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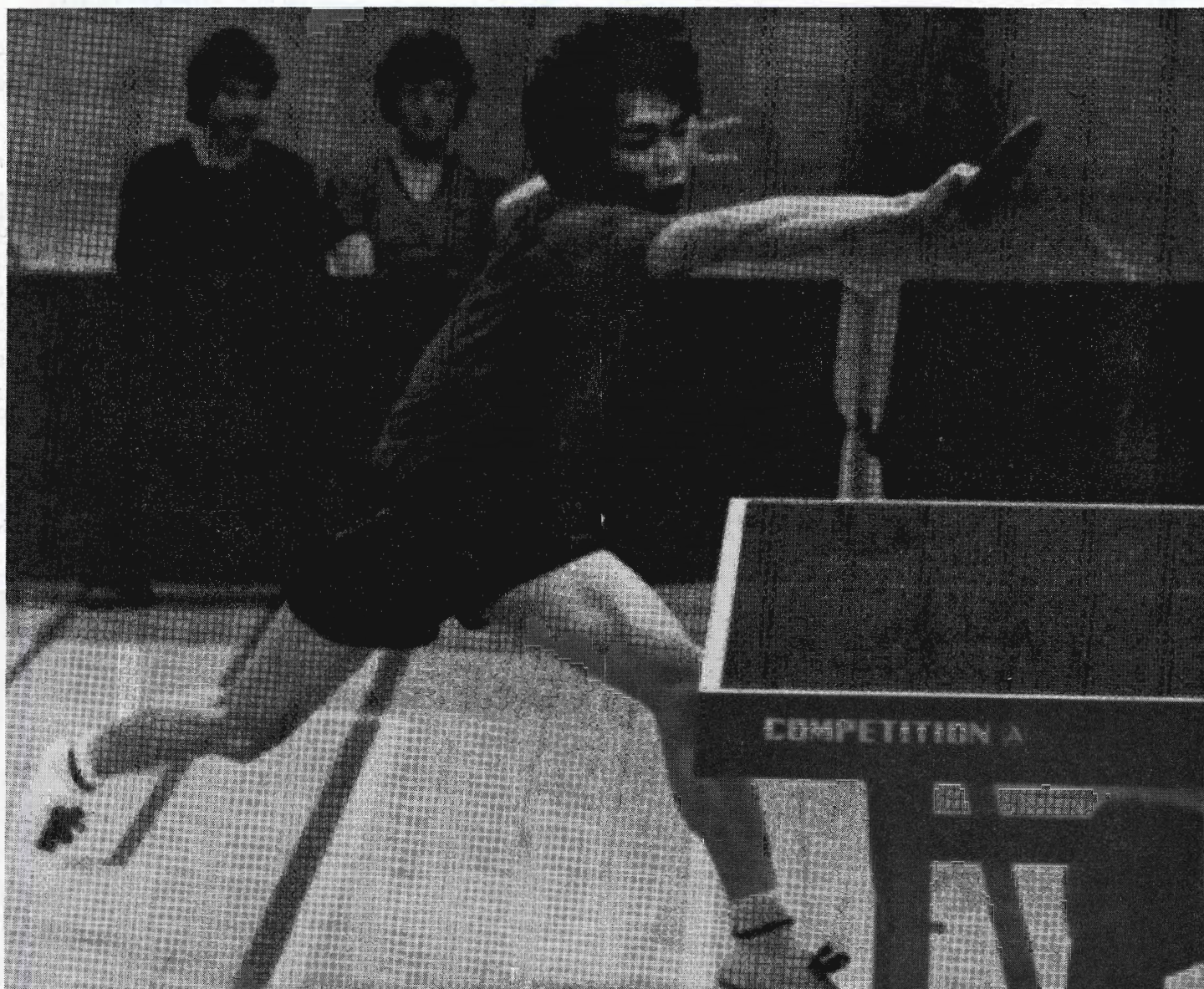
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## DEAD OR ALIVE

One can express a certain degree of sympathy with the Middlesex TTA who, for the first series of matches in the County Championships on Oct. 4, were more than a little hard-pressed to turn out a team to play Staffordshire away in the Premier Division.

It so happened that on the following day, Sunday, Oct. 5, the National League were calendared for their third series of matches and divided loyalties were inevitable.

Pressure put on players not to tire themselves out on the eve of a National League fixture was justifiable for he who pays the piper calls the tune and money talks in any language.

Could it be that the solution put forward by Iris Moss in her Middlesex Notes would resolve the problem which is set to recur time and time again this season?

Some would have it that the County Championships are paramount, whilst others would consider them to be a "dead duck", more especially with no money attaching and spectator appeal overall on the ebb tide.

What are your views, is there justification for a compromise?

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# On the International Front by The Editor

## GLORIOUS FOLLOW-UP

England, in following up their initial 5-2 victory over Federal Germany in Bristol on Sept. 18 (as reported elsewhere in this issue by Bob Oldfield) really took the place by storm when, on Oct. 9, in Perpignan, they brought off their second successive victory in the Super Division of the European League by beating France 4-3.

The victory was assured after the fifth set when Desmond Douglas and Linda Jarvis beat former world champions Jacques Secretin and Claude Bergeret in the mixed after a whirlwind start with Douglas beating Christian Martin, John Hilton laying low Secretin and Karen Witt, on her debut replacing Carole Knight, got the better of Nadine Daviaud over three games.

With appetite seemingly appeased France came back into their own in the final two crossover men's singles with Martin upsetting Hilton and Secretin having an easy victory over Douglas, the third French set coming in the men's doubles with Secretin and Patrick Birocheau beating Douglas and Hilton.

### SCORES

C. Martin lost to D. Douglas -11, -20;

J. Secretin lost to J. Hilton -13, -18;

N. Daviaud lost to K. Witt -22, 18, -15;

P. Birocheau/Secretin bt Douglas/Hilton

23, 16;

Secretin/C. Bergeret lost to Douglas/

L. Jarvis -15, -18;

Martin bt Hilton 18, -10, 18;

Secretin bt Douglas 17, 13.

Hungary, the defending champions, were unable to contest their first match, away to newly promoted Russia, because their plane was unable to land owing to fog. No such hazard prevailed when they journeyed to Novi Sad on Oct. 8 to account for Yugoslavia 5-2 with Tibor Klampar unbeaten in both his singles, and men's doubles with Gabor Gergely.

### SCORES

D. Surbek bt G. Gergely -21, 18, 19;

M. Karakasevic lost to T. Klampar -13, -4;

G. Perkucin bt Z. Olah 20, 9;

Z. Kalinic/Surbek lost to Gergely/Klampar

18, -18, -16;

Kalinic/Perkucin lost to Z. Kriston/

E. Urban -16, 15, -19;

Surbek lost to Klampar -13, -21;

Karakasevic lost to Gergely -15, 9, -18.

Czechoslovakia, the current table toppers, began their campaign in Lorient, against France, and won 6-1 on Sept. 9, their one defeat being inflicted by Martin with a 2-straight win over Josef Dvoracek.

### SCORES

Martin lost to M. Orlovski -19, -13;

Birocheau lost to J. Dvoracek -17, -18;

Daviaud lost to M. Hrachova -17, -12;

Birocheau/B. Parietti lost to Orlovski/

J. Pansky 17, -15, -14;

Birocheau/Bergeret lost to Pansky/

Hrachova -15, 21, -12;

Martin bt Dvoracek 11, 16;

Birocheau lost to Orlovski -13, -10.

Next at home to the Soviet Union in

Pribram on Oct. 9, the Czechs had a repeat



scoreline (6-1) but on this occasion it was Marie Hrachova who lost the one to European champion Valentina Popova.

### SCORES

Orlovski bt A. Strokotov 15, 16;

Dvoracek bt M. Kreeris 15, 8;

Hrachova lost to V. Popova -18, -16;

Orlovski/Pansky bt Kreeris/Syrokatov

-17, 18, 19;

Pansky/Hrachova bt Strokotov/Popova

-13, 21, 10;

Orlovski bt Kreeris 16, 17;

Dvoracek bt Strokotov 10, 9.

Meantime Sweden, currently in second place on set analysis, registered an initial 3-2 win over Yugoslavia, in Katrineholm on Sept. 8, and followed up with a like win over Federal Germany, in Duisburg on Oct. 9.

In both matches the two Ulfs, Thorsell and Carlsson, contested the men's singles with Thorsell dropping a set to Dragutin Surbek in the Yugoslav match and Carlsson doing likewise against Peter Stellwag in the match against Federal Germany whose only other success was obtained in the mixed doubles by Ralf Wosik and Ursula Kamizuru over Carlsson and Eva Stromvall.

### SCORES

in Katrineholm

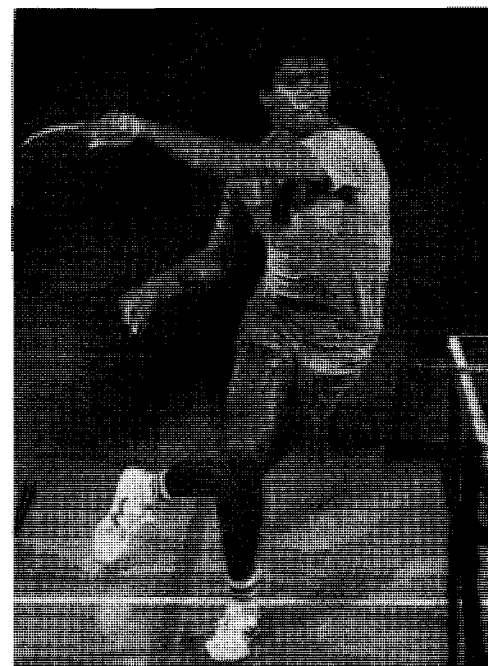
U. Thorsell bt Kalinic -16, 10, 19;

U. Carlsson bt Surbek 18, 3;

M. Lindblad bt E. Palatinus 15, 20;

Carlsson/Thorsell lost to A. Stipancic/

Surbek 18, -17, -16;



England's Desmond Douglas who has registered three wins out of four in the Super Division of the European League.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

Thorsell/Lindblad bt Stipancic/Palatinus 18, 10;  
 Thorsell lost to Surbek -15, -11;  
 Carlsson bt Kalinic -14, 17, 11.  
 in Duisburg  
 P. Stellwag bt Carlsson 15, 13;  
 R. Wosik lost to Thorsell -12, -15;  
 U. Kamizuru lost to Lindblad 20, -9, -15;  
 W. Lieck/Stellwag lost to S. Bengtsson/Carlsson -14, -16;  
 Wosik/Kamizuru bt Carlsson/Stromvall 13, 15;  
 Stellwag lost to Thorsell -13, -17;  
 Wosik lost to Carlsson -10, -19.

**RESULTS**  
 France 1 Czechoslovakia 6  
 Sweden 5 Yugoslavia 2  
 England 5 Federal Germany 2  
 Yugoslavia 2 Hungary 5  
 France 3 England 4  
 Federal Germany 2 Sweden 5  
 Czechoslovakia 6 Soviet Union 1

**SUPER DIVISION TABLE**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Czechoslovakia	2	2	0	12	2	2
Sweden	2	2	0	10	4	2
England	2	2	0	9	5	2
Hungary	1	1	0	5	2	1
Soviet Union	1	0	1	1	6	0
Federal Germany	2	0	2	4	10	0
France	2	0	2	4	10	0
Yugoslavia	2	0	2	4	10	0



Watch for this one then Hungary's Tibor Klampar, a double winner against Yugoslavia.

Photo by Don Morley, Morden, Surrey.

**DIVISION ONE**

Poland, last season's demotees from the Premier Division, began their comeback bid away to the Netherlands in Schyndel on Sept. 7 when it was left to Andrzej Grubba to get his country home 4-3 with a last set win over Ron van Spanje.

The Dutch had clawed their way back to a 3-3 scoreline after trailing 0-2 and 1-3 thanks to wins by Sandra de Kruiff over Weronika Sikora, Miss de Kruiff and Japp van Spanje in the mixed and by Rene Hiine over Leszek Kucharski in the penultimate set.

Subsequently beating Italy 7-0 (no detailed scores yet to hand) the Poles vie with Bulgaria with a similar set analysis.

Scores in Schyndel were:-

R. Hiine lost to A. Grubba 16, -11, -12;  
 R. v. Spanje lost to L. Kucharski -18, -13;  
 S. de Kruiff bt W. Sikora 14, -16, 16;  
 Hijne/J. v. Soanje lost to Grubba/

A. Jakubowicz -13, -13;  
 J. v. Spanje/de Kruiff bt Grubba/Sikora 19, -9, 16;  
 Hijne bt Kucharski -18, 18, 16;  
 R. v. Spanje lost to Grubba -14, -13.

Bulgaria journeyed to Kerava to take on newly promoted Finland in their opening encounter on Sept. 11 and, despite losing the first set when Jukka Ikonen beat Ivan Stojanov, triumphed 5-2, Ikonen winning his second singles et when accounting for Djevat Hassanov.

**SCORES**

J. Ikonen bt I. Stojanov 12, 15;  
 J. Jokinen lost to D. Hassanov -18, -19;  
 S. Grefberg lost to D. Gergeltscheva -17, -17;  
 Ikonen/Jokinen lost to Hassonov/Stojanov 16, -16, -14;  
 Jokinen/E. Malmberg lost to Stojanov/Gergeltscheva 15, -17, -15;  
 Ikonen bt Hassonov 18, -16, 10;  
 Jokinen lost to Stojanov -18, 10, -17.

At home to the Netherlands in Sofia on Oct. 9 the Bulgarians crushed their visitors 6-1 the one to elude them being the penultimate set in which Hijne got the better of Ivan Stojanov over three games.

**SCORES**

Stojanov bt J. v. Spanje -17, 14, 11;  
 Hassonov bt Hijne -15, 16, 18;  
 Gergeltscheva bt B. Kooter 9, -19, 10;  
 Hassanov/M. Lukov bt Hijne/Spainje 20, 17;  
 Stojanov/Gergeltscheva bt Spainje/Kooter -19, 15, 8;  
 Stojanov/ lost to Hijne 17, -20, -18;  
 Hassonov bt Spainje 18, 16.

Finland, away to Greece in Athens on Oct. 9, adequately cleared their second hurdle 6-1 Jokinen losing their final set to Demetrius Zikos.

**SCORES**

C. Priftis lost to Jokinen 16, -9, -16;  
 D. Zikos lost to Ikonen -9, -18;  
 F. Galanov lost to Malmberg -12, 14, -22;  
 Priftis/Zikos lost to Ikonen/Jokinen 9, -12, -15;  
 Zikos/Galanov lost to Jokinen/Malmberg 16, -20, -10;  
 Priftis lost to Ikonen -16, -18;  
 Zikos bt Jokinen -12, 17, 14.

The Greeks had earlier began their campaign with a 5-2 win over Luxembourg in Remich on Sept. 18 with Zikos figuring in three of their successes and Constantinos Priftis also enjoying two singles wins over Andre Hartmann and Marc Birel.

**SCORES**

A. Hartmann lost to Zikos 18, -13, -18;  
 M. Birel lost to Priftis -19, -14;  
 C. Risch bt Galanov 15, 11;  
 Birel/Hartmann lost to Priftis/Zikos -17, 11, -5;  
 Hartmann/Risch bt Zikos/Galanov 16, 16;  
 Hartmann lost to Priftis 20, -18, -5;  
 Birel lost to Zikos -10, -19.

Austria had a nailbiter, at home to Italy in Wolkersdorf on Sept. 18, just getting home 4-3 thanks to a last ditch win for Erich Amplatz over Massimo Constantini.

**SCORES**

G. Baer lost to M. Constantini -18, 13, -13;  
 E. Amplatz bt G. Bisi 12, -14, 18;  
 D. Fetter bt P. Bevilacqua -16, 13, 9;  
 Amplatz/G. Muller lost to Bisi/Constantini -19, -18;  
 Muller/Fetter bt Bisi/M. Cergol 16, 9;  
 Baer lost to Bisi -27, 17, -18;  
 Amplatz bt Constantini 11, 13.

Subsequently Austria had a 5-2 win over Luxembourg (no details available) to level on points with Bulgaria and Poland.

**RESULTS**

Netherlands 3 Poland 4  
 Finland 2 Bulgaria 5  
 Luxembourg 2 Greece 5  
 Austria 4 Italy 3  
 Bulgaria 6 Netherlands 1  
 Poland 7 Italy 0  
 Greece 1 Finland 6  
 Luxembourg 2 Austria 5

**DIVISION ONE TABLE**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Bulgaria	2	2	0	11	3	2
Poland	2	2	0	11	3	2
Austria	2	2	0	9	5	2
Finland	2	1	1	8	6	1
Greece	2	1	1	6	8	1
Luxembourg	2	0	2	4	10	0
Netherlands	2	0	2	4	10	0
Italy	2	0	2	3	11	0

In Division 2, Denmark who finished runners-up to Finland last season have started out again in great style by beating Belgium at home in Vejle on Sept. 18 (7-0) then again at home, in Tollose, to account for Turkey 6-1 Johnny Hansen being the only player to drop a set when beaten by Oktay Cimen, on Oct. 9.

**SCORES**

in Vejle  
 C. Pedersen bt T. Cabrera 14, 19;  
 J. Hansen bt D. Leroy 16, 17;  
 C. Polk bt B. Lippens 19, -9, 20;  
 Hansen/Pedersen bt Cabrera/Leroy -13, 16, 18;  
 Pedersen/Polk bt Leroy/Lippens -15, 20, 11;  
 Pedersen bt Leroy 11, 13;  
 Hansen bt Cabrera 17, 11.

**in Tollose**

Pedersen bt F. Aleksandridis 15, 12;  
 Hansen lost to O. Cimen 18, -19, -19;  
 Polk bt S. Mustecaplioglu 13, 10;  
 Hansen/Pedersen bt Aleksandridis/Cimen 12, 16;  
 Pedersen/Polk bt Cimen/Mustecaplioglu -15, 16, 13;  
 Pedersen bt Cimen 21, 13;  
 Hansen bt Aleksandridis 12, 9.

Unfortunately for this division and for Scotland especially, Rumania, after travelling to Cartagena to beat Spain 7-0, have withdrawn. They first did so, then agreed to remain in, only to withdraw a second time for good.

The match of the first series on Sept 18 was that between Norway and Switzerland played in Gjovik where the home team led 3-0 only to be beaten 4-3 with Martin Hafen leading the comeback assault with success in both doubles, with Thomas Busin and Frantzi Weibel, and then accounting for Tom Johansen to equate the match score at 3-3. Cometh the hour cometh the man in the person of Switzerland's Busin to see off Pal Guttormsen 14 and 10 to clinch victory for the Swiss.



Erich Amplatz who had that all-important win for Austria over Massimo Constantini of Italy in Wolkerdorf.

Photo by G. Duncan, Tooting Bec, SW17.

**SCORES**

T. Johansen bt T. Busin 20, -17, 18;  
 P. Guttormsen bt M. Hafen 5, 16;  
 T. Folkesson bt F. Weibel -18, 14, 14;  
 Guttormsen/Johansen lost to Busin/Hafen  
 -18, -21;  
 Guttormsen/Folkesson lost to Hafen/Weibel  
 -16, 8, -21;  
 Johansen lost to Hafen -20, -18;  
 Guttormsen lost to Busin -14, -10.

Better luck attended Norway on their visit to La Louviere where they beat Belgium 5-2 the latter bringing in the veteran Norbert Vandewalle but without success. It was Marie-France Germiot who had, against Tone Folkesson and Thierry Cabrera in the final set against Guttormsen.

**SCORES**

N. Vandewalle lost to Guttormsen  
 -14, 20, -15;  
 Cabrera lost to Johansen -19, -19;  
 M-F Germiot bt Folkesson 20, 21;  
 Cabrera/Leroy lost to Guttormsen/  
 Johansen -14, -15;  
 Vandewalle/Germiot lost to Guttormsen/  
 Folkesson -18, -16;  
 Vandewalle lost to Johansen -21, 20, -18;  
 Cabrera bt Guttormsen -13, 21, 23.

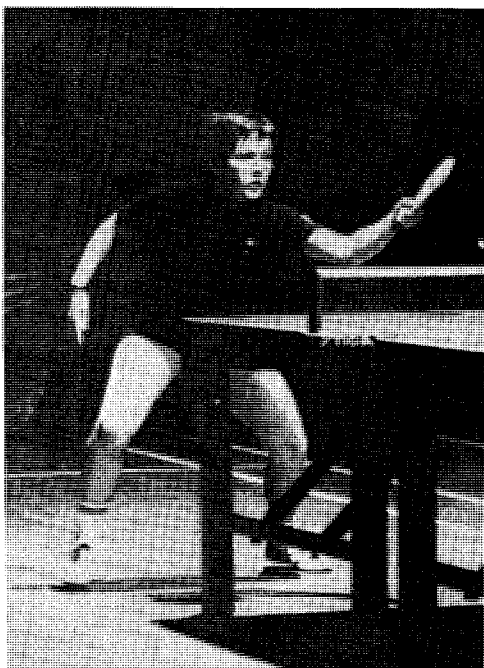
The Spain versus Switzerland match scheduled for Oct. 9 was postponed.

**RESULTS**

Denmark 7 Belgium 0  
 Turkey v Ireland - postponed  
 Norway 3 Switzerland 4  
 Belgium 2 Norway 5  
 Denmark 6 Turkey 1

**DIVISION TWO TABLE**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Denmark	2	2	0	13	1	2
Norway	2	1	1	8	6	1
Switzerland	1	1	0	4	3	1
Turkey	1	0	1	1	6	0
Belgium	2	0	2	2	12	0
Ireland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0



The "pocket battleship" Ursula Kamizuru who had a win for Federal Germany against England's Carole Knight but was beaten by Marie Lindblad of Sweden.

Photo by G. Duncan, Tooting Bec, SW17.

**LATE RESULTS**

Individual scores in the Division 1 European League matches played on Oct. 9 when Poland played Italy in Lodz and Luxembourg entertained Austria in Echternach were:  
 Poland 7 Italy 0  
 A. Grubba bt M. Constantini 9, 19;

S. Dryszel bt G. Bisi 13, 23;  
 W. Sikora bt P. Bevilacqua -19, 17, 9;  
 Grubba/A. Jakubowicz bt Bisi/Constantini 10, 19;  
 Dryszel/M. Urbanska bt Constantini/  
 Bevilacqua 14, 11;  
 Grubba bt Bisi 13, 11;  
 Dryszel bt Constantini 20, 14.

Luxembourg 2 Austria 5  
 A. Hartmann lost to G. Bar 15, -10, -18;  
 Y. Mass lost to E. Amplatz -16, -16;  
 C. Risch bt D. Fetter 16, 14;  
 Hartmann/Maas lost to Amplatz/G. Muller  
 -17, -18;  
 Hartmann/Risch lost to Muller/Fetter  
 16, -9, -17.  
 Hartmann bt Amplatz -20, 17, 17;  
 Mass lost to Bar -17, -12.

**EUROPE CLUB CUP OF CHAMPIONS**

First round results:-  
**Men**  
 Tempo Team Amsterdam 5  
 Kaiku 80 Turku (Finland) 0  
 Agri-Gom Parma (Italy) 5  
 DT Remich (Luxembourg) 2  
 Stockerau TTC (Austria) 5  
 De Siete Nueve Barcelona 0  
 Akademic Swichow Sofia 5  
 Olympiacos SFP Piraus 2  
 Palette Ham (Belgium) 5  
 Young Stars Zurich 4  
 Bronshoj TTC Copenhagen 0  
 Banik Ostrava (CSSR) 5  
**Sealink Milton Keynes 5**  
 Sporting Club Lisbon 0  
 SK Heros Bergen (Norway) 5  
 Vikinger Club Reykjavik 0

**Women**  
 Atus Judenburg (Austria) v  
 Spoinia Warschau (Poland) - postponed  
 Amicale Laique Bruz (Fra) 5  
 Fiat Carrelli Bari (Italy) 3  
 Capip Dommeldange (Lux) 5  
 Panelliniow GC Athens 1  
 Paltee Stave (Belgium) 5  
 Barcino TTC Barcelona 0  
 TTC Uster Zurich (Swit) v  
 Ellenborough, London - postponed

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

These will be held in Budapest in 1982, and in Yugoslavia in 1984.

**EUROPEAN LEAGUE — EQUIPMENT**

The equipment adopted for use in the European League during season 1980/81 and 1981/2 is:  
 Stiga Tables, nets and counters, surrounds  
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**EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 1981**

The Czechoslovakian Association have advised that because of demands by their Television Authority, the date of the European Youth Championships in Topolcany has been changed to July 31 - August 9, 1981.

**ITTF COUNCIL — ETTU NOMINEES**

In respect of the Postal Vote to decide whether Mr. Gheorge Enache of Rumania or Dr. Vladimir Palacek of Czechoslovakia should be the sixth nominee, only nineteen Associations exercised their right to vote by the closing date of May 3, the final count being:-

Dr. Palacek - 14 votes  
 Mr. Enache - 5 votes

Dr. Palacek has therefore been elected as one of the ETTU's nominees for election to the ITTF Council along with M. Kapetanic (Yugoslavia), S-O. Hammerlund (Sweden), H. van Dilst (Netherlands), G. R. Yates (England) and L. van Gelder (Belgium).

**CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE**

by Jean Devys

**Team**  
**Men**  
 US Kremlin-Bicetre 12 TT La Tronche 8  
 SLUC Nancy 4 AS Messine Paris 16  
 VGA Saint Maur 13 AC Renault Cleon 7  
 ES Levallois 16 ACS Fontenaypous bois 4

**Women**

AC Boulogne, Billancourt 1 AL Bruz 9  
 ASPTT Ancey 5 ASPTT Lyon 5  
 ASPTT Paris 7 ESND Gravenchon 3  
 La Trinite Sports 3 ASCF Yormont 7

**Individual Men**

	W	L
Jacques Secretin (Kremlin Bicetre) ...	9	9
Patrick Birocheau (AC Messine) .....	7	2
(Secretin bt Birocheau 16, 17, 19).		
Patrick Renverse (AC Messine) .....	6	3
Christian Martin (ASPTT Paris) .....	6	3
Bruno Parietti (EM Vesoul) .....	5	4
Patrick Gernot (Tours) .....	4	5
Franck Vinitzki (Kremlin-Bicetre) ...	3	6

**Relegated to Division 2**

Jean-Luc Roques (Raq Marmande) ...	2	7
Pascal Servais (TT La Tronche) .....	2	7
Rene Hatem (Kremlin Bicetre) .....	1	8

**Promoted to Division 1**

Michel Hoffstetter (SLUC Nancy)  
 Daniel Piland (TT La Tronche)  
 Jean-Denis Constant (SLUC Nancy)

**Women**

	W	L
Claude Bergeret (Annecy) .....	8	0
Nadine Daviaud (Bruz) .....	7	1
(Bergeret bt Daviaud -19, -17, 24, 5, 16!!)		
Beatrice Abgrall (Bruz) .....	5	3
Brigitte Thiriet (ASPTT Paris) .....	5	3
Corinne Germain (St. Jean) .....	3	5
Patricia Germain (St. Jean) .....	3	5
Sophie Javerliac (St. Maur) .....	3	5

**Relegated to Division 2**

Chantal Lavacherie (Lormont) .....	2	6
Pascale Bibaut (Amiens) .....	0	8
Michele Gourmelon (St. Maur) .....	forfeit	

**Promoted to Division 1**

Muriel Montoux (Lyon)  
 Isabelle Aoustin (St. Malo)  
 Corinne Delhav (Noeux-les-Mines)

**BUNDESLIGA**

PSV Borussia Dusseldorf, the club Desmond Douglas plays for in the Federal German Bundesliga, share top spot with SSV Reutlingen as the front runners after three series of matches. Both teams, with three wins, have a set analysis of 27 against 7. TTC Simix Julich are also unbeaten with 27 sets for against 11 lost.

John Hilton's club, ATVS Saarbrucken have won one of their three matches and currently lie sixth out of the ten teams comprising the top division.

**ENGLAND UNCHANGED**

The National Selection Committee have named an unchanged team to play against Yugoslavia in the European League (Super Division) match in Zagreb on Thursday, Nov. 13/80.

Team: Des Douglas, John Hilton, Paul Day, Karen Witt and Linda Jarvis.  
 NPC: Peter Simpson.

At the same meeting, on Oct. 25, teams were also chosen for the Yugoslavian, Scandinavian and French Opens. The following were selected:

**Yugoslav Open (Zagreb - Nov. 19/22)**  
 P. Day, Graham Sandley, Nicky Jarvis, Anita Stevenson, Karen Witt and Alison Gordon. Reserves: Duggie Johnson, Bob Potton, Carole Knight and Linda Jarvis.

**Scandinavian Open (Karlskrona - Nov. 27/30)**  
 D. Douglas, J. Hilton, R. Potton, Miss Knight and Miss Stevenson. Reserves: D. Johnson, N. Jarvis, K. Witt and L. Jarvis.

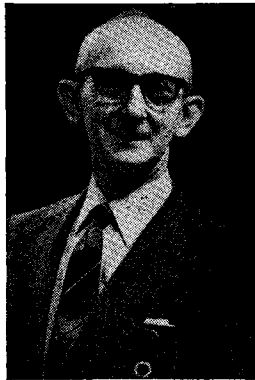
**French Open (Evry - Dec. 4/7)**  
 D. Douglas, Hilton, Day, Johnson, Miss Witt and Mrs. Jarvis. Reserves: G. Sandley, R. Potton, A. Stevenson and Mandy Smith.

**Cover Picture**

Chu Van Que from South Vietnam, winner of the men's singles title in the Colgate North of England Open, and likely to revitalise the sport on Tyneside where he now lives in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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# THE FIRST SEOUL OPEN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



## EXPERIENCE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

by Tom Blunn, Chairman ETTA

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A twenty thousand mile round trip to play in an open tournament seemed a very long way indeed and first reactions were that it would not be worthwhile. But thank goodness we had second thoughts and agreed to go. Our financial position made it difficult but negotiations were concluded satisfactorily to allow us to participate with no more expense to the ETTA than a normal open tournament in Europe.

Normally the party would have consisted of a team manager and five or six players but a personal invitation from the President of the Korean Association meant that both myself and my wife were able to make the trip making the party a total of nine people.

We were scheduled to leave England at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23 and arrive in Seoul at 3.30 p.m. on the Sunday but that was only the theory. In practice it was very much different. We had a few set backs — three to be exact, starting by missing the airport bus from the hotel and having to hitch a lift in a local mini-bus. The hassle had started and we were happy to just make the plane to Paris with all our luggage on board — or so we thought!

We were due to change airports in Paris, from Charles De Gaulle to Orly but when we arrived at De Gaulle we were told to collect our luggage and take it with us in the airport bus to Orly. Easier said than done for after waiting over an hour, we realised that four pieces of our luggage were missing. With no time to make enquiries let alone claims we set off on what was scheduled to be a half hour's ride across Paris, but this turned out to be almost an hour's journey and we arrived at Gate 42 with only fifteen minutes to spare and to find that a most unhelpful French official had sold our seats to standby passengers.

It was a most depressing experience to be within almost touching distance of the plane and to see it leave without us. The unhelpful Frenchman managed to tell us that the next flight would be on Monday!

A 'phone call to Seoul soon made him realise he had made a bad mistake and from then onwards every effort was made to try to get us to Seoul at all costs. And a lot of money was spent by the Korean Air-line before we eventually arrived there.

Our flight was re-scheduled and instead of flying north over the Pole we flew south

via Jeddah, Bahrein and Manilla after spending a pleasant evening in Zurich.

## FURTHER SETBACKS

But even this flight was not completed without further setbacks. We were just about to board a jumbo-jet at noon on Sunday when a brief announcement told us that there would be some delay due to technical difficulties and a further announcement would be made at 6.00 p.m.!

After an engine change we left eventually at 6.45 p.m. on a flight destined to take 26 hours, with continued evidence that efforts were being made all the time to make sure we arrived as quickly as possible.

The final effort was made on the last lap of the journey from Manilla where we had arrived late on Monday evening. Normally we should have stayed there overnight as there is a curfew in Seoul from midnight and no planes land after 10 p.m. An appeal was made to the government which resulted in the curfew being lifted for the first time and permission was given to fly in. We arrived at 3.30 a.m. Tuesday and after checking the luggage confirming that the four bags were really missing, filling out claim forms, travelling through the empty streets, booking in the hotel, we finally got to bed at 5.30 a.m.!

Taking advantage of two nights missed sleep Peter Simpson was well away when his 'phone rang at 8 a.m. to remind him that his players were due to play at 9.30 a.m.!

Another diplomatic arrangement got the first match put off until after lunch.

So the championships started for us at last, with four players using borrowed clothes and bats.

## BEYOND CONCEPTION

The hall was the sort we plan and dream about in England but never build. The opening ceremony was beyond our conception; an event in itself and worth the journey to see it.

The championships were far more extensive than we had thought possible with thirty-five associations taking part. It made me think of our own European Championships in 1966 when we had a similar number of entries, and this was only a national open tournament.

The South Korean players have made great strides in recent years and their girls in particular dominated their part of the championships. A lot of their progress is due to the training facilities available to them in the magnificent new gymnasium built for them by the President, who is dedicated to the success of their national teams. The players have responded to his generosity and their dedication to improvement is apparent and is starting to show in the record books.

The French and the Swedes just had the edge on the Korean men after our team had failed to pass through to the final stages.

By the time of the individual events our missing baggage had turned up and the players started this part of the championships fully equipped. It was very much the same pattern with Secretin beating Thorsell in the men's final and four Korean women contesting the other finals, both singles and doubles.

The playing programme was very severe and the playing schedules extremely tight leaving little time to recover from what were very exhausting matches in the humid conditions. The effort of our team brought no trophies but Bob Potton "won" some very painful blisters on his hand and these had to be lanced before he could play his last games. Nevertheless, the players learned a lot about playing under climatical conditions which they would never experience in Europe.

I have probably left the most impressive part to the last — the hospitality.

## HOSPITALITY

The players and officials were accom-

modated at the two best hotels in Seoul, and the Shilla, where the English party stayed had been the venue of the Miss Universe competition some few weeks earlier, but all contestants had returned home! The hotels had everything we needed, including a shopping precinct and indoor swimming pool.

The officials were so friendly and helpful and every effort was made for our comfort and pleasure. We were treated royally and every effort made to make sure we enjoyed every minute of our stay. We were taken to various receptions, theatres, dinners, parties and sight seeing on every available moment and it took quite an effort to find time to watch the table tennis.

The sight seeing trips were interesting and educational but the trip to the wonderful Sorak mountains was marred by a rainy day left over from the rainy season which should have ended a week earlier.

A small contingent of the most beautiful girls accompanied us on most trips and no male had reason to feel lonely or homesick!

The food was most enjoyable and the buffet at the finals party had to be seen to be believed. The cabaret was fascinating and one half surprisingly unexpected!

The event was dominated throughout by the friendliness of the people and their desire to make us welcome and to get to know something about them. My wife found herself holding regular discussions with groups of students eager to find out more about the United Kingdom and its people. The England pin badges were in great demand and were worn with pride by those who had been given them. We have had to replenish one since we returned home, as a most depressed student told us his had been stolen.

We were given presents to commemorate the visit and the event and these were very well designed and extremely well made.

The return journey was made over the north pole and was rather more orthodox than the outward trip but again we had luggage trouble on arrival at Heathrow — this time we lost the lot!

It was an experience never to be forgotten; it combined entertainment, pleasure, competition and education. For those of us who were privileged to attend we will be able to say with pride whenever the 1st Seoul Open Table Tennis Championships are discussed, as they will be for many years to come, 'I was there'.

## TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP by The Editor

In the first round of the men's team event England II were eliminated by Sweden II with Douggie Johnson beating Jonas Berner 13 and 10. Both Johnson and Donald Parker lost to Mickael Appelgren and the doubles.

England I, represented by Paul Day and Bob Potton, had an initial 3-0 win over United Arab Emirates and an equally convincing win over Ecuador by the same score. Curtains came with our meeting with South Korea II whose K. Ki Taek and L. Sang Kook shed but one set — the doubles — in winning 3-1.

In the counterpart women's event Anita Stevenson and Karen Witt had an initial 3-1 win over the United States with Karen losing to Carol Davidson -16, -17. Both Anita and Karen had wins over Sheila O'Dougherty and took the doubles. But against an on-form South Korean II side the English lasses were beaten 3-0.

Potton was our most successful player in the men's singles reaching the 3rd round before losing to Y. Shi Heung of Korea -12, 19, -14, 11, -16. Day had a first round loss to Kim Wan whose compatriot, Shin Dong Hyun saw off Parker. Johnson failed in the qualifying competition when beaten by Manjit Dua of India.

Both Anita and Karen were beaten in the first round of the women's singles by the South Koreans Hwang Nam Sook and Park Hee Sook respectively.

Day and Potton reached the quarter-final of the men's doubles losing -16, -11, -13 to Lee Sang Kook and Kim Ki Taek of S. Korea. Parker and Johnson lost to the Aussies Rbt. Tuckett and Rbt. Javor.

**RESULTS**

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

K. Wan (KRR) bt U. Carlsson (SWE)

13, 19, 16;

U. Thorsell (SWE) bt Y. Shi Heung (KRR)

19, 10, 13;

J. Secretin (FRA) bt S. Sung Soon (KRR)

13, 13, 13;

K. Ki Taek (KRR) bt M. Appelgren (SWE)

16, -12, -15, 12, 17.

