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## OPEN TO DEBATE

Whether or not it is good for the game to have participation by players from the People's Republic of China in open international championships is a matter which is open to debate.

In recent years the Chinese have tended to swamp affairs, as at the Stiga Welsh Open in Cardiff in 1980, when only the men's doubles title escaped their grasp, and, prior to, at Brighton in 1979 when Guo Yuehua and Liang Ge Liang ran amok in the men's events.

But who would deny that but for the presence of Liang Ge Liang the Lambert and Butler Championship at Wembley Conference Centre last month would have been very much the poorer.

Thus, the announcement that four men and four women from China are to play in next month's Norwich Union English Open at Crawley is one that might possibly have been met with a mixed reception. Do the European players stand much chance in fact?

Well, it is the Chinese who have to be beaten in World Championships so the more we play against them the better suited should be our chances. Only two of the eight players China has nominated for Crawley are known to us — Ting Yi (19) who figured in that memorable men's singles final with Li Zhenshi in the English Open of 1978 and Chen Xinhua (21) who played in the Novi Sad World Championships and reached the final of the mixed doubles with Tong Ling, losing to their compatriots Xie Saik and Huang Junqun.

China's other two men and the whole quartet of women players are new to us which should at least provide some hope. But, on the other hand, how far down the Chinese ranking lists must one go before encountering players likely to be termed as equals? There must be a breaking point and Crawley might provide it. Might!

# On the International Front

by The Editor



### HOPES SHATTERED

Any fond hopes that England may have held of a repeat performance of challenging for the Jupp Schlaf Cup — as they did last season against Hungary at Ipswich — were rudely shattered at Westcliff-on-Sea when beaten 5-2 by Yugoslavia in the Super Division of the European League.

The match, played on November 11 and reported elsewhere, was not one for remembrance for the result took England down to joint fifth, with promotees Poland, the latter bringing off their first win of the season 5-2 against France in Tours.

Spearheaded by Andrzej Grubba, who won both his singles, against Christian Martin and Patrick Birocheau, as well as sharing a doubles success with Leszek Kucharski, the Poles further realised their potential by victories in the mixed, by Kucharski and Jolanta Szatko after Kucharski, in the opening set, had beaten Birocheau.

Thus France, who recorded three wins last season, have lost all their three fixtures to date being successful in two sets only these being attributable to Nadine Daviaud, against Szatko, and Martin, against Kucharski, in Tours where the scores were: P. Birocheau lost to L. Kucharski -16, -15; C. Martin lost to A. Grubba -17, -17; N. Daviaud bt J. Szatko 16, 14; Birocheau/Martin lost to Grubba/Kucharski -19, -15; Martin/B. Thiriet lost to Kucharski/Szatko -12, 17, -13; Birocheau lost to Grubba -14, -16; Martin bt Kucharski 19, 10.

At the head of affairs both Hungary, the defending champions, and Czechoslovakia, the current leaders, were held to 4-3 wins by Federal Germany in Lauingen and by Sweden in Bratislava respectively.

Tibor Klampar carried the fight for the Hungarians in Deutschland accounting for Ralf Wosik and Peter Engel in single combat and sharing a doubles success with Zsolt Kriston against Peter Stellwag and Jurgen Rebel. Janos Molnar obtained the other, vital win, in beating Engel in the opening set.

