Gwent's 100% record for whom Gary Wilkins was outstanding.

Gwent 5 Cornwall 5

Somerset 8 Devon III 2

David Lee made all the difference to Somerset and with Dean Sully also playing well the result was never in doubt. Different at Ebbw Vale where Gary Wilkins and Jeremy Hobbs collected five sets to Gwent but had to settle for a draw. Cornwall girls Sharon James and Alison Hancock helped balance things.

### JUNIOR 3 EAST

Essex III 5 Huntingdonshire 5

Norfolk I 8 Lincolnshire II 2

A good point for Hunts secured by their girls Alison Hillard and Janet Randall and two from their No. 1 boy Philip Cole, easily the outstanding player. Norfolk's win inspired by Roger Margetson and Martyn Stevenson.

Huntingdonshire 7 Suffolk 3

Lincolnshire II 7 Cambridgeshire II 3

Essex III 0 Norfolk 10

Another good win for Hunts. Stuart Palmer won two for Suffolk but only just. Philip Cole took him to -13, 19, 21. Chris Bryan and R. Hawes inspired this Lincs win. Norfolk win must give them a great chance of the title.

### JUNIOR 3 NORTH MIDLAND

Shropshire 7 Herefordshire 3

Leicestershire 9 Warwickshire II 1

Staffordshire II 6 Northamptonshire 4

Leicestershire 8 Staffordshire II 2

Leics seem to have this Division almost settled. Simon Griev still 100% but Martin Pickles lost to Martin Harvey (Staffs) — his first defeat. Salop — still to play Leics — are a strong side. Ivan Smith and Martin Tufft looked impressive against Herefords. Ian Hawes took two for Northants, but Adrian Dixon ensured Staffs' win.

Warwickshire II 10 Herefordshire 0

Northamptonshire 5 Shropshire 5

Denise Boughy impressed for Salop, but nobody extended Ian Hawes. Salop snatched point when Tufft beat Malfait 16, -18, 20 in final set — their only BS win. Simon Griev still 100% for Leics. Paul Brindley back on form. Warwicks finished season in a blaze of glory.

### JUNIOR 3 SOUTH MIDLAND

Oxfordshire II 6 Norfolk II 4

Buckinghamshire II 6 Hertfordshire II 4

The girls (Helen Beckett and Amanda Shufflebottom) pulled Oxon through despite the expected two from Philip Logsdon for Norfolk. M. Butler and J. Bradbury secured five of Bucks' six sets. Alison Boxall impressed for Herts.

Berkshire II 8 Bedfordshire II 2

Hertfordshire II 5 Oxfordshire II 5

This win by Berks makes them strong favourites to take the title. Oxon again slipped up in doubles — only two wins out of 8 this season in an otherwise strong side.

### VETERANS SOUTH (A)

Hertfordshire II 6 Berkshire II 3

Essex II 3 Middlesex 6

Hampshire II 4 Sussex 5

Smith and Tyler on form for Herts with Mrs. Gale also winning again. Essex II's first defeat — at hands of Middlesex — for whom D. Smith was outstanding. Sussex first win of season thanks to A. Rawden — D. Allen outstanding for Hants.

Sussex 4 Essex II 5

Berkshire II 6 Hampshire II 3

Middlesex I 7 Kent I 2

Middlesex almost there with D. Smith and Alan Lindsay leading the way. Nice to see Peter Shead (Sussex) and Ron Etheridge (Kent) playing county table tennis again.

### VETERANS SOUTH (B)

Berkshire 3 Hertfordshire 6

Middlesex II 3 Essex 6

Sussex II 3 Hampshire 6

Bert Foster had two 'expedites' both in the second game (where was Mike Jackson?) but Alan Lane and Sylvia Foster outstanding for Herts in a match which Robin Lockwood described as 'a pleasure to referee'. Two by G. Ailward not enough to stop Essex progress. Essex still unbeaten in WS (Hilda Cathcart), MD (Battrick/Fountain) and XD. Ray Lusk and Mike Barrett steered Hants to victory.