**Semi-finals:**

Thorsell bt Ki Taek -15, 18, 14, 18;

Secretin bt Wan -14, 16, 14, -19, 11.

**Final:**

SECRETIN bt Thorsell 8, 13, -16, 14.

**Women's Singles Final:**

H. NAM SOOK (KRR) bt K. Kyung Ja

(KRR) 21, 18, 15;

**Men's Doubles Final:**

P. GERNOT (Fra)/SECRETIN bt S. Dong

Hyun/S. Sung Soon (KRR) -15, 17, 18, 23.

**Women's Doubles Final:**

KYUNG JA/L. SOO JA (KRR) bt S. Deuk/

S. Kyung Sook (KRR) 12, 21, -17, 17.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**

DONG HYUN/NAM SOOK bt Y. Shi Heung

(KRR)/Soo Ja 19, 17, -22, 10.

**MEN'S TEAM FINAL**

SWEDEN I 3 France 1

U. Carlsson bt J. Secretin 14, 17;

U. Thorsell bt R. Gernot 8, 12;

Carlsson/Thorsell lost to Gernot/Secretin

17, -26, -19;

Thorsell bt Secretin 18, 14.

**WOMEN'S TEAM FINAL**

KOREA I 3 Korea II 0

L. Soo Ja bt A. Hae Sook 8, 10;

K. Kyung Ja bt S. Kyung Sook 11, 18;

Kyung Ja/Sook Ja bt Hae Soook/H. Nam

Sook -22, 12, 13.

**CUMBRIA  
2-STAR OPEN**

**HIGH THROWN SUCCESS AT  
CARLISLE**

by Geo. R. Yates

The eleventh hour withdrawal of Max Crimmins and Alison Gordon brought about a reshuffle of the seeds in the Cumbria 2-Star Open played at Carlisle Market Hall on Sept. 27 but even then the top seeds failed to carry off the top awards.

Nicky Jarvis, elevated to the top spot, duly reached the final of the men's singles but there he failed to master the high thrown serves of Nigel Eckersley to be beaten in straight games by the Cheshire-cum-Bundesliga player 16 and 19.

In the women's singles Linda Jarvis took over the No. 2 spot vacated by Miss Gordon and proceeded to the final there to upset the unaffected top seed Melody Hill 19 and 14. Together the two finalists had it all to themselves in the women's doubles beating the Lancastrian combine, Joy Grundy and Jean Parker in the final.

Tony Clayton, nursing a blistered foot, pulled out of the men's singles but in order not to let his partner down in the men's doubles, grinned and bore it with Jarvis to final success over the North of England champions Tony Boasman and Phil Bowen.

Having suffered defeat at the hands of Billy Gleave in the North of England boys' singles final at Manchester the week before Paul Rainford did not allow the same to happen at Carlisle beating Kevin Green in straight games in the final.

In the counterpart girls' event Joy Grundy beat her fellow Lancastrian Jean Parker to repeat her success at Manchester whilst Peter D'Arcy, unsuccessful the Saturday previous, against George Evans, took the veterans' singles title with a final win over his Cheshire colleague Derek Schofield.

Best set of the day was in the quarter-final of the men's singles in which Stephen Scowcroft beat Stephen Turner coming back from 17-20 in the third to beat his Lancashire county teammate 23-21 in a tremendous scrap.

Although lacking in numbers the tournament still had a quality entry and a 9-15 p.m. finish on a fine night made for a pleasant drive back down the M6. And eastwards too for the journeys undertaken by ETTA Treasurer Aubrey Drapkin, who lent his hand at umpiring, and ETTA Vice-Chairman (Development), Alan Ransome, who handed over the £75 top prize to Eckersley whilst having to console one of his passengers, Nicky Jarvis, on the journey back to Teesside.

**RESULTS**

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

N. Jarvis (Cv) bt M. Hankey (Ch) 15, 12;

K. Beadsley (Y) bt D. McIlroy (Sco) 19, 14;

S. Scowcroft (La) bt S. Turner (La)

14, -16, 21;

N. Eckersley (Ch) bt A. Majid (Sco) 11, 12.

**Semi-finals:**

Jarvis bt Beadsley 13, 17;

Eckersley bt Scowcroft 11, 10.

**Final:**

ECKERSLEY bt Jarvis 16, 19.



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**Women's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 M. Hill (Y) bt A. Goodwin (La) 19, 13;  
 J. Deakin (Ch) bt J. Parker (La) 16, -21, 18;  
 J. Grundy (La) bt B. Gray (Cu) 10, 7;  
 L. Jarvis (Sy) bt S. Alexander (Ch)  
 8, -19, 18.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Hill bt Deakin -17, 17, 17;  
 Jarvis bt Grundy 8, -19, 18.

**Final:**  
 JARVIS bt Hill 19, 14.

**Men's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 A. Clayton (Y)/Jarvis bt P. D'Arcy (Ch)/  
 P. Rainford (La) 15, 22;  
 A. Boasman (Ch)/P. Bowen (La) bt  
 Eckersley/Hankey 17, 18.

**Final:**  
 CLAYTON/JARVIS bt Boasman/Bowen  
 18, 16.

**Women's Doubles Semi-finals:**  
 Hill/Jarvis bt C. Hemming/B. Hoyle (La)  
 -17, 14, 13;  
 Grundy/Parker bt Deakin/J. Harris (St)  
 14, 13.

**Final:**  
 HILL/JARVIS bt Grundy/Parker 10, 7.

**Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 Rainford bt N. McMaster (Nd) 12, 19;  
 S. Dixon (Cu) bt S. Davidson (Cu) 9, 10;  
 K. Green (Cv) bt T. Pachul (Cu) 13, 18;  
 L. Taylor (Cv) bt D. Fletcher (Sco)  
 19, -21, 14.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Rainford bt Dixon 11, 16;  
 Green bt Taylor 17, -9, 17.

**Final:**  
 RAINFORD bt Green 19, 16.

**Girls' Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 Grundy bt E. Blackburne (Du) 8, 10;  
 Hoyle bt J. Woodcock (Cv) 14, 14;  
 L. Fennah (Ch) bt A. Dowson (Du) 8, 6;  
 Parker bt C. Burke (Nd) 15, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
 Grundy bt Hoyle 10, 15;  
 Parker bt Fennah 8, 10.

**Final:**  
 GRUNDY bt Parker 14, 18.

**Veteran Singles Quarter-finals:**  
 D'Arcy bt C. Usher (Cu) 7, 14;  
 E. O'Hara (Cu) bt W. Robinson (Cu) 16, 19;  
 T. Donlon (Ch) bt G. Gray (Cu) -19, 18, 16;  
 D. Schofield (Ch) bt P. Buxton (Cu) 18, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
 D'Arcy bt O'Hara 10, -13, 16;  
 Schofield bt Donlon 17, 14.

**Final:**  
 D'ARCY bt Schofield 14, 18.

# THE GROVE SCHOOL JUNIOR OPEN

## DETERMINED DEFENSIVE SKILLS

by Ian Marshall

Billy Gleave used his determined defensive skills to good effect to win both the U-17 and U-14 boys' singles titles in the National Westminster Bank-sponsored Grove School Junior Open held over the weekend of Oct. 18/19.

In both events the Cheshire player ousted the No. 1 seeds in the quarters with Ivan Smith of Shropshire falling in 3 games in the Cadet event and Adrian Pilgrim of Warwicks falling in straight games in the Junior event. The Manchester boy completed a successful weekend by partnering Kevin Eden to take the boys' doubles overcoming the Birmingham pairing of Ian Smith and John Froom at the final hurdle.

The U-17 girls' events saw a Red Rose domination with Helen Frost defeating Tracy Lightfoot in the semis and colleague Beverley Hoyle in the final, whilst the Lancashire girls combined to take the girls' doubles title.

Local interest was rewarded in the U-14 girls' events in which Alison Barker won the singles and combining with schoolmate Carole Wickstead took the cadet doubles title without the loss of a game.

The U-12 events saw a high standard of play with Adrian Dixon fighting back to beat local boy Paul Fisher in an entertaining final and Debbie Soothill scoring good wins over Rachel Knight (semis) and Helen Perrott (final) to take the counterpart girls' event.

A word of note: The Tournament ran to schedule with the finals being concluded on Saturday at 8.30 p.m. and Sunday at 5.30 p.m. thanks to the excellent work of Referee Geoff Taylor and an army of some 50 assistants from The Grove TT Assn. of Market Drayton whose jobs ranged from table stewards to catering assistants. Well done!

### RESULTS

**Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 B. Gleave (Ch) bt S. Young (Wa) 10, 17;  
 S. Bertie (Wa) bt F. McEwen (La) 9, 8.

**Final:**  
 GLEAVE bt Bertie 17, 11.

**Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 B. Hoyle (La) bt T. Lightfoot (Ch)  
 -12, 23, 14;

H. Frost (La) bt J. Myers (La) 21, -14, 17.  
**Final:**  
 FROST bt Hoyle 8, 16.

**Boys' Doubles Final:**  
 K. EDEN (Ch)/GLEAVE bt J. Froom/  
 I. Smith (Wa) 10, -13, 15.

**Girls' Doubles Final:**  
 FROST/HOYLE bt Lightfoot/Myers  
 -12, 19, 14.

**Consolation Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 Gleave bt A. Dodd (K) 11, 19;  
 I. McLoughlin (La) bt M. Thomas (Wa)  
 21, 19.

**Final:**  
 GLEAVE bt McLoughlin 21, 19.

**Consolation Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 A. Barker (Sp) bt J. Ballard (Sp) 19, 18;  
 S. New (Wi) bt R. Knight (Mi) 11, 17.

**Final:**  
 BARKER bt New 12, -20, 10.

**Consolation Boys' Doubles Final:**  
 I. DAVIES (Wa)/THOMAS bt McLoughlin/  
 I. Smith (Sp) 19, -20, 15.

**Consolation Girls' Doubles Final:**  
 BARKER/C. WICKSTEAD (Sp) bt C. W  
 Hunter (Wi)/New 17, 12.

**U-12 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 A. Dixon (St) bt N. Rayner (Ca) 18, 16;  
 P. Fisher (Sp) bt M. Harvey (St) 14, 17.

**Final:**  
 DIXON bt Fisher -19, 18, 11.

**U-12 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:**  
 D. Soothill (La) bt Knight 20, 12;  
 H. Perrott (Av) bt C. Potts (Ch) 17, 14.

**Final:**  
 SOOTHILL bt Perrott 6, 12.

## News from the Trade

### TEN YEAR AGREEMENT

Butterfly Table Tennis (UK) Limited, Wood Street, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, a company formed last year, has recently been given an initial ten year contract to distribute Butterfly table tennis products.

The agreement between Tamasu Butterfly Europe at Moers, West Germany, the European subsidiary of Tamasu Tokyo of Japan and the newly formed company, gives Butterfly TT (UK) Limited the sole selling rights for Butterfly products in the UK market.

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The widest range of clothing for table tennis is supplied by Butterfly with two sets of shirts and shorts, including the new style shorts available in black and navy with a wide choice of light blue, red, yellow and green pocket trim. The famous international tracksuit is available this year and another new product is the Radial DX shoe which retails at £14.95 which is firmly established as the world's leading specialist shoe. The regular championship footwear is also being included.

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The England team from left to right:-  
Simpson, Knight, Jarvis, Day, Hilton, Parker, Douglas.

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## EUROPEAN LEAGUE

### THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE

by Robert Oldfield

As reported briefly in the last issue, in front of a capacity crowd at the Whitchurch Sports Centre, Bristol, England made a flying start to this season's European League campaign when they beat Federal Germany by five sets to two on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Avon County TTA were not without their reservations about staging their first international match but the decision to go-ahead was well justified on the night. The England team may not have recognised the somewhat comic rendering of the National Anthem but there would have been no doubt in their minds that they were representing their country when they walked into the arena in their new TSP kit, to be greeted by thunderous applause. Speculation was rife before the match that perhaps John Hilton might not be chosen by the England captain, Peter Simpson, but to the delight of the crowd the European Champion strode to the table for the first set, against Wilfried Lieck, and England went one-love up.

The second set was the clash of the national champions, Peter Stellwag and Desmond Douglas. In a set of long counter-hitting rallies, the German played the ball wide but Desmond sent it back, with more speed, more angle and a control that enabled him to wrong foot his opponent with the occasional backhand down the line.

England then suffered two defeats when Ursula Kamizuru beat Carole Knight and Desmond and Donald Parker faltered in the men's doubles. Kamizuru's quick attack straight off the bounce soon had Carole in trouble and constantly under pressure to bring out her very best loop drives to beat the blocking of the German girl. Several times the ball flew off the edge of her bat when 'going for the big one' and at her last chance. 13-16 in the second, the strain exacted its toll. In the men's doubles, Desmond and Donald faded disappointingly after an excellent first game. Then, the formula of Donald looping to create the opening with Desmond putting away the return seemed to disintegrate with the

change of order and the German pair of Stellwag and Lieck only emphasised England's problems in formulating a successful men's pairing.

However, mixed doubles has always been a forte and Desmond and Linda Jarvis made the score 3-2 with the two men's singles to come.

Beaten in Berne, beaten in Reutlingen, not many would have backed Hilton's odds against Stellwag. With masterly control the German No. 1 picked off his winners to easily win the first game and send John for a long consultation with Peter Simpson at the side of the arena. Still the crucial forcing shot on the backhand, with anti-loop, evaded the European champion but slowly he clawed his way from 3-7 to 9-10

until, at 13-all, he was back from the dead. As arrogance prompted some audacious shots from Stellwag so John's confidence grew and his tenacity was rewarded with 21-19 in the second. After such a revival the crowd's expectation's rose and, time and time again, Stellwag took the lead in the vital third game, just for John to level the score. No way was this man going to lose! Looping ferociously, John saved four set points before making the match score 4-2 to a standing ovation.

So Hilton was the hero of the hour, but the fine team record of his team-mate should not be forgotten. Desmond and the crowd might well have anticipated an anticlimactic final set but, with rallies of twenty and thirty shots, controlled counter-hitting brought Desmond to a game up yet 18-7 down. 21-19! . . . End of Lieck, end of set and end of match. As The Times said next morning — the irony is not lost when a country spends most of the year studying our top players — but caution is required. Too much still relies upon too few.

### RESULTS

J. Hilton bt W. Lieck 19, 13;  
D. Douglas bt P. Stellwag 14, 18;  
C. Knight lost to U. Kamizuru -14, -13;  
Douglas/D. Parker lost to Lieck/Stellwag  
-23, -14;  
Douglas/L. Jarvis bt R. Wosik/Kamizuru  
18, 13;  
Hilton bt Stellwag -13, 19, 18;  
Douglas bt Lieck 12, 19.

### NETHERLANDS OPEN

Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia won the men's singles title in the Netherlands Open, played at the Hague over the period Oct. 17/19, beating his compatriot, Milan Orlovski -12, 17, -20, 8 and 19 in the final.

The counterpart women's event was won by Bettine Vriesekoop who, before her home crowd had a commendable 13, 20, -14, 13 win over China's Yang Ying now, playing for DSC Kaiserberg in the Federal German Bundesliga, at No. 2 behind Ursula Kamizuru.

Sweden's Ulf Carlsson and Mickael Appelgren won the men's doubles beating Dvoracek and Jiri Pansky in the final whilst



The German team from left to right:-  
Wosik, Stellwag, Leick, Kneipe-Stumpe, Kamizuru, Korpa (Coach).

Photo by Graham Duncan, 22 Elmbourne Road, Tooting Bec, London SW17.

the women's doubles went to **Weronika Sikora** and **Malgorzata Urbanska** of Poland who had a final win over Yang Ying partnered by Sandra de Kruiff of the Netherlands.

Poland's **Andrzej Grubba** partnered Miss **Vriesekoop** to her second title in the mixed beating **Bela Frank** and **Edit Urban** of Hungary. **Czechoslovakia** won the men's team title beating Hungary 3-0 whilst **Hungary** had the compensation of winning the women's team prize beating the Netherlands 3-1 with **Edit Urban** getting her country home with a 19, -16, 14 fourth set win over Miss **Vriesekoop**. Full scores will appear in the December issue.

mixed, beating **Derek Weir** and **Ann McLoughlin** comfortably, 14, 14.

At the presentation of prizes, which was made by Mr. **Gerry Tannam** of ACEC, the loudest cheers were for **Keane** and **Slevin** and the hard working Committee of **Terenure CYMS** for their excellent organisation.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Semi-finals:**

**K. Keane** bt **M. Kinsella** -21, 12, 16;  
**C. Slevin** bt **T. Heasley** 10, 17.

**Final:**

**KEANE** bt **Slevin** -18, 19, 15.

**Women's Semi-finals:**

**A. Leonard** bt **P. Hunter** 8, 6;  
**L. Cheevers** bt **M. McNeill** 13, 17.

**Final:**

**LEONARD** bt **Cheevers** 14, 13.

**Men's Doubles Final:**

**KEANE/M. GREENE** bt **Slevin/B. Larrigan** 16, -24, 12.

**Women's Doubles Final:**

**D. KILPATRICK/M. RYAN** bt **Hunter/Cheevers** -20, 19, 14.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**

**A. CAIRNS/HUNTER** bt **D. Weir/A. McLoughlin** 14, 14.

# IRISH AFFAIRS

by Willie Walsh

## SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN OPEN

In what I consider, the finest and most exciting domestic match I have ever seen in my lengthy association with Irish Table Tennis, **Kevin Keane** eventually won a titanic struggle when he beat **Colum Slevin** -18, 19 15 in the Men's Final of the ACEC sponsored South County Dublin Open at CYMS club, Terenure.

In the first game, **Slevin** led 12-8, 14-9, 15-10, but then **Keane** won 4 of the next five points to change at 16-14 in **Slevin's** favour. **Slevin** won the next 2 points to lead 18-14 and then went on to lead 20-15. **Keane** won the next 3 points but **Slevin** won the next 2 to clinch the game.

In the second they were level at 8-8 and from then on they were "neck and neck" to 18-18. Then 19-19 but **Keane** won the next 2 points to keep the match alive.

In the final game, **Slevin** led 6-3, 7-4, 8-5, 9-6, 9-7, 10-8 and 11-9. They were level at 11-11, 13-13, 15-15 and then the more extrovert **Keane** produced some of his more flamboyant attacking back-hand and fore-hand drives to win the next 7 points.

In the semi-finals, **Keane** beat **Martin Kinsella** -21, 12, 16 and **Slevin** beat **Thomas Heasley** 10, 17. In their first game **Keane** led **Kinsella** 10-4 and 20-15 but he then had one of his mental aberrations to lose 21. In the second **Kinsella** made the mistake of opening the game up which **Keane** capitalised on to lead 5-1, 7-2, 11-6, 15-8 and 20-11.

The third game was much the same as the second game with **Keane** leading 12-7, 14-9, 18-13, 19-15 and 20-16. Overall this was a disappointing performance by **Kinsella**. I am sure he would be the first to agree with me but whether it was "jet-lag" or an off night, I am sure **Kinsella** will be back.

**Slevin** had a rather facile victory over **Heasley**. **Heasley** never realised his full potential against the brilliance of **Slevin**.

**Anne Leonard** was never extended in the Women's final against **Liz Cheevers** (neé **Cash**) winning 14, 13.

17-years-old **Michael Greene**, who is a son of the well known Irish Professional Golfer and former Irish Closed Golf Champion **Christie Green**, won his first Senior Open title when he partnered **Keane** to win the Men's Doubles final, their opponents — **Slevin** and **Brian Lannigan** made them fight all the way in a match in which the display of young **Greene** was a revelation. He was the perfect partner for the more dashing play of **Keane** and he saved a number of points with his brilliant recoveries. **Keane** and **Greene** eventually won 16, -24, 12.

**Deirdre Kilpatrick** and **Mary Ryan** beat the Ulster pairing of **Pat Hunter** and **Liz Cheevers** -20, 19, 14.

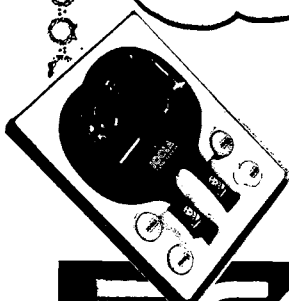
**Mrs. Hunter** made amends when partnered by **Alistair Cairns**, she won the

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## EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Ireland's entry into the fray of the European League is a rather belated one this year. The first match was to be away against Turkey for which travel arrangements were made but hastily cancelled owing to the untimely coup. The Irish officials were unable to make contact with the Turkish Association and consequently decided as there was not even a guarantee of being allowed to land it was better not to travel.

Romania's withdrawal was another set back to arrangements, so let's hope Denmark are on their way to Belfast on the 15th of this month.



Kevin Keane being presented with the South County Open Singles Trophy by Gerry Tannom, Sales Executive, A.C.E.C. Ltd.

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## TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Season 1980/81

1980

November

- 8—Pioneer Invitation (Dublin).
- 13—European League, Ireland v Denmark (Antrim Forum).
- 14/15—Dale Farm Ulster Open (Newtownabbey).
- 21/22—Belcamp Junior Invitation (Belcamp College).
- 28/29—Stardust Open (Ballyfermott).

December

- 5/6—Leinster Open (Dublin).
- 11—European League, Spain v Ireland (Barcelona).
- 13—Senior Inter-Pros (Munster).
- 20—Belfast Junior Open (Belfast).
- 27—Ulster County Singles Finals (Belfast).

1981

January

- 1—Radio Rentals Senior Invitation (Belfast).
- 2/3—All Ireland Invitation (Malahide).
- 3/4/5—Leinster Junior Open (Dublin).
- 10—Dale Farm Belfast County Open (Belfast).
- 15—European League, Ireland v Belgium (Dublin).
- 16/17—Glenalbyn Open (Stillorgan).
- 24—County Armagh Open (Craigavon).
- 31—Munster Open (Limerick).

February

- 6/7—Intermediate/Junior/Cadet Inter Pros (Dublin).
- 12—European League, Ireland v Norway (Athlone).
- 13/14—Lisburn Open (Lisburn).
- 13/14—Stardust Junior Open (Ballyfermott).
- 21—Longford Open (Longford).
- 21—Ulster Schools Championships (Monkstown).
- 27/28—Irish Closed (Dublin).

March

- 6/7—County Antrim Open (Ballymena).

- 12—European League, Switzerland v Ireland (Geneva).
- 13/14—East of Ireland Open (Dublin).
- 20/21—Irish Junior Open (Dublin).
- 20/21—Fermanagh Open (Enniskillen).
- 28—Dale Farm Tyrone Open (Omagh).
- 28—Ulster Schools Team Finals (Monkstown).

April

- 4—Dale Farm Ulster Junior Open (Newtownabbey).

May

- 1/2—Belcamp Cadet Invitation (Belcamp College).
- 9/10—Irish Junior Masters (Dublin).
- 16/17—Willwood Tailteann (Belcamp College).

# NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Robert Oldfield

## ORMESBY LEAD — JUST!

After a defeat at Ellenborough, Ormesby looked to have done their chances of winning the National League no good at all but, after four matches played, the Middlesbrough team are on the top of the table — only a safety margin of one set separating them from the three other teams. It is that close!

## ELLENBOROUGH v ORMESBY

I have had the fortune to attend three of the top matches so far this season and by the flip of a coin found myself at the Ellenborough club on Sept. 21. With two sets played Ormesby were set to take a 2-1 lead when their No. 4, Keith Rodger, lead John Kitchener by a game and 15-10. It had been an indifferent set with Kitchener playing far below his best yet, almost unbelievably, he recovered to lead 18-16 and then had to save two set points to prolong the battle to a third game. The instructions from Alan Ransome were obvious. Rodger went 8-1 up before Kitchener registered another point and, at 19-11, Ellenborough's case looked hopeless. Mark Mitchell's support for his team-mate, "You're still in there John" brought a scathing snort from a spectator at the back and Rodger moved in for the kill. By 16-19 there was still no sign of panic in the Ormesby camp as Rodger had practically served Kitchener out of the set with his deceptive high-tossed serves. The first one almost hit the ceiling but Kitchener scrambled back a safe backhand return. Going for his 'ace' down the line, Rodger's nerve failed him and his opponent was able to get across in time. At 19-19 a good serve brought him his third chance for the set but it was his last point and the balance of the match was irreversibly altered in Ellenborough's favour. Wins by Colin Wilson, Graham Sandley and Mitchell sealed their victory and after four and a half hours of exciting table tennis, the crowd drained by the tension: Ellenborough 6 Ormesby 3.

## FRESH MACLEANS

Elsewhere, after finding a 'better way to get away' by beating Sporting Club de Portugal on the previous evening, Sealink Milton Keynes were sinking 6-3 to Macleans Maidenhead. Only Bob Potton was able to make any impression on the Macleans team and it was of little surprise when Sealink's manager, Brian Ashton, strengthened his squad with a new signing, the Australian No. 1, winner of last year's Scottish Open, Robert Tuckett. Two other recruits to the National League are Carl Prean (Soham) and Philip Bradbury (Macleans Maidenhead) which indicates that these teams are wisely formulating a youth policy to provide their players in the future.

On the following fixture date, Oct. 5, Soham played Ellenborough and this time it was Sandley who made the dramatic recovery to save the London club. Kenny Jackson, playing his first home match since returning from Japan, led Sandley by a game and 11-6 but then his concentration snapped completely and he gained only one more point in the second game. In the meantime Ormesby improved their sets average with an emphatic win over Fellows Cranleigh (Newham).

## BEATEN AT LAST

Two weeks later the early leaders, Ellenborough, entertained the champions, Sealink Milton Keynes. Billed as a classic, it failed to live up to the expectations of the home crowd and the undefeated records of Sandley and Kitchener were destroyed by Sealink's Potton and Tuckett. But the league is far from finished for the London club despite their apparently lowly fifth place. Their next match is against Macleans Maidenhead on Nov. 9 and they will then play the bottom three clubs while Sealink, Soham and Ormesby fight amongst themselves.

## Premier Division Table

	P	W	F	A	P
Ormesby I	4	3	27	9	6
Sealink Milton Keynes	4	3	26	10	6
Soham	4	3	26	10	6
Macleans Maidenhead	4	3	23	13	6
Ellenborough	4	3	19	17	6
Fellows Cranleigh (Newham)	4	1	9	27	2
Unity	4	0	8	28	0
Dunlop Sports (Birmingham)	4	0	6	30	0

(Sealink Milton Keynes and Soham have an equal games difference and are in alphabetical order).

## SECOND DIVISION (South)

A similar situation has arisen in the Second Division (South) with all the top four teams beating each other. March had a particularly good win over St. Neots thanks to two sets from Mick Palmer, so he was promptly dropped for the next match, to the advantage of Bristol 'Cashmans'. I have had conflicting reports of the efficiency of the heating pipes at the Cashmans' venue, Totterdown YMCA, but Seagulls showed that they can play in all conditions by beating Cashmans 7-2 on Oct. 19. Seagulls' only loss so far was to St. Neots but the match score of 7-2 could have been much closer if the Sussex brothers, Stephen and Adrian Moore, had taken their very close games against Simon Proffitt. My thanks go to the Seagull's secretary, Carol Beames, for her match reports and any more clubs that have press cuttings, programmes etc. — these will, as always, be gratefully received.

## Second Division (South) Table

	P	W	F	A	P
Seagulls *	4	3	23	13	6
St. Neots *	4	3	23	13	6
Bristol Cashmans	3	2	17	10	4
March Town	3	2	12	15	4
Gunnersbury Triangle	4	1	19	17	2
Generation II	3	1	14	13	2
Prudential This	3	0	0	27	0

\* on games difference.

## SECOND DIVISION (North)

In the struggle for a promotion chance there are two teams that are undefeated, City of Newcastle and Norton. The two play each other on Dec. 21 and Norton must be tempted to ask for the match to be brought forward by a day as Newcastle play at the Eldon Square Leisure Centre — right in the centre of the city's shopping precinct. Newcastle's facilities must be the envy of their neighbours, South West Durham, and although the Darlington team have yet to win a match, they have added Bill Reay to their squad to strengthen their number three and four positions.

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**Second Division (North) Table**

	P	W	F	A	P
City of Newcastle .....	4	4	29	7	3
Norton .....	3	3	22	5	6
Tarmac/Wolverhampton .	4	3	23	14	6
Salford Select .....	3	2	16	11	4
Stockton Select * .....	4	1	12	24	2
Ormesby II * .....	4	1	12	24	2
Billingham/J. D. White					
Gp.	4	1	7	29	2
South West Durham .....	4	0	14	22	0

\* on games difference.

**GENERAL PROGRESS**

In general, progress has been made with the league this year particularly with the co-operation that we are receiving from the national press. The fixtures are now included in most of the national newspapers and virtually all of them take the results that are given to the agencies at 6.30 p.m. The Daily Star, Daily Telegraph and The Times have arrangements to receive the late results and copy about the matches is obviously our next hope. In the meantime local radio is a very interested medium — London fixtures being covered by Capital, Radio London and LBC.

It was recently brought to my attention that perhaps readers might like to know the members of the National League Committee: Colin Clemett (ETTA Vice Chairman — Competitions) is Acting Chairman and the voting members of the Committee are Keith Ponting (National League Administrator), Alan Ransome, Mike Lewis and Peter D'Arcy. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 29.

**RESULTS**

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**14th September, 1980**  
**SEALINK MILTON KEYNES 8 DUNLOP SPORTS 1**  
 B. Potton bt P. Glynn 16, 9;  
 bt A. Bellingham 19, 12;  
 D. Johnson bt Bellingham 13, 13;  
 bt D. Munt 15, 9.  
 R. Yule lost to B. Hayward 19, -21, -21;  
 bt Glynn 10, 18.  
 S. Andrew bt Munt 14, -12, 17;  
 bt Hayward 13, 12.  
 Potton/Barnes bt Bellingham/Glynn 18, -16, 14.  
**ORMESBY 7 UNITY 2**  
 N. Jarvis bt C. Rogers 10, 15;  
 bt K. Beadsley 9, 18.  
 D. Parker bt Beadsley 13, 18;  
 bt S. Mills 23, -19, 19.  
 D. Neale bt S. Turner 19, -17, 14;  
 bt Rogers 10, 16.  
 K. Rodger lost to Mills 17, -13, -15;  
 bt Turner 16, 14.  
 Jarvis/Parker lost to Beadsley/Rogers 14, -18, -17.  
**FELLOWS CRANLEIGH 2 ELLENBOROUGH 7**  
 I. Horsham lost to M. Mitchell -17, -14;  
 lost to G. Sandley -18, -18.  
 D. Newman lost to Sandley -11, 17, -14;  
 lost to J. Kitchener -19, -11.  
 D. Charlery bt C. Wilson -12, 16, 21;  
 lost to Mitchell 19, -21, -13.  
 L. Eadie lost to Kitchener -15, -17;  
 lost to Wilson -19, -10.  
 Horsham/Newman bt Sandley/Wilson 13, -14, 21.

**21st September 1980**  
**SEALINK MILTON KEYNES 3**  
**MACLEANS MAIDENHEAD 6**  
 Potton bt D. Barr 14, 18;  
 bt M. Crimmins 16, 18.  
 Johnson lost to Crimmins -18, 20, -19;  
 bt A. Wellman 10, 20.  
 Yule lost to A. Clayton -19, 8, -19;  
 lost to Barr 19, -19, -15.  
 Andrew lost to Wellman -10, -14;  
 lost to Clayton -17, -19.  
 Yule/Potton lost to Clayton/Crimmins -16, -18.  
**DUNLOP SPORTS 4 FELLOWS CRANLEIGH 5**  
 Bellingham lost to Newman -18, -14;  
 lost to Horsham 19, -12, -15.  
 Glynn lost to Horsham -19, 21, -17;  
 bt Charlery 13, -19, 19.  
 Munt bt A. Penny 9, 12;  
 lost to Newman -15, -10.  
 Hayward lost to Charlery -17, -18;  
 bt Penny 16, 15.  
 Hayward/Johnson bt Horsham/Newman 18, 17.  
**ELLENBOROUGH 6 ORMESBY 3**  
 Sandley bt Jarvis 19, -8, 16;  
 bt Parker 19, -19, 15.  
 Mitchell lost to Parker -12, 15, -19;  
 bt Neale -20, 10, 15.  
 Kitchener bt Rodger -13, 21, 20;  
 bt Jarvis 18, 14.  
 Wilson bt Neale 14, 17;  
 lost to Rodger -16, 11, -20.  
 Sandley/Mitchell lost to Parker/Jarvis 16, -17, -17.  
**UNITY 2 SOHAM 7**  
 Beadsley lost to K. Jackson -19, 13, -13;  
 lost to P. Day -13, -14.

Rogers lost to Day -14, -13;  
 bt K. Richardson 11, 12.  
 Turner lost to D. Wells 13, -18, -11;  
 lost to Jackson -15, -13.  
 T. Bottomley bt Richardson -15, 18, 18;  
 lost to Wells -19, -13.  
 Beadsley/Rogers lost to Day/Souter -19, -15.

**28th September, 1980**  
**MACLEANS MAIDENHEAD 2 SOHAM 7**  
 Crimmins bt Jackson 27, 14;  
 lost to Day -12, -9.  
 Barr lost to Day -17, -12;  
 lost to J. Souter -14, 18, -13.  
 Wellman bt Wells -19, 16, 16;  
 lost to Jackson -16, -14.  
 S. Harmer lost to Souter -16, 18, -16;  
 lost to Wells -18, -14.  
 Crimmins/Harmer lost to Day/Souter -8, -14.

**5th October, 1980**  
**SEALINK MILTON KEYNES 7 UNITY 2**  
 Potton bt Mills 23, 20;  
 bt Rogers 12, -17, 15.  
 Johnson bt Rogers 12, 12;  
 bt Turner 16, 9.  
 Yule bt Bottomley 7, 12;  
 lost to Mills -15, -19.  
 R. Tuckett bt Turner -13, 17, 13;  
 bt Bottomley 7, 15.  
 Potton/Tuckett lost to Rogers/Mills -18, 18, -20.  
**ORMESBY 8 FELLOWS CRANLEIGH 1**  
 Parker bt Newman 15, 15;  
 bt Horsham 15, 8.  
 Jarvis bt Horsham 13, 18;  
 bt Charlery 13, 15.  
 Neale bt Penny 15, 18;  
 bt P. Newman 20, -17, 19.  
 Rodger lost to Charlery -12, -20;  
 bt Penny 15, 9.  
 Jarvis/Parker bt Horsham/Newman 19, -17, 18.  
**MACLEANS MAIDENHEAD 8 DUNLOP SPORTS 1**  
 Crimmins bt Bellingham 15, -12, 22.  
 bt T. Taylor 18, 9.  
 Wellman lost to Taylor 20, -17, -17;  
 bt Glynn 13, -13, 10.  
 Clayton bt Munt 14, 19;  
 bt Bellingham 15, -16, 13.  
 D. Reeves bt Glynn 18, 19;  
 bt Munt 11, -20, 17.  
 Crimmins/Wellman bt Johnson/Hayward -18, 24 14.  
**SOHAM 4 ELLENBOROUGH 5**  
 Day bt Mitchell 16, 16;  
 lost to Sandley 14, -16, -19.  
 Jackson lost to Sandley 10, -12, -16;  
 lost to Kitchener -17, -16.  
 Souter bt Wilson 16, 17;  
 lost to Mitchell -16, 18, -10.  
 Wells lost to Kitchener 18, -13, -13;  
 bt Wilson -15, 13, 14.  
 Day/Souter bt Sandley/Mitchell 19, 10.

**19th October, 1980**  
**ELLENBOROUGH 1 SEALINK MILTON KEYNES 8**  
 Sandley bt Johnson 17, 16;  
 Mitchell lost to Potton -18, -13;  
 Kitchener lost to Tuckett 12, -11, -10;  
 L. Smith lost to Yule -19, -10;  
 Sandley lost to Potton -20, -8;  
 Mitchell lost to Yule 14, -10, -17;  
 Kitchener lost to Johnson -16, 18, -15;  
 Smith lost to Tuckett -13, -14.  
 Sandley/Wilson lost to Potton/Tuckett -17, -19.  
**SCIMITAR FELLOWS CRANLEIGH 1 SOHAM 8**  
 Horsham lost to Jackson -12, 19, -14;  
 Newman lost to Day -18, -15;  
 Charlery lost to C. Prean -18, 17, -17;  
 I. Attridge lost to Souter -19, 23, -11;  
 Horsham lost to Day -20, -14;  
 Newman lost to Souter -18, -25;  
 Charlery lost to Jackson -13, -14;  
 Attridge lost to Prean -15, -12;  
 Horsham/Newman bt Day/Souter 14, 10.  
**ORMESBY 9 DUNLOP BIRMINGHAM 0**  
 Parker bt Glynn 12, 9;  
 Jarvis bt Bellingham 17, 14;  
 Neale bt Johnson 11, 13;  
 Rodger bt Munt 18, -10, 8;  
 Parker bt Bellingham 16, 15;  
 Jarvis bt Munt 9, 9;  
 Neale bt Glynn 15, 11;  
 Rodger bt Johnson 19, 13;  
 Jarvis/Parker bt Hayward/Johnson 19, 17.  
**UNITY 2 MACLEANS MAIDENHEAD 7**  
 Rogers bt Barr 11, -15, 8;  
 Mills lost to Crimmins -7, -15;  
 Turner lost to Clayton -23, 16, -15;  
 Lo lost to Wellman -16, -17;  
 Rogers lost to Crimmins -14, -16;  
 Mills bt Wellman 18, 17;  
 Turner lost to Barr 19, -11, -15;  
 Lo lost to Clayton -9, -17;  
 Mills/Rogers lost to Clayton/Reeves 17, -11, -12.

**SECOND DIVISION (NORTH)**

**14th September, 1980**  
 Norton 6 Ormesby II 3  
 City of Newcastle 7 Stockton Select 2  
 S.W. Durham 3 Salford Select 6

**21st September, 1980**  
 Stockton Select 1 Tarmac Wolverhampton 8  
 Billingham Symph. 5 S.W. Durham 4  
 Ormesby II 2 City of Newcastle 7

**28th September, 1980**  
 Tarmac Wolverhampton 7 Billingham Symph. 2  
**5th October, 1980**  
 Norton 9 Billingham 0  
 City of Newcastle 6 Salford Select 3  
 S.W. Durham 3 Tarmac Wolverhampton 6  
 Stockton Select 4 Ormesby II 5

**19th October, 1980 ...**  
 Billingham Symph. 0 City of Newcastle 9  
 Tarmac Wolverhampton 2 Norton 7  
 S.W. Durham 4 Stockton Select 5  
 Salford Select 7 Ormesby II 2

**SECOND DIVISION (SOUTH)**

**14th September, 1980**

Seagulls 9 Prudential Ibis 0  
 March 6 Gunnersbury Triangle 3  
 Generation II 3 St. Neots 6

**21st September, 1980**

Bristol "Cashmans" 7 Generation II 2  
 St. Neots 4 March 5  
 Gunnersbury Triangle 4 Seagulls 5

**5th October, 1980**

Prudential Ibis 0 Gunnersbury Triangle 9  
 March 1 Bristol "Cashmans" 8  
 Seagulls 2 St. Neots 7

**19th October, 1980**

Bristol Cashmans 2 Seagulls 7  
 Generation II 9 Prudential Ibis 0  
 St. Neots 6 Gunnersbury Triangle 3

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS DIARY**

**November 29th**

- Premier**  
 Lancs v Essex, Red Bank School, Newton-le-Willows, 6.30 p.m.
- 2 South**  
 Dorset v Sussex, International Time Recording, Fleets Lane, Poole, Dorset, 6.30 p.m.  
 Oxon v Surrey, Rutherford Laboratory, Chiltern, Didcot, 7.00 p.m.
- 2 North**  
 Lancs II v Cleveland, Red Bank School, Newton-le-Willows, 2.30 p.m.
- 2 Midland**  
 Warwicks II v Northants, G.E.C., Mill Road, Rugby, 7.00 p.m.  
 Leicestershire v Worcs, Magpie Y.C., Sturdee Road, Leicester, 7.15 p.m.
- 3 North**  
 Northumberland v Cumbria, Byker Community Centre, Newcastle 6. 7.00 p.m.
- Junior 2 East**  
 Herts v Middlesex II, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, 2.30 p.m.
- Junior 3 N. Midland**  
 Warwicks II v Shropshire, G.E.C., Mill Road, Rugby, 3.00 p.m.
- Veterans South (A)**  
 Middlesex v Herts II, East Finchley T.T.C., 142 High Road, East Finchley, N.2, 2.30 p.m.  
 Essex II v Kent, Japan Road School, Chadwell Heath, Essex, 7.00 p.m.
- Veterans West**  
 Dorset I v Wiltshire, International Time Recording, Fleets Lane, Poole, Dorset, 2.30 p.m.

**NEW TYPE PADDLE**

Table tennis rackets of a new type produced in Shanghai have been tried out and proved satisfactory in performance. Rackets that come into popular use in international contests in the '70's showed much improvement on their predecessors. However, there were certain defects in their surfaces. The pimped rubber surface, for instance, was suitable for quick attack but not for producing spins.

Inverted sandwich rubber, on the other hand, was good for imparting spin to chops and lifts but not for quick shots. The Shanghai-made new racket, surfaced with "Double Happiness" Model-PF4 rubber, is free of these drawbacks. After trying out the new product, ex-world champion Xi Enting and other well-known Chinese players affirmed its advantages as follows:- (1) It can be used to produce both quick shots and heavy-spin loop drives, services and chops; (2) It is good for returning over-the-table short balls and for controlling the trajectory and placement of shots in returning strong loops; and (3) It can be used to good advantage for following up a loop with a smash.

China Sports, Beijing.

**FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER**

In a friendly contest in the Chinese city of Shenyang, China men had a 5-0 victory over Japan whilst the Japanese women were beaten 3-1. China's teams were:-

Men - Wang Huiyuan, Shi Zhihao and Li Zhenshi and the Women - Zhang Deying and Bu Qiuian. Japan were represented by Hiroyuki Abe, Norio Takashima and the reigning world champion Seiji Ono and by Rie Wada and Kayoko Kawahigashi.

China Sports, Beijing.

# BOOK REVIEW

## SUCCESSFUL TABLE TENNIS

by Peter Simpson

Table tennis to Peter Simpson, England's Trainer/Coach, is something more than a skilful sport, it is a way of life and the pages of this new book prescribe his daily teachings. Drawing on his vast experience in the International field Peter has written a concise and easy to read guide that pinpoints the shots and strategies so essential for successful table tennis.

This is not a publication for the absolute beginner but rather for those who play a little and wish to improve their skills. An ideal present I would suggest for all Club players. The author has approached the subject with the thoroughness expected of a National trainer and would not claim that his book will fashion top players overnight, but for me it takes a man size step in the right direction.

Today, more than ever, playing and enjoying table tennis at a high level depends on using the correct equipment and conditioning the body to the rigours of play. These topics are discussed with understanding and a knowledge acquired by study and experience. The book is clearly illustrated with drawings that highlight a range of practise routines. I particularly liked the way high quality coloured photographs of star players were neatly interspersed with black and white reproductions of the model players demonstrating strokes. It would be unjust of me however not to award a black mark to the person who chose the introductory photograph of the author giving advice to Desmond Douglas. The photograph is badly exposed and is completely void of atmosphere and animation. It does

absolutely nothing for Peter Simpson, Desmond Douglas or Table Tennis.

Excluding the above mentioned photograph, I found this book to be informative and interesting and tagged at the very reasonable price of £2.75 it should be a good seller.

**RON CRAYDEN.**

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### News from the Trade

#### HALEX ANNOUNCE ULTRA THEIR NEW TABLE TENNIS BALL

After five years of development work at their factory at Highams Park, Halex Table Tennis are at last satisfied that their latest achievement . . . the Halex ULTRA three star table tennis ball outclasses all other balls on the green table. The problems of producing a perfect celluloid table tennis ball in production quantities are manifold, but at Highams Park, Halex have collected more experience than is likely to be found elsewhere. The new ball is made of 100% celluloid, the traditional material, but the only one to give the right kind of consistent bounce demanded by the table tennis player of today.

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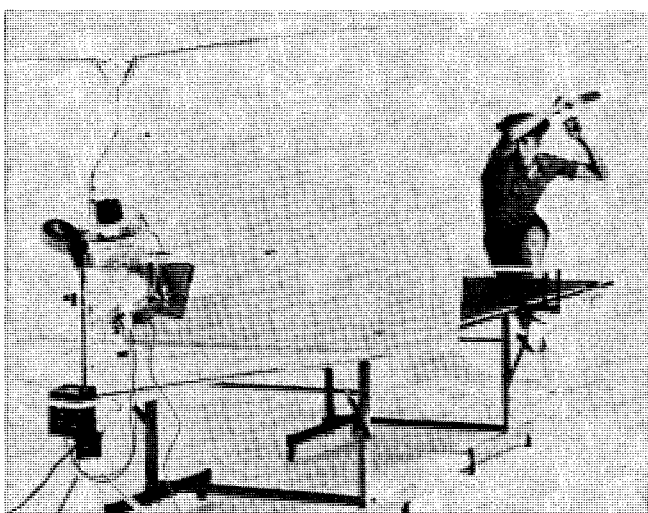
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# 1980 CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION OPEN

## NEW DOMINANT FORCE by MALCOLM ANDERSON

Chairman, Photographic Committee, USTTA

The "Ex" was weaker than it has been in years, due to a conflict with the South Korean Open (both the USA and Canada sent teams) and to Zoki Kosanovic's ailing wrist — he couldn't play.

The Men's results were familiar — Danny Seemiller played in 4 events, including the International Team Match, and won them all. A new dominant force emerged in the Women's events — Faan Yeen Liu played in 4 events, including the International Match, and she lost exactly one game.

USA v Canada International Match

### RESULTS

#### Men's: USA 5 Canada 1

Perry Schwartzberg d. Frank Watson 11, 14;  
Dan Seemiller d. Pierre Normandin 12, 16;  
Dell Sweeris d. Joe Eng 18, 18;  
Seemiller d. Watson 9, 7;  
Schwartzberg lost to Eng -10, -11;  
Sweeris d. Normandin -24, 13, 13.

#### Women's: USA 3 Canada 1

Faan Yeen Liu d. Suzanne Kavallierou 15, 13;  
Cheryl Dadian d. Gloria Nesukaitis 12, 7;  
Dadian/Takako Trenholme lost to Nesukaitis/Colleen Johnson -22, 18, -15.  
Liu d. Nesukaitis 19, 12.

#### Junior Men's: USA 5 Canada 2

John Merkel lost to Wong Chi Chong -14, -15;  
Scott Butler d. Mitchell Rothfleisch 13, 11;  
Sean O'Neill d. Keine Huynh 12, 19;  
Butler d. Wong 20, 20;  
Merkel d. Huynh 24, -16, 19;  
O'Neill lost to Rothfleisch -16, 9, -16;  
Butler d. Huynh 20, -16, 21.

#### Junior Women's: Canada 3 USA 2

Julia Johnson d. Ai-Ju Wu 4, 15;  
Becky McKnight d. Lisa Gee 15, -10, 17;

Johnson/McKnight lost to Ai-Ju Wu/  
Ai-Wen Wu -21, -11;  
McKnight lost to Ai-Ju Wu 11, -17, -9;  
Johnson d. Gee -13, 14, 17.

The individual finals were unusual in that a rabbit auction was plainly audible on the other side of the partition.

#### Men's Singles Final:

Pupil against coach — **Danny Seemiller** against Dell Sweeris. Dell won this tournament in 1971, beating Alan Hydes and Peter Pradit. Since then Danny has won it 6 times. Danny played his normal close to the table block and attack game, and Dell played his normal away from the table aggressive topspin game, at times forcing Danny back! Danny led 18-12 in the first, Dell tied it up at 18-all, then Danny closed it out at 18. Danny then won the 2nd game at 8, and the 3rd, where a late rally got Dell to 17.

#### Semis:

Seemiller d. George Brathwaite 16, 16, 14;  
Sweeris d. Perry Schwartzberg 17, -16, -13, 15, 18.

#### Quarters:

Schwartzberg upset No. 2 seed Scott Boggan -14, -14, 14, 18, 17. Down 11-6 in the 5th, he went ahead 14-11! Perry's speciality is his high toss serve.

Sweeris d. Lim Ming Chui;  
Brathwaite d. Jim Lazarus;  
Seemiller d. Joe Eng.  
(Joe was the only Canadian to reach the quarter-finals).

#### Women's Singles Final:

**Faan Yeen Liu** d. Cheryl Dadian 19, 16, 16. Cheryl scored the first 5 points with loops followed by kills. Faan Yeen, who uses Phantom on one side and spins the racket to get setups, then started hitting herself — she won the first game with an impressive serve and kill at 20-19. Cheryl appeared to lose some of her confidence during this game, and wasn't quite as aggressive from then on.

#### Semis:

Liu d. Takako Trenholme 13, 17, 12;  
Dadian d. Gloria Nesukaitis 14, 14, 22.

#### Men's Doubles Final:

**Danny/Randy Seemiller** d. Joe Eng/  
Lim Ming Chui 15, 11, -19, 14.

#### Semis:

Seemiller d. Scott Boggan/Ben Nesbit;  
Eng/Chui d. Scott Butler/Jim Lazarus 16, 18, 14.

#### Women's Doubles Final:

**Cheryl Dadian/Connie Sweeris** d. Takako Trenholme/Jeanette Camacho 10, 17, -10, 17.

#### Semis:

Dadian/Sweeris d. Becky McKnight/  
Colleen Johnson;  
Trenholme/Camacho d. Gloria Nesukaitis/  
Suzanne Kavallierou.

#### Mixed Doubles Final:

**Dan Seemiller/Faan Yeen Liu** d. Scott Boggan/Cheryl Dadian -18, 16, 12, 10.

#### Semis:

Seemiller/Liu d. Frank Watson/Tina Walter 10, 9, 12;  
Boggan/Dadian d. Joe Eng/Gloria Nesukaitis 19, 20, 16.

#### Men -21:

**Schwartzberg** d. Boggan, withdrawal.  
Scott wanted to save his energy for the Men's, so Perry beat him there!

#### Women -21:

**Faan Yeen Liu** d. Colleen Johnson 12, 8.

#### Men +40:

**George Brathwaite** d. Tim Boggan 14, 17, 15.

#### Women +40:

**Lorma Bauer** d. Betty Tweedy 19, 16.

#### Boys' -17:

**Joe Eng** d. Ming Yuan 15, 8, 12.

#### Semis:

Eng d. Wong Chi Chong 14, 17, 13;  
Ming d. Sean O'Neill 16, 18, 8.

#### Girls' -17:

**Julia Johnson** d. Becky McKnight -15, -21, 13, 11, 16.

#### Semis:

Johnson d. Diana Gee 12, 17, 18;  
McKnight d. Lisa Gee 13, 18, 15.

#### Quarters:

Diana Gee upset Cheryl Dadian 19, 21, -13, 17.

#### Junior Men's Doubles:

**Sean O'Neill/Kurt Douty** d. Lee Ross/  
Mike Heisler 18, 15, 19.

#### Junior Women's Doubles:

**Ai-Wen Wu/Ai-Ju Wu** d. Lisa Gee/Diana Gee 17, 15, 8.

#### Junior Mixed Doubles:

**O'Neill/Dadian** d. Butler/Lisa Gee 14, 7, 18.

#### Men +50:

**Harry DesChamps** d. Norman Schless -15, 16, -6, 17, 14.

#### Boys' -15:

**Sean O'Neill** d. Mike Ng 12, 15, 16.

#### Girls' -15:

**Ai-Ju Wu** d. Lisa Gee 12, 19, 10.

#### Boys' -13:

**O'Neill** d. Howard Meyer 6, 10, 13.

#### Girls' -13:

**Diana Gee** d. Lisa Gee 16, 20, -13, 19.

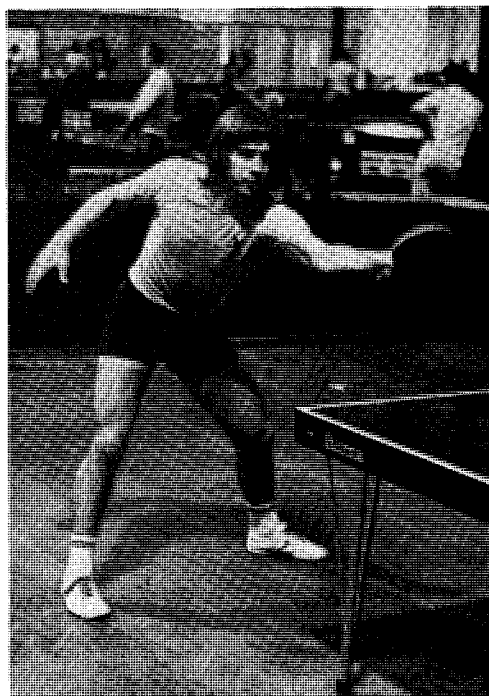
(This is the first time Diana ever beat her identical twin in a tournament).

#### Boys' -11:

**Benjamin Chui** d. Howard Meyer 12, -19, -16, 10, 10.

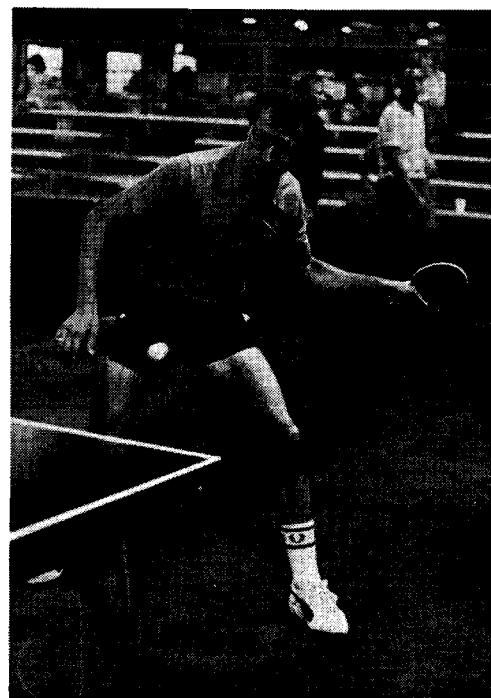
#### Girls' -11:

**Crystal Daniel** d. Micheline Mantel -23, 17, -16, 17, 21.



Danny Seemiller, 3-straight winner of the "Ex".

Photo by Malcolm Anderson, Cicero, IL, USA.



Dell Sweeris, the beaten finalist in the men's singles, who, in 1971, beat England's Alan Hydes and Peter Pradit to win the title.

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# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

## YORKSHIRE NOTES

by Les. D'Arcy

### FIRST TITLE WIN

David Lamb, David Hope and Stuart Milnes of East Green TTC won the Yorkshire Summer Inter-League first division title — the first time it has ever been won by a Wakefield side. Milnes and Hope followed up this success by making a clean sweep of the major titles in the Summer League individual championships at Moor Grange School, Leeds. Milnes won the men's Singles, Hope the consolation singles and together they lifted the men's doubles title.

Steven Sharpe defeated Neil Edgecock in the singles final of the Yorkshire Junior Ranking tournament also at Moor Grange. His win makes 15-year-old Steve the No. 1 Boy in the County and should bring other opportunities his way. Last season, Steven reached the final of the U-15 boys' event in the ESTTA International Champs at Bradford. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Junior 2nd team, winners of Div. 2 (North) in the County Championships.

Ossett Community Centre is being tipped to become one of the leading table tennis venues in the area. The man behind the boost in sport at the centre is Warden Trevor Pickersgill, who has enthusiastic plans for table tennis in Ossett. With the help of interested players he has already built a thriving table tennis section at the Centre with two teams playing in the Wakefield Open Age League.

The captains of the new Ossett sides are Keith Bolas and Gordon Cooper. To further ignite interest at the Centre, Mr. Pickersgill invited the writer to bring along the Yorkshire Summer League champions who gave an exhibition and then played against Ossett members.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

After their initial 7-2 defeat by Ormesby, Unity of Bradford, the all-conquering champions of the National League's second division last season, continued their baptism of fire on Sept. 21 in the Premier Division when they met Soham, last season's second placed team behind champions Sealink Milton Keynes.

Led by Paul Day, England's No. 3 and the top player in the National League, now that Des Douglas and John Hilton find the German air in the Bundesliga suits them better, Soham showed they meant business, even before the match started, by demanding the statutory knock-out period, as was their right but which, unfortunately, caused the match to start 20 minutes late.

What could have been useful to Hans Soova and his players for analysing weaknesses in the opposition, proved in reality to be a daunting experience as Day and his colleagues crashed in one big loop after another to give an exhibition which must have psyched the opposition.

The start was equally ominous when Kevin Beadsley lost his first set ever — in the National League — going down -13 in the third to a rampant Kenny Jackson — and Chris Rogers followed this losing -14, -13 to Day. Unity's newcomer, Steve Turner from the Lancs County team, played confidently to win the first game against David Wells but was dogged by bad luck to go down -11 in the third. In spite of this, Steve made a big impact by his sportsmanship and should be a firm favourite with both players and spectators in the future.

Tony Bottomly became the hero when he won his opening set 18 in the 3rd with some



Taken at Moor Grange, Leeds Centre of Excellence. Some of Yorkshire's young ESTTA internationals with Yorkshire TTA Chairman, Geoff Scruton, Mr. Neil Roberts, Sports Council Officer and Sylvia Bradbant a 2-Star Diploma coach. Left to right - David Illingsworth, Mark Illingsworth, Steven Sharpe, Mr. Roberts, Karen Arnold, Mr. G. Scruton, Lesley Broomhead, Josette Ryalls, Miss Broadbent and Tony Sanderson.

brilliant looping against Keith Richardson to keep Unity's hopes alive. But Day and John Souter, England's No. 1 junior, soon extinguished Unity's rekindled enthusiasm by some devastating hitting in the doubles — on several occasions straight from the service. Beadsley suffered most as young Souter thrashed serve after serve ripping through Unity's defence like a bullet for ace after ace.

With the doubles going to Soham it was left to Day, who by this time was beginning to look unassailable, to administer the final blow, which may be related to the fact that he used to train with Dave "Boy" Green. It was not Beadsley's day as he struggled to hold his irrepressible opponent who, in beating him, also spoiled Unity's enviable record of 12 months without defeat.

Hans Soova has, no doubt, made a number of notes about this match, but it does seem that unless some kind sponsor can come to Unity's aid, success at this top level is going to be hard to achieve. But, given the break, I am sure that Hans and Unity have the ability to do it. Rogers gained a consolation win over Richardson in the next set, but Soham finally won 7-2.

### RANKING LISTS

(As at Sept. 15, 1980)

#### Men

1 K. Beadsley (Br), 2 A. Fletcher (Hu), 3 A. Clayton (Hu), 4 S. Mills (Sh), 5 C. Lo (Br), 6 T. Bottomley (Hal), 7 R. Priestley (Br), 8 M. Stephenson (Br), 9 R. Shutt (Br), 10 J. Naser (Hu), 11 M. Illingsworth (Ba), 12 A. Sanderson (Y), 13 M. Edwards (Ba), 14 S. Kosmowsky (Br), 15 P. Sanderson (Le), 16 S. Wathey (Do).

#### Women

1 M. Hill (Br), 2 S. Midgley (Br), 3 L. Hryszko (Br), 4 J. Speight (Do), 5 L. Broomhead (Sh), 6 H. Shields (Br), 7 M. Seaton (Do), 8 J. MacLean (Hu), 9 J. Ryalls (Sh)

#### Boys

1 S. Sharpe (Wa), 2 A. Sanderson (Y), 3 D. Illingsworth (Ba), 4 N. Edgecock (Le), 5 M. Stead (Br), 6 T. Dyson (Hu), 7 K. M'Kandla (Le), 8 M. Rycroft (Br), 9 K. Thompson (Sh), 10 R. Wakeley (Har), 11 D. Rook (Br), 12 D. Indriks (Br), 13 S. Ruse (Le), 14 W. Cratchley (Hud), 15 A. Clark (Br), 16 S. Madden (Hu).

#### Girls

1 Speight, 2 Broomhead, 3 Seaton, 4 Ryalls, 5 J. Evans (Hu), 6 R. Brook (De), 7 D. Malpass (Do), 8 Julie Evans (Hu), 9 J. Todd (Br), 10 K. Burrows (Cas/Po), 11 T. Robertshaw (Br), 12 J. Stocks (Br), 13 T. Wenn (Hu), 14 V. Wilson (Le), 15 T. Brook (De), 16 R. Midgley (Le).

#### Cadet Boys

1 Rook, 2 M. Firth (Br), 3 R. Thompson (Sh), 4 P. Meer (Br), 5 R. Hurley (Wa), 6 J. Greaves (Sh), 7 N. Wesson (Ba), 8 P. Dixon (Hal), 9 R. Lightowler (De), 10 M. Latham (Wa), 11 R. Newton (Do), 12 S. Arnold (Wa), 13 A. Wilson (Do), 14 I. Bates (De), 15 P. Todd (Br), 16 A. Gee (Hal).

#### Cadet Girls

1 Malpass, 2 Stocks, 3 Midgley, 4 R. Baxter (Le), 5 D. Hall (Sh), 6 R. Beaumont (Br), 7 A. Evans (Hu), 8 J. Green (Hal), 9 J. Shaw (Wa), 10 J. Haigh (Br), 11 A. Huitt (Hu), 12 C. Stocks (Br), 13 J. Roberts (Do), 14 S. Taylor (Le), 15 H. Broomhead (Sh), 16 C. McGuire (Hal).

#### Key

Ba—Barnsley, Br—Bradford, Cas/Po—Castleford/Pontefract, De—Dewsbury, Do—Doncaster, Hal—Halifax, Har—Harrogate, Hu—Hull, Hud—Huddersfield, Le—Leeds, Sh—Sheffield, Wa—Wakefield, Y—York.

## WARWICKSHIRE NOTES

by Miss M. I. Rose

### EXCELLENT START

Warwickshire County teams opened this season's county challenge with some impressive results.

### WARWICKSHIRE 'A'

The Premier league team had an excellent start to their campaign in beating Lancashire 7-2 at the Handsworth Victoria club on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The team was Derek Munt, Barry Haywood, Barry Johnson and Karen Groves. It was a memorable performance as Warwickshire were without the services of Pat Glynn and Dougie Johnson and were captained for the first time by Dougie's

brother Barry. Pride of place must surely go to Derek Munt who beat England-ranked Donald Parker in a very entertaining set. Munt took the first game 16, lost the next 15 and then won 22-20 in the decider to bring off a great win. Karen Groves also did well in beating Joy Grundy in 2. The two Barries both played their part to the full in an impressive performance.

Warwickshire 'B' also started with a win beating Gloucester 8-1. The only set lost being by Andy Cockerill -19 in the 3rd. The team was Lester Bertie, Paul Judd, Andy Cockerill, Sandra Peakman and Di Hardy (St. Ledger) the latter making a successful comeback to County matches after a 2 year break. The girls were in top form winning all their sets. A very good team performance which promises very well for the rest of the campaign.

The Junior 'A' side played Avon at Bath and came away with a winning 7-2 result. The Handsworth Victoria duo Phillip Gunn and David Rudge winning both their singles with Ian Smith and Helen Rainbow winning one each and Smith and Gunn taking the doubles. As the team were without Andrew Pilgrim it seems as if the Juniors could have a good season.

Warwickshire Junior 'B' were unfortunately our only County team to lose, going down 4-6 against Northants, but as they had at one time been 0-4 down it was a fine effort by our U-15 Juniors. The experience should stand these young players in good stead for the future. The team was J. Singh, Mike Thomas, Tom Duncan, Melanie McHayle and Pauline McKenzle.

#### DUNLOP SPORTS - BIRMINGHAM

The Dunlop Sports team now play in the Premier Division of the National League and are, as expected, finding life hard going, and again lost this time a crushing 8-1 defeat at Macleans Maidenhead. Former England International Trevor Taylor made his debut for the side and although not yet fully match fit, he showed that he could have a big influence on future matches. Trevor won Birmingham's only set beating Andy Wellman 16 in the third.

#### WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

This season the Warwickshire League will probably be made up of the following teams. Leamington, Nuneaton, Stratford, Rugby, Business Houses League, East and South.

It has been decided to play these matches over 2 weekends at the West Warwickshire Club, Olton, Solihull in November and February.

The Midland Open will again be played at the Alumwell Centre in Walsall on Nov. 15-16.

#### LILLESHELL WEEK-END

The Lilleshall week-end in November still has a few vacancies and forms can be obtained from Mr. M. Goldstein, 31 Blenheim Road, Birmingham B13 9TY. Tel. (021)-449-7047.

#### BERKSHIRE NOTES

by Brian Halliday

##### NEVER IN DOUBT

The County fielded a full complement of six teams for the first series of County Championships matches. The first team were almost at full strength for the visit of Avon, and won a most sporting and enjoyable match 8-2. Sam Harmer, making his debut, really turned it on against the opposition's defender but found Andy Creed in particularly sharp form. With England stars, Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith available the result was never in doubt and provided our top stars are free to play, our prospects for a successful campaign are extremely good.

The 2nd team found Herts II too strong, going down 2-8. Sid Montgomery salvaged a little of Berkshire's pride while Gil Knightley of Maidenhead and Jackie

Godwin of Newbury, both making debut appearances, combined for a doubles success.

Mixed success attended the two Junior matches, Herts I just edged home 6-4 at Barnet. A very close match this which really could have gone either way. The 2nd team entertained Herts II and won 9-1. This match was notable for a promising debut by Maidenhead's Steve Miller, and also for the lack of effective organisation! The Berks committee were at full stretch on this particular Saturday and the arrangements made for players and officials in this match left much to be desired. It is to be hoped that Herts will accept our apologies that all arrangements were not up to our usual standard.

There were also mixed fortunes for our veteran teams. The first team were surprisingly beaten 9-0 by Middlesex II. However in a tremendous match at East Finchley the 2nd team just lost out to the English champions by 5 sets to 4. Eddie Cripps making his county debut had a splendid match and with Sylvia Bruton, playing better than ever before, Berkshire almost caused the biggest upset in veterans table tennis for years.

First results from local leagues are now in and it is clear that Reading's Omega Club are going to dominate the local scene. They started with a couple of 10-0 wins and should not be extended in any of their matches, such is their overall strength. Interest in Reading really centres on who will finish as runners-up. Several clubs will fight for this spot and perhaps the most interesting is the Kidmore Eng Club who have a very young, but highly talented squad.

Two seasons ago they won the 5th Division but a highly concentrated coaching and physical fitness programme has seen their development into a strong, competent 1st Division side. With maximum points from their first three matches these youngsters are giving notice of an eventual challenge to the mighty Omega.

The Bracknell League 1st Division championship should develop into a struggle between the holders Wokingham and the Gillette Club of Reading. The champions are not as strong as usual and with Gillette spreading their stronger players throughout their three 1st Division sides, the title race looks wide open.

#### RANKINGS

The first ranking lists of the new season have been issued and contain their usual quota of surprise inclusions and omissions. Andy Wellman reigns supreme at No. 1 (Congratulations for his remarkable win over the European No. 21 Kucharski of Poland, in the World Student Championships).

Perhaps the major change has been that now Alison Gordon is considered a little better than teammate Mandy Smith. The majority of placings have been strongly influenced by the pre-season trials.

##### Men

1 A. Wellman, 2 S. Harmer, 3 D. Reeves, 4 J. Stokes, 5 I. Fullerton, 6 S. Montgomery, 7 D. Gilham, 8 R. Kozlowski, 9 G. Outrim, 10 D. Wise, 11 M. Dean, 12 P. Quoilin, 13 R. Mason, 14 D. Rose, 15 D. Halliday, 16 R. Chester, 17 D. Tasker, 18 C. Dyke, 19 R. Parkinson, 20 E. Cripps.

##### Women

1 A. Gordon, 2 M. Smith, 3 C. Reeves, 4 S. Blackburn, 5 J. Collins, 6 S. Collier, 7 G. Knightley, 8 J. Godwin, 9 T. Vallis, 10 S. Kilford.

##### Boys

1 Fullerton, 2 S. Rowland, 3 J. Stokes, 4 M. Childs, 5 L. Russell, 6 S. Miller, 7 P. Halliday, 8 S. Coulson, 9 M. Barr, 10 M. King.

##### Girls

1 Blackburn, 2 Collins, 3 Collier, 4 Vallis, 5 Kilford, 6 R. Champion, 7 L. Green, 8 J. Richardson, 9 D. Cooper, 10 S. Holmes.

#### Cadet Boys

1 J. Stokes, Jr., 2 A. Syed, 3 P. Andrews, 4 P. Savins, 5 M. Syed, 6 S. Champion, 7 M. Metcalfe, 8 P. Lewis, 9 M. Andrews, 10 D. Langley.

#### Cadet Girls

1 S. Collier, 2 S. Holmes, 3 T. Lillington.

#### Veteran Men

1 A. Foster, 2 D. Jones, 3 P. Charters, 4 B. Halliday, 5 M. Dean, 6 C. Dyke, 7 E. Cripps, 8 C. Finden, 9 R. Halliday, 10 T. Howie.

#### Veteran Women

1 E. Fister, 2 S. Bruton, 3 P. Mackenzie.

Commiserations to Laurence Russell from Maidenhead who was due to make his junior county debut versus Herts. Laurence was taken to hospital with peritonitis only a day before the match and all Berkshire players and officials wish him well and hope he will be back with us again soon.

Finally it is sad to report the death of ex Berks and Hampshire player Dave Large. Dave was a highly talented player and member of the successful Woodland TT Club of Reading. To his family and friends, all those connected with table tennis in Berkshire offer their deepest sympathy.

#### HAMPSHIRE NOTES

by David Cosway

##### SHETLER RETURNS

Ranking meetings for senior and junior players were held at Southampton University on Sept. 20 after which the following ranking lists were issued.

##### Men

1 D. Holman (Bo), 2 C. Shelter (S), 3 C. Wilshere (S), 4 R. Bhalla (AL), 5 M. Gilbert (P), 6 G. Longland (S), 7 M. Sinanan (P), 8 G. Toole (G/F), 9 R. Cox (P), 10 A. Thomas (AL).

##### Women

1 S. Sinanan (P), 2 K. Conlon (W), 3 A. Gilbert (P), 4 A. Waters (BA), 5 M. Clegg (AL), 6 D. Winmill (G/F), 7 T. Kneller (P), 8 M. Allen (S), 9 B. Clark (AL), 10 H. Frost (AND).

##### Boys

1 G. Toole (G/F), 2 D. Collins (BA), 3 A. Broughton (G/F), 4 A. Ely (S), 5 G. Smith (AL), 6 S. Snow (S), 7 M. Wilding (SEH), 8 P. Davies (AL), 9 J. Wheeler (AL), 10 T. Palaczky (BA).

##### Girls

1 T. Kneller (P), 2 H. Frost (AND), 3 K. Lines (AL), 4 S. Hammond (S), 5 H. Barker (BA), 6 S. Lewis (P), 7 A. Palaczky (BA), 8 M. Broughton (G/F), 9 S. Carver (P).

The men's list fortunately shows the return of Chris Shetler to the county scene. His ability and fight will certainly be an asset to the first team. Missing from the county senior teams for the nicest possible reasons — they are expecting the pitter-patter of tiny table-tennis players feet — are Angie Gilbert and Ann Longland. Their respective husbands Martin and Gary will keep the family flags flying in the county teams. The absence of these two ladies and the fact that Julie Reading unfortunately chose to return to Dorset rather than Hampshire, after her spell in Sussex, has rather depleted the female strength at county level.

The first team's opening match against Bucks at, I understand, The High Wycombe "Ice Rink" resulted in a 4-6 defeat. Derek Holman, Chris Wilshere and Cathy Conlon all won singles while Cathy and Serina Sinanan won the women's doubles. Serina recovered from an early fall but narrowly lost her singles 19 in the third. Shetler left his skates at home and uncharacteristically lost all his sets. The two Veteran matches against Essex both resulted in 2-7 reversals. Mike Barratt and Norman Staggs won the two singles for the "A" team while Danny

Allan and Maurice Shave won a singles each for the "B" team.

The County Junior Closed tournament was held on Sunday, Oct. 26, and I will include a report in my next notes. The Senior Closed will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30 at Redbridge, Southampton. The county are again fortunate in having a European Super League match when England entertain Russia at Basingstoke Sports Centre on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. C. Hardman of 142 Abbey Road, Basingstoke (SAE please) priced at £1.50 (ends), £3.00 (sides), and £5.00 (ringside) or from The Basingstoke Sports Centre.

## SHROPSHIRE NOTES

by Gerald Green

### COUNTY RANKINGS

As expected Malcolm Green (Shrewsbury), won the Shropshire TTA's Ranking Tournament for Senior Men, with Ivan Smith (Pontesbury) winning the Boys' event.

In the absence of the current County Women's Champion Linda Degg and Girls' Champion Jane Cheetham, England Cadet-Ranked Alison Barker (Grove, Market Drayton) won both the Women's and Girls' events, with Colette Soan (Grove) runner-up in both events.

Following the tournament the County's new ranking and selection sub committee, consisting of Ian Marshall (Grove), John Morris (Pontesbury) and myself, have now issued a new ranking list for the County which has been approved by the Shropshire Association's general committee.

Twelve people have been ranked in each of six groups and the rankings will be reviewed at the beginning of November. Emphasis will be laid on results in representative matches and outside tournaments rather than on local leagues and competitions.

The women's and girls' lists are identical, while quite a few junior rankings are still Cadets, which must give us hope for the future.

#### Men

1 M. Green (S), 2 M. Alcock (G),  
3 L. Baker (S), 4 I. Smith (P),  
5 I. Baker (S), 6 M. Chambers (S),  
7 T. Cheetham (S), 8 B. Herbert (T),  
9 K. Sillitoe (G), 10 M. Brown (S),  
11 G. Lupton (S), 12 M. Jones (T).

#### Women

1 A. Barker (G), 2 C. Soan (G),  
3 D. Boughey (G), 4 J. Cheetham (S),  
5 C. Wickstead (G), 6 J. Ballard (T),  
7 A. Stephens (P), 8 D. Wickstead (G),  
9 G. Morrey (G), 10 L. Pidd (G),  
11 N. Thorneycroft (G), 12 J. Field (S).

#### Boys

1 I. Smith, 2 M. Tufft (A), 3 D. Poutney (S),  
4 D. Williams (G), 5 C. Wilson (G),  
6 P. Hyde (S), 7 S. Groom (G), 8 J. Rea (T),  
9 P. Fisher (G), 10 B. Ruddick (P),  
11 K. Williams (S), 12 P. Thomas (P).