Essex I 8 Sussex II 1

Hampshire 6 Berkshire 3

Kent II 2 Middlesex II 7

Essex look certain to retain title — Hilda Cathcart still 100% in WS and XD, but two each by Lush and Holley against Berks keeps Hants in the running should Essex slip up. Ken Snaith's two wins for Kent II couldn't stop Middlesex.

### VETERANS MIDLAND

Huntingdonshire 6 Buckinghamshire 3

Northamptonshire 2 Worcestershire 7

Oxfordshire 4 Hertfordshire III 5

C. Dale still unbeaten for Hunts — R. Fisher also chipped in with two. Worcs look certain winners here. Mervyn Wood, Brian Belcher and Janet Hunt all 100%. Arthur Davies can still turn it on for Oxon — but despite two wins his team lost.

Huntingdonshire 3 Worcestershire 6

Bedfordshire 4 Northamptonshire 5

Buckinghamshire 3 Oxfordshire 6

In the battle of the two 100% teams Worcs went from 3-3 to win remaining sets against Hunts. Colin Dale spoilt Brian Belcher's 100% record but then lost his own when Mervyn Wood (himself 100%) beat him. Janet Hunt also still unbeaten. Dennis Millman clinched Northants' victory beating P. Cutting -19, 10, 18 in final set. Joyce Porter six wins out of six in WS and XD. What a great season Alf Davies is having for Oxon! Seven wins out of eight encounters so far.

### VETERANS WEST

Wiltshire 8 Dorset II 1

Somerset I 8 Somerset II 1

Two rather one-sided matches here. Wiltshire have hit good form — D. Waters, D. Morris and Gwen Hazell all unbeaten.

Somerset I 4 Isle of Wight 5

Avon 7 Dorset II 2

Somerset II 1 Dorset I 8

Isle of Wight still 100% but only just — three 5-4s and one 6-3 shows how close it's been. Jim Daly with seven out of eight has kept them in the hunt — but they still have

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# County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

## TYKES TO THE FORE

Yorkshire only unbeaten team in the Premier Division. Only one man unbeaten in the division — Yorkshire's Steve Mills. Yorkshire also won all WS and XD. Staffs first XD defeat but what a margin!

Warwickshire had Dougie Johnson making a rare appearance and they should now finish mid-way up the chart, but their real hero is his brother Barry who lost his first set of the season (to Donald Parker) but has won seven in a row since.

Glamorgan led 4-3 but lost vital match with Essex, George Evans had no bother in taking two. Lancashire had a good win over Cheshire but they rely heavily on Parker — won more MS than rest of team put together. Middlesex had a strong team against Glamorgan and won their first match of the season.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Staffordshire 4 Lancashire 5

A. Bellingham bt D. Parker 20, 17;  
bt S. Turner 17, 19.

A. Isaac lost to Parker -20, -16;

lost to P. Rainford -10, -18.

A. Rich bt Turner -9, 19, 23;

lost to Rainford -8, 19, -20.

Mrs. J. Dunning lost to Miss J. Grundy

-14, -15.

Bellingham/Isaac lost to Rainford/Turner

-19, 20, -19.

Rich/Mrs. Dunning bt Parker/Miss Grundy

-16, 20, 19.

### Warwickshire 4 Cheshire 5

P. Glynn lost to M. Hankey -21, -19;

lost to A. Boasman -13, 17, -7.

D. Munt bt Hankey 11, 20;

lost to B. Johns 13, -17, -17.

B. Johnson bt Boasman 7, 17;

bt Johns 17, -20, 14.

Miss K. Groves bt Miss J. Deakin 16, 15.

Munt/Johnson lost to Hankey/Johns

-10, 16, -20.

Glynn/Miss Groves lost to Boasman/Miss

Deakin -19, 18, -19.

### Middlesex 2 Warwickshire 7

J. Payne lost to D. Johnson -16, -17;

bt D. Munt 15, 15.

A. Lindsay lost to D. Johnson -19, -6;

lost to B. Johnson -17, -20.

M. Adedayo lost to D. Munt -16, -17;

lost to B. Johnson -9, -10.

Miss A. Mitchell bt Miss K. Groves

16, -19, 11.

Payne/Mitchell lost to Johnson/Johnson

-12, -17.

Payne/Miss Mitchell lost to Munt/Miss

Groves 17, -17, -18.

### Glamorgan 4 Essex 5

A. Griffiths lost to I. Horsham -13, -14;

bt D. Newman 16, 19.

G. Evans bt Horsham 7, 10;

bt K. Caldon 15, 9.

J. Morgan lost to Newman -13, -15;

lost to Caldon -12, 20, 14.

Miss C. Jones lost to Miss E. Sayer

20, -20, -16.

Griffiths/Evans bt Horsham/Newman

17, -18, 19.

Morgan/Miss Jones lost to Caldon/Miss

Sayer -22, -15.

### Yorkshire 8 Staffordshire 1

K. Beadsley bt A. Bellingham 17, 19;

bt A. Isaac 13, 18.

A. Fletcher lost to Bellingham -12, -7;

bt A. Rich 17, 23.

S. Mills bt Isaac 20, 14;

bt Rich 20, 14.

Mrs. M. Hill bt Miss J. Harris -19, 13, 12.

Fletcher/Mills bt Bellingham/Isaac

-14, 14, 18.

Beadsley/Mrs. Hill bt Rich/Miss Harris 6, 13.

### Lancashire 6 Cheshire 3

D. Parker bt M. Hankey 12, 16;

bt A. Boasman 14, 15.

S. Turner lost to Hankey -18, -6;

lost to B. Johns -25, 19, -13.

P. Rainford lost to Boasman -18, -22;

bt Johns 16, -19, 15.

Miss J. Grundy bt Miss J. Deakin 15, 19.

Turner/Rainford bt Hankey/Johns 9, -21, 14.

Parker/Miss Grundy bt Boasman/Miss

Deakin -19, 4, 14.

### Middlesex 6 Glamorgan 3

G. Sandley lost to A. Griffiths 18, -19, -13;

lost to G. Evans 15, -14, -17.

M. Mitchell bt Griffiths 14, 16;

bt J. Morgan -20, 12, 9.

C. Wilson bt Evans 13, -13, 22;

bt Morgan 6, 16.

Miss J. Mitchell bt Miss C. Jones 17, 17.

Sandley/Mitchell lost to Griffiths/Evans

-13, -15.

Wilson/Miss Mitchell bt Morgan/Miss Jones

14, 10.

## 2 SOUTH

### Hampshire 3 Dorset 7

### Sussex 6 Middlesex II 4

### Buckinghamshire 7 Oxfordshire 3

Dorset even without Simon Heaps too

good in this local derby. Stephen Moore

maintained his 100% record for Sussex, but

John Payne on devastating form for Middx.

What a strong men's trio (Tucket, Bradbury

and Haines) Bucks had against Oxon.

### Oxfordshire 6 Middlesex II 4

Good win for Oxon with Carol Filmer

outstanding. David Jemmett sharp for

Middx.

## 2 NORTH

### Durham 1 Yorkshire II 9

### Cheshire II 0 Lancashire II 10

### Northumberland 8 Cleveland 2

Only MD escaped Yorks. Steven Souter

involved in both Cleveland wins. Chu Van

Que and Clark still 100% for Northumber-

land.

### Cheshire II 5 Durham 5

Wayne Percival had no trouble taking two

but Durham women (Linda Bainbridge and

Julie Smith) too strong.

## 2 WEST

### Wiltshire 4 Devon 6

### Berkshire 9 Somerset 1

Paul Whiting turned the match for Devon.

Barry Reeves only Somerset success (against

Sam Harmer in opening set) in match

against Berks.

### Gwent 3 Avon 7

### Wiltshire 5 Berkshire 5

### Avon 7 Somerset 3

Andrew Creed the inspiration behind

Avon's wins. Wilts came back from 1-4 down

to draw. Two good wins by Kevin Satchell

(including 17, 12 over Andy Wellman) and

two excellent WS. Claire Maisey beat Alison

Gordon -19, 18, 22 and Janet New bt

Caroline Reeves -15, 13, 19.