#### Girls

As Women

#### Cadet Boys

1 I. Smith, 2 D. Williams, 3 C. Wilson,  
4 P. Hyde, 5 S. Groom, 6 P. Fisher,  
7 P. Thomas, 8 A. Bloore (G),  
9 S. Morris (P), 10 G. Walwyn (G),  
11 S. Morrison (G), 12 A. Birchall (G).

#### Cadet Girls

1 A. Barker, 2 C. Wickstead, 3 J. Ballard,  
4 D. Wickstead, 5 L. Pidd, 6 N. Thorneycroft,  
7 J. Field, 8 J. Williams (S),  
9 S. Thorneycroft (G), 10 J. Bloore (G),  
11 S. Claydon (G), 12 J. Roberts (G).

#### Code

S—Shrewsbury, T—Telford, G—Grove,  
Market Drayton, A—Albrighton,  
P—Pontesbury.

The County Association have arranged

five training sessions before Christmas for a squad of 16 selected players, senior and junior. These will be taken by County Coach Ian Marshall at The Grove School, Market Drayton, unless a suitable alternative venue can be offered for some of the sessions.

## NORFOLK NOTES

by Neville Graver

### DOUBLE ENTRIES FOR BROADSIDE TROPHY

Entries have now closed for the Broadside Norfolk Club KO Competition, with an entry of 16 teams, double the 1979-1980 figure. Most leagues are well represented, and the entries include last year's finalists Gothic and Electricity. Their biggest challenges are likely to come from Sprowston and CEYMS of Norwich and BSC and Downham of Kings Lynn. The first round draw, due to be played by Nov. 17 is: Electricity (KL) v Taverham (N), BSC (KL) v Shipdham (D), Drayton Leisure (N) v Downham Mrkt (KL), Priory House (KL) v Sprowston (N), CEYMS (N) v Holt "B" (C), Holt "A" v Fourways (N), Gothic (N) v Costessey (D), Telephones (N) v CEYMS "B" (N).

On the local league scene, Norwich sees the CEYMS dominance seriously challenged, following the transfer to Gothic of county No. 1 Doug Bennett. Having also lost John Turner and Neville Graver, the club strength is weakened, although the first team can still field three county players in Trevor Bunn, David Smith and Russell King. Gothic and CEYMS fought a draw in their first encounter of the season and, with Park Lane, are likely to be the main title contenders.

In Cromer, Holt "A" are setting the early pace, followed by Aldborough, whilst in Dereham the league title is again being chased by Hippos and Costessey, although Shipdham are early leaders. Hippos have obtained a new signing in Dave Chard, a newcomer to the area. He was signed ostensibly to replace Turner who, whilst not playing regularly, did turn out in the first clash between the great rivals, which Costessey won 6-4. It will be a great shame if Turner, one of the most colourful characters in the game, were to finally decide to hang up that famous stained bat.

In Wymondham, Great Moulton and Tarmac look as though they will be in at the death, and the season there was preceded by a tournament for youngsters organised by coaches John Vaughan and Ron Applegate. This was won by Martin Felice with a victory over David Jarvis.

In Fakenham, meanwhile, all the talk is about the forthcoming exhibition on Dec. 13, featuring John Hilton and other England ranked players. This is the day before the Broadside Norfolk Closed Championships at the UEA, Norwich. Tickets for the exhibition can be obtained from John Hoeg or other Fakenham league officials.

On the county match front, the junior first team and the senior second team both started their programmes with 6-4 defeats. In the case of the juniors this was particularly disappointing as they were fielding the same team that won the division last season, and criticism was levelled at the attitude of some of the Norfolk youngsters. The senior match, however, was one of the best seen in Norfolk, and all players involved for both Norfolk and Cambs can take great credit. The Norfolk team can consider themselves unlucky not to have gained at least one point, with seven sets going to the third. The result was finally decided in a thrilling final men's singles between Mick Broughton and Gary Jordan, with the Cambs youngster edging home at 19 in the third. Norfolk fielded a newcomer in Jane Hunter. Senior rankings were

earlier decided by a trial at the Drayton Leisure Centre, and positions are as follows (previous rankings in brackets):

#### Men

1 D. Bennett (1), 2 R. Margetson (—),  
3 N. Graver (3), 4 T. Bunn (4),  
5 D. Smith (11), 6 M. Broughton (12),  
7 L. Rayment (—), 8 R. Mitcham (10),  
9 T. Darby (5), 10 S. Honor (—),  
11 J. Defty (—), 12 P. Logsdon (—),  
13 P. Durrant (—), 14 R. Stevenson (8),  
15 M. Stevenson (9).

#### Women

1 W. Hogg (1), 2 M. Hales (2), 3 J. Dixon (3),  
4 S. Bignell (—), 5 J. Burbage (—),  
6 S. Hazel (5), 7 R. Hogg (7), 8 S. Allen (4),  
9 S. Browne (8), 10 Z. Nichols (9).

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTES

by Leslie Constable

### RANKINGS

Cambs Rankings for the current season are:

#### Men

1 Keith Richardson (E), 2 Geoff Davies (W),  
3 Robert Swift (M), 4 Mick Harper (C),  
5 Andy Withers (C), 6 Gary Jordan (M),  
7 Brian Richardson (E), 8 Paul Stacey (M),  
9 Julian Wheel (C), 10 Jamie Frost (W),  
11 Michael Jackman (M), 12 David Tiplady (C), 13 David Brammer (W).

#### Women

1 Mandy Judd (C), 2 Joanne Palmer (E),  
3 Jane Hunter (W), 4 Valerie Parkes (C),  
5 Ruth Hunter (W), 6 Alison Edge (M),  
7 Tracey Fisher (M), 8 Anthea Rudd (W),  
9 Kath Hubbard (M).

#### Boys

1 Stacey, 2 Wheel, 3 Frost,  
4 Michael Lister (E), 5 Tim Spurr (M),  
6 Martin Livermore (C), 7 Peter Melton (C),  
8 Paul Oldroyd (M), 9 Tim Ashman (E),  
10 Neil Burgess (C).

#### Girls

1 Mandy Judd, 2 Ruth Hunter,  
3 Alison Edge, 4 Tracey Fisher.

#### Key

C—Cambridge, E—Ely, M—March,  
W—Wisbech.

### BOGEY LAID

Cambs finally laid their Essex bogey with a 7-3 win over that county's second team in a Div. II County Championships match at Plaistow. The visitors led from the start when Keith Richardson beat former England star Stuart Gibbs after losing the first game -26. Richardson went on to complete a double when he beat Andy Bawden and also combined with Geoff Davies to win the Men's Doubles. With Davies and Robert Swift beating Lang Cambs had won four of the Men's Singles and then with Mandy Judd beating Linda Barrow at 21 in the third set Cambs were riding high. Their seventh victory came when Judd and Joanne Palmer defeated Barrow and Yvonne Brown in the Women's Doubles. This was a good start for Cambs and they look set for a good season in this division.

Mandy Judd's win was the first by a Cambs girl at senior level. Well done Mandy!

Team work also paved the way when Cambs II beat Norfolk II 6-4 in a Div. III East match at Norwich. In a close match with never more than one set separating the teams, the visitors finally won when Gary Jordan beat Mick Broughton 19 in the third of the final set. Andy Withers had previously beaten Smith and Bunn and Brian Richardson (back after a year at college) beat Smith. England-ranked cadet Ruth Hunter making her senior debut in place of the indisposed Valerie Parkes beat Jane Burbage to give Cambs a vital 4-3 lead and also combined with her sister Jane to win the Doubles at 21 in the third. This again was a good start for Cambs II team and augers well.

## RESULTS

### Essex II 3 Cambs 7

S. Gibbs lost to K. Richardson 26, -15, -17;  
bt R. Swift 14, 15;  
A. Bawden bt G. Davies 21, -16, 19;  
lost to Richardson -20, -14;  
R. Lang lost to Davies -9, -14;  
lost to Swift 14, -12, -18;  
Bawden/Gibbs lost to Davies/Richardson  
-20, -16;  
L. Barrow lost to M. Judd 17, -19, -21;  
Y. Brown bt J. Palmer -19, 16, 21;  
Barrow/Brown lost to Judd/Palmer -18, -18.

### Norfolk II 4 Cambs II 6

D. Smith lost to A. Withers -14, 14, -16;  
lost to B. Richardson -16, 12, -18;  
T. Bunn lost to Withers -13, 23, -16;  
bt G. Jordan -10, 17, 19;  
M. Broughton bt Richardson 15, -17, 19;  
lost to Jordan -15, -20;  
J. Dixon bt J. Hunter 20, 19;  
J. Burbage lost to R. Hunter -16, -18;  
Bunn/Smith bt Jordan/Withers 14, 16;  
Burbage/S. Hazel lost to Hunter/Hunter  
-15, 20, -21.

After two consecutive wins, Soham lost their first National League match when they went down 4-5 at home to Ellenborough. Soham started well with Paul Day and John Souter having wins against Mark Mitchell and Colin Wilson respectively. With the score at 3-2 in favour of Soham, after Day and Souter had won the doubles, came trouble. Day met his opposite No. 1 Graham Sandley and after one game each Day trailed 13-19 but with typical determination he pulled back to level at 19-19. It was then that Sandley clipped the table edge and went on to win 21-19. A surprise defeat for Kenny Jackson by John Kitchener put Soham in deep trouble and Souter was unable to save the match when he went down in three to Mitchell. This win gave Ellenborough three in a row to put them top of the table.

## RESULTS

### Soham 4 Ellenborough 5

P. Day bt M. Mitchell 16, 16;  
lost to G. Sandley 14, -16, -19;  
K. Jackson lost to G. Sandley 10, -12, -16;  
lost to J. Kitchener -17, -16;  
J. Souter bt C. Wilson 16, 17;  
lost to Mitchell -16, 18, -10.  
R. Wells lost to Kitchener 18, -13, -13;  
bt Wilson -15, 13, 14;  
Day/Souter bt Mitchell/Sandley 9, 10.

St. Neots had a magnificent win in Div. II South when they beat Seagulls 7-2 and this was after Seagulls had defeated their two previous opponents 9-0 and 5-4 respectively. The long journey to Brighton must have whetted their appetites! Mick Harper, the Cambs star got St. Neots off to a fine start when he defeated Sussex Champion Graham Gillett 18, -19, 16 and Peter Taylor followed up with a good win against Stephen Moore 16, 12. Gavin Booth beat Puddock 15, 22 to take St. Neots to a 3-0 lead. Simon Proffitt then won two singles and Harper and Taylor won their second singles to give St. Neots victory.

In the Cambridge and District League two Soham teams had comfortable victories (their second and fourth teams) over New Chesterton Institute II and Swavesey I respectively. In the Swavesey match John Ashman of Soham had three singles wins and his son Tim made a promising debut in the first division by beating Brian Thomas and Barry Hagger. In the NCI match Bob Parkins (formerly of General Accident) had two wins for the 'Stutes' including one over Junior England-ranked Julian Hall from Bury St. Edmund's, but he was unable to prevent Soham II from winning 7-3.

It is not often that teams trailing 1-4 manage to win matches, yet two teams in Div. II did it in the opening week of the season. Police led by this margin against Fisons with Pat O'Bryne having disposed of Alf Mills and Colin Davidson. However, veteran John Dyer started the revival for Fisons by beating Steve Stafford and later prevented O'Bryne completing an unbeaten

evening as Fisons took 5 sets in a row. Impington were in the same position against Torchbearers with Tom Gawthrope and Valerie Scripps having picked up two sets each, Brian Judd, however, beat Gawthrope and Steve Lee beat Valerie to set Impington up for victory. Another interesting match in Div. II was between promoted clubs Swavesey II and Eastern Gas. Swavesey led 2-0 then trailing 3-5 before finally hitting back to draw. Trevor Johnson was Swavesey's hero, winning all three of his singles.

Wesley I had a 10-0 win over Telephones II, with Keith Lloyd, Paul Jolley and Bob Pettit winning their sets, and beat YMCA I (demoted last season) 7-3.

Ralph Rust who was playing in the old Federation League in 1928 (I remember him well!) won three of his singles for Torchbearers IV in Division 5a against Hauxton and that at the age of 69 years — when will he stop! Yes, his team won 6-4 thanks to Ralph. In the SEM League Cambridge had a 6-4 win over North Herts in the Men's Division whilst in the Veterans, Cambridge — the Champions — beat Bedford by the same score. Cambridge also defeated St. Neots 9-1 in the Veterans' Section so that they are well on the way to another championship.

Alan Burgess is again taking Junior Coaching at the Cambridge Sports Hall on Saturdays and it is hoped that there will be many youngsters who will take this opportunity of improving their game.

Bruno Bissig from Switzerland, on a Language Course in Cambridge, has signed for Wesley in the Cambs League and in his first match he won all his singles. However, he is now concentrating on training and may not be available for many matches as he leaves in December — It's nice to have these friends from other countries who show us their skills from time to time.

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NOTES

by Ronald Hedley

### SUCCESSFUL TRIALS

Bucks. held successful trials during September and ranking lists were prepared after them. The leading rankings are:

#### Men

1 P. Bradbury (Ay), 2 I. Haines (MK),  
3 P. Simmonds (Sl), 4 G. Hamilton (MK),  
5 R. Harman (MK), 6 J. Barton (Sl),  
7 V. McCarthy (Sl).

#### Women

1 S. Dunkley (MK), 2 N. Hamilton (MK),  
3 D. Robbins (HW), 4 D. Risby (MK),  
5 D. Simmonds (Sl), 6 D. Pitcher (HW),  
7 J. Hitchcox (MK).

#### Boys

1 Bradbury, 2 S. Lines (MK),  
3 J. Wright (MK), 4 M. Butler (Sl),  
5 J. Bradbury (Ay), 6 T. Silcott (Sl).

#### Girls

1 Hamilton, 2 Robbins, 3 Simmonds,  
4 Hitchcox, 5 F. Beales (MK),  
6 L. Phelps (Sl).

#### Veteran Men

1 P. Leckie (Sl), 2 L. Pratt (Ay),  
3 A. Catchpole (HW), 4 V. Sutton (MK),  
5 B. Allen (Ay).

#### Veteran Women

1 A. Catchpole (HW), 2 I. Cooper (Ay),  
3 S. Coombs (MK), 4 V. Hales (Ch).

#### Key

Ay—Aylesbury, Ch—Chalfont, HW—High Wycombe, MK—Milton Keynes, Sl—Slough.

The men's rankings show the return of Ian Haines (2) and Robert Harman (5) and with the addition of Peter Simmonds (3) it is hoped for a better season for our senior teams. The women are strengthened by the return of Nikki Hamilton (2) and with Stephanie Dunkley (nee Lines) heading the list our girls look more formidable than in the past couple of seasons. Stephanie has put up some marvellous displays for the

County in my years as Match Sec. and deserves the support of a good team and spirit around her.

The Juniors are much the same as last season although the girls are strengthened by the addition of Deborah Simmonds and we look forward to Deborah having many successful seasons in a Bucks shirt.

First County weekend of the season produced its usual panics and the worst panic of all was when we lost our venue for the 1st Veterans match in Bucks history. The bombshell was dropped 24 hours before the match against Worcestershire was due to start. After a few 'phone calls I was able to find a venue with just the small problem of not having lights or a table!

Enter Ernie Foster of the Bourne End Sports Club, who arranged for a set of lights to be put up and some members of his club were "press ganged" into carrying a table through the village on the morning of the match. Many thanks to you all and I hope our veterans appreciated your efforts. Also many thanks to Ann Catchpole who was volunteered by her husband Alan, to do the refreshments for the match.

Reports I have heard say that Ann produced an excellent spread. Finally may I thank Worcestershire who happily swapped venues with very little notice and I must add that the original venue was over 50 miles away from the actual venue! Unfortunately the match ended in an 8-1 reverse for us, so come on veterans you can only improve.

In the afternoon our Junior 2nd team also had its problems when Johnathan Bradbury was taken ill and some hurried 'phone calls got debut boy Nicky Breeze to the venue with twenty minutes to spare. Nicky played his part in a 6-4 victory over Beds II when he won a singles to add to victories for Tyrone Silcott, Tyrone and Mark Butler in the doubles and all three wins for our girls.

Deborah Simmonds was most impressive in her first county match and Linda Phelps, who has suffered a considerable loss of form recently, helped boost that confidence with a straight games victory. Hopefully Linda can now reproduce the form that I found most impressive last season and took her so close to a victory over Jean Parker in the Junior Premier play-offs in April.

The Senior 1st team against Hants was notable for its average age which was 16½! Ian Haines was in superb form winning both his singles convincingly and teamed up with Phillip Bradbury to win the men's doubles. Phillip won a singles but was disappointing in his second set although excuses can be made due to the floor being slippery. Peter Simmonds was thrashed in his first set and looked to be suffering badly from nerves. However with the match score 5-4 he proved his mettle with a hard-fought win to give us the 6-4 victory.

The other Bucks win came from Nikki Hamilton who had an excellent victory over the highly-rated Miss Sinanan. Unfortunately our other girl Dawn Robbins was not feeling well and in the circumstances put up a fine performance in her singles set. Unlucky Dawn, I can report, discovered the next day, her birthday, that she had got chicken pox. When Stephanie Dunkley is available in November our girls will be interesting to watch and we hope for great things from them.

The weekend was made when the result of our Senior 2nd team visit to Northants II was known to be a 5-5 draw. This being the team's first point in my years as Match Sec. Two wins for Gary Hamilton and a win each for Robert Harman and Viv McCarthy were added to by a debut win for new girl Denise Pitcher. Let's hope our teams can keep up this bright start to a new season and decade.

### HIGH WYCOMBE LEAGUE

The new season started with last season's champions Exiles playing against third-

placed Bourne End SC. Alec Watson, who only lost once last season, soon suffered defeat when he was beaten by Stuart Foster. Exiles however ran out 7-3 winners.

Recently I represented the County Assn. at a meeting held jointly by the Bucks County Council and the Sports Council. The meeting was held to find areas of co-operation between the aforementioned bodies and sporting associations within the county. The meeting had an open forum session in which sporting associations were invited to put questions to the Chairman of the County Council and to representatives of the Sports Council. The general topic raised time and time again was the need for adequate venues at the right price. How pleasant to hear that the Council are interested in our problems and that other people have the same problems as us.

Finally, at the meeting, it was announced that our County Secretary, Tony Wickens has been co-opted to the County Council to represent sporting bodies throughout the county. So if you have any problems you know who to pester!

## MIDDLESEX NOTES

by Iris Moss

### FIRST TO SUFFER

The National League has, as I expected, started to affect the County Championships and, as usual, Middlesex is the first to suffer. So far only some of the men players have opted out of representing Middlesex, the reason given being that they felt they could not do their best for their Club on Sundays if they had to play in the County Championships on the Saturday. As a result Middlesex nearly lost the 5 players who would probably have been ranked 1-5 on the Ranking List, although I am pleased to report that a compromise may be reached with some, if not all of them.

To some extent I blame the ETTA Selection Committee. With County Championship results excluded for ranking purposes, there is no incentive for players to want to represent their Counties other than the loyalty most of them show. Sooner or later other Counties will be faced with the same problem and the ETTA will have to decide whether to scrap the County Championships unless someone, somewhere, can think of a way to save them. My suggestion is that all County Championship matches — in all Divisions — are played over 2 week-ends, with no Open Tournaments of any sort or National League matches allowed. It will probably prove more costly but in the long run is, I feel, the only answer to divided loyalties when money could be the deciding factor.

Having been faced with this bombshell only 10 days before the first matches were due to be played, Len Pilditch could see little to do except withdraw Middlesex senior teams from the County Championships but with a lot of effort (and because there are players who are pleased to represent their County) he managed to make up a team to play Staffordshire in the Premier Division. We lost 4-5 but at least did not let down our opponents by not turning out a team. Now we hope for better things in the future.

Apart from the setback over representative matches, the Association is proceeding with its usual tasks. David Miller has produced his first Bulletin which is nice and "newsy". We hope he will keep on with the good work and produce many more.

By the time this article is printed the entry forms for the 3-Star will be out and, I hope, returned duly completed. We need a bumper entry this year to keep our losses down so we hope you have all entered. Halexport have arranged for Compo Promotions Ltd. to supply their tables so we will be using Halex tables and balls. Arrangements for the Under-15 Open are

going ahead and judging by the number of applications for entry forms (albeit for the original, not the amended, dates) I hope that this, too, will prove a success at the new venue. I hope to get reports on both these events into the appropriate editions of Table Tennis News.

One of David Miller's suggestions to the Committee is that we should get sponsorship for cash prizes for our Closed Championships and he has started it off by getting his firm to sponsor the Veterans event at £50. Perhaps the possibility of getting some cash will persuade some of the higher ranked players in Middlesex to enter their own Closed! In the meantime it is nice to have someone on the Committee who is prepared to put forward — and implement — new ideas.

## MIDLAND LEAGUE NOTES

by Ian E. McKelvey

### STRENGTH IN DEPTH

The early results show clearly that it is the teams with strength in depth that will do well. Four matches have already been won despite a maximum by one of the losing team's players.

The first instance occurred in the very first match of the season, when Chesterfield "A" entertained Nottingham "A" in Junior Division 1. The promising young Alan Cooke, just out of the cadets, took three for the home side and combined with David Hinchcliffe to win the doubles also, but the Nottingham team of Andy Phillips, Junior Stoddart and Shaun Green nevertheless ran out 6-4 winners. A fortnight later, Chesterfield again went down 4-6 at home, the visitors this time being Gloucester. Cooke won a further two sets, but Gloucester's Paul Jackson proved to be the best player on view, beating Cooke 12 in the third and winning his others comfortably. Nottingham's "B" team were unable to emulate their "A" team, and lost 3-7 to Coventry "A" despite leading 3-1. Six of the first seven sets needed a decider.

One division lower, Leicester juniors made a good start when Martin Pickles, Simon Griew and Yvonne Hall visited Wolverhampton's "B" and came away with a 7-3 win. Tony Devitt was, however, the best player present winning all Wolverhampton's three sets with a fine display of punishing hitting on both wings. Leicester's joy was short lived, for the following day they went down to Birmingham "B" 4-6. No player on either side went home unbeaten or without a win. The Birmingham team of Roderick Lewis, Colin Higgins and Craig Stevens looks strong enough to secure promotion.

Not such good fortune for Birmingham "C" in the third division. They visited Market Drayton, and although Thomas Duncan beat Alison Barker 19 in the third in the first set, and was never subsequently extended, the Market Drayton all girls trio of Barker, Colette Soan and Denise Boughy proved the stronger team with a 6-4 win. One result from the Junior 4th Division is also in, and Loughborough returning after some year's absence made the best possible start with a 10-0 win over Bromsgrove. Paul Bumpus and Louise Forster each have four more junior years after this one, so the future prospects for Loughborough look good.

Turning now to the Men's Divisions, Birmingham "A" have begun their attempt to regain first division status with a 10-0 win over their "B" team. Barry Hayward's defensive skills were particularly impressive for the winners. Birmingham "B" fell to a second defeat by 3-7 against Leicester "B", despite leading 3-2. Maximums here for Brian Mavfield and "Chalky" White of Leicester. No maximums at Coventry, but two each for Greg Hallam, Eddie Wilkes and Mark Evans saw Potteries "A" through against Coventry "A". Kevin Pilgrim won two for the losers.

Coventry's second team also went under, 2-8 to Nottingham "B" in Division 3. Trevor Kerry and Terry Bramford each won three for Nottingham, but were both taken the distance by Andy Woodcock who also gained Coventry's only singles win, over Denis Collins. Loughborough opened their fourth division campaign with a 6-4 win over Lichfield despite John Berresford's maximum, while Leamington, with a maximum from Dave Williams, beat Nuneaton 7-3. No player in this match was without a win at the end.

The first match in the Ladies' Division saw Derby beat Wolverhampton, to set them fair for a retention of the championship, despite Linda Collins being on holiday. Thirteen-year-old penholder Miss To Thuy Dung, a refugee from Vietnam, substituted and won two in style to support Marilyn O'Sullivan's maximum. No difficulty was experienced by Birmingham "A" in disposing of their "B" team 10-0. Only Mary Rose could take a game against the more experienced Karen Groves, Diane Hardy and Ann Lloyd.

A setback for Nottingham "B"'s hopes in Veterans Division 2 occurred when they made the short trip to Derby, whose Brian Webster and Roland Hutchinson each took three in a 7-3 scoreline. Nuneaton meanwhile made the equally short trip to Coventry and beat the latter's "B" team 10-0. Four sets went the distance and several others were notably close, so perhaps Duncan Hall, Robert Harrigan and Alan Hayward were a little flattered by this result.

## NORTHUMBERLAND NOTES

by Pauline Jackson

### JUNIOR RANKINGS

The first junior and cadet ranking lists of the season have been issued following the recent assessments, and these are as follows:

#### Boys

1 Neil McMaster, 2 Martin Schapira, 3 Martin Moore, 4 David Maughan, 5 Jimmy Brumby, 6 Simon Montague, 7 Martin Tate, 8 Nicholas Jeffreys, 9 Dean Hastie, 10 Nicholas Ringrose, 11 David O'Neill, 12 Brian Bell, 13 Gordon Watson, 14 Anjum Shakoore, 15 Darshan Singh, 16 David Oxley.

#### Girls

1 Christine Burke, 2 Clare Mouzon, 3 Tanya Cramman, 4 Lindsay Jackman, 5 Denise Campbell, 6 Gail Curry, 7 Judith Drapkin, 8 Karen Wilkinson, 9 Denise Wilkinson, 10 Mandy Lee.

#### Cadet Boys

1 Schapira, 2 Andrew Drapkin, 3 John Bridges, 4 Peter Curry, 5 Rob Hall, 6 Steve Waugh, 7 Graham Heatley, 8 Waseem Shakoore, 9 David Watson, 10 Anthony Miller.

#### Cadet Girls

1 Mouzon, 2 Jackman, 3 Campbell, 4 Drapkin, 5 Denise Wilkinson, 6 Julie Robson.

Senior assessments were also held, but several players were unable to be present for various reasons, and following the assessment results, revised men's and women's ranking lists will be prepared, hopefully in time for publication in the December issue of "Table Tennis News". Fred Short and top junior girl Christine Burke finished up as winners.

The Northumberland first and junior County teams made a disappointing start to the season in their first matches on Oct. 4. The seniors, with the incentive of Chu Van Que making his County debut, must have hoped for both points against Durham at Shiney Row, but instead were held to a 5-5 draw for the second season in succession. Chu and Andrew Clark convincingly won their four singles matches, and Barbara

Kearney scored a narrow victory in the top women's singles, but Ian Robertson had an unusually blank day, losing both singles and the doubles with Chu.

An inexperienced junior side, with Martin Moore and Clare Mouzon making their debuts and Martin Schapira playing in only his second match, lost 2-8 to Lancashire juniors. Neil McMaster, now ranked at No. 1 following the departure of John Burke to the senior ranks, played with competence and authority to win both his singles, but these were to be the side's only successes, although Christine Burke ran Beverley Hoyle very close before eventually losing 21, -21, -16.

A good crowd was in evidence at Eldon Square on the following day to see the City of Newcastle side beat Salford Select 6-3 in an excellent National League Div. 2 (North) match. Chu Van Que led the way with two singles wins over Phil Bowen and Mark Hankey, while Keith Paxton, Andrew Clark and a back-to-form Ian Robertson each had a singles victory over Hankey, Steve Scowcroft and Bowen respectively. A new combination of Paxton and Robertson was successful in the doubles against Bowen and Brian Johns.

#### RESULTS

(City of Newcastle names first)  
City of Newcastle 6 Salford Select 3  
Chu Van Que bt P. Bowen 12, 20;  
bt M. Hankey 21, 16.

I. Robertson bt Bowen 18, -8, 19;  
lost to B. Johns 16, -17, -12.

K. Paxton bt Hankey 16, -20, 19;  
lost to S. Scowcroft -16, -21.

A. Clark lost to Johns -19, -19;  
bt Scowcroft 20, -16, 20.

Robertson/Paxton bt Bowen/Johns  
11, -17, 16.

This was City of Newcastle's third successive win, and so far seems to confirm their excellent prospects of taking the Division title.

The Northumberland League season commenced on Sept. 22, and is now in full swing. New Collingwood will be hard pressed to retain their Premier Division title, having already lost 2-8 to the new-look Electricians team, for whom Chu Van Que and Andrew Clark both took maximums. Steve Robinson and the doubles pairing of Dave Armstrong and Ray Neal replied for the losers.

Blyth Town B.C., relegated from the Premier Division last season, lost two successive matches 4-6, one of which was to Simonside, newly promoted to Div. 1 this season. Steve Dickinson won all three sets for the promotees, as did Alan Wilkie for Revrolles, the other team to inflict the damage.

The Northumberland senior closed tournament will be held at Blyth Sports Centre on Saturday, Nov. 15, commencing at 09.30 hours with the individual handicap event. Other events include men's, women's and veterans' singles, and men's, women's and mixed doubles, and we hope to see a bumper entry. Two senior ranked men who will be missing from the County scene this season will be Michael Watson, who is returning to Switzerland for National Service, and Bill Dial, who is emigrating "down under" to Australia — "bon voyage" to both players, who will no doubt find the opportunity to further their table tennis education in their new countries of residence.

## DURHAM NOTES

by Ray Simpson

### LOCAL RIVALRY

Durham started their 1980-81 County Championships campaign when the seniors drew 5-5 with local rivals Northumberland at Shiney Row on Oct. 4. The match turned out to be one of the best seen in Durham for a long time.

Ian Svenson opened for Durham against

Chu Van Que and went down -10, -15 in quick time against Chu's forehand play. Andrew Clark put 'North' 2-0 ahead with some well-placed shots against Tony Gelder, winning 18, 10. Durham's No. 1, Dave Svenson, pulled one back for the home team by playing tight and short against "Benny" Robertson, winning 16, -15, 10, and then the women's doubles pairing of Lynne Bainbridge and Julie Smith levelled the scores by defeating Barbara Kearney and Kit Cheng 14, 21.

The Svenson twins then gave 'North' a shock by beating Robertson and Chu -20, 18, 14, mainly through the exposure of Chu's backhand. Ian, however, could not maintain the momentum, and fell -12, -8, to the impressive Clark. But Julie Smith laid the foundation for a possible shock by beating Miss Cheng in straight ends 16, 17, with some good concentrated play. Chu, however, had other ideas, and his forehand saw him through against David Svenson 13, 15 — Chu seemed to move up a gear whenever Svenson got close.

The women's singles was the crucial set. Miss Kearney's high loop had Mrs. Bainbridge in trouble in the first game, which she won 21-17. However, the Durham lady fought back well in the second winning 21-15, and she seemed to have control in the third, leading 10-7 at the change. But Miss Kearney got her high loop and smash going again, and came back to win 21-18.

Gelder was therefore left to salvage the draw for Durham, and never really looked in much trouble as he won 13, 16.

The remaining County fixtures for the season are as follows:

#### Seniors

Nov. 8 v Cleveland (A)  
Dec. 20 v Yorkshire II (H)  
Jan. 3 v Cheshire (A)  
Mar. 14 v Lancashire (A)

#### Juniors

Dec. 20 v Cheshire (A)  
Jan. 3 v Cumbria (A)  
Feb. 28 v Cleveland (H)  
Mar. 14 v Notts (A)

The juniors' first game, scheduled to be on Oct. 4 against Shropshire was cancelled owing to the away team's inability to travel to Durham.

The first County rankings of the season have been issued and are as follows:

#### Men

1 David Svenson, 2 Ian Svenson,  
3 Tony Gelder, 4 Bill Reay,  
5 David Godbold, 6 Tom Robson,  
7 Cliff Olsson.

#### Women

1 Lynne Bainbridge, 2 Julie Smith,  
3 Julie Stradling, 4 Amanda Smith,  
5 Sonia Proctor.

#### Boys

1 Barrie Gill, 2 Michael Polkinghorne,  
3 Darren McVitie, 4 David Blackburne,  
5 Gary Webstall, 6 Martin Gent,  
7 Neil Herrington, 8 Tony Williams,  
9 Steven Crosby.

#### Girls

1 Lynne Yarnell, 2 Lorna Wilson,  
3 Elaine Blackburne, 4 Alison Currie,  
5 Julie Chambers, 6 Andrea Davison,  
7 Helen Dowson, 8 Debra Armstrong.

Anybody in County Durham who is interested in becoming a County Umpire is invited to contact Derek Carney, Umpire's Secretary, 10 Waveney Road, Peterlee. Tel. Peterlee 862184 (H), Durham 67111 (B).

The County's National League representative, South West Durham, have opened their League career with three successive defeats, but are showing signs of improvement. Their first match against a strong Salford Select side resulted in a 6-3 win for the latter, but SWD's overall team performance was promising. SWD's wins came when John Crawford defeated last year's Durham Open winner Mark Hankey -13, 16, 17, Tony Gelder defeated Phil Bowen 15, 21, and the pair combined to take the doubles 17, 15 —

SWD actually led 3-2 at this stage, but Salford fought back and won 6-3.

In their second match against Billingham Synthonia, played in rather sub-standard conditions, SWD fell 4-5, a result which was in doubt up to the last set. Once again, victories came from Gelder and Crawford, the former beating Ian Plummer -16, 12, 19 — he was actually losing 9-18 in the third end — and Phil Webster 13, 12, while Crawford beat Plummer 23, 16 and combined with Gelder to win the doubles 16, 12.

SWD's second half problems were exposed again against league leaders Tarmac Wolverhampton, going down 3-6. Crawford and Gelder again did what they could, Crawford beating Tony Isaac early on 6, -12, 15; Gelder defeating Andrew Dixon 14, 18, and the pair again taking the doubles 17, -19, 14 against Rich and Dixon. However, the pair again lacked support for their efforts, and to rectify this, SWD have signed 1980 Durham Closed champion Bill Reay.

Anybody ever thought of raising funds by doing a parachute jump? Well, that's what County Executive Committee member Nev Proctor did along with SWD coaches Bill Powton and Dave Hancox in September to raise funds for the SWD club. Nev said later, "It was just like falling out of bed" but I prefer my bed on the ground and not 1,500 feet up, thanks.

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## STAFFORDSHIRE NOTES

by Jack Chalkley

### CLEAN SWEEP

Staffordshire started their County Championships programme with a clean sweep of victories. Five teams have been entered, senior A and B, junior A and B and veterans and all but the junior A side were involved in the first round of matches.

In their first match in the Premier Division, the senior A side were perhaps fortunate to meet a Middlesex side weakened by National League commitments (I thought these events had been arranged so that there would be no clash?) but as the underdogs just starting in the Premier this was just the encouragement they wanted. Andrew Bellingham was in great form to win his singles without loss of a game and good teamwork and spirit enabled both doubles to be won in closely contested sets. With Tony Isaac winning the final set, Staffs ran out winners 5-4. Jill Harris, substituting for Janet Dunning who was unwell did well to take Mandy Reeves to three, but the player who drew most applause from the unfortunately too few spectators was the former Scottish No. 1 Malcolm Sugden, who still had a thing or two to show to the younger players in his positioning, angled shots and general tablecraft, not to mention speed. We all though Andrew Rich had found the answer to Sugden by chopping, but the latter bounced back with a 21-4 second game using a loop which we hadn't seen earlier, and both players excelled themselves in the exciting third game which went to deuce.

Incidentally, I would like to take this opportunity of sending good wishes to Steve Dunning and his wife, Janet, following their marriage earlier this year. As many will know, Mrs. Dunning, as Janet Carr, has been Staffs. No. 1 for a number of years, I am pleased to say, also, that Steve is up and about again after his recent illness.

The other three Staffs teams had much easier victories. The senior B side of Greg Hallam, Mark Evans, Paul Barnett, Rachel Roberts and Pat Brookes scored a 9-1 win away at Cumbria, Rachel losing the only set to an experienced Cumbrian No. 1. The junior B side of Martin Harvey, Steve Willshire, Adrian Tottey, Stephanie Hadley and Vicky Bellingham were unbeat

against Herefordshire, winning 10-0, and the Veterans opponents, Cumbria, were also unable to take a set. Ray Dixon, John Riley, John Beresford and Mrs. J. Russell running out winners 9-0.

The County Ranking Lists for the beginning of the season are:

#### Men

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

#### Women

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

#### Boys

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

#### Girls

1 Roberts, 2 Elliot, 3 Hadley, 4 Bellingham, 5 Burgess, 6 T. Spencer, 7 S. Roden, 8 K. Willshire.

It is worth adding the news that Bill Bridgeman is returning from Ireland, so no doubt his name will be appearing in the next listings.

It is with deep regret that I record the sudden death of Wilf Hadley. Wilf has played table tennis in the County for many years, has contributed to the game through coaching and in recent years had captained the junior side in their successful rise to the Premier Division. He will be greatly missed and I know table tennis players throughout the County will wish me to express sincere sympathy to his family.

Some dates for the diary — Malcolm Scott Restricted on Dec. 7; Woodfield Tournament Nov. 1/2; County Championships Senior A side home matches Dec. 20 (v Lancs) and Feb. 28 (v Glamorgan); County Closed Tournament Mar. 15 (provisional). County League matches dates — Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, and Feb. 14.

Thirty teams have entered the County League this season and have been divided into five equal divisions. Div. 1 will consist of Wolverhampton A and B, Potteries A, Stone A, Stafford A and Darlaston A. Stafford tops the entry with 5 teams.

A very special occasion took place recently at the Electricity Club in Wolverhampton. In the midst of a gathering of many friends in the Wolverhampton League, Harold Rhodes celebrated sixty

years of playing competitive table tennis, and now, at 77, he still plays for the Electricity Club in Division 6, holding his own with his penholder attacking game, perhaps with rather more craft than speed, but still quick enough to beat many a youngster.