## 2 MIDLAND

### Nottinghamshire 3 Derbyshire 7

### Gloucestershire 2 Leicestershire 8

### Worcestershire I 2 Warwickshire II 8

Robert Watson again fought a lone battle

for Notts men again winning two. Phil

Vickers also took two for Derbys. Paul

Randell made a rare but successful appear-

ance for Leics. Warwicks men won all MS

against Worcs.

Northamptonshire 2 Derbyshire 8

Nottinghamshire 6 Gloucestershire 4

Warwickshire 6 Leicestershire 4

Northants look to be struggling in this div. but Keith Nicoll had a good 18, -18, 18 win over Phil Vickers. Robert Watson and Pauline Simpson still unbeaten for Notts and they were instrumental in bringing about their first win. Watson, first year out of juniors has easily made the step to senior county table tennis. Leics now out of running. Two Internationals (Anita Stevenson and Karen Smith) in team who easily won their sets but only Keith Fellows could manage anything else.

## 2 EAST

### Hertfordshire 5 Essex II 5

### Bedfordshire 5 Suffolk 5

Herts came back from 4-0 down to lead

5-4, but Tony Penny spoilt the fun beating

David Seaholme 13, 20 for a draw. Beds first

point of season well earned. Stuart Palmer

two for Suffolk.

### Cambridgeshire 8 Norfolk 2

### Hertfordshire 2 Kent 8

Cambs led 5-0 so never really in trouble.

Robert Swift continues to impress. Dougie

Bennett lowered Keith Richardson's colours

(not for the first time Geoff Waters tells

me).

## 3 NORTH

### Derbyshire II 6 Cumbria 4

### Lincolnshire 4 Staffordshire II 6

Alan Manson and D. Gray nearly gave

Cumbria a point. Two wins for David

Skerratt looked like giving Lincs a point

but Paul Barnett kept his 100% singles and

doubles record to ensure Staffs success.

### Lincolnshire 6 Northumberland II 4

Good win for Lincs without Brian Hill.

David Skerratt took 2. Lincs lost other four

MS but won everything else. F. Short best

for Northumberland.

## 3 SOUTH

### Hertfordshire II 5 Hampshire II 5

### Kent II 7 Sussex II 3

### Berkshire II 3 Surrey II 7

Two more good wins for Ramish Bhalla

(Hants). Adrian Moore won both his MS for

Sussex against Kent recovering from 10-1

in the third against John Burleton, but

Karen May and Marylyn Dudgeon saw Kent

through to victory. Russell Koslowski again

impressive for Berks although Surrey's

Mark Oakley had no trouble in taking two.

### Hertfordshire II 4 Kent II 6

Herts first defeat. Richard Beckham and

David Dodd sound for Kent.

## 3 EAST

### Norfolk II 5 Hertfordshire III 5

### Cambridgeshire II 9 Huntingdonshire 1

### Suffolk II 10 Bedfordshire II 0

Sue Bignell and Jane Burbage ensured

Norfolk point. G. Giles fought hard to gain

two wins for Herts.

### Huntingdonshire 1 Hertfordshire III 9

### Bedfordshire II 0 Cambridgeshire II 10

An unexpectedly heavy defeat for Hunts

for whom only Alison Hillard won. Geoff

Bax still a force to be reckoned with — two

more wins here.

## 3 MIDLAND

### Leicestershire II 8 Shropshire 2

### Northamptonshire II 4 Worcestershire II 6

Leics look almost there. Two by Mike

Sykes helped Worcs to another win.

### Buckinghamshire II 5 Worcestershire II 5

Bucks trailed 3-0, led 5-3. A fair result.

Simon Gray superb for Worcs.

## 3 WEST

### Somerset II 6 Herefordshire 4

### Cornwall 6 Isle of Wight 4

Mark Owen easily the star of Somerset-

Hereford match but he lacked support. S.

Manlow good for Somerset. First defeat for

IOW despite Carl Prean. J. Williams sound

for Cornwall (whose first victory it was).

This has thrown the division wide open.

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