Harold — as a boy, he once refused to answer in school to a teacher who used the over-familiar Harry — started competitive playing in 1920 when the game was truly ping-pong. (The Table Tennis Association was started later — but I will leave readers to do their own research into the early history of the game, or, come to that, talk to Harold who played throughout the period). He came to Wolverhampton in 1945 and has played in all the top divisions there. He won the Veteran's trophy in 1946 and on four other occasions since but he no longer enters to give the 'youngsters' a chance. He has played representative table tennis for the town and served on the committee. He practices every Saturday lunch-time and is still experimenting with the confusion of different rubbers and with encouragement from his wife he intends to continue playing for many years yet. Understandably, he is now an honorary member of the Wolverhampton League, and as part of the celebration his club colleagues presented Harold and his wife with some cut glass.

Harold, your table tennis friends throughout the County wish you many more happy years of playing table tennis.

## LEICESTERSHIRE NOTES

by Philip Reid

### CONGRATULATIONS KAREN

Leicestershire have made a good start in the County Championships. Even without Chris Rogers, Paul Randell and Karen Rogers the team was still too strong for Northamptonshire (themselves below full strength) and won 10-0. Incidentally Karen was away on her honeymoon — congratulations from all of us in Leicestershire Karen on your marriage!

The 2nd team visited Oxfordshire and won 7-3. Alan Philpott, making his debut, won two for Leicestershire but it was the fire of Grahame Hall which stood out in this match — he could hardly miss a loop. But — well done Arthur Davies, Oxfordshire's sprightly veteran. After beating John Iliffe he almost did the same thing against

Philpott, losing -21 in the third. The Veterans had no such success — they went to Crewe and could manage only two sets against a Schofield-led Cheshire. The little Stockport man continues to play as well as ever and in the circumstances Brian Mayfield did well to take him to three, besides winning his other set. Rodney Pickering made his debut at this level for Leicestershire and it was immediately clear all his old enthusiasm was there — he won one and went the full distance in the other.

Leicester easily won the Senior Section of the Leicestershire Inter-Towns Competition. Hinckley no longer have the skills of Randell and Maurice Newman to call on so despite some good play by Iliffe, Hinckley 'the old enemy' were never really in with a good chance of taking the trophy they have so often held in the past. Keith Fellows was the outstanding player in the event — he has improved in leaps and bounds and thoroughly merits his place in the county first team.

It was a great privilege for me recently to meet one of the founders of organised table tennis locally — Mr. Frank Cooper Watson. It was largely due to Mr. Cooper Watson that table tennis made such a good start in 1931 and he was full of knowledge and interest. He re-started the Leicester League in 1943 — right in the middle of the War — and was spectacularly successful. He recalled vividly the day Victor Barna, Michael Szabodos and Laszlo Bellak came to the De Montfort Hall in 1936 — and attracted a crowd of 2,500!! Mr. Cooper Watson had much of interest — the circular calling the first meeting to formulate a league in Leicester, two of the old early 1900 (or even earlier) bats in immaculate condition, several early handbooks.

In the Leicester League Magpie look favourites to top the first division. With Randell, Fellows and Steven White forming the first team this will come as no surprise. Iliffe is leading Barwell Liberals in Div. 2 and this team could easily top the division. Philip Smith — who has played in league table tennis every season since it started in Leicester — is still showing good form. Electricity, his current club had good cause to thank him in a recent Div. 12 encounter when his maximum brought them a point against Hearts of Oak. Stan Ford has been around nearly as long as Phil. Two maximums in Div. 7 have put his team, Post Office in a good position for promotion.

On the Junior front, the energetic Fellows has been organising regular training sessions at Rowley Fields School and it will be surprising if the County Junior team — now in the third division — do not improve considerably on last season's abysmal performances. The whole of last season's players are still within the age group but the rapid improvement made by Paul Bumpus and David Aldwinckle will provide a challenge to our top four boys. Similarly Jane Heath's play has brought her the No. 2 spot and a place in the team.

Ian McKelvey has agreed to continue as our '100 Club' organiser and there will be a big sigh of relief. Without it our funds would be very depleted indeed. Leicester Juniors opened their fixtures with a 4-6 defeat to Birmingham 'B'. It was a splendid match, sportingly contested with Leicester's wins coming from Yvonne Hall (2), Martin Pickles and Simon Griew (one each).

On the umpiring front, we are very short indeed of qualified umpires. At the recent county match with Northamptonshire, Barry Randell and myself managed most of them but both Bob Spring and Alan Willson impressed in this capacity — could they be the next to join our ranks?

In the Leicester League there have been several outstanding performances by juniors. Bumpus, an 11-year-old playing in the league for the first season was called into his club's (Swithland Motors) division two side at the last minute and far from being over-awed, scored a resounding maxi-



Harold Rhodes (centre) celebrating 60 years of competitive table tennis with friends at the Electricity Club, Wolverhampton.

mum — a feat beyond his team-mates! Other good performances from juniors came from Barry Sherman (Belvoir Great Glen) whose maximum in Div. 12 deprived Midland International of their 100% record and the rapidly improving Marcus Bellot (Magpie) who has easily made the transfer from Div. 19 to Div. 8. Leading the various divisions and averages are:  
 1 Magpie (P. Randell), 2 Barwell Liberal (J. Iliffe), 3 Knighton Park (G. Aldwinckle), 4 Thorn Lighting (A. Mould), 5 Jones and Shipman (A. Holdsworth), 6 Leicester Building Society (R. Norman), 7 Wadkin (M. Finnemore), 8 Swithland Motors (P. Bumpus), 9 Leicester Building Society (J. Towers), 10 Magna Travellers (A. Clarke), 11 Police (G. Hancock), 12 Midland International (K. Phillips), 13 Bentley Engineering (B. Ord), 14 Forest Centre (R. Halliday), 16 Belgrave Constitutional (D. Doherty), 17 County Hall (M. Harris), 18 Thorn Lighting (M. Cliff), 19 St. Cuthberts (A. Mason and C. Siddons).

## LINCOLNSHIRE NOTES

by P. Taylor

### IMPRESSIVE START

The County teams made an impressive start to the season with three of the four teams winning their first match. The senior team, relegated to the third division, beat Derbyshire II at Derby 7-3. Sue Radley of Lincoln, making her county debut in the women's No. 2 position, did very well winning both her singles and the doubles with Gillian Sharpe. Brian Hill won his 2 singles as expected with Dave Skerratt and myself beating Derbys No. 3 R. Allbut.

The veterans' had a comfortable 7-2 win over Cheshire II with Brian Edlington yet again proving a very adequate replacement for the injured Peter Skerratt. The junior first team made a useful start by beating Cumbria 9-1, thus gaining two important points in their bid to maintain 2nd Division status. The junior 2nd team went down 3-7 to Essex III, Cathy Bryan and Jackie Barnett winning all the girls' rubbers. The boys, despite losing all their rubbers, played well especially when one considers that all 3 were making their debut.

Due to county selection and ranking consideration, the inter-town competitions have already got under way. This season both the Butlin and Veteran Cups have been arranged on a home and away basis as only 4 teams are in each division. In the Butlin Cup, Suzanne Hunt made a welcome return to town competition and played an important part in Grantham's 5-5 draw with Spalding, winning all her 3 singles although Jean White did force her to a deciding game.

In the Haigh Cup, Edlington was in great form for Gainsborough against Lincoln, winning all 3 singles and the doubles. Both Stuart Worrell and Barry Johnson beat Kevin Adlington County No. 9 in the 5-all draw. Gainsborough obviously missed Brian's presence in their next match against Grantham for they went down 3-7, this time Chris Bryan and Simon Pullen beating Kevin. Wyberton got off to a great start by beating Scunthorpe 7-3, Mick East losing all 3. This seems to be getting a common occurrence for Mick at the beginning of the season. He then tends to go unbeaten for the rest of the season. Perhaps next season I ought to arrange Grimsby v Wyberton as the first match!

In the Butcher Cup, it already looks as if this is going to be a two horse race with both Lincoln and Wyberton impressing in their first two matches. Lincoln have beaten Gainsborough 9-1 and Grimsby 10-0 whilst Wyberton have won both their matches 7-3 against Scunthorpe and Spalding. In the veterans', the first encounter between Lincoln and Grimsby resulted in a draw.

It was found possible to fit a coaching rally into the weekend before the Lincs

Junior Closed. Although short notice, the rally went quite well with about 28 people attending. One junior impressed all of us, Andrew Thompson from Scunthorpe. Coming on the bus, about 30 miles, he went to the wrong centre and had to pay £4 in taxi fare to arrive in time for the afternoon session. That is the keenness shown by future champions! Good luck Andrew. You deserve to go far in this game.

The Lincs Junior Closed gave Andrew his chance. He beat Guy Ashton and then Steve Read to contest the boys' final with No. 1 seed Worrell. This final proved to be the best ever seen at these championships. Andy won the first 21 but then lost the second -13. The third was a classic with Andy pulling back a 6-10 deficit to level at 10-all. From this stage the points were incredible with each player powering the ball past the other with no-one winning two points in a row. At 19-all the atmosphere was electric and it was Stuart who came through to take the next two points and win. But what a match! Full details will appear in the next issue. One interesting fact was the introduction of yellow table tennis balls in this tournament. They proved quite effective and I think easier to see. Another point was that with 12 tables in continuous use for 8 hours, we only needed 13 balls — I used a new one for the finals!

Lastly the ranking lists are as follows:

#### Men

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

#### Women

1 S. Hunt, 2 G. Sharpe, 3 C. Moran, 4 J. White, 5 S. Radley, 6 J. Wingad, 7 P. Hale, 8 D. Brown, 9 K. Fisher.

#### Boys

1 C. Bryan, 2 S. Worrell, 3 S. Pullen, 4 S. Read, 5 A. Thompson, 6 J. Sandham, 7 M. Smith, 8 G. Ashton, 9 R. Hawes, 10 R. Stutely.

#### Girls

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

#### Veteran Men

1 Sheader, 2 P. Skerratt, 3 Allison, 4 B. Edlington, 5 A. Patrick, 6 E. Edmonds, 7 W. Moran, 8 C. Pickwell, 9 B. Johnson, 10 N. Slater.

#### Veteran Women

1 C. Moran, 2 J. White, 3 M. Burgess, 4 K. Fisher, 5 P. Hale.

The ranking lists will be reviewed after due consideration of town results and the Junior and Senior closed.

## DORSET NOTES

by Martin Abbott

### NEWCOMERS AT THE TOP

With the new season now well under way we say welcome to two new players and farewell to another. Simon Heaps joins Dorset's team this season and appears at No. 1 in the first of the season's ranking lists.

Also joining us after spells with Hampshire and Sussex is Julie Reading who enters the ranking list as No. 2 woman. Julie's presence is especially welcome because we have had to say farewell to Janet New, who has loyally represented Dorset at both Junior and Senior level.

Janet's achievements include the English Junior Closed title a couple of seasons ago. We wish her well for her forthcoming marriage and once again Janet, a big thank-you for all you have done for Dorset table tennis.

There has already been one round of county matches which produced a mixed set of results. The senior 1st team didn't have a match but the seniors 2nds started

their season in fine style by beating Herefordshire 8-2 with Jason Creasey, John Robinson, Joyce Coop and Joyce Applin all unbeaten.

Our two veteran sides met which resulted in our 1st team winning 6-3 with Cyril Bush and Joyce Coop again unbeaten. Dorset's 1st junior team drew 5-5 with Cornwall with Mark Werner winning both his singles but the outstanding performance of the day was provided by Leanne Harman who beat Sharon James. Finally our junior 2nd team were beaten 10-0 by a strong Surrey junior side.

### RANKINGS

#### Men

1 Simon Heaps, 2 Martin Abbott, 3 Trevor Smith, 4 Chris Pickard, 5 Jason Creasey, 6 John Robinson, 7 Jeremy Musselwhite, 8 Howard Davies, 9 Micky Doyle, 10 Mike Hughes.

#### Women

1 Cheryl Creasey, 2 Julie Reading, 3 Joyce Coop, 4 Rachel Mackriell, 5 Joyce Applin, 6 Sally New, 7 Leanne Harman.

#### Veteran Men

1 Cyril Bush, 2 Dennis Joyce, 3 Trevor Parry, 4 Dave Woodcock, 5 Ron Fairhall, 6 Sid Brice, 7 John Russell, 8 Eric Buckley, 9 Jim Gilson, 10 Micky Frampton.

#### Veteran Women

1 Joyce Coop, 2 Dot Robins, 3 Iris Terry, 4 Pam New.

## LANCASHIRE NOTES

by George R. Yates

### UNIMPRESSIVE SHOW

It was an unimpressive show that Lancashire's first team put up on their return to the Premier Division of the County Championships being beaten 7-2 by Warwickshire whose defensive male trio of Derek Munt, Barry Johnson and Barry Hayward put the green fly on the Red Rose quite effectively.

Only Donald Parker obtained a singles win in beating Johnson but his set with Munt, I am informed by no less a celebrity than Maurice Goldstein, was out of this world with Munt securing the verdict 22-20 in the third.

Joy Grundy received a jolt to her ambitions when beaten decisively by Karen Groves but Don and Joy had some compensation in winning the mixed when beating Munt and Miss Groves.

Farnworth's Clive Heap was the 'man of the match, for Lancs 2nds who extracted a 5-5 draw from their meeting with Yorkshire 2nd at Wigan. 4-5 down stood the scoreline after the penultimate set won by Sally Midgley against Jean Parker but Heap ensured a division of the spoils in accounting for Tony Bottomley 22-20, 23-25, 21-8!!

Earlier on Heap had again outclassed his opponent in a best of three against Rd. Priestley and John Marshall had twice been beaten -22, -22 by Clem Lo and rather more easily by Priestley. Paul Rainford after his initial loss to Bottomley came up trumps to beat Lo whilst Lancs were successful in both doubles.

In the first, the women's, Miss Parker and Carolyn Scowcroft scored against Miss Midgley and Linda Hryszko whilst, in the men's, Marshall and Rainford bested Lo and Bottomley. The Juniors away to Northumberland had a comfortable 8-2 win in Div. 2 North, but, I am informed, this was no match to put any great judgement on.

Lancashire's rankings have been submitted as follows:

#### Men

1 John Hilton (M/c), 2 Donald Parker (Pres), 3 Stephen Turner (Pres), 4 Stephen Scowcroft (Btn), 5 Paul Rainford (Pres), 6 John Marshall (L/pl), 7 Clive Heap (F'wth), 8 Keith Williams (L/pl), 9 Nigel

Hallows (Btn), 10 Brian Carney (F'wd),  
11 Kevin Walsh (L/More).

#### Women

1 Joy Grundy (Pres), 2 Jean Parker (Pres),  
3 Carolyn Scowcroft (Btn), 4 Helen Frost  
(Bury), 5 Beverley Hoyle (Bury), 6 Jackie  
Myers (B'bn), 7 Caroline Hemming (Sal),  
8 Chris Hilton (Sal).

#### Boys

1 Rainford, 2 Frazer McEwen (Bury),  
3 Paul Ashcroft (St.H), 4 Michael Mercer  
(St.H), 5 Ian McLoughlin (Bury), 6 Shaun  
Browne (Btn), 7 Andrew Christopher  
(M.Lancs), 8 Johnathan Moore (Pres),  
9 Vincent Coleman (F'wth), 10 Philip  
Aspinall (Old).

#### Girls

1 Joy Grundy, 2 Jean Parker, 3 Beverley  
Hoyle, 4 Wendy Worthington (Pres),  
5 Jackie Myers (B'bn), 6 Caroline Hemming,  
7 Helen Frost, 8 Dawn Thornton (Btn),  
9 Karen Whiston (Sthpt).

A change in Lancashire's first team to  
meet Middlesex, away on Nov. 8, brings in  
Preston's young Paul Rainford as replacement  
for Bolton's Steve Scowcroft who for  
the next few weeks sits it out nursing a  
broken thumb on his bat hand.

Preston's players had a field day at the  
Nth. Yorks Junior Open. In the team events  
Joy Grundy and Jean Parker easily won the  
U-17 event and 13-years-old Wendy Wor-  
thington, playing with Debbie Soothill of  
Lancaster, had a very good win in the  
Cadet girls' event.

Rainford, paired with Tony Sanderson of  
Yorks, won the boys' U-17 event. All four  
Preston players carried on the good work  
later with Wendy winning the Cadet girls'  
singles in fine style for her first open tour-  
nament win. The U-17 girls' singles was a  
repeat of the previous two northern tour-  
naments — the North of England and  
Cumbria — with Joy again getting the  
better of Jean in a good final.

To complete a great weekend for Preston  
table tennis, Rainford then went on to a  
convincing win over Stephen Sharp of  
Yorks in the boys' final. Not only did the  
Preston players take most of the honours,  
but as they came away with over £150  
worth of sports vouchers, they also took  
over 50% of the prize money.

The results so far this season speak well  
for the Preston League's coaching scheme,  
from which all four players have benefited  
and also for the training they receive under  
the guidance of Donald Parker and Jim  
Clegg at the North West Centre of  
Excellence at British Aerospace Dynamics,  
Lostock, Bolton.

## CLWYD NOTES

by Roy Williams

### COMMITTEE FORMED

The North Wales Counties TTA called a  
special meeting and at least formed what  
can only be described as a caretaker com-  
mittee! I, for one, thought an emergency  
meeting should have been called fearing  
the Association might well become dormant.  
However a committee has now been formed  
comprising David Tapp (Chairman), Phillip  
Overson (Vice-Chairman), Phillip Overson  
(Secretary), Len Elias (Hon. Treasurer),  
John Hook (Welsh League Secretary), Harry  
Maddison (Umpires Secretary) and yours  
truly as Press Officer.

### Subs Dodgers

More problems, this time with the Rhyl  
League whose Secretary David Murphy and  
Chairman John Cartwright have suspended  
80% of their clubs for fourteen days which  
means a loss of points and for three  
matches in some cases. Both the foregoing  
officials are keen to make sure the rules are  
obeyed to the letter but in the majority of  
cases, only hours after the deadline, sub-  
scriptions have been paid.

Other officials of the management

committee have threatened to call an  
emergency meeting in an effort to bring  
common sense (in their opinion) to the  
league programme. At least the local paper  
has had a field day.

### International Match

The Llandudno League have booked the  
Arcadia Theatre for the Wales versus  
Ireland Junior International match on  
Friday, Jan. 16, 1981 and they cannot be  
accused of not having a go in this their  
first ever effort in organising an inter-  
national match. The committee elected to  
organise the match comprises Les Jones  
(Chairman), Ken Williams, Max Shone,  
Dennis Hunt and yours truly.

The Llandudno Closed has a new venue  
this season on Saturday, Nov. 29 at Quinton  
Hazell canteen, Mochdre, Colwyn Bay where  
a large entry is expected.

With the season just under way, I have no  
news of Anglesey, East Flint or Wrexham  
Leagues. Rhyl's 17-years-old Mark Thomas  
is making his mark already this season with  
the Junior singles and Men's doubles at the  
Aberdare Open as well as reaching the  
Men's singles semi-final, losing to Alan  
Griffiths. He was also selected to represent  
Wales in the Netherlands Open at the  
Hague.

### Shot in the Arm

Table Tennis in Wales had a shot in the  
arm when Carwyn James of Rugby Union  
fame interviewed H. Roy Evans, OBE, who  
is not only the President of the ITTF but  
of the Table Tennis Association of Wales.  
The interview on BBC Wales lasted for  
twenty minutes and proved a most inter-  
esting programme about world and Welsh  
table tennis.

## EAST MIDLAND CADETS LEAGUE

by Philip Reid

### RICH PROMISE

Derby and Coventry are making the early  
running in this league. Even without their  
best three players — who were at a Train-  
ing Camp — Coventry were too strong for  
any of their opponents and with reserves of  
the calibre of Clive Geelan and M. Randle  
they must have a good chance of topping  
the league. Derby however have the rich  
promise of David Slack and Andrew Stills to  
call on.

It has been said one player doesn't make  
a team and that there is no such thing as  
a one man team. Nuneaton come close to  
dispelling that theory. Although the  
brilliant Chris Bache recorded three maxi-  
mums his team could collect only one other  
set from three matches! Bache was one of  
two players recording three maximums —  
the other was Leicester's David Aldwinckle.  
Aldwinckle continues to improve — and  
grow — at a great rate and his victory over  
David Slack — ranked five places higher  
than himself on the Cadets list at number  
5 — was a very encouraging performance.

Despite his maximum Leicester still lost  
to Derby despite some good play by Marcus  
Bellot. Handily placed in fourth spot are  
Lincoln and the progress made by Martin  
Burwell and David Colam must be very  
encouraging for this league.

Nottingham had only two matches to play  
both of which they won 6-4 and they have  
the brilliance of Michael Archer — un-  
defeated — to thank for them still being in  
with a chance of taking the title, and with  
Richard Tilford also showing sound form  
this team could have a very good run.  
Loughborough's two young stars Paul Bum-  
pus and Louise Forster continue to improve  
and with a stronger number three would  
take some beating.

Newcomers Leamington have shown they  
are well up to the standard required with  
Eddie Stafford and Andy Hewitt turning in  
some fine displays. The fact that Coventry  
II — virtually the third team — could al-

most break even showed just what strength  
in depth that league has. Grantham have  
already played two of the top three teams  
and are perhaps in a false position in the  
league but with Cathy Bryan still improving  
this team could well move up the chart.

Hinckley — who in the past have produced  
several good junior players — have none of  
last season's team available and have still  
to win their first set. They lack nothing in  
enthusiasm however and it will be a sur-  
prise if before long this league does not  
'come good' again.

### 1980-81 First Session

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

### TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Coventry I	3	3	0	25	5	6
Derby	2	2	0	16	4	4
Leicester	3	2	1	20	10	4
Lincoln	3	2	1	19	11	4
Nottingham	2	2	0	12	8	4
Loughborough	2	1	1	11	9	2
Leamington	3	1	2	15	15	2
Coventry II	3	1	2	14	16	2
Grantham	3	1	2	8	22	2
Nuneaton	3	0	3	10	20	0
Hinckley	3	0	3	0	30	0

### LEADING AVERAGES

David Aldwinckle (Le)	9	9	100
Chris Bache (Nu)	9	9	100
Michael Archer (No)	6	6	100
Clive Geelan (Co)	9	8	89
M. Randle (Co)	9	8	89
Paul Bumpus (Lo)	6	5	83
David Slack (De)	6	5	83
Andrew Stills (De)	6	5	83
Richard Tilford (No)	6	5	83

## AVON NOTES

by Paul F. Hewitt

### FIRST VENTURE

What a start to the season before any-  
one picked up a bat in anger in the league  
programmes in Avon County. A new Press  
Officer elected (that's me) and he forgets  
the Table Tennis News . . . how could any-  
one forget the News you may well ask?  
Actually it's easy when you have an inter-  
national match on your patch. Yes that's  
the good news for Avon before anything  
else gets under control. England v Federal  
Germany was a good match, the venue . . .  
Whitchurch Sports Centre was good, the  
organisation under County Secretary June  
Watts was great and every one present was  
very pleased except possibly the Germans  
. . . they lost you may well remember. For  
the first venture into International Table  
Tennis, Avon can be well pleased.

The County also sees the first venture  
into the National League with Bristol Cash-  
mans, sponsored by Cashmans DIY and  
they are in the Second Div. South. In the  
squad of six players are last season's Avon  
No. 1 Martin Smith, last season's champion  
and this season's No. 1 Andrew Creed and  
they are joined by Kevin Satchell (Wilts 1),  
David Harvey (Glouc. 1), Gary Lambert  
(Devon 1) and Steve Moreman from  
Worcester. They beat Generation II (Fare-  
ham) 7-2, March (Cambridge) 8-1 and then  
crashed 2-7 to high flying Seagulls (Brigh-  
ton) . . . sorry about the pun. This new high  
standard of Table Tennis must be good for  
the game and hopefully it will start to bring  
the crowds back to the game.

The County are running five teams this

season but instead of two veterans sides there are two junior sides, a step in the right direction. Avon 1st are in Div. 2 West with the second team in 3rd West. The two junior teams are in the equivalent divisions whilst the Veterans are in the West Division.

### RANKINGS

(Revised after the first round of County matches and extra trials)

#### Men

1 A. Creed (Bristol), 2 P. Jackson (Bristol), 3 J. Musslewhite (Bath), 4 A. Brown (Bristol), 5 P. Riley (Bristol), 6 C. Ellison (Bristol), 7 G. Mildred (Bristol), 8 J. Higgs (Bath), 9 C. Ross (Bristol), 10 L. Stewart (Bristol), 11 M. Baker (Mendip), 12 K. Howse (Bristol).

#### Women

1 R. Russe (Weston), 2 T. Shortman (Bristol), 3 D. Sandford (Bristol), 4 L. Porter (Bath), 5 J. Cruse (Bath), 6 J. Higgs (Bath), 7 M. Lewis (Bristol), 8 D. Straker (Bristol), 9 J. Luckwell (Nailsea), 10 G. Beer (Bristol), 11 D. Vowles.

#### Veteran Men

1 Baker (Bristol), 2 J. Morris (Bristol), 3 Howse (Bristol), 4 K. Watts (Bristol), 5 G. O'Brien (Bath), 6 R. Smith (Bristol), 7 Mildred (Bristol), 8 R. House (Bath), 9 P. Dominey (Keynsham), 10 I. Mead (Bristol), 11 K. Perry (Bristol), 12 D. Nicholas (Bath).

#### Veteran Women

1 J. Collier (Bristol), 2 J. Watts (Bristol), 3 M. Lewis (Bristol), 4 J. Wyatt (Bristol), 5 P. Archdale (Bristol).

#### Boys

1 Jackson (Bristol), 2 Ross (Bristol), 3 P. Hooper (Bristol), 4 S. Fletcher (Weston), 5 S. Kerslake (Weston), 6 A. Barnes (Bath), 7 P. Boucher (Bristol), 8 M. Coles (Bristol), 9 S. Khan (Bristol), 10 I. Holley (Bath), 11 W. Coombes (Bristol), 12 M. Cotton (Bath).

#### Girls

1 Shortman (Bristol), 2 Russe (Bristol), 3 H. Perrott (Keynsham), 4 M. Cohen (Bristol), 5 J. Kimber (Bristol), 6 K. Tester (Bristol), 7 D. Whittaker (Bristol).

The first round of county matches turned out to be something of a mini disaster for Avon with all five teams in action and all losing. The 1st's went to Berkshire only to lose 2-8 with Creed getting one singles and sharing the doubles with Jackson. The seconds entertained the Isle of Wight who were making their first appearance in the competition and they lost 3-7 with local player J. Higgs getting his two singles with Ellison getting a third. At the same time in an adjacent hall the junior first team was entertaining Warwickshire and the result was a similar 3-7 defeat. Here Jackson won a singles as did Shortman who also shared a doubles win with Russe. The junior second team got closest to a point when they travelled to Plymouth to play Devon 3rds only to lose 4-6 when the last set of the match went to the home team 21-19. Points came from singles wins from Khan, Perrott and Fletcher who got within a point of his second but he had the consolation of a share in the doubles with Coles, but it was Coles who nearly earned a draw.

The Veterans had a good day out at the Isle of Wight but the results went against them 4-5. All four players got one singles point... Baker, Smith, Dominey and Muriel Lewis, but Dominey after winning the first game of the last set, on expedite, got good leads in the second and third games, but couldn't quite hold on for the win. So with five defeats in five games it looks to be an uphill struggle and changes might well be called for. On Nov. 8 we will see whether the right lessons have been learnt.

League programmes are going on much as before in the four leagues in Avon and in the next notes I hope to be looking a bit more fully into the leagues, viz: Bath,

Bristol, Mendip and Weston, and looking forward to their own cup competitions, championships and intertown programmes.

## SUSSEX NOTES

by John Woodford

### STUNNING SHOW

PHIL SMITH of East Grinstead is the new Sussex No. 1. In a stunning unbeaten show at the Sussex trials Smith knocked down all his rivals including Graham Gillett and Roger Chandler. Smith is now in the National League playing No. 2 for Gunnersbury Triangle in Division 2 (South).

He is also playing in five leagues spread over Sussex and Surrey. All this action is proving lucrative and a threat to the Bexhill stronghold who now claim seven county players, the latest being Nicky Standen.

Big changes ahead in the top Sussex women's rankings. Diane Griggs played one game for Sussex and is now nipping off to have a baby, leaving a gap that might not be so hard to fill as returning to the sport after three years is Mrs. Alison East formerly Miss Terry of Crawley. She won all but one of her games at the trials and then reached the final of the Merton Open on Oct. 19, beating on the way the former Sussex champion Julie Reading, a result that brought smiles to the faces of the Sussex senior selectors.

Nothing seems to keep Malcolm Francis, the now full-time Uckfield professional, out of the headlines. He took his second 1-star tournament crown of the season at Merton after winning at Bournemouth. In the Stamco Sussex Open, Hastings, he even took Paul Day to 18 in the third.

After a shock defeat by St. Neots at Brighton, the Sussex National League team Seagulls returned to their high orbit on Oct. 19 when they visited and slammed Cashmans (Bristol) 7-2. Adrian Moore, 15 and Gillett were unbeaten.

### SUSSEX SENIOR RANKINGS

#### Men

1 Phil Smith (East Grinstead)  
2 Graham Gillett (Bexhill)  
3 Roger Chandler (Brighton)  
4 Stephen Moore (Bexhill)  
5 Peter Pudduck (Littlehampton)  
6 Adrian Moore (Bexhill)  
7 Robin Stace (Lancing)  
8 Nicky Standen (Bexhill)  
9 Andy Meads (Crawley)  
10 Steve Downer (Brighton)

#### Women

1 Diane Griggs (Eastbourne)  
2 Carol Hewett (Lewes)  
3 Sheila King (Hastings)  
4 Teresa Moore (Bexhill)  
5 Alison East (Crawley)  
6 Christine Randall (Uckfield)  
7 Angela Maskell (Eastbourne)  
8 Sue Haffenden (Bexhill)  
9 Tina Curran (Crawley)  
10 Juliet Williams (Crawley)

## SUFFOLK SCENE

by Steve Richards

### FEW SURPRISES

The new season's trials were held at Ipswich and few surprises followed. We offer a warm welcome to Julie and Terry Dowsett who have joined the ranks from Essex. But it is disappointing not to see new faces among the girls!

### RANKINGS

#### Men

1 John Kitchener, 2 Mick Palmer, 3 Stuart Palmer, 4 Julian Hall, 5 Russell King, 6 Terry Dowsett, 7 David Henderson, 8 Chris Shepherd, 9 Anthony Booth, 10 Keith Casket.

### Women

1 Julie Dowsett, 2 Sue Welham, 3 Sue Butcher, 4 Kathy Brierley, 5 Jane Richards, 6 Jane Leonard, 7 Debbie Hubble, 8 Janet Matthews, 9 Alison Rowbotham, 10 Sally Gray, 11 Karen Edward-Hayes.

### Boys

1 Stuart Palmer, 2 Paul Beamish, 3 Ken Andrews, 4 Kevin Scott, 5 Ray Thorpe, 6 William Kirkham, 7 Andrew Fretlingham, 8 Shaun Cavalho, 9 Gary Marvell, 10 Andrew Warner.

### Girls

1 Jane Leonard, 2 Jane Richards, 3 Alison Rowbotham, 4 Dawn Harvey, 5 Michelle Denney, 6 Karen Edward-Hayes, 7 Dalley Gray, 8 Clare Richards, 9 Jane Sissen.

The Senior team opened their programme against Herts and were well beaten 7-3. John Kitchener and Julie Dowsett won a singles each and Mick Palmer together with John won the doubles. Other members of the team were Stuart Palmer and Sue Butcher.

The Juniors played against Norfolk and included three new boys in Kevin Scott, Ray Thorpe and Wm Kirkham and all found the opposition too good on the day. Jane Leonard playing at No. 1 for the first time lost in three and only Jane Richards prevented a clean sweep for Norfolk who ran out 9-1 winners.

Only bright note was the Senior 2nds defeating Herts away 7-3. Julian Hall, Russell King and Terry Dowsett each won while Kathy Brierley and Jane Leonard represented the female element. It was unfortunate that Herts played an ineligible woman thus giving Suffolk two women's sets.

I heard from Chris Parfitt of the Woodbridge League that the 1st Division was won by Trinity with Legion "A" runners-up. In the 2nd Div. the winners were Suffolk Coastal "B" with Framlingham "B". The KO Shield was won by Beaumont Bashers over Framlingham "A". What gorgeous names! There will be three divisions this season and several new teams have entered.

Finally a big thank you to Mrs. Joan Kitchener who has returned after many years as chief refreshment lady for the County.

## STAMCO SUSSEX 2-STAR OPEN

Good Night's Work by Day

by RON KEMP

The Sussex Turnery and Moulding Company (STAMCO) took over from ITT as the major sponsors of this year's Sussex Open, held at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings over the weekend of Oct. 11/12. It again attracted a good entry, with over 240 players taking part, including 11 nationally ranked players from Ireland, the women's No. 2, and the men's No. 1 from Australia.

Holder of the men's singles, Max Crimmins lost in Round 3 to the in-form Joe Kennedy 14, -17, -17, who then did well to beat Jimmy Walker. His giant killing act halted in the semi-final however, as he met the No. 1 seed Paul Day. Day had earlier beaten Nigel Eckersley in two tight games in the quarters — but his most difficult match came in Round 3 against Uckfield semi-pro Malcolm Francis (fresh from his trip to warmer climes to learn how to play 'the Chinese way').

Francis surprised everyone (even J.W.) to take the first game at 18. Day levelled the match at 15, and in the third Day led 18-15 only for Francis to level at 18-all. With a shock win imminent, it was left to

the internationally experienced Day to snatch the next three points for the match.

In the other quarter-finals, Graham Sandley beat Dave Wells and Bob Potton beat Kevin Beadsley. Their semi-final resulted in victory for Sandley over Potton in a fast and furious affair. The final between the two 'lefties' was more of an anti-climax, as Day proved to be too good on the night for Sandley and won fairly comfortably. He received the cup and £125 top prize from a Director of STAMCO, Mr. Sheperdson.

The Women's Singles, also sponsored by STAMCO, saw No. 1 seed Karen Witt beat Carol Hewett and then the Irish No. 2 Karen Walker in the semi-final. Mrs. Walker had previously beaten Claire Maisey in the quarters. Other matches had seen No. 3 seed Alison Gordon beat M. Ball, and Mandy Smith (No. 3) ease past R. Conroy. The second semi saw a reverse of the seedings with Gordon beating Smith. The final was a tense match, but Witt easily overcame Gordon.

Fairlight Heating Ltd. were the new sponsors of the Men's Doubles which had 87 pairs. Day/Potton seeded 1 reached the quarters easily, and then had a close encounter with T. Hailey/T. Penny who had beaten Skylet Andrew/Des Charley in the previous round. Beadsley/Eckersley brushed off a strong challenge from Aussie Bob Tuckett/Walker to reach their semi-final, but then fell to Day/Potton. In the other half the third seeds David Barr/Colin Wilson fell in Round 4 to G. Baker/D. Hannah, who in turn lost to Richard Jermyn/Wells to take their place in the semi-final. They met Ian Horsham/John Souter who had previously beaten the seeded pairing of Crimmins/Sandley in the quarters. This semi saw Jermyn/Wells come through to meet the challenge from the No. 1 seeds. The final was the last but most exciting set of the finals session with all four players seizing every opportunity to attack; but at one game all, a lead of 6-0 and 10-4 by Day/Potton proved to be too much for the less experienced pair, and they took the title at 11 in the third.

The Women's Doubles sponsored by the Bexhill-on-Sea Building Society, saw an upset in the semi-final, when No. 1 seeds Gordon/Smith lost to last year's winner Garbet, and her partner Maisey. Karen Walker, deputising for Mandy Reeves (on international duty) helped Witt easily reach the final stage, and it was this pairing that took the title, without dropping a game. The Mixed, sponsored by the Hastings & St. Leonards Observer, again saw Day as No. 1 seed, and accompanied by Smith they reached the final with ease, their hardest game being against Francis/Hewett, who went down with flying colours. No. 2 seeds Sandley/Gordon also reached the final comfortably, and as Day/Smith, without losing a game. Although dropping the first game; Day/Smith won the next two to give Day his triple victory.

The Veterans' Singles became an open race when the No. 1 and 2 seeds (Blust and D'Arcy) failed to arrive. It was left to last year's runner-up, Laurie Fountain to contest the final with M. Adedayo. Fountain had earlier beaten Jimmy Moore (father of Stephen, Adrian and Teresa) in the semi-final, while Adedayo beat Don Smith at the same stage. The final, played in the late afternoon saw Adedayo beat Fountain to win the trophy.

## RESULTS

### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Day (Can) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 16, 23;  
J. Kennedy (K) bt J. Walker (Sy)  
-19, 15, 14;

G. Sandley (Mi) bt D. Wells (Mi) -13, 19, 14;  
R. Potton (E) bt K. Beadsley (Y) -18, 17, 11.

### Semi-finals:

Day bt Kennedy 17, 11;  
Sandley bt Potton 18, 21.

### Final:

DAY bt Sandley 11, 17.

### Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

K. Witt (Bk) bt C. Hewett (Sx) 10, 8;  
K. Walker (Ire) bt C. Maisey (Wi)  
11, -20, 16;

A. Gordon (Bk) bt M. Ball (K) 12, 17;  
M. Smith (Bk) bt R. Conroy 10, 19.

### Semi-finals:

Witt bt Walker 16, 15;  
Gordon bt Smith 7, 10.

### Final:

WITT bt Gordon 8, 14.

### Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Day/Potton bt Beadsley/Eckersley 17, 19;  
R. Jermyn/Wells bt I. Horsham (E)/  
J. Souter (M) 18, 18.

### Final:

DAY/POTTON bt Jermyn/Wells -21, 17, 11.

### Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

L. Garbet (Sy)/Maisey bt Gordon/Smith  
-12, 14, 18.

Walker/Witt bt S. Sandley (Mi)/S. Sinanan  
(Ha) 19, 17.

### Final:

WALKER/WITT bt Garbet/Maisey 9, 9.

### Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

Day/Smith bt M. Francis (K)/C. Hewett  
19, 17;

Sandley/Gordon bt Kennedy/Witt 6, 21.

### Final:

DAY/SMITH bt Sandley/Gordon -14, 12, 15.

### Veterans Singles Semi-finals:

L. Fountain (E) bt J. Moore (Sx) -15, 6, 12;  
M. Adedayo (Mi) bt D. Smith (Mi)  
-20, 11, 11.

### Final:

ADEDAYO bt Fountain 12, 19.

## North Yorkshire Junior Open

### Red Rose Monopoly by Richard Scruton

Lancashire's, and in particular Preston's, strong junior contingent monopolised the Tees Sport North Yorkshire Junior Open Championships at Scarborough over the weekend of Oct. 11/12.

Paul Rainford and Joy Grundy justified their top seedings to take the junior singles titles while 13-year-old Wendy Worthington continued the Red Rose success by capturing the cadet girls' title. Cheshire's Bill Gleave continued his early season winning ways in the cadet boys' event.

Singles finalists Rainford and Wakefield's Steven Sharp struggled in Saturday's team events with Rainford almost losing a second set to Kent's Paul Namdjou after going down to a much improved Nicky Hoare in the final. Sharpe lost both his singles to David Dodd and Ray Namdjou in an earlier round of the team event.

However, on the Sunday, Rainford reversed his loss to Hoare and overcame a strong challenge from Dodd to reach the final. In the opposite half unseeded Sharpe, Yorkshire's leading junior and only 15-years-old, put out Cleveland's leading pair Lindsay Taylor and Kevin Green to join Rainford in the final. However, Paul's greater experience was a telling factor and he managed a straight games victory.

In the cadets left-handed Gleave, with his anti-topspin rubber, was too much for top seeded David Rook from Bradford and his surprise final opponent, Michael Thomas from Rugby, who put out highly-rated Ivan Smith in the semi-finals. Gleave threatened to surprise in the junior boys losing a close match to seeded Tony Sanderson. Rook made amends for his loss to Gleave to some extent with two wins over Smith, in the team event and junior singles.

The tournament format of teams and singles play proved popular with players and coaches and provided a considerable number of surprise results.

## RESULTS

### Boys' Singles Round 3:

P. Rainford (La) bt D. Hinchcliffe (Dy)  
9, 14;

N. Hoare (Sy) bt D. Illingsworth (Y)  
16, -17, 16;

T. Sanderson (Y) bt W. Gleave (Ch)  
-19, 10, 17;

D. Dodd (K) bt T. Dyson (Y) 17, 17;

S. Sharpe (Y) bt L. Taylor (Cv) 16, -19, 18;

B. Gill (Du) bt S. Dettmar (E) -17, 13, 13;

K. Green (Cv) bt D. Rook (Y) 8, -19, 16;

S. Madden (Y) bt P. Namdjou (K)  
-18, 18, 21.

### Round 4:

Rainford bt Hoare 13, -13, 17;

Dodd bt Sanderson 18, 17;

Sharpe bt Gill 15, 13;

Green bt Madden 17, 8.

### Semi-finals:

Rainford bt Dodd 19, -16, 11;

Sharpe bt Green 15, -18, 15.

### Final:

RAINFORD bt Sharpe 18, 16.

### Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

J. Grundy (La) bt L. Broomhead (Y) 16, 9;

J. Parker (La) bt T. Lightfoot (Ch) 15, 19.

### Final:

GRUNDY bt Parker -16, 10, 16.

### Cadet Boys' Singles Round 2:

Gleave bt Rook 14, 9;

A. Dodd (K) bt D. Blackburne (Du) 17, 18;

M. Thomas (Wa) bt I. Davies (Wa) 21, 20;

I. Smith (Sp) bt A. Wattis (Cv) -20, 16, 15.

### Semi-finals:

Gleave bt Dodd 9, 14;

Thomas bt Smith 11, 9.

### Final:

GLEAVE bt Thomas 9, 17.

### Cadet Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

L. McEwen (La) bt A. Huitt (Y) 17, 15;

W. Worthington (La) bt C. Bryan (Li)  
12, 20.

### Final:

WORTHINGTON bt McEwen 11, 18.

### Boys' Team Final:

RAINFORD-SANDERSON bt

Namdjou-Hoare 3-1

Rainford lost to Hoare 7, -18, 12;

Sanderson bt Namdjou -22, 11, 18;

Rainford/Sanderson bt Namdjou/Hoare

10, 20;

Rainford bt Namdjou -16, 15, 21.

### Girls' Team Final:

GRUNDY-PARKER bt

Broomhead-M. Seaton (Y) 3-1

Grundy bt Seaton 11, 16;

Parker bt Broomhead 13, 14;

Grundy/Parker lost to Broomhead/Seaton

-18, -19;

Grundy bt Broomhead 17, 17.

### Cadet Boys' Team Final:

SMITH-I. McLOUGHLIN (La) bt

Rook-M. Firth (Y) 3-1

McLoughlin bt Firth 12, 8;

Smith lost to Rook -21, 14, -11;

Smith/McLoughlin bt Rook/Firth 18, -9, 16;

McLoughlin bt Rook 18, 13.

### Cadet Girls' Team Final:

WORTHINGTON-D. SOOTHILL (Cu) bt

S. Taylor-J. Shaw (Y) 3-1

Worthington lost to Shaw -11, -18;

Soothill bt Taylor 16, 18;

Worthington/Soothill bt Taylor/Shaw

-16, 18, 16;

Worthington bt Taylor 7, 19.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NOTES

by Dennis Millman

### TURN FOR THE BETTER

Although the 1979-80 season ended on a pessimistic note, the County Association fortunes took a distinct turn for the better during the close season, when an enthusiastic 'young' committee made a bright start to the new campaign, under Chairman - Ian Nicoll.

With so many posts to be filled, a surprisingly good attendance at the AGM saw the following officials elected:

Chairman - Ian Nicoll.  
 Vice-Chairman - Ian Baldock.  
 Hon. Secretary - Brian Wooding.  
 Hon. Treasurer - John Horne.  
 Hon. Match Secretary - Peter Kendall.  
 Coaching Secretary - Gordon Oke.  
 Umpires Secretary - Dave Pipe.  
 Publicity Officer - Dennis Millman.  
 County League Secretary - Christine Price.  
 National Councillor - Ken Marchant.  
 County Schools Rep. - Dave Marsh.

A notable omission from the above list is Tom Tye who has rendered faithful and devoted service to the County for many years, and whose presence will be sorely missed in the County ranks. His knowledge and expertise will be hard to replace, but his strenuous and sometimes single handed efforts have merited a well-earned rest from the incessant demands and too frequent frustrations of County table tennis.

So enthusiastic was the response at the first County meetings, that a fourth County side was entered for the County Championships at Veteran level, after a break of eight years, while sponsorship of the County Closed Tournament by Golden Wonder also promises a brighter outlook. This event, to be staged by the Kettering League at the Recreation Centre on Nov. 22, should again prove the attraction of the season and seems likely to receive a big entry.

Although the situation at County level is better than anticipated, local unemployment in the steel, footwear and clothing industries is gradually having its effect on table tennis, particularly in the Corby area, were no enthusiasm could be raised from Junior League players, causing this most enterprising of organisations to suspend its activities for the current season.

Elsewhere there have been premature retirements and a gradual decline in league entries, giving Wellingborough its smallest number of teams since the 'Sixties', while the Kettering League has been harder hit, having ten entries fewer than last season, with three clubs inconsiderate enough to leave their defection until after the season had started.

With the lack of officials remedied, the South East Midlands League, is again taking care of inter-league weekend competitive play, with Northampton enthusiast Romano Gallo at the helm, in the capacity of Secretary, while Mike Jackson, that well known County Umpire from Cambridge, has taken over as Match Sec., doubtless in the hope that there will be a marked increase in the number of matches requiring the application of the expedite rule. Early results from the league confirm this, with John Sanders twice going the full distance against St. Neots before going down narrowly in deciders but nevertheless both Kettering and Wellingborough could well feature in the Men's second Division title race, with both teams unbeaten in early fixtures, and Keith Nicoll particularly impressive for Kettering. Wellingborough, most unfortunate to be denied promotion in both Men's and Veterans' sections, on the final league tables of two years ago, could well redress the balance especially in the Vets, if they can overcome Milton Kevnes, easy winners in 1978-79, but similarly denied.

As anticipated YMCA 'A', Rothborough 'A' and Kettering Town 'A' last season completed, what is becoming an annual treble, by winning the Northampton, Wellingborough and Kettering Leagues Premier Divisions, with YMCA remarkably failing to get any players in the official averages, as none of their contingent of talented players was apparently available often enough to qualify.

**Leading Places**

	P	W	D	L	P
YMCA 'A'	22	20	0	2	178
Abington 'A'	22	17	3	2	152
YMCA 'B'	22	18	2	2	151

**Leading Players**

Michael Owens	30-31=96.8%
Steve Lyon	26-27=96.5%
Keith Nicoll	34-36=94.4%
Romano Gallo	56-63=88.7%
Keith Jones	55-63=87.3%

This season all three sides have started on a determined attempt to retain their honours, but without the injured, yet still optimistic Gary Alden, and the prematurely retired Graham Feakin, Rothborough's task would have been a difficult one, if it were not for the disbanding of Youth Centre 'A'.

A final sad note from the league front shows UTC 'A', so long prominent in Northampton, but now bereft of Colin Hogg, Brian Bond, John Goodall and John Palmer, and Northfield 'A', founder members of Kettering's Premier Division both relegated for the first time.

The early season County Rankings show few surprises, except of course to the players, but with Alden, Anne Wallis and Connie Bane likely to be unavailable for most matches, early results could well be disappointing.

**COUNTY RANKINGS**

- Men**  
 1 Gary Alden, 2 Romano Gallo,  
 3 Steve Lyon, 4 Keith Nicoll, 5 Dave Marsh,  
 6 David Gallo, 7 John Sanders, 8 Ken Nicoll,  
 9 Steve West, 10 Brian Wooding.
- Women**  
 1 Mandy Wallis, 2 Glennis Hooper,  
 3 Helen Cottier, 4 Margaret Maltby,  
 5 Jane Nicoll, 6 Joyce Porter,  
 7 Dorothy Marsh, 8 Joanne Cutler.

- Boys**  
 1 Graeme McKim, 2 Richard Malfait,  
 3 Ian Hawes, 4 Ashley Bennett, 5 Neil Ridge,  
 6 Steve Kendall, 7 Terry Cardwell,  
 8 Mark Nannery, 9 Darren Branston,  
 10 Andrew Kimbell.

- Girls**  
 1 Jane Nicoll, 2 Gillian Philpot,  
 3 Melanie Brooks, 4 Maxine Shears,  
 5 Julia Kendall, 6 Susan Nannery,  
 7 Anne Nicoll, 8 Debbie Kimbell,  
 9 Jackie Lawman.

- Cadet Boys**  
 1 Richard Bashford, 2 Nigel Metcalfe,  
 3 Kevin Bird, =4 Stephen Rogers,  
 =4 Matthew Hughes, =6 Louis Mann,  
 =6 Andrew Trott, =6 Andrew Edmonds,  
 =9 Andrew Fensome, =9 Jon Bird,  
 =9 Ian Fensome, =9 Kevin Ellsworth.

- Cadet Girls**  
 1 Maxine Shears, 2 Susan Nannery,  
 3 Debbie Kimbell.

**BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES**

by Tony Dimmock

**JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

County weekend saw four of the five teams in action, the Senior 1st entertaining a strong Kent team at a new venue — Luton Boys' Club. Peter Taylor playing for the first time in a number of years was the only male member of the team to record a win beating the Kent No. 1 J. Burleton.

On the distaff side Jackie and Lisa Bellinger took two of their three sets, the doubles being a tremendous encounter with the Beds pair winning 24 in the 3rd, Jackie was in devastating form against the very experienced Betty Bird, her topspin game and "flat killing" gave the defensive skills of her opponent a very small margin of error and consequently won in 2-straight. Her sister, Lisa, never really got on top of Margaret Dignum and the speed of some of the reflex returns from Margaret were extraordinary and she ran out the eventual winner 18 in the 3rd making the final result Beds 3 Kent 7.

The County 2nds, playing away to Hunts, drew 5-5. Ian Doughty who has just moved out of the Cadet age group was the star on his debut in the seniors, winning both his singles. David Sharpe, another junior, was also in good form winning one and almost

taking a second. Julie Dimmock won her set and together with Dawn Campbell took the doubles. Dawn, much steadier this season with her attacking strokes, almost made it a clean sweep in the women's section just losing in the 3rd.

Junior 2nds, away to Bucks II, went down 4-6. Andrew Conquest and Russell Beard both won their two singles in convincing fashion. Mark Andrews, a newcomer to county play was, as expected, a little nervous but nonetheless showed his potential.

Success story of the weekend was the Veterans' 8-1 win over Herts III. As usual the friendly atmosphere generated at these matches was yet another win for the game. But for the record the only loss was sustained by the dynamic Ron Chambers who, I am informed, was utilising new offensive rubbers. Jim Williscroft, Peter Cutting and Audrey Robinson were the other members of the victorious team.

The County Junior tournament held at Vauxhall Motors, Dunstable was a tremendous success and the County thank Vauxhall for the use of their fine facilities. An entry of 59 was received and it was refreshing not only to see the more experienced juniors participating but also many new faces and in particular all the Cadet girls.

Play was continuous between 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and many fine matches were viewed by the large gathering of players, parents, friends and schoolteachers. Stars of the tournament were two of the most successful players in recent years Jackie Bellinger and David Sharpe. Between them they took no less than five titles.

Jackie, in the final of the girls' singles, gained revenge over her sister Lisa who beat her in their previous major encounter. Jackie was aggressive from the start, hitting down both wings and she had no respect for her sister's floating lobs or heavy chopped returns. David was once again facing his county teammate Ian Doughty but this encounter was not up to their usual standard but Dave showed the importance of going for less spectacular shots and ran out a comfortable winner.

In the Cadet section we saw the skills of Lisa Robins, a very talented 11-year-old, overcoming the very much improved Jane Doughty. Jane took the first and appeared to be cruising to a comfortable win in the 2nd at 10-4. Then Lisa pulled out that little extra effort to win 24-22. In the 3rd Jane rushed her game and Lisa, cool and calculating, ran out the winner.

In the boys' we saw that popular Dunstable youngster Lee Holmes justifying his No. 1 spot in the rankings, to beat Peter Edwards who just cannot overcome his nerves on the big occasion but he fought every inch of the way.

Another youngster who showed that he is a potential star is the bouncing Martin Sharpe whose enthusiasm for the game is a pleasure to behold. Under the guidance of that well known local coach, George Read, who has started many of our well known players on the road to success, Martin is sure to be a formidable player in the future. One message heard loud and clear many times at this tournament was "youngsters keep those feet moving"!

**OTHER RESULTS**

- Boys' Doubles:**  
 C. Luscombe/D. Sharpe bt A. Conquest/  
 I. Doughty.
- Girls' Doubles:**  
 J. Bellinger/L. Bellinger bt J. Dimmock/  
 J. Miles.
- Mixed Doubles:**  
 Sharpe/J. Bellinger bt Luscombe/  
 L. Bellinger.
- Consolation Boys' Doubles:**  
 P. Edwards/D. Murgatroyd bt L. Holmes/  
 S. Lamport.
- Consolation Girls' Doubles:**  
 J. Doughty/L. Robins bt C. Lawrence/  
 R. Young.



3rd World Student Table Tennis Championship



Teesside Polytechnic

## FIRST CLASS HONOURS FOR GRUBBA AND CSIK

by ALAN RANSOME

Poland's rising star of the international table tennis circuit, Andrzej Grubba, added three more feathers, in the shape of gold medals, to his cap at the World Student Championships, hosted by Teesside Polytechnic and played at Thornaby Pavilion over the period Sept. 7-13.

Grubba's best display came in the men's singles when he overcame the aggressive Italian No. 1 Giovanni Bisi in an entertaining final. Bisi, the man who pushed Desmond Douglas all the way in the European Championships in Berne, was on similar form at Thornaby. His attack was so furious in the first two games that he forced the young Pole to play most of the rallies some ten feet from the table. Bisi won the first at 20 whilst Grubba managed to scramble the second at 18. From that point Bisi's confidence evaporated, Grubba came up to the table, used his serves and third ball attack to full effect and ran out a comfortable winner 8 and 6 in the third and fourth games.

To reach the final Grubba defeated Korean players in the quarter and semi-finals, both without the loss of a game. He also ended the hopes of Britain's star man in the Championships, Andy Wellman of Berkshire.

In the opposite half Bisi beat the top Korean Kim Wan over four games in an excellent semi-final having a round earlier ended the hopes of Britain's sole survivor Chris Rogers of Leicester by three games to one.

Grubba won his second title with Andrzej Jakubowicz who substituted for Grubba's established partner Leszek Kucharski who withdrew with a leg injury. In the final the Poles scored a comfortable victory over the Korean pair Kim Wan and Lee Sang Kuk by three games to one.

The team event gave Grubba a further opportunity to shine which he did very strongly in the final against the Republic of Korea. Grubba won all his three sets. In his opening set he beat Korean No. 1 Kim Wan "duce" in the third. This set was as close as the score suggests. From there he went from strength to strength winning the decider with the scoreline 4-3 to Poland against Lee Sang Kuk 11 and 11.

Although Grubba was the star of the team final, the hero was Kucharski. He played with an injured leg beating Choi Wan Kyu, falling to Lee Sang Kuk but then, with everything at stake and the match score poised at three-all he beat Kim Wan 15 in the third.

Earlier in the team event Grubba and Kucharski had had their problems. In the match against Great Britain, Wellman scored an excellent win over Kucharski whilst in the early group matches Grubba was surprisingly beaten by Cunha, 18 in the third, in the match against Brazil to



A gathering of the umpires clan at Thornaby Pavilion.

Photo by Stan Hilton, Billingham.

put his team 0-2 down. The Poles, with their backs to the wall fought back with three wins from Kucharski and two from Grubba to run out 5-3 winners.

The Great Britain team started well winning their opening two matches in the group against Italy and Holland but from that stage failed to impress and finished in sixth position out of the seven contenders.

The women's events were dominated by Hungary's Marta Csik who won three gold medals and a silver in the women's doubles.

In the singles, the final was something of an anti-climax when Csik beat her team mate Katlin Bogyo 3-0. Her hardest set was in the semi-final against Eva Pozniak of Poland where she won 3-1.

In the mixed doubles the Hungarian girls combined with the Korean men and found little opposition. Marta Csik and Kim Wan beat Lee Sang Kuk and Katlin Bogyo 3-2 in the final. The only defeat for Csik came in the women's doubles where, partnered by Bogyo she was beaten by the experienced

Canadian pair Marianne Domonkos and Gloria Hsu 3-1, which gave the Canadians some consolation for their team event defeat at the hands of the same pair a few days earlier.

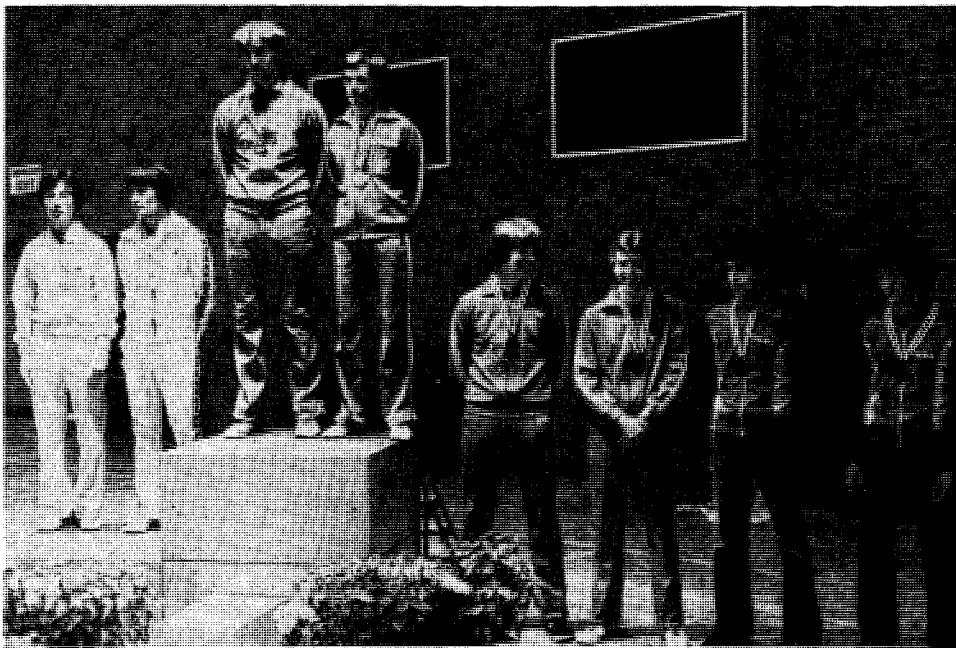
The World Student Championships enjoyed an entry from fifteen countries. The facilities at Teesside Polytechnic, where the accommodation and meals were provided, were excellent as were the playing conditions which are well known to English table tennis enthusiasts, at Thornaby Pavilion. The atmosphere at the event, whilst being competitive, was extremely friendly and all participants were in agreement that the organisation provided by Teesside Polytechnic was first class.

The Championships were underwritten by the British Students Sports Federation who handled a substantial part of the organisation themselves. However, assistance was given by the Local Authorities, Cleveland County Council, Middlesbrough District Council and Stockton District Council.



Triple gold medal winners Marta Csik (Hungary) and Andrzej Grubba (Poland).

Photo by Stan Hilton, Billingham.



Victory parade for the men's doubles (l to r) Lee Sang Kuk/Kim Wan (runners-up), Jakubowicz/Grubba (winners), Rogers/Wellman and Bargagli/Bisi (beaten semi-finalists).

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec.

### 3rd WORLD STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS —

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles Round 3:

A. Grubba (POL) bt A. Wellman (GBR) 10, 5, 12;  
 Choi Wan Kyu (KRR) bt A. Polisois (CAN) -13, 18, 18, 21;  
 F. Klaus (AUT) bt E. Hom (USA) 17, 9, 12;  
 Lee Sang Kuk (KRR) bt T. Busin (SWI) 15, 16, 9;  
 G. Bisi (ITA) bt P. Sporrer (AUT) 16, 12, 3;  
 C. Rogers (GBR) bt H. Frank (GFR) 17, -10, -16, 23, 19;  
 M. Hafen (SWI) bt A. Jakubowicz (POL) 12, 14, -16, -19, 18;  
 Kim Wan (KRR) bt M. Wielbass (SWE) 8, 17, 11.

##### Quarter-finals:

Grubba bt Choi Wan Kyu 2, 14, 13;  
 Lee Sang Kuk bt Klaus 18, 14, 12;  
 Bisi bt Rogers 15, 20, -17, 15;  
 Kim Wan bt Hafen 9, 11, 11.

##### Semi-finals:

Grubba bt Lee Sang Kuk 13, 21, 11;  
 Bisi bt Kim Wan -15, 23, 18, 15.

##### Final:

GRUBBA bt Bisi -20, 18, 8, 6.

##### Women's Singles Round 2:

M. Csik (HUN) bt G. Hsu (CAN) -18, 15, 11, 18;  
 G. Jakob (GFR) bt F. Strino (ITA) 12, 15, 19;  
 K. Sokler (GFR) bt M. Aucoin (CAN) -18, 12, 11, -16, 19;  
 E. Pozniak (POL) bt M. Mellor (GBR) 10, 12, 16;  
 K. Bogyo (HUN) bt S. Eccardi (ITA) 10, 14, 15;  
 R. Pupo (BRA) bt J. Deppner (GFR) 19, -10, 12, -16, 18;  
 D. Solja-Andruszko (GFR) bt C. Buttery (GBR) 15, 11, 17;  
 M. Domonkos (CAN) bt J. Allinson (GBR) 3, 16, 9.

##### Quarter-finals:

Csik bt Jakob -15, 11, 24, 8;  
 Pozniak bt Sokler 19, -15, 20, 16;  
 Bogyo bt Pupo 11, 11, 15;  
 Domonkos bt Solja-Andruszko 10, 9, 8.

##### Semi-finals:

Csik bt Pozniak 13, -21, 5, 16;  
 Bogyo bt Domonkos 19, -19, 15, -21, 14.

##### Final:

CSIK bt Bogyo 10, 18, 17.

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

Jakubowicz/Grubba bt Choi Wan Kyu/A. Cunha (BRA) 16, -20, 15, 11;  
 P. Bargagli (ITA)/Bisi bt G. Kuipers/P. van Schie (NET) 11, 17, -15, 23;  
 Rogers/Wellman bt Sporrer/R. Zorner (AUT) 14, 12, 4;  
 Kim Wan/Lee Sang Kuk bt M. Sueri (ITA)/Wielbass 14, 12, 7.

##### Semi-finals:

Jakubowicz/Grubba bt Bargagli/Bisi -17, 11, 8, -14, 12;  
 Kim Wan/Lee Sang Kuk bt Rogers/Wellman 5, 16, 15.

##### Final:

JAKUBOWICZ/GRUBBA bt Kim Wan/Lee Sang Kuk 18, -15, 16, 14.

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

Bogyo/Csik bt H. Akamatsu (BRA)/Pupo 16, 18, 8;  
 Jakob/Sokler bt Buttery/J. McLean (GBR) -18, -13, 17, 19, 14;  
 Deppner/Solja-Andruszko bt D. Ochedzan (POL)/Pozniak 18, 12, -21, -17, 17;  
 Domonkos/Hsu bt Eccardi/Strino 10, 17, 7.

##### Semi-finals:

Bogyo/Csik bt Jakob/Sokler 22, 10, 12;  
 Domonkos/Hsu bt Deppner/Solja-Andruszko 19, 18, 19.

##### Final:

DOMONKOS/HSU bt Bogyo/Csik 22, 8, -20, 21.

##### Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

Grubba/Pozniak bt P. Joe (CAN)/Hsu 18, 16, 18;  
 Lee Sang Kuk/Bogyo bt Sueri/Eccardi 12, 16, 10;  
 Polisois/Domonkos bt P. Thomson/M. Sangster (GBR) 15, 15, 9;  
 Kim Wan/Csik bt Wellman/McLean 7, 14, 14.

#### TEAM EVENTS

##### MEN

##### Group A Men

Lebanon 0 Switzerland 5  
 Begium 0 Korea Republic 5  
 USA 1 Switzerland 5  
 Belgium 0 Federal Germany 5  
 Belgium 5 USA 2  
 Mexico 0 Switzerland 5  
 Belgium 5 Lebanon 0  
 Federal Germany 2 Korea Republic 5  
 Mexico 0 Federal Germany 5  
 Belgium 0 Switzerland 5  
 Lebanon 0 Federal Germany 5  
 Korea Republic 5 USA 0  
 Switzerland 4 Federal Germany 5  
 Korea Republic 5 Lebanon 0  
 USA 3 Mexico 5  
 Federal Germany 5 USA 1  
 Korea Republic 5 Mexico 0  
 USA 5 Lebanon 4  
 Lebanon 3 Mexico 5  
 Switzerland 0 Korea Republic 5  
 Belgium 5 Mexico 3

##### Group B Men

Italy 5 Austria 1  
 Poland 5 Brazil 3  
 Canada 5 Italy 4  
 Canada 1 Poland 5  
 Netherlands 2 Austria 5

##### Great Britain 4 Austria 5

K. Edwards lost to F. Klaus -13, -9;  
 A. Wellman bt R. Zorner 12, 12;  
 C. Rogers bt R. Sporrer -13, 15, 19;  
 Wellman lost to Klaus -15, -12;  
 Edwards lost to Sporrer -24, -19;  
 Rogers bt Zorner 8, 17;  
 Wellman lost to Sporrer -11, -18;  
 Rogers bt Klaus 11, 13;  
 Edwards lost to Zorner -18, -13.

Italy 5 Brazil 3

Canada 0 Brazil 5  
 Netherlands 0 Italy 5  
 Canada 4 Austria 5  
 Austria 0 Poland 5

##### Great Britain 5 Italy 3

Edwards bt Bargagli 14, 14;  
 Wellman bt Sueri 11, 13;  
 Rogers lost to Bisi 15, -20, -23;  
 Wellman bt Bargagli 25, -20, 15;  
 Edwards lost to Bisi -13, -16;  
 Rogers bt Sueri 13, 15;  
 Wellman lost to Bisi -15, -11;  
 Rogers bt Bargagli 22, -17, 12.

Netherlands 0 Brazil 5

Poland 5 Italy 1

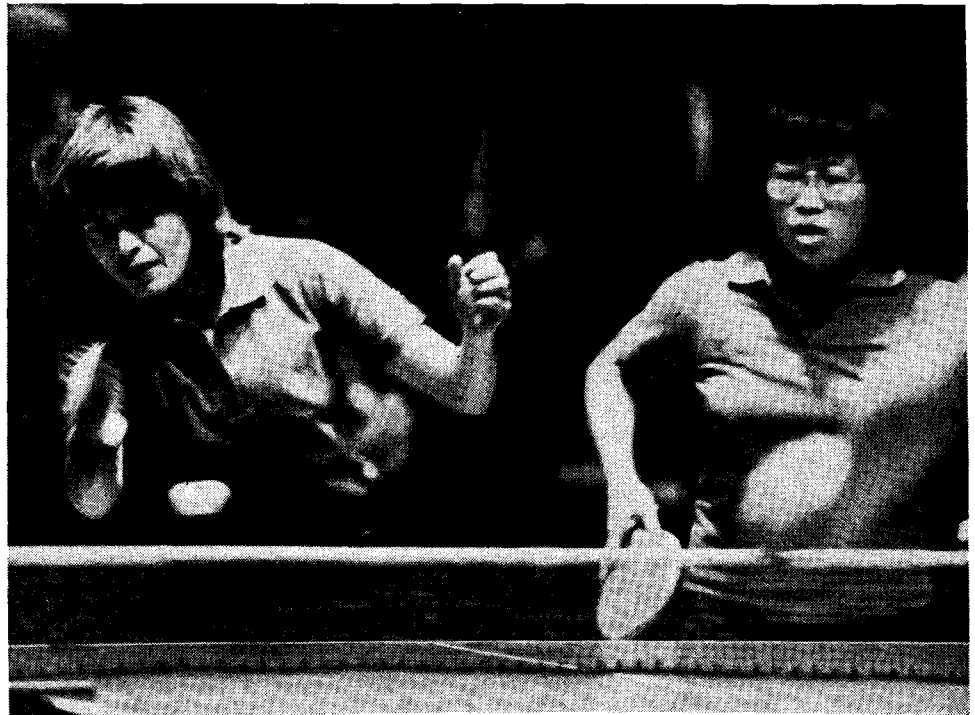
##### Great Britain 3 Canada 5

Edwards lost to Polisois -19, -7;  
 Wellman lost to P. Normandin -14, 18, -19;  
 Rogers lost to Joe -18, -19;  
 Wellman bt Polisois -16, 19, 19;  
 Edwards lost to Joe -17, -9;  
 Rogers bt Normandin 18, -15, 11;  
 Wellman bt Joe 19, 20;  
 Rogers lost to Polisois -16, 18, -15.

Netherlands 0 Canada 5

##### Great Britain 1 Poland 5

Rogers lost to Jakubowicz 18, -15, -10;  
 Wellman bt Kucharski 18, -15, 14;  
 Thompson lost to Grubba -4, -10;  
 Wellman lost to Jakubowicz 20, -10, -10;  
 Rogers lost to Grubba -11, -18;  
 Thompson lost to Kucharski -12, -8.



Marianne Domonkos and Gloria Hsu, the Canadian winners of the women's doubles title.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec.

NOVEL INCENTIVE

I have been interested in Table Tennis either as a player, spectator or administrator for the last 50 years and have thought, for a long time, that the game fails to provide as much enjoyment as it might, particularly from the spectator's point of view, due to its system of scoring each game up to 21 points.

It seems to me that quite often a large part of the game can be dull and of little consequence until the score approaches the 15 point mark.

As I am also a tennis player I have tried to visualise what the effect would be on lawn tennis if table tennis scoring were adopted and I have concluded that the result would be very much to the detriment of lawn tennis.

It seems clear that the frequent crises which lawn tennis scoring provides would equally benefit table tennis. Perhaps each game of table tennis would be played up to 5 points and each set up to 5 games (with normal requirement of 2 clear points lead).

I am sure that others have expressed similar views but I wonder if any organised table tennis has ever been played (other than in the days of its birth) with lawn tennis type scoring?

If not, I would be prepared to arrange for a trophy or other incentive to be available should you be willing to promote a competition on these lines.

A. T. FINNEY,

Pear Tree Farm,  
Podmore,  
Eccleshall, Staffs.

The foregoing letter was addressed to the Secretary of the ETTA, Mr. Albert Shipley, and seems worthy of consideration, and comment, from the readership at large.

Ed.

Lebanon 0 Federal Germany 3  
Hungary 3 Italy 0  
Hungary 3 Federal Germany 0  
Brazil 3 Italy 2  
Hungary 3 Brazil 0  
Lebanon 0 Italy 3  
Hungary 3 Lebanon 0  
Federal Germany 3 Brazil 1

GROUP RESULTS

Group A

	W	Sets	
		F	A
Canada .....	3	9	0
Poland .....	2	6	3
Great Britain .....	1	3	6
USA .....	0	0	9

Group B

	W	Sets	
		F	A
Hungary .....	4	12	0
Federal Germany .....	3	9	4
Brazil .....	2	7	8
Italy .....	1	5	9
Lebanon .....	0	0	12

PLAY-OFFS

3/4th  
Poland 3 Federal Germany 2  
5/6th  
Brazil 3 Great Britain 1  
Akamato bt McLean 18, -16, 11;  
Pupo lost to Mellor 15, -23, -18;  
Akamato/Pupo bt Buttery/Sangster -14, 18, 7;  
Pupo bt McLean 10, -19, 14.  
7/8th  
Italy 3 USA 1

SEMI-FINALS

Hungary 3 Poland 0  
M. Csik bt E. Pozniak 21, 15,  
K. Bogyo bt D. Ochedzan 10, 15;  
Bogyo/Csik bt Ochedzan/Pozniak -19, 15, 13.  
Canada 3 Federal Germany 1  
M. Domonkos bt Sokier -20, 15, 17;  
G. Hsu lost to Jakob -21, -20;  
Aucoin/Domonkos bt Deppner/Solia -19 13, 21;  
Domonkos bt Jakob 15, 15.

FINAL

HUNGARY 3 Canada 0  
Csik bt Domonkos 18, 12;  
Bogyo bt Hsu 20, 23;  
Bogyo bt Aucoin/Domonkos -21, 19, 14.

FINAL POSITIONS

- HUNGARY
- Canada
- Poland
- Federal Germany
- Brazil
- Great Britain
- Italy
- USA
- Lebanon

Brazil 5 Austria 4  
Great Britain 5 Netherlands 2  
Rogers bt A. van Schie 5, 11;  
Wellman bt G. Kuipers 15, -28, 9;  
Edwards lost to W. van Gennip -19, -23;  
Wellman bt van Schie 18, 10;  
Rogers bt van Gennip 18, 19;  
Edwards lost to Kuippers -16, 7, -18;  
Wellman bt van Gennip -14, 14, 19.

Great Britain 3 Brazil 5  
Edwards lost to A. Nasumento -7, -22;  
Wellman bt A. Cunha 18, -20, 13;  
Rogers bt R. Inokuchi 17, 24;  
Wellman lost to Nasumento -19, -17;  
Edwards lost to Inokuchi -10, -13;  
Rogers bt Cunha 15, 14;  
Wellman lost to Inokuchi 19, -13, -17;  
Rogers lost to Nasumento -11, -13.  
Netherlands 0 Poland 5

GROUP RESULTS

Group A

	W	Sets	
		F	A
Korea Rep. ....	6	30	2
Fed. Germany .....	5	27	10
Switzerland .....	4	24	11
Belgium .....	3	15	20
Mexico .....	2	13	26
USA .....	1	12	29
Lebanon .....	0	7	30

Group B

	W	Sets	
		F	A
Poland .....	6	30	6
Brazil .....	4	26	17
Italy .....	3	23	19
Canada .....	3	20	22
Austria .....	3	20	25
Great Britain .....	2	21	25
Netherlands .....	0	4	30

PLAY-OFFS

3/4th  
Federal Germany 5 Brazil 1  
5/6th  
Italy 5 Switzerland 0  
7/8th  
Canada 5 Belgium 0  
9/10th  
Austria 5 Mexico 1  
11/12th

Great Britain 5 USA 1  
Thompson lost to E. Hom -15, -17;  
Wellman bt D. Peters 18, 17;  
Rogers bt R. Seigel 8, 11;  
Wellman bt Hom -21, 7, 18;  
Thompson bt Seigel 20, 19;  
Rogers bt Peters 9, 4.  
13/14th  
Netherlands 5 Lebanon 1

SEMI-FINALS

Korea Republic 5 Brazil 0  
Kim Wan bt A. Nascimento 17, 10;  
Choi Wan Kyu bt R. Inokuchi 14, 16;  
Lee Sang Kuk bt A. Cunha 9, -19, 19;  
Kim Wan bt Inokuchi 19, 18;  
Lee Sang Kuk bt Nascimento 13, 21.  
Poland 5 Federal Germany 1  
Grubba bt Horsch 10, 14;  
Kucharski bt Leibach 16, 16;  
Jakubowicz lost to Frank -9, -15;  
Grubba bt Leibach 11, 11;  
Jakubowicz bt Horsch 10, 19;  
Kucharski bt Frank 19, -15, 17.

FINAL

POLAND 5 Korea Republic 3  
Jakubowicz lost to Lee Sang Kuk -16, -19;  
Kucharski bt Choi Wan Kyu 10, -16, 17;  
Grubba bt Kim Wan 19, -16, 20;  
Kucharski lost to Lee Sang Kuk -19, -19;  
Jakubowicz lost to Kim Wan -14, -13;  
Grubba bt Choi Wan Kuk 12, 12;  
Kucharski bt Kim Wan -20, 12, 15.

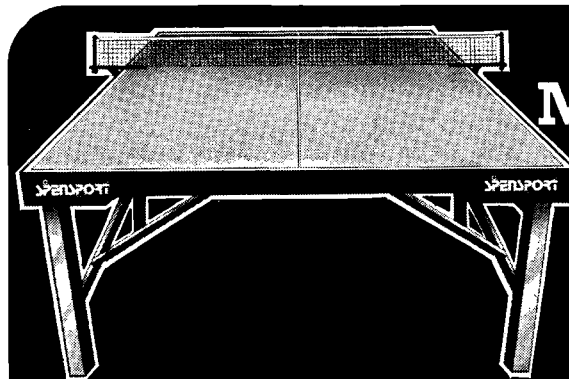
FINAL POSITIONS

- POLAND
- Korea Republic
- Federal Germany
- Brazil
- Italy
- Switzerland
- Canada
- Belgium
- Austria
- Mexico
- Great Britain
- USA
- Netherlands
- Lebanon

TEAM EVENTS

WOMEN

Group A Women  
USA 0 Canada 3  
Great Britain 3 USA 0  
J. McLean bt N. Patel 16, 8;  
M. Mellor bt L. Harris 15, 12;  
C. Buttery/M. Sangster bt Harris/Patel 8, 14.  
Poland 3 Great Britain 0  
Pozniak bt Buttery 17, 16;  
Ochedzan bt McLean 15, 10;  
Ochedzan/Pozniak bt Buttery/Sangster -20, 18, 15.  
USA 0 Poland 3  
Canada 3 Great Britain 0  
M. Domonkos bt Buttery 17, 10;  
G. Hsu bt McLean 18, 13;  
M. Aucoin/Domonkos bt Buttery/Sangster 19, 18.  
Poland 0 Canada 3  
Group B Women  
Federal Germany 3 Italy 0



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# NEWBURY JUNIOR OPEN

## INTEREST UNDERLINED

by Bill Heath

Interest in the Under-12 age group was underlined by 53 boys entering the Newbury Junior Open over the weekend of Sept. 27/28 and even the U-12 girls' event produced 25 entries. Jimmy Stokes of Reading won convincingly from Paul Fisher who had a long hard match against Adrian Dixon before winning his semi-final 18 in the third. Dixon and Murray Jukes did well to reach the final of the Cadet boys' doubles and were certainly not outclassed in a final even closer than the 17, 19 score in favour of Carl Prean and Nigel Tyler suggests. Again the semi-final produced an outstanding match where J. Bradbury and C. Wilson succumbed to Dixon/Jukes 23 in the 3rd.

### RESULTS

#### Saturday Events

##### U-12 Boys' Singles Semi-finals:

J. Stokes (Bk) bt T. West (E) 16, 6;  
P. Fisher (Sp) bt A. Dixon (St) -20, 18, 18.

##### Final:

STOKES bt Fisher 17, 14.

##### U-12 Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

L. Hayden (E) bt T. Holland (E) 13, 15;  
R. Knight (Mi) bt L. Souter (Mi) 12, 21.

##### Final:

HAYDEN bt Knight -21, 20, 15.

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

(122 entries)

C. Prean (IOW) bt N. Tyler (Mi) 12, 20;  
A. Dodd (K) bt M. Jukes (Wo) 16, -14, 19.

##### Final:

PREAN bt Dodd 11, 6.

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

(55 entries)

Prean/Tyler bt I. Davies/M. Thomas (Wa)  
20, 15;

Dixon/Dukes bt J. Bradbury (Bu)/C. Wilson  
(Sp) 18, -17, 23.

##### Final:

PREAN/TYLER bt Dixon/Jukes 17, 19.

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

(54 entries)

S. Collier (Bk) bt L. Goldsmith (Mi) 14, 17;  
J. Mills (Sy) bt L. Popkiewicz (Sy) 18, 15.

##### Final:

COLLIER bt Mills 8, 19.

##### Cadet Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

(23 entries)

Collier/Goldsmith bt A. Hegerty (St)/

M. McHayle (Wa) 17, 21;

A. Boxall (He)/Popkiewicz bt M. Cohen

(Av)/L. Forster (Le) 14, 13.

##### Final:

COLLIER/GOLDSMITH bt Boxall/

Popkiewicz 17, 17.

No. 1 seeds Carl Prean and Susan Collier won the Cadet singles events fairly comfortably, the runners-up being Andrew Dodd and unseeded Jane Mills respectively. Miss Mills showed character and great promise in getting through against higher ranked players.

With 162 entries in the Boys' singles, Round 1 losers had a long wait for their doubles event. However, the doubles produced many exciting encounters — all the semi-finals, both girls and boys, went to three. One particularly fine match was where Andrew Golding and Nigel Tyler beat Paul Jackson and Peter Brownlow 25-23 in the 3rd after Jackson and Brownlow had seemingly comfortably won the first game.

who went on later to take the first against Carl Prean but having lost a very close second -19 he lost his touch and energy and went down -11. Unseeded Ray Namdjou beat Paul Jackson, 19 in the 3rd, in another good semi-final but his exertions in the doubles took their toll and he lost -12, -14 to No. 1 seed Prean who thus completed a hat-trick of victories in the three events he entered over the weekend at Turnpike School.

### RESULTS

#### Sunday Events

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

Prean bt I. Fullerton (Bk) 14, 13;

D. Dodd (K) bt P. Namdjou (K) -23, 24, 14;

R. Namdjou (K) bt P. Davis (Sy) -19, 13, 7;

P. Jackson (Av) bt N. Oh (Sy) 7, 14.

##### Semi-finals:

Prean bt Dodd -17, 19, 11;

Namdjou bt Jackson 19, -13, 19.

##### Final:

PREAN bt Namdjou 12, 14.

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

(79 entries)

D. Dodd/R. Namdjou bt N. Hoare (Sy)/

P. Namdjou -22, 18, 15;

A. Golding (Gs)/Tyler bt P. Brownlow (Bk)/  
Jackson -17, 19, 23.

##### Final:

DODD/NAMDJOU bt Golding/Tyler 19, 16.

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

(62 entries)

Y. Hall (Le) bt T. Watkins (Wi) -17, 19, 15;

S. Blackburn (Bk) bt N. Hamilton (Bu)

18, 14;

S. Sandley (Mi) bt Collier 16, 16;

C. Creasey (Do) bt J. Collins (Bk)

14, -20, 12.

##### Semi-finals:

Hall bt Blackburn -10, 22, 18;

Sandley bt Creasey 16, -13, 21.

##### Final:

SANDLEY bt Hall 8, 12.

##### Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

(30 entries)

Collier/Collins bt Creasey/Sandley

15, -10, 14;

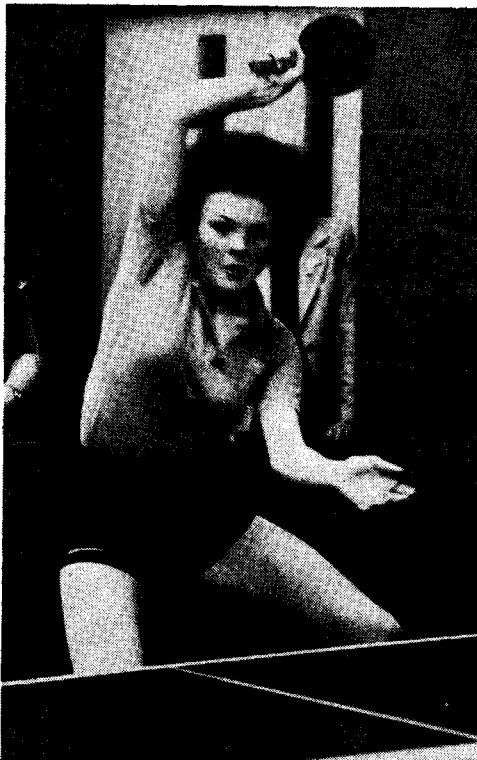
Hamilton/K. Mudge (E) bt S. James (Co)/

T. Shortman (Av) -15, 15, 14.

##### Final:

COLLIER/COLLINS bt Hamilton/Mudge

20, 18.



Sarah Sandley in "smashing" form during her win over Yvonne Hall in the Girls' singles final at Newbury.

Photo by Murray Corbin, Wimbledon.

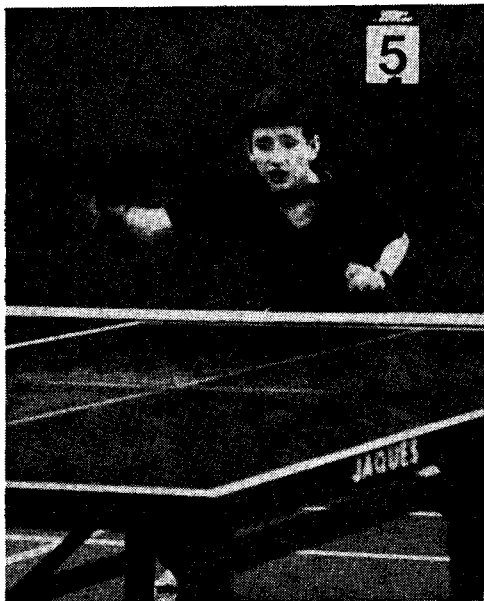
Of the 8 seeds in the Girls' singles only Julie Dimmock failed to reach the quarters being beaten by a much improved Tracy Watkins who went on to take the first, at 17, against No. 1 seed Yvonne Hall before narrowly losing the second -19 and fading a little to -15 in the 3rd. Yvonne was again in trouble in her semi-final where Susan Blackburn won the first very easily and came within a point of victory in the 2nd. Meanwhile in the other half Sarah Sandley and Cheryl Creasey had a battle royal — Sarah winning 23-21 in the 3rd before going on to beat the subdued Yvonne Hall rather easily in the final. Miss Sandley is playing a confident all-round game and looks headed for a good season.

In the Boys' singles No. 2 seed Peter Brownlow went out to Conquest -16, 21, -18 while Darren Griffin and Philip Cole failed to reach the last 16 being defeated by S. Rowlands and P. Davis respectively. An outstanding quarter-final between Paul Namdjou and David Dodd produced a score-line of 25-23, 24-26, 14-21 in favour of David



Susan Collier sets up another attack with her partner Jennifer Collins at Newbury, during their Girls' doubles final win. Susan also had an exciting victory in the Cadet Girls' singles over Jane Mills.

Photo by Murray Corbin, Wimbledon.



Carl Prean, winner of the Cadet Boys' singles at Newbury.

Photo by Murray Corbin, Wimbledon.



## Welsh Corner

H. ROY EVANS

### LITTLE OPPOSITION

Alan Griffiths didn't have much trouble in winning the men's singles first prize of £100 in the Aberdare Open — first open tournament in the Welsh Calendar. There was little in the way of serious opposition from across the border, and Welsh challenge from such as David Welsman and George Evans didn't exist because they were not present, and anticipated opposition from Nigel Thomas or Mark Thomas just did not materialise.

Alan's only "hiccup" was in the final against Wolverhampton's Andy Rich, who must have been surprised to find he had won the first game. But then it was back to the reality of being beaten comfortably in the second and third.

Andy shouldn't have been in the final at all, because Nigel Thomas won a methodical and accurate first game in the quarters against Rich's defence, but then became completely negative and tamely surrendered the next two. Rich then beat Andrew Creed of Bristol in his semi-final.

In the other half, Alan beat Mark Thomas with ease, our No. 1 junior making little or no attempt to take the initiative. In fact Mark was lucky to beat Lester Bertie for exactly the same reason. Brian James had a good run to the quarters but was never in the picture against Alan in the first game, although he did make more impression in the second. Gary Wilkins had a very good win over Jeff Morgan, but was quite ineffective against Creed in the quarters.

The men's doubles saw Nigel and Mark Thomas have quite a good win over Griffiths and scratch partner Paul Jackson from Bristol, but the final was a poor affair which Jeff Morgan and Jeanes could very easily have won if they had been really serious. The latter had done well to beat Bellingham and Rich in their semi-final.

There were no Welsh players in the women's singles after the quarters, and only one — Susan Jones, got that far. She was then beaten by Karen Groves. Diane St. Ledger, disguised under her married name of Mrs. Hardy, made an effective comeback and reached the final, where the West Country's Carol Butler won in straight games. Carol also took the girls' singles, but dropped a game to Sharon James of Cornwall in so doing.

Mark Thomas won the boys' singles, Phillip Gunn, the diminutive defender from Birmingham running him to 23-25 in the first game, but only getting 15 in the second. Mark Thomas did drop a game to Ceri Phillips of Swansea, who had done well to reach the quarters, but otherwise our No. 1 looked fairly secure. Gunn will surely have plenty of success in the future, most players not liking his defensive game. Yet Andrew Jones should have beaten him in the semi-final, leading 15-10 in the decider only to go down tamely.

There was some Welsh consolation in the Women's Doubles, in which Sue Powell teamed up with Welsh born Lesley Tyler to

beat Karen Groves and Mrs. Hardy 20 in the third of a quite good match.

### THE GLAMORGAN CLOSED

This event, carried over from last season because of the flood damage at the Sports Centre, provided Jeff Morgan with his best win ever — the defeat of Alan Griffiths in the final. He beat Bob Bishop in the semi-final, whilst Alan beat Andrew Jones in a semi which showed Andrew's technical improvement if not his experience.

Susan Jones caused the next upset by taking the women's title against favourite Cathryn Jones. It was no fluke, the Penarth girl looking at all times the more likely to win.

Andrew Jones took the junior title, but full marks to Jeff Rigby for a good day and a promising challenge to Andrew in the final.

Susan Jones added to her spoils by taking the girls' singles, but Jayne Sully took her to 19 in the third. Jayne still shows her inconsistency, playing well in the final of this event, but being lucky to eliminate Pamela Grant, who in fact did beat Jayne in the women's singles.

Kevin Davies of Llanelly beat Cardiff's David Griffiths in the cadet final, whilst Helen Sellick beat Jayne Sully in the cadet girls' final.

### THE ROUND ROBINS

Successful assessment sessions were run both at Lilleshall for the North Wales players and at the National Sports Centre for those from South Wales. Results in the North confirmed the selection for the Centre of Development scheme up there, whilst the more formal, round robin events in the South produced some curious results.

This was the first time we had seen David Welsman this season, and he showed that he was in very good form by coming out top of his group in the senior event by virtue of a clean sheet. George Evans came next, only losing to David, with Brian Jeanes third, Andrew Jones fourth, Earl Jeffers fifth, and Kevin Boalch sixth. Alan Griffiths was in the other group, but he lost to Tony Healan and John Bloomer. The latter eventually won the group, with Jeff Morgan second, Griffiths third, Healan fourth, Graham Sell fifth and Ceri Phillips sixth.

In the boys' event, Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins topped their groups, and Gary won the play-off. Jeremy Hobbs beat Ceri Phillips for third place. Susan Jones won the girls', with Linda Leggett second, and Helen Sellick third. Cathryn Jones topped the women's section, with Susan Jones second and Brenda Annand third. Nigel Thomas and Mark Thomas were absent, playing for Wales in the Netherlands Open, and the final ranking lists will have to take into account their form and the placement of North Wales players.

Singles with a quarter-final win over David McIlroy and a semi-final win over Anwar Majid — both in straight games. However in the final Keith Rodger hit too crisply for Kerr and won 17 and 17.



CENTRAL TTC (l to r) G. Docherty, D. McIlroy, D. Fletcher, J. Broe.

Scottish born Brenda Annand of Gwent has been doing the rounds of the Scottish tournaments this season. She followed up her BENEAGLES Women's Doubles title by winning the Girls' title from Lynn Johnston after Scots No. 1 — Val Thomson — had unexpectedly lost in the quarter-finals to Alison Cook (Ayr).

Carole Dalrymple, now recovered from the back strain which handicapped her in Poznan and kept her out of the BENEAGLES, achieved the triple crown, winning Women's Singles from Isobel Ferguson who partnered her to success in the Doubles and the Mixed with Ricky Nixon.

Malcolm Francis (Kent), fresh from a months training in Peking, reached the Open Singles semi-final and with fellow China traveller Bill Sichel won the Men's Doubles.

### RESULTS

#### Open Singles Semi-finals:

K. Rodger bt M. Francis 20, -15, 10;  
R. Kerr bt A. Majid 20, 20.

#### Final:

RODGER bt Kerr 17, 17.

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

C. Dalrymple bt A. Breslin 4, 12;  
I. Ferguson bt K. Mackay 17, 14.

#### Final:

DALRYMPLE bt Ferguson 10, 8.

#### Boys' Singles Final:

D. CAMPBELL bt G. Docherty 14, 18.

#### Girls' Singles Final:

B. ANNAND bt L. Johnston 10, -14, 18.

## SCOTTISH NEWS



by Denis George

### MEADOWBANK OPEN, Edinburgh 28/9/80

Bert Kerr, the evergreen Edinburgh defensive veteran who represented SCOTLAND in the 1954 Worlds before most of today's players were born, caused heads to wag by reaching the final of the Open



JUNIOR GIRLS (l to r) Brenda Annand (2) and Valerie Thomson (1).

Photos by Denis George.

**Cadet Singles Final:**  
M. CRAWFORD bt C. Whitelaw 20, -8, 14.

**Men's Doubles Final:**  
FRANCIS/B. SICHEL bt Rodger/D. McIlroy 18, 9.

**Women's Doubles Final:**  
DALRYMPLE/I. FERGUSON bt V. Thomson/S. Ferguson -17, 15, 10.

**Mixed Doubles Final:**  
R. NIXON/DALRYMPLE bt Rodger/E. Robb 19, 14.

**SCOTTISH TEAM CUP, Meadowbank, Edinburgh 5/10/80**

This annual event brings together the top teams in the premier division of all affiliated leagues. Glasgow's CENTRAL and Edinburgh's GAMBIT clubs over the years have practically made the title their private preserve. After CRAIGMILLAR's victory over GAMBIT last season, this season the old order returned. GAMBIT reached the final once again with Bert Kerr unbeaten. CENTRAL survived a hard match with Aberdeen's SWIFTS 5-4 after being 3-4 down when John Moir, showing a welcome return to the form which took him to Pyongyang in 1979, defeated David McIlroy. In the Final CENTRAL's young team (average age 17) of McIlroy, Graeme Docherty, John Broe and David Fletcher defeated GAMBIT 5-0 in straight sets with McIlroy avenging his defeat by Kerr in the MEADOWBANK the previous week.

**STTA JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT, Meadowbank, Edinburgh 12/10/80**

14 tables, 45 boys, 15 girls and 9 hours of play in groups of 4 provided Scotland's top youngsters with competitive play of a sustained high standard which gave each boy 9 matches and each girl 7 matches.

Graeme Docherty defeated David Campbell for the second time this season to head the Boys' list, whilst Valerie Thomson and Brenda Annand produced table tennis of a high order which had the spectators cheering loudly with Val winning over 3 to take the top position.

**Final Classification - Top Positions**

**Boys**

- 1 Graeme Docherty - Glasgow
- 2 David Campbell - Edinburgh
- 3 David Fletcher - Glasgow
- 4 Colin Gray - Inverkeithing
- 5 Scott Rennie - Edinburgh

**Girls**

- 1 Valerie Thomson - Glasgow
- 2 Brenda Annand - Gwent
- 3 Aileen Bennett - Grangemouth
- 4 Antonia Breslin - Carfin
- 5 Linda Snodgrass - Glasgow

**Cadet Boys**

- 1 Martin Crawford - Falkirk
- 2 Gordon Waddell - Falkirk
- 3 Conrad Whitelaw - Kelty
- 4 Keith Sutherland - Falkirk
- 5 Billy Graham

**Cadet Girls**

- 1 Jane Colville - Stirling
- 2 Lynn Johnston - Stirling
- 3 Louise Bennett - Grangemouth
- 4 Claire Duncan - Grangemouth
- 5 Lesley Crooks - Grangemouth

**WHAT'S ON AND WHERE**

**November 1980**

- 13—Yugoslavia v England, European League.
- 15/16—52nd Midland Counties 3-Star Open (Sponsored by Halex Sport Ltd.), The Alumwell Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall (adjacent to Exit 10 on the M6 motorway). 9 a.m. start each day. Finals: Junior Events 6.30 p.m. Sat. Senior Events 6.30 p.m. Sunday.
- 16—Hastings Tigers 1-Star (Bexhill).
- 16—East of Scotland Open 2-Star (Meadowbank, Edinburgh).
- 22/23—County of Cleveland 7th 2-Star 'Select' Junior Open, Eston Leisure Centre, Eston, Cleveland. Team Event Final 7 p.m. Saturday and U-12 and U-14 Finals. U-17 Events Finals 6 p.m. Sunday.
- 22/25—Yugoslavia Open (Zagreb).
- 27/30—Scandinavian Open (Karlskrona).
  - 29—County Championships (3).
  - 29—West of Scotland Open (Glasgow).
  - 29—National Council (London).
  - 30—National League (6).

**December 1980**

- 4/7—French Open (Paris).
- 6/7—Middlesex 3-Star Open (Picketts Lock, London).
- 10—England v Soviet Union, European League (Basingstoke).
- 13/14—ENGLISH JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hinckley).
  - 13—Cardiff Open (Sofia Gardens, Cardiff).
  - 14—Yorkshire 2-Star Open (Bradford).
  - 20—County Championships (4).
  - 21—National League (7).
  - 28—National League (8).

**SEALINK TRIUMPH IN PARIS**

Represented by Bob Potton, Douggie Johnson and Richard Yule, Sealink Milton Keynes brought off their greatest triumph yet when, in the second round of the Europe Club Cup of Champions, in Paris on Oct. 26, they triumphed 5-4 over French club cham-

pions Kremlin Bicetre a team spearheaded by Jacques Secretin who was unbeaten.

Two wins each for Potton and Johnson together with a telling solo by Yule, at the expense of Franck Vinitzki, did the trick for the English club champion who will be next at home to defending champions Spartacus Budapest, the Hungarian team that includes Istvan Jonyer and Tibor Klampar.

Scores in Paris were:

- R. Yule bt F. Vinitzki 12, 8; lost to J. Secretin -14, -16.
- D. Johnson lost to Secretin -7, -11; bt R. Hatem 11, 12; bt Vinitzki 14, 11.
- R. Potton bt Hatem 17, 15; bt Vinitzki 16, 14; lost to Secretin 20, -7, -14.

**JOOLA YOUTH CUP**

Approved by the English Table Tennis Association, Scottish Table Tennis Association and Table Tennis Association of Wales

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Tournament Director and Referee: Richard Scruton

The Championship will be played in 8 regions, 6 English, 1 Scottish and 1 Welsh. Singles matches only using the group system of play with the regional winners qualifying for the National Finals. All regional matches will be played in the Christmas School Holidays.

**REGIONS, DATES, VENUES & REGIONAL ORGANISERS**

- 1. SCOTLAND**  
4th January, 1981: Meadowbank Sports Centre, EDINBURGH; B. Dawson
- 2. WALES**  
28th December, 1980: National Sports Centre, CARDIFF; Mrs. N. Roy Evans
- 3. NORTH EAST**  
(Cumbria, Northumberland, Durham, Cleveland, North Yorkshire).  
3rd January, 1981: Easington Leisure Centre, PETERLEE; A. Drapkin
- 4. NORTH**  
(West and South Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire)  
2nd January, 1981: Nab Wood Sports Centre, BRADFORD; H. Soova
- 5. MIDLANDS**  
(Isleop, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire)  
31st December, 1980: The Grove School, MARKET DRAYTON; I. Marshall
- 6. WEST**  
(Gloucestershire, Avon, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire)  
29th December, 1980: Thornbury Sports Centre, BRISTOL; S. Sherlock
- 7. EAST**  
(Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex)  
30th December, 1980: Blatchley Leisure Centre, BLETCHLEY; B. Ashton
- 8. SOUTH EAST**  
(Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Berkshire)  
27th December, 1980: Elephant and Castle Recreation Centre, LONDON SE1; B. Pollentine

**PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

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- 3. Under 13 Boys Singles — Fee £1.25
- 4. Under 13 Girls Singles — Fee £1.25

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# My Perfect Holiday

by KEIR DONALDSON

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A visit to Durham, one of the most visually enjoyable cities in Britain, is normally made either by holidaymakers or university students. In recent years, however, Durham has taken on another meaning to keen table tennis players as being the location of Tees Sport Summer School.

The courses, held in the beautiful and historic surrounds of Durham Castle during July and August, have developed a reputation of being probably the best coaching holiday currently in operation. Every year bookings are received for the next batch of courses well in advance of the closing date for applications. These applicants are not just from Great Britain — players who have attended the courses over the past four years have come from Norway, France, Belgium, Uganda, Nigeria, Iran, Sweden and America, such is the popularity of the courses.

I have been privileged to attend the Summer School for the last three years and, in common with many participants, look forward to returning the following year. I hope I can give you some idea of what a worthwhile holiday it is by describing a typical course.

It is an incredible feeling to arrive for your holiday at the imposing Castle, but participants are quickly made to feel welcome by the friendly Tees Sport staff. Reception, meals and social events all take place in the Castle itself, and by the end of the course it begins to feel like home!

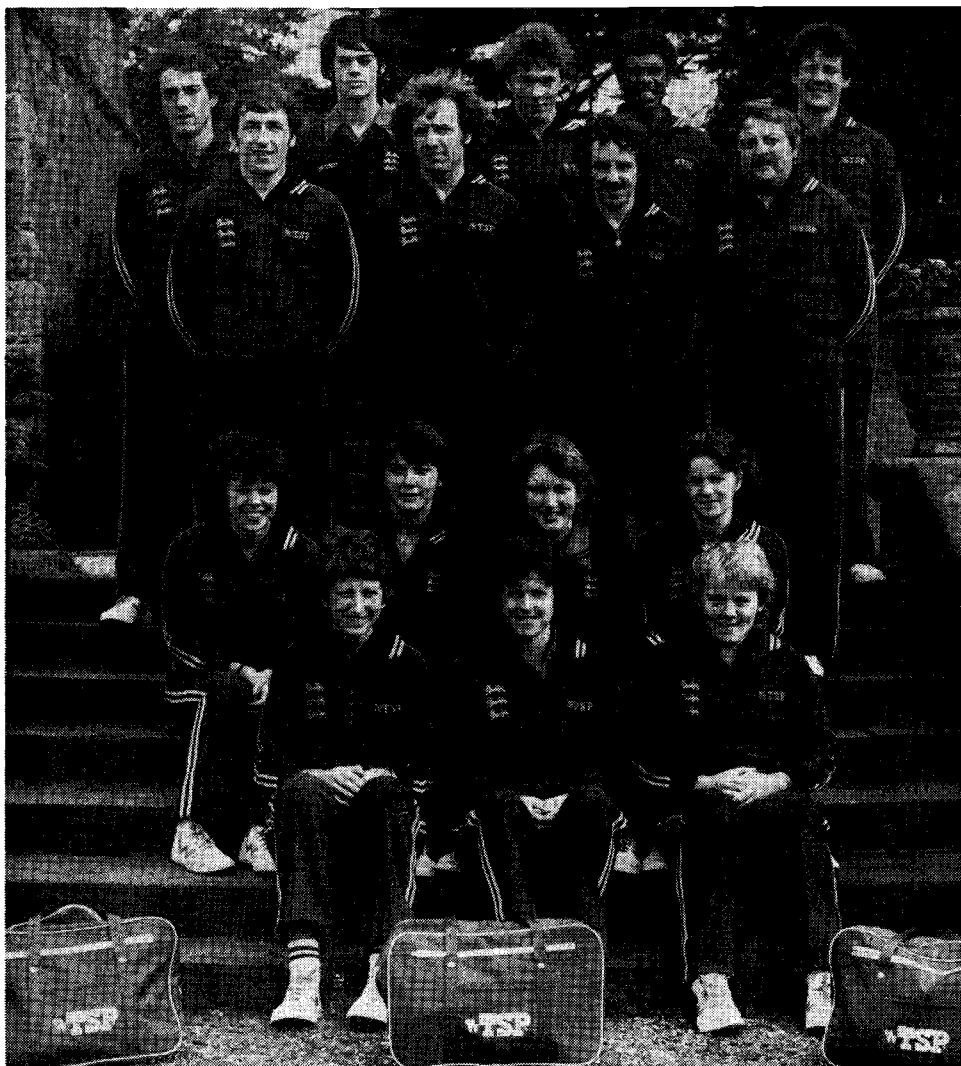
The accommodation is in the newest and most luxurious section of the University residences. The bedrooms, either single or twin, are complete with washbasins and a bath or shower is nearby on each floor. The standard of the meals served in the fabulous Great Hall of the Castle are of extremely high quality. They include a full English breakfast, lunch and a three course evening meal, all well balanced in proportion to allow for the strenuous exertion of playing table tennis during the day. Special diets can be catered for if required also.

The courses get underway after lunch with a "Welcome Meeting" when Alan Ransome, the Course Director, introduces the coaching staff and provides detailed explanations of what to expect during the course.

The playing facilities are located in the spacious Maiden Castle Sports Centre, which is part of the University and a few minutes drive from the Castle. A coach takes the course members to the hall every day, returning at lunchtime and in the evening. With approximately 28 tables in use, all players are able to work at the same time, receiving an average of five hours coaching a day.

The coaches are a blend of current international players and experienced, well qualified coaches. The four international players on my course, Nicky and Linda Jarvis, Duggie Johnson and Carole Knight, gave effective demonstrations of the strokes we were to practice. Nicky, generally recognised as the most knowledgeable player amongst the current English squad both for coaching and equipment advice, helped with the fitness training sessions which players undergo every day except when there are tournaments. Duggie, the best defensive player in the United Kingdom and with a natural ability for coaching, gave some excellent displays of this style, both in the demonstrations and the exhibition match against Nicky at the end of the week. Carole, with her magnetic personality,

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## TSP GAIN ENGLAND TABLE TENNIS CONTRACT

The official launching of the new Contract between TSP SPORTS EUROPE LIMITED, manufacturers of Table Tennis Equipment, and the ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION, took place at the Annual Sports Trade Show at Earls Court.

Under this new Agreement all England table tennis teams will wear TSP Clothing and use TSP Bags in all their public appearances throughout the world. To mark the occasion, the England players were in attendance on the TSP Stand giving playing exhibitions on the new range of TSP tables, and showing the official England Clothing for the first time. Among the players were John Hilton current European Champion, Jill Hammersley and Des Douglas, England's leading players, as well as Peter Simpson the England Team Manager, and the rest of the England Squad. Also present were officials of the ETTA and TSP Managing Director Mr. Eddy King.

This is the latest Sponsorship by TSP Sports and follows their major scoop earlier this year when TSP contracted the Chinese Teams under a similar Agreement, which was the first commercial Sports Equipment Contract achieved with China.

Mr. Eddy King expressed his delight that there now existed this official association with the ETTA as the company was already involved in supporting up and coming British players.

"I am delighted that our Table Tennis Equipment is now being used and seen throughout the world, and we look forward to continuing our support of the sport in this country", said Eddy King.

### THE NEW 'GEAR'

Resplendent in their new TSP outfits on the steps at Lilleshall are:-

Men (top row): Bob Potton, Dave Barr, Graham Sandley, Des Douglas and Nicky Jarvis. (bottom row): Paul Day, John Hilton and Duggie Johnson and Trainer/Coach Peter Simpson.

Women (top row): Anita Stevenson, Karen Witt, Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith. (bottom row): Sally Midgley, Linda Jarvis and Carole Knight.

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seemed to be everyone's favourite of the coaches. She showed excellent attacking demonstrations, and with help from a mystery "dee-jay" on the course, made the final night presentation discos really enjoyable.

Linda Jarvis who helped the new Mrs. Ransome — Jose — with the administration of the course, provided most effective demonstrations of the quick counter-attacking and strong backhand style she is famous for and is emerging as a very competent coach as well as a warm personality.

Bob Wiley, Bryan Merrett, Brian Burn and of course Alan Ransome, all ETTA 3-Star coaches, helped and advised on any aspect or problem of an individual's game. Bob Wiley from Cleveland, an approved Assessor of student coaches, usually led the warm up exercises which started each session and lasted fifteen minutes, just to get everyone loosened up. Brian Burn, a qualified PE instructor and author of one of the best books on table tennis "The Science of Table Tennis", formerly an English International and Trainer/Coach to the England team, has spent the last three years in Saudi Arabia as a table tennis coach. His physical training programme of running and circuit training to develop stamina and agility quickly showed how unfit most of those on the course were. Of the evening seminars, his talks on diet and fitness were the most interesting.

Bryan Merrett, also an ex-International player who only recently stepped down from being the English Ladies' team captain, was an invaluable member of the staff. His advice and guidance as a coach were of great use to those players he helped. With the help of Brian Burn, the team and individual tournaments were well organised by Bryan and he was always quick to notice any surprise results that did not conform to a player's ability.

Bryan Merrett's evening talks also proved very interesting, especially "Taking Advantage of the Conditions".

Alan Ransome was the man around whom the course revolved with regard to the playing and technical side. His methodic and accurate description of each stroke as it was demonstrated gave everyone a complete picture of how to perform the shot. All in all, the playing programme provided a varied yet full repertoire of the modern stroke range. With the accent on individual tuition and a regular rotation of coaches, a variety of coaching approach was ensured.

The evening seminars created great interest and topics for discussion. For example, Alan's crystal gazing in the "Trends in Table Tennis" in which he gave his opinions on why major results had been achieved in certain countries and what he foresaw happening in the '80's sparked several talking points for the rest of the course.

The talks were interspersed with video films of the Norwich Union Masters and various other games. It was also interesting to watch the international players who had been coaching during the day playing some of their recent big matches. Certainly not the quietest night of the week was the Table Tennis Quiz. All course members were split into groups and, according to their estimated knowledge, were asked questions, while Alan Ransome with roaming eyes ensured that there was no whispering of answers. For all participants it was a most enjoyable evening and in addition it was possible to glean more background about table tennis whilst having an opportunity to stump the coaches and a session of quick tips from the experts.

The final night party in the Undercroft, dancing to the disco music, I will never forget. People who were complete strangers at the beginning of the course were mixing as old friends. This is the time when prizes are presented to the winners of the various sections of the team and individual tournaments as well as several surprise awards. The activity usually concludes with everyone joining in the "Last Warm Up"!

Departure is after breakfast on the final morning. Each player is given a lift to the train or bus station, the majority wishing they were staying for another course or making arrangements with their new friends to meet again next year.

I would like to conclude with a big "Thank You" to all the Tees Sport Summer School people and the staff at Durham Castle for such an enjoyable holiday. Au revoir. See you next year!

#### PRESS RELEASE

### AUSSIE ACE SIGNS TO PLAY LOCAL TABLE TENNIS

Bob Tuckett, the Aussie No. 1 who has been signed by Sealink Milton Keynes to play National League Table Tennis is also going to play in the local Milton Keynes Table Tennis League, Premier Division.

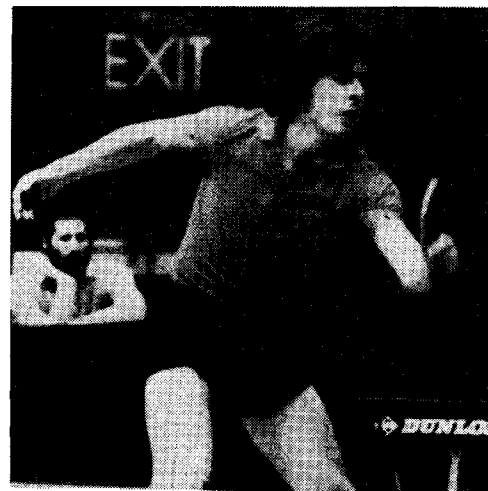
It is a welcome boost for the County's

strongest league which is now attracting leading players from many different parts of the country to play in the top division.

Peter Taylor from National League Club St. Neots is also playing for Manor Club this season.

Bob is living in Milton Keynes at present and has signed for Sealink Ferries. He intends playing in every match so giving the greatest benefit to the League's leading players.

Now known locally as the 'Walloping Wallaby', Bob has already involved himself in local coaching so is proving a valuable asset to Milton Keynes.



BOB TUCKETT

## COLGATE NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN

### UNSEEDED WINNER AT MANCHESTER

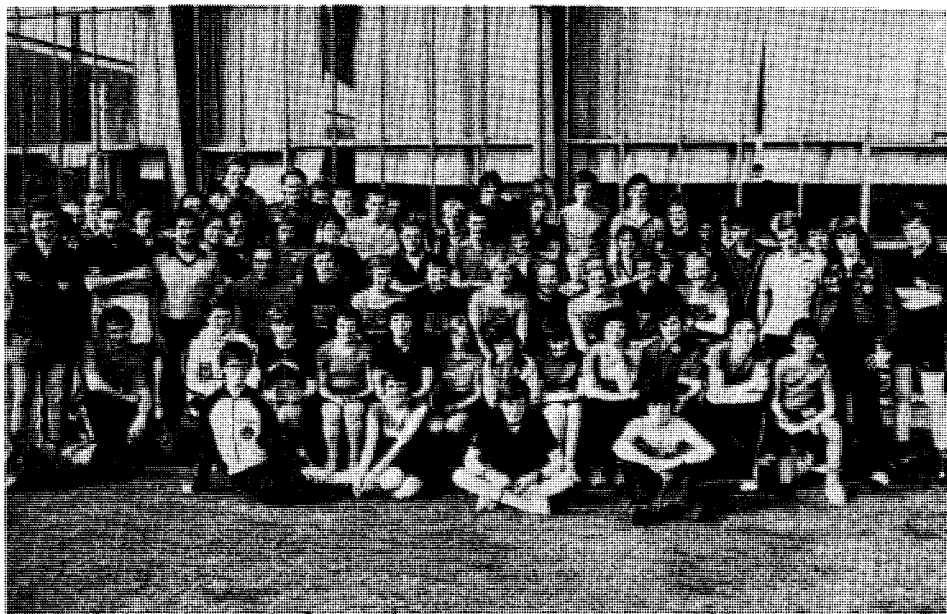
by Geo. R. Yates

A men's singles final between a refugee from South Vietnam and an exiled Welshman, now playing for Tus Vahr-Bremen in the Federal German Bundesliga, must qualify as a somewhat unique occurrence in the annals of the Manchester and District TT League but such was the happening in the Colgate North of England 2-Star Open played at Stretford Sports Centre, Manchester on Sept. 20.

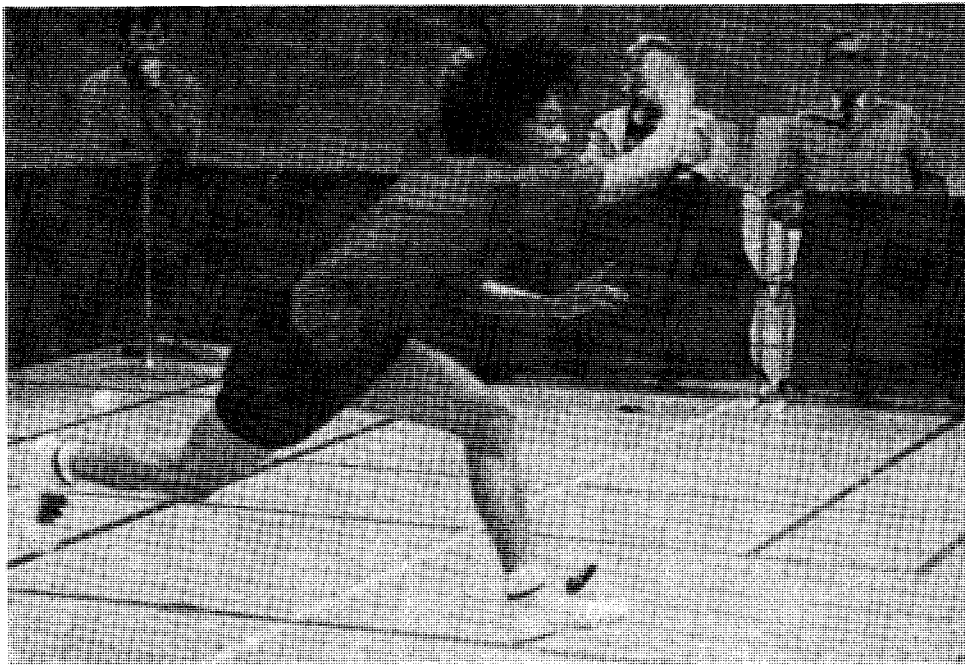
Chu Van Que, aged 35 and married with two daughters, was the one to triumph his final victim being the former Welsh No. 1 Alan Griffiths who, in a third and deciding game of a pulsating final came back from a 2-10 deficit to level the score at 20-all only to be beaten 26-24. Unseeded and, to many, unknown, Chu seems destined, on the evidence of this tournament, to revitalise the sport on Tyneside where he now resides in Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Griffiths, seeded No. 4, had earlier excelled in ousting Nicky Jarvis, the defending title holder and No. 1 seed, in the semis at which stage Chu Van Que had surprised Nigel Eckersley who, like Griffiths, is now a Bundesliga player, but for TTS Bossum.

The South Vietnamese penholder had come through from a quarter in which both seeds, Duggie Johnson and Peter McQueen, were missing but he showed scant respect for Kent's Paul Namdjou, beaten 15, 17; John Weatherby of Cheshire (6, 9); Welshman A. Healan (11, 14); Tony Boasman, now registered for Cheshire (9, 8) and, in the quarters, Lancashire junior Paul Rainford (7, 18).



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**CHU VAN QUE** in striking pose at Stretford Sports Centre.

Photo by courtesy of F. McGrath, Esq., Colgate-Palmolive, Manchester.

Scot David McIlroy was afforded a seeded position in the first quarter but was beaten by Chris Rogers who put up a great fight against Jarvis, as did P.C. Kevin Beadsley, in the second quarter, against Griffiths. But, in the third quarter, Eckersley was a comfortable winner against Alan Fletcher, yet another Bundesliga recruit.

Anita Stevenson retained her women's singles title but after a sparkling display to oust Suzanne Hunt in the semis she was far from comfortable in the final against Melody Hill (Ludi) who, in her semi-final, had a convincing win over Linda Jarvis who is not concerned with county matches this season.

Boasman and his former YMCA teammate in the Manchester League, Phil Bowen, took the mens doubles leaving it to 11 in the third in beating the Welshman Griffiths and George Evans in the final. Mrs. Hill and her Bradford League teammate Sally Midgley were successful in the women's doubles beating Miss Stevenson and Mrs Jarvis in a 3-game final.

Surprise winner of the boys' singles was Billy Gleave, both the Junior and Cadet champion of the Salford/Eccles League, who is not noted as having the best of temperaments.

This was not evident on this, his day, as the young Cheshire recruit swept to the final with wins over Kent's Andrew Dodd 14, 15; No. 2 seed Andrew Dixon (Staffs) 21, 11; Vince Coleman (Lancs) 16, 19; David Rook (Yorks) 14, 9 and, in the semis, David Dodd (Kent) 15, 16 before smiting the top seed Rainford.

Lancashire's top girls, both senior and junior, Joy Grundy and Jean Parker had it all to themselves in the counterpart girls' event which Miss Grundy won after beating Melania Seaton in the semis and Miss Parker had put down the threat posed by Julie Speight.

Barry's ageless George Evans held too many aces for Peter D'Arcy in the final of the veterans' singles the Welshman's only three-gamer being against Derek Schofield in the semis at which stage D'Arcy removed Derrick Marples.

#### RESULTS

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

N. Jarvis (Cv) bt C. Rogers (Le) -16, 19, 15;  
A. Griffiths (Wal) bt K. Beadsley (Y) 17, 17;  
N. Eckersley (Ch) bt A. Fletcher (Y) 15, 14;  
Chu Van Que (Nd) bt P. Rainford (La) 7, 18.

##### Semi-finals:

Griffiths bt Jarvis -16, 15, 21;  
Chu Van Que bt Eckersley 17, -17, 17.

##### Final:

CHU VAN QUE bt Griffiths 19, -16, 24.

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

A. Stevenson (Le) bt S. Midgley (Y)  
-17, 19, 17;

S. Hunt (Li) bt J. Deakin (Ch) 19, -14, 18;  
L. Jarvis (Sy) bt D. Johnson (Ch)  
-17, 19, 19;

M. Hill-Ludi (Y) bt J. Grundy (La) 16, 17.

##### Semi-finals:

Stevenson bt Hunt 15, 11;  
Hill-Ludi bt Jarvis 15, 19.

##### Final:

STEVENSON bt Hill-Ludi -14, 20, 17.

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

A. Boasman (Ch)/P. Bowen (La) bt  
Eckersley/Fletcher 11, -12, 19;

G. Evans (Wal)/Griffiths bt P. Barnett/  
G. Hallam (St) 16, -11, 18.

##### Final:

BOASMAN/BOWEN bt Evans/Griffiths  
16, -11, 18.

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

Jarvis/Stevenson bt Grundy/J. Parker (La)  
15, 18;

Hill-Ludi/Midgley bt Deakin/Hunt 17, 21.

##### Final:

HILL-LUDI/MIDGLEY bt Jarvis/Stevenson  
18, -22, 12.

##### Boys Singles Quarter-finals:

Rainford bt Barnett -15, 6, 11;

P. Namdjou (K) bt D. Illingsworth (Y)  
17, 17;

D. Dodd (K) bt M. Stead (Y) 17, -14, 21;

B. Gleave (Ch) bt D. Rook (Y) 14, 9.

##### Semi-finals:

Rainford bt Namdjou 17, 10;

Gleave bt Dodd 15, 16.

##### Final:

GLEAVE bt Rainford 14, 19.

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

Grundy bt H. Frost (La) 10, 14;

M. Seaton (Y) bt L. Broomhead (Y)  
-22, 11, 14;

J. Speight (Y) bt L. Burgess (St) 11, 10;

Parker bt J. Myers (La) 13, 11.

##### Semi-finals:

Grundy bt Seaton 13, 16;

Parker bt Speight 17, 14.

##### Final:

GRUNDY bt Parker 14, 16.

##### Veteran Singles Quarter-finals:

Evans bt J. Scowcroft (La) 14, 11;

D. Schofield (Ch) bt N. Deakin (Ch) 15, 12;

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt M. Tew (Ch) 16, 14;

D. Marples (Dy) bt E. Griffiths (Ch) 14, 21.

##### Semi-finals:

Evans bt Schofield 13, -19, 15;

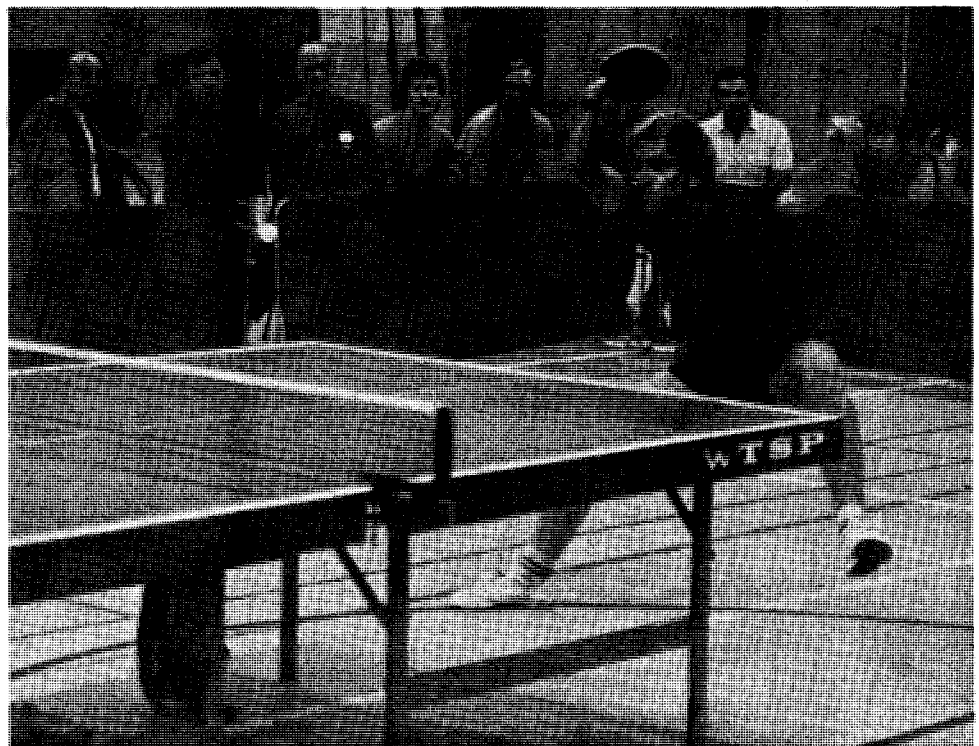
D'Arcy bt Marples 13, 11.

##### Final:

EVANS bt D'Arcy 10, 9.

## SUPPORTERS' INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

Sealink supporters will remember the French game for a long time — they will also remember their journey to Paris for equally as long because more incidents were packed into that incredible 48 hours than one usually sees in a year!



**ALAN GRIFFITHS**, game to end against Chu Van Que in the men's singles final of the Colgate North of England Open.

Photo by courtesy of F. McGrath, Esq., Colgate-Palmolive, Manchester.

Drama happened even before the coach had left Milton Keynes with three Yorkshire supporters making a car journey from Dewsbury the evening before only to break down in Sheffield. The three continued their journey by taxi — cost £50 — arriving at midnight in Milton Keynes and spending the next 5½ hours in a waiting room on Bletchley railway station. They made the coach as did the rest of the 53 supporters and shortly after 6.30 a.m. on Saturday morning they set off for Paris.

All went well until they drove off the Sealink ferry at Boulogne and try as they did, they just couldn't find the main auto-route to Paris. So it was narrow, country roads all the way!

Meanwhile Sealink General Manager, Brian Ashton already in Paris, with the team, was making his way across the French capital in order to meet the supporters on their arrival at their Aulnay Hotel.

Arrival time had been planned for 4 p.m. giving everyone plenty of time to settle in and be ready for a 7 p.m. departure to the match venue, some 30 minutes drive away.

It didn't work out that way, those narrow roads took their toll and Brian Ashton was into his third pot of tea when the coach finally arrived at 6.50 p.m.

The party, looking tired and hungry, were given just 30 minutes to settle in and be ready to hit the road again.

All made the new deadline and how they did Britain proud at the match!

Sunday morning was spent touring Paris and Brian Ashton and Doug Johnson switched travel arrangements to stay with the supporters for their return journey.

No trouble on the return trip until about 60 kilometres from Boulogne when it was realised that time was winning in its efforts to prevent the coach from catching the 6.20 p.m. return ferry.

A passenger was then taken ill necessitating a stop, and after making her comfortable, the journey was resumed with the outskirts of Boulogne reached around five minutes after the ferry should have left.

It was also the time that the coach driver was noticed to have two cigarettes on the

go and in the process of lighting up a third. He had worse to come because after a wrong turning, the coach was suddenly heading down a very steep and narrow one-way street — the wrong way! French motorists and the coach clashed head-on with unprintable comments but in the end, the bigger vehicle won and with supporters casting anxious glances in every direction for a French gendarme, it proceeded cautiously to right the mistake.

By this time, all hope of catching the ferry had vanished and when two police vehicles suddenly appeared to be following the coach, supporters had visions of the inside of a French jail! Even more so when the cars pulled across the front of the coach on arrival at the French terminal.

Incredibly, there was nothing more sinister in it than the deportation of two forms that huddled together in the rear seats of one of the cars.

Incredible also that although it was now well after the scheduled departure of the ferry, the ship was still there and we were allowed on board.

Yes, it was an incredible trip from all angles and true!

## NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX

After two Championships in this season's NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX — the Norwich Union Canadian Open, and the Netherlands Open — the leader in the points table is the runner-up in the 1980 European Championships, Josef Dvoracek of Czechoslovakia.

On the same number of points is Zoltan Kosanovic the former Yugoslav star, now resident in Canada, closely followed by Bob Potton of England, Danny Seemiller of the United States of America and Milan Orlovski of Czechoslovakia. Among the third group of players is the 1975 World Champion from Hungary, Istvan Jonyer and the American Eric Boggan, who surprised many people by reaching the quarter-finals of the World Cup, at the end of August.

Although the long term aim of all the players is to qualify for the NORWICH UNION MASTERS next May, their immediate target is to ensure their place in the NORWICH UNION TROPHY to be held at the Black Lion Sports Centre, Gillingham, Kent, on 2nd December, 1980. This tournament is for the eight players leading in the Grand Prix table at the time.

Two more Grand Prix events — the Yugoslavian and the Scandinavian Open Championships — are due to take place prior to the Trophy tournament where it is likely that other stars, including Tibor Klampar and Gabor Gergely from Hungary, Stellan Bengtsson and Ulf Thorsell from Sweden, John Hilton and Desmond Douglas from England, and the National team of China, will make their first appearance of this season on the international circuit.

Leading points scorers at 20th October 1980 after two events in the

### 1980/81 Norwich Union Grand Prix

	Points
J. Dvoracek (Cze)	1000
Z. Kosanovic (Can)	1000
R. Potton (Eng)	800
M. Orlovski (Cze)	800
D. Seemiller (USA)	800
E. Boggan (USA)	600
I. Jonyer (Hun)	600
M. Appelgren (Swe)	600
L. Kucharski (Pol)	400
S. Boggan (USA)	400
J. Pansky (Cze)	400
H. J. Holten (GFR)	400

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### Provisional Programme

Saturday, Dec. 13

09.00 Mixed Doubles Rd. 1 to S.F.  
11.15 Boys' Doubles Rd. 1 to S.F.  
13.00 Girls' Doubles Rd. 1 to S.F.  
14.30 Cadet Boys' Singles Rd. 1 to S.F.  
15.30 Cadet Girls' Singles Rd. 1 to S.F.  
20.00 Finals of these 5 events in order  
CGS, CBS, GD, BD, and XD.

Sunday, Dec. 14

09.00 Boys' Singles Rd. 1 to Q.F.  
10.00 Girls' Singles Rd. 1 to S.F.  
17.30 Boys' Singles S.F., Girls' Singles Final  
and Boys' Singles Final.

### Directions

- a) **By Road** — The Leisure Centre is situated in the middle of Hinckley, which can be reached via Exit 1 of the M6 or by the A47 from Leicester.
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## DEEP REGRET

It was with very deep regret that we heard of the death of Trevor Channing. I would like to add on behalf of Trevor's many Norwich Union friends our deepest sympathy to your very tasteful words on page 41 of the October issue.

We were very fortunate in having the unstinting use of Trevor's many abilities at both the Norwich Union International Championships, and the Norwich Union English Championships, but we were also able to use his enormous enthusiasm and energy at the Norwich Union Trophy and Norwich Union Masters events.

A man of great cheerfulness and energy, we will miss him very deeply.

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## STRONG OBJECTION

Reference the Lambert & Butler Table Tennis Championships.

I wish to express my strongest objection, and revulsion, at the English Table Tennis Association's decision to accept sponsorship from a tobacco company.

To help to promote cancer is an evil and filthy thing to do.

To associate a clean, and what is especially a young person's sport, with a company whose products induce cancer and generally damage health, is totally wrong.

I suggest that those in the ETTA who sanctioned this move should visit the cancer ward of a hospital, and then examine their consciences.

**CHARLES E. DAVIES,**

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## EXERCISE AND GOOD HEALTH

I was very interested in Dr. David Ryde's thought-provoking article on the North Korean medical services in the October edition of Table Tennis News.

Their emphasis on prevention, cleanliness and public health and their deep respect for the person seem highly desirable and perhaps we could learn something too, from the Korean use of traditional 'alternative' medicine, such as herbal remedies and acupuncture, alongside modern methods.

Most socialist states promote sport to improve the population's health, and in this country there have been various campaigns conducted by the Health Education Council and the Sports Council encouraging people to take exercise to achieve the same end. Professor P. H. Fenton, of the University of Nottingham Medical School, in particular has advanced the theory of a close relationship between exercise and good health.

I would be interested to know, therefore, whether the Koreans encourage their people to participate in sport and for the same reason. If so, table tennis, which involves the use of many muscles, may be one of the main sports to serve this purpose (particularly as the sport does not require expensive purpose-built facilities).

I note that Koreans are keen on the smoking 'vice' but if, despite political restrictions, they lead in all other ways

healthy lives, mentally and physically, then it is not surprising that they enjoy and can look forward to longevity.

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was beaten by N. Stagg. But Essex sorted it out to win 7-2 but not before they had a fright in the XD, 14-17 down in the third.

#### VETERANS MIDLANDS

Buckinghamshire 1 Worcestershire 8  
Huntingdonshire 6 Northamptonshire 3  
Hertfordshire III 1 Bedfordshire 8

Worcs with Derek Baddeley in the side look a very good team indeed although it was he who dropped their only set (to P. Leckie). Colin Dale outstanding for Hunts in a match they won from 2-3 down, B. Gale won Herts' only set against Beds but lost -9, -6 to Jim Wooliscroft.

#### VETERANS WEST

Somerset II 2 Wiltshire 8  
Isle of Wight 5 Avon 4  
Dorset I 6 Dorset II 3

T. Brown on form for Somerset but D. Waters gave an impressive display for Wilts. Isle of Wight marked their entry into the veterans ranks with a win over Avon but it was close. John Prean won the concluding set against Peter Dominey -18, 19, 14. J. Daly played well for Isle of Wight. Yet again Cyril Bush and Joyce Coop paved the way for a Dorset win — this time against their second team.

#### VETERANS NORTH

Cheshire I 7 Leicestershire 2  
Cheshire II 2 Lincolnshire 7  
Cumbria 0 Staffordshire 9

Derek Schofield his usual immaculate self and well supported. Rod Pickering made a good debut for Leics. Cheshire II had Mike Tew on form but Lincs' Matt Shearer looked in a different class to everyone else. Staffs made a good return to Vets table tennis with a resounding 9-0 win. Cumbria missing three of last season's "regulars" could only take two of the sets to three.

### HUMBERSIDE SUCCESS FOR MAX AND LINDA

Surrey's Max Crimmins, with a final 14, 17 win over Kenny Jackson of Essex, and Linda Jarvis, whose final victim was Alison Gordon of Berkshire, took the major singles titles in the Humberside 3-Star Open at Hull over the weekend of Oct. 25/26. In the semi-finals Crimmins ousted top seed Paul Day whilst Jackson accounted for John Souter.

Winners of the men's doubles were Donald Parker and Aussie Robert Tuckett — they beat Day and Nicky Jarvis in the final — whilst the women's doubles title was won by Mrs. Jarvis and Karen Witt who beat Gina Pritchard and Chris Maisey.

Lancashire's Joy Grundy won her fourth girls' singles title of the season with a final win over Melanie Seaton of Yorkshire whilst Souter took the boys' title beating Philip Bradbury. A full report, by Rea Balmforth, will appear in the December issue together with detailed scores.

### KLAMPAR THE STAR

Hungary's Tibor Klampar at his best is a truly devastating player and this he proved to a packed house at the New London Theatre, Drury Lane on Nov. 2 when he shrugged off an opening -15 deficit against England's Desmond Douglas to win the Lambert and Butler Championship with subsequent scores of 17 and 16.

In the semi-finals Douglas put paid to the aspirations of Euro champion, John Hilton (8 and 17) whilst Klampar had an equally convincing win over Federal Germany's Peter Stellwag (13 and 11).

Full report with pictures in the December issue.

## FOUR T's I-STAR OPEN

### UNFORTUNATE CLASH by David Cosway

Increased sponsorship from Snows Office Supplies, Elkins Engineering Limited and John Jaques Limited and for the first time "money" prizes for the senior events led the club to hope for even more success for their tournament than in the past. Unfortunately the date clash with the expanded National League not only creamed off all the top players who usually support this event but contributed to a drop in the overall entry of over 50. With the cost of running such a tournament escalating to an alarming extent clearly the club cannot allow such a clash to occur again without disastrous financial consequences.

In the top half of the men's singles three of the four seeds reached the quarters, the exception being Gordon Chapman who went out -19 in the third to Chris Pickard. In the bottom half Bob Brown lost to R. Jermyn who in turn lost to David Welsman. J. Payne also reached the quarters in place of the absent seed Chris Shetler. In the quarters David Hannah beat Derek Holman, Malcolm Francis beat Pickard (8 and 6!), Welsman beat Mark Oakley and Peter McQueen beat Payne, 15 in the third. Hannah reversed the previous week's defeat by Francis to win his semi 14 and 18, whilst McQueen again lost the first game before beating Welsman -16, 20, 15. McQueen won the final in straight games 20 and 17.

Two of the seeds in the women's singles made an exit before the semi-finals. Sharon James had a two-straight win over Nina Tsakarisanos in the quarters and an equally convincing win over Tina Shortman in the semi. In the other half Helen Shields beat her Yorkshire compatriot Linda Hrysko -26, 21, 19 to reach the semi where she took Cheryl Creasey close before losing out -19, 17, -16. Only one player really in the final with Cheryl beating Sharon 11 and 16.

Not a good day for the seeds in the men's doubles with three pairs falling before the semis and D. Harding and Holman going out at that stage to C. Tucker and Francis -19, 11, -10. The scratch pair Payne and Oakley reached the final with a win over P. Namdjou and N. Hoare. The final was a very one-sided affair with Payne and Oakley getting the better of Tucker and Francis 7 and 7. Top seeds Cheryl Creasey and Laura Goldsmith had matters all their own way in the women's doubles with a 10 and 16 final win over Linda Hrysko and Helen Shields.

In the boys' singles Nicholas Hoare had a good semi-final win over Paul Namdjou -13, 12, 19. Oakley reached the final with a 13, 18 win over R. Pyle who had earlier knocked out the seeded Paul Jackson. Mark dropped the first game of the final but came back to retain his title -17, 10, 14.

Four seeds into the semi finals of the girl's singles with Nina Tsakarisanos having a two-straight win over M. Hams but Cheryl Creasey taken all the way by her doubles partner Laura Goldsmith before winning 18, -20, 15. Cheryl gained her third title with a 15 and 15 final win over Nina.

Once again the Four T's club are indebted to Peter Thorne the referee who, apart from being a regular player and coach for the club is, of course, an international umpire, and also to Rowland Bennett the organiser of the tournament.



Cheryl Creasey of Dorset, winner of three titles in the Four T's tournament.

## International Club plays at Wimpey

by Laurie Landry

On Friday, Sept. 12, the International Table Tennis Club of England supplied two teams to take part in a match as part of the Wimpey Sport and Social Club's activities to raise money for charity and to celebrate the 100th year of the company. A senior team of Alan Lindsay, Mark Mitchell and Angela Mitchell took on a Junior side of Colin Wilson, John Souter and Helen Williams in a European League style match to run out as winners over their younger opponents by 4-3.

Some excellent games were witnessed even though some were played in a light hearted manner. About £100 was raised for local charities and also 'Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research'. Len Adams and I, both members of the Club's committee, were in attendance.

#### RESULTS

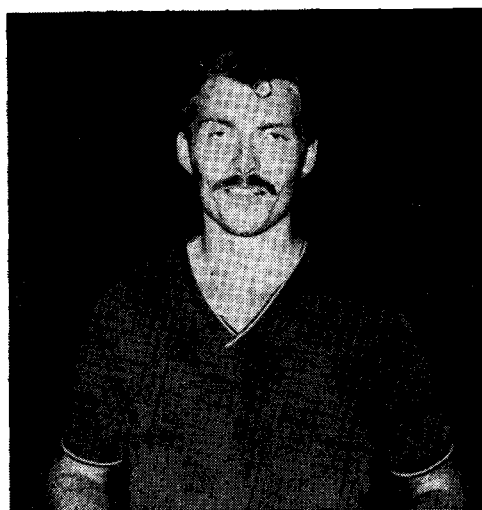
(Seniors first)

M. Mitchell lost to C. Wilson 20, -19, -20;  
bt J. Souter 19, 17.

A. Lindsay lost to Wilson -16, -16;  
bt Souter -16, 10, 17.

Miss A. Mitchell bt Miss H. Williams 22, 22.  
Lindsay/Mitchell bt Souter/Wilson  
-15, 19, 14.

Mitchell/Miss Mitchell lost to Wilson/  
Miss Williams -23, -21.



Surrey's Peter McQueen, winner of the men's singles at Southampton.

# County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Champions Essex defeated in their opening match, Nigel Eckersley easily the outstanding player. Derek Munt continues to win at Premier level. With a team of fellow-defenders I imagine there will be some long games — but in any context Munt's win over England No. 4 Donald Parker must be an outstanding achievement. Staffordshire got off to a good start against a greatly-changed Middlesex team — but Andy Bellingham looks a player to watch this season.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Cheshire 6 Essex 3

N. Eckersley bt I. Horsham 17, 11;  
bt D. Newman 13, 12.

M. Hankey lost to Horsham -14, -16;  
bt D. Charlery 18, 26.

A. Boasman lost to Newman -17, -19;  
bt Charlery 11, 21.

Miss J. Deakin lost to Mrs. E. Foulds  
28, -17, -17.

Eckersley/Hankey bt Newman/Charlery  
-7, 15, 14.

Boasman/Miss Deakin bt Horsham/  
Mrs. Foulds 19, -12, 16.

### Warwickshire 7 Lancashire 2

D. Munt bt D. Parker 16, -15, 20;  
bt S. Turner 18, 11.

B. Johnson lost to Parker -14, -15;  
bt S. Scowcroft 15, 11.

B. Hayward bt Turner 12, 11 bt Scowcroft  
8, 19.

Miss K. Groves bt Miss J. Grundy 15, 13.  
Johnson/Hayward bt Turner/Scowcroft  
15, 19.

Munt/Miss Groves lost to Parker/  
Miss Grundy -21, -9.

### Staffordshire 5 Middlesex 4

A. Bellingham bt M. Les 10, 11;  
bt A. Lindsey 16, 19.

A. Rich lost to Les -13, -19;  
lost to M. Sugden 8, -4, -22.

A. Isaac bt Lindsey 15, 15;  
lost to Sugden -17, -11.

Miss J. Harris lost to Miss M. Reeves  
17, -13, -13.

Bellingham/Isaac bt Lindsey/Sugden  
-15, 20, 18.

Rich/Miss Harris bt Les/Miss Reeves  
18, -15, 22.

## DIVISION 2 SOUTH

### Sussex 9 Oxfordshire 1

### Buckinghamshire 6 Hampshire 4

P. Smith outstanding for Sussex. For Bucks both Ian Haines and Nikki Hamilton returned to County table tennis to register fine wins.

## DIVISION 2 NORTH

### Durham 5 Northumberland 5

### Lancashire II 5 Yorkshire II 5

Both local derbies ended with honours even. The new capture for Newcastle, Vietnamese Chu Van Que easily won both his games, but Durham took both doubles. Clive Heap the only player to win two in the Lancs-Yorks encounter.

## DIVISION 2 WEST

### Berkshire 8 Avon 2

Only Andrew Creed from Avon really able to extend Berks and even he couldn't beat Andy Wellman. Berkshire's girls — Alison Gordon and Mandy Smith — ranked 6 & 7 in England — never extended.

## DIVISION 2 MIDLAND

### Gloucestershire 1 Warwickshire II 9

### Leicestershire 10 Northamptonshire 0

Bill Dawe's victory over A. Cockerill prevented a 'whitewash'. Nice to see Paul Judd back and in such devastating form. Northants sporting but really outclassed.

Dave Gannon very sharp for Leics. Dave Marsh impressed for Northants.

## DIVISION 2 EAST

### Suffolk 3 Hertfordshire 7

### Bedfordshire 3 Kent 7

### Essex II 3 Cambridge 7

Three matches but with an identical scoreline. Simon Proffitt inflicted one of John Kitchener's rare defeats at this level. Proffitt involved in the only two sets to go to three, winning both 19 in the third! Julie Dowsett impressive for home team. The Bellinger sisters responsible for two of Bedfordshire's three wins with Peter Taylor their only other winner. Joe Kennedy and Ian Kenyon never troubled.

Keith Richardson on top form for Cambs but taken close by both Stuart Gibbs and Andy Bawden. Both Women's Singles went to 23-21 in the third with honours even.

## DIVISION 3 NORTH

### Cumbria 1 Staffordshire II 9

### Derbyshire II 3 Lincolnshire 7

Staffs looked a very useful side with only Bella Gray able to prevent a 'whitewash'. Gregory Hallam particularly impressive for Staffs. With Brian Hill back Lincs look a different team. Steven Yallop gave a good display for Derbys.

## DIVISION 3 SOUTH

### Berkshire II 2 Hertfordshire II 8

Three sets went to 19 or 20 in the third — all won by Herts. S. Montgomery (Berks) and David Seaholme outstanding for their respective sides.

## DIVISION 3 EAST

### Huntingdonshire 5 Bedfordshire II 5

### Norfolk II 4 Cambridgeshire II 6

### Hertfordshire III 3 Suffolk II 7

A. Gray involved in three of Hunts wins with Ian Doughty and Julie Dimmock the Bedford stars. Andy Withers and Ruth Hunter did most to ensure a win for Cambs.

## DIVISION 3 MIDLAND

### Oxfordshire II 3 Leicestershire II 7

### Northamptonshire II 5

### Buckinghamshire II 5

Good debut by Alan Philpott for Leics but Grahame Hall the best player with his consistent loop. Veteran Arthur Davies impressed for Oxon. Ken Nicoll's two wins (including a timely 18, -12, 24 against Robert Harman) gave Northants a point against Bucks. Two from Gary Hamilton were the highlights of the Bucks reply.

## DIVISION 3 WEST

### Dorset II 8 Herefordshire 2

### Avon II 3 Isle of Wight 7

Mark Owen involved in both Hereford wins but Jason Creasey had a fine match for the home side. Carl Prean won't often be extended for newcomers Isle of Wight.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 2 NORTH

### Lincolnshire 9 Cumbria 1

### Northumberland 2 Lancashire 8

### Cheshire 8 Derbyshire 2

Lincs look a fine side — Cumbria could only claim the final set when Timothy Pachul beat Simon Pullen. Chris Bryan very impressive for home side. Two good wins by Neil McMaster for Northumberland to no avail against Lancs. who won the remaining eight. Alan Cooke showed promise for Derbys, but Billy Gleave — Cheshire's outstanding player — too strong for him.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 2 WEST

### Wiltshire 10 Worcestershire 0

### Devon II 2 Gloucestershire 8

### Avon 3 Warwickshire 7

A fine win by Wilts over a by no means weak Worcs side. Glos. with most of last season's team available won all boys' events against Devon.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 2 EAST

### Kent 7 Middlesex II 3

### Hertfordshire 6 Buckinghamshire 4

### Essex 10 Oxfordshire 0

Kent's experienced side — with Paul Namdjou outstanding — looked good winners but Essex must be favourites to top this division. Oxfordshire are not a bad team — Robert Denbow looked exceptionally promising and he won't lose two very often — but he won't often play players of the calibre of Ian Attridge and Paul Sayer. Roger Pyle and K. Samuels the architects of Herts' victory over Berks.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 3 NORTH

### Cleveland II 8 Cumbria II 2

Four of the last six sets went to 18 or 19 in the third — all won by Cleveland! David Hillbeck showed a lot of promise for Cumbria.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 3 SOUTH

### Sussex II 2 Kent II 8

### Surrey II 10 Dorset II 0

Sussex could only manage the GS through E. Tidy and J. Mersh. R. Namdjou on great form for Kent. Dorset might struggle in this division although Surrey looked very good. First two sets went to three but after that no real trouble for Surrey.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 3 WEST

### Devon III 6 Avon II 4

### Cornwall 5 Dorset 5

Two good wins by G. Sweet — including one of -7, 16, 21 over M. Coles in the final set gave Devon a close win. M. Werner won two close sets for Dorset against Cornwall for whom Miss Hancock was outstanding.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 3 EAST

### Lincolnshire II 3 Essex III 7

### Huntingdonshire 6 Norfolk 4

Essex won all the boys' events — Lincs all the girls'. Phil Cole easily the outstanding player in the Hunts-Norfolk match — without him Hunts would have stood no chance of winning.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 3 NORTH MIDLANDS

### Herefordshire 0 Staffordshire II 10

### Warwickshire II 4 Northamptonshire 6

Staffs had it very much their own way after some close early sets but nobody gave A. Tottey any bother. R. Malfait the saviour of Northants. They surrendered a 4-0 lead and needed Malfait's win (his second) in the last set for victory.

## JUNIOR DIVISION 3 SOUTH MIDLANDS

### Buckinghamshire II 6 Bedfordshire II 4

### Berkshire II 9 Hertfordshire II 1

Andrew Conquest and Russell Beard both won two and lost the BD 20, -15, -21 but it was enough to cost Beds a point. D. Simmonds and L. Phelps had little trouble in collecting all the girls' events for Bucks. P. Halliday had a very good match for Berks against Herts for whom only Alison Boxall could manage a win.

## VETERAN SOUTH 'A'

### Hampshire II 2 Essex II 7

### Middlesex I 5 Berkshire II 4

Lockwood on good form for Essex with Allen playing well for Hants. A new-look Middlesex team came back from 2-4 down to win. Two from M. Adedayo clinched victory.

## VETERANS SOUTH 'B'

### Essex I 7 Hampshire I 2

### Hertfordshire I 9 Kent II 0 (Default)

### Berkshire I 0 Middlesex II 9

Surprises in the Essex-Hants match. Ray Lush, who won his first ten sets last season, lost at the first attempt to Laurie Fountain. Then Bobby Stevens, unbeaten last season

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