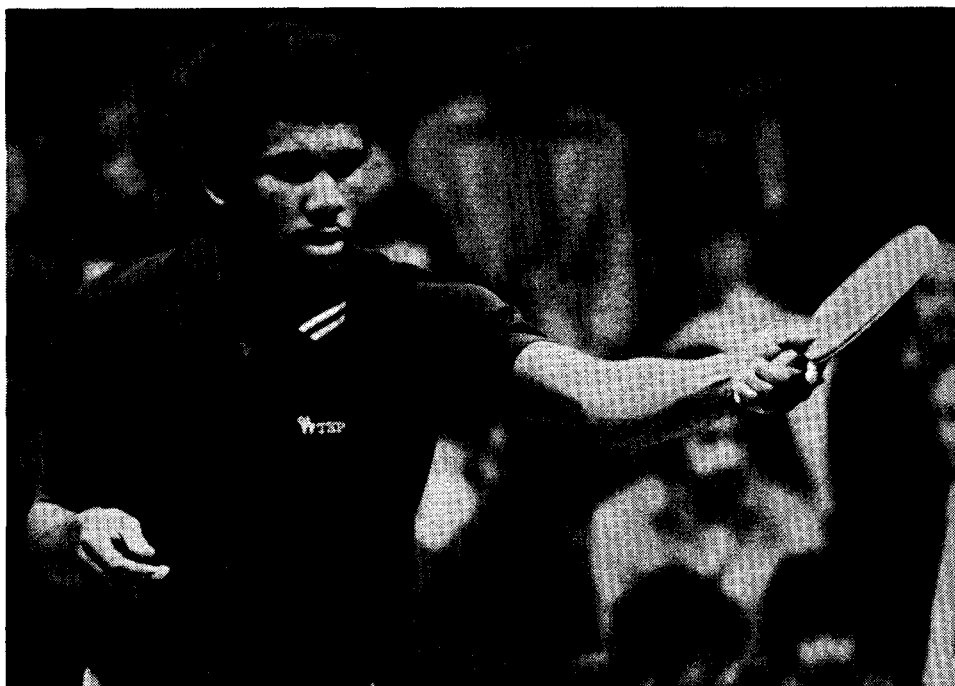
### SCORES

P. Engel lost to J. Molnar -11, -22;  
R. Wosik lost to T. Klampar -11, -15;  
U. Kamizuru bt Z. Olah 19, 13;  
J. Rebel/P. Stellwag lost to Klampar/  
Z. Kriston -15, -20;  
Wosik/Kamizuru bt Kriston/E. Urban  
14, -19, 19;  
Engel lost to Klampar -10, -9;  
Wosik bt Molnar 18, 17.

In Bratislava, Czechoslovakia cruised to a decisive 4-1 lead with Milan Orlovski beating Mikael Appelgren and Marie Hrachova accounting for Marie Lindblad plus both doubles. In the second set Stellan Bengtsson had beaten Josef Dvoracek to level the scores but the Swedes did not come into their own again until the last two sets.

### SCORES

M. Orlovski bt M. Appelgren 19, 21;  
J. Dvoracek lost to S. Bengtsson -17, -10;  
M. Hrachova bt M Lindblad 16, 11;  
Orlovski/J. Pansky bt Appelgren/  
U. Carlsson 11, -15, 21;



Desmond Douglas England's sole winner at Westcliff-on-Sea against Yugoslavia.  
Photo by Graham Duncan, London SW17.

Pansky/Hrachova bt Appelgren/Lindblad 19, -21, 17;  
Orlowski lost to Bengtsson -15, 12, -21;  
Dvoracek lost to Appelgren -17, -14.

**SUPER DIVISION TABLE**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Czechoslovakia	3	3	0	15	6	3
Hungary *	3	3	0	13	8	3
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	11	10	2
Sweden	3	1	2	12	9	1
England	3	1	2	11	10	1
Poland †	3	1	2	11	10	1
Federal Germany	3	1	2	9	12	1
France	3	0	3	2	19	0

\* Defending champions † Promotees

Fixtures for Dec. 16 are:

- France v Hungary
- Sweden v Poland
- Czechoslovakia v England (Nachod)
- Yugoslavia v Federal Germany

**DIVISION ONE**

Denmark, the promotees from Div. 2, wherein, last season, they were undefeated in five matches with a set analysis of 32-3, are again the pacesetters, this time in Division One.

On November 8 they travelled to Helsinki to take on neighbours Finland and triumphed 4-3 when, in the final set, newcomer Kim Karholm beat Mika Pykko after Jarmo Jokinen had equated the match score in the penultimate set against Claus Pedersen.

**SCORES**

- J. Jokinen lost to K. Karholm -19, -21;
- M. Pykko lost to C. Pedersen -12, -8;
- S. Grefberg bt A. Larsen 11, 19;
- J. Ikonen/Jokinen lost to J. Hansen/Pedersen 16, -19, -19;
- Jokinen/Grefberg bt Pedersen/Larsen 19, 9;
- Jokinen bt Pedersen 20, 17;
- Pykko lost to Karholm -19, -14.

But breathing down the neck of the Danes is the Soviet Union, demoted last season from the Super Division, and 7-0 winners over Greece — a like score to that obtained in their opening fixture away to Italy.

Scores from Moscow, by courtesy of Leonid Makarov (no score sheet to hand) were:  
Minkevich bt D. Zikos 20, 16;  
Pozenberg bt C. Priftis 8, 19;  
A. Zakharian bt Galanou 17, 11;

M. Ovcharov/I. Podnossov bt Oriftis/Zikos 14, 17;  
Minkevich/Zakharian 12, 10;  
Minkevich bt Priftis 11, 15;  
Pozenberg bt Zikos 16, -18, 11.

Scores to hand in respect of the Division 1 match between the Netherlands and Austria, played in Emmen on Nov. 11, were:  
R. Hijne bt T. Karner 11, 19;  
H. Gootzen lost to D Palmi -17, 18, -15;  
S. de Kruiff bt D. Fetter 17, 20;  
Gootzen/R. van Spanje bt Karner/Palmi 18, 19;  
van Spanje/de Kruiff bt G. Muller/Fetter -21, 17, 19;  
Hijne lost to Palmi -13, -14;  
Gootzen lost to Karner 18, -19, -23.

**DIVISION 1 TABLE**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Denmark †	3	3	0	16	5	3
Soviet Union *	2	2	0	14	0	2
Finland	3	2	1	15	6	2
Netherlands	2	2	0	10	4	2
Austria	3	0	3	6	15	0
Italy	2	0	2	1	13	0
Greece	3	0	3	1	20	0

(Bulgaria withdrawn) † Promotees \* Demotees

Fixtures for Dec. 16 are:

- Denmark v Netherlands
- Austria v Soviet Union
- Finland v Italy

Open date: Greece

**DIVISION TWO**

Wales, as a result of their 4-3 win over Ireland in Dublin on Nov. 11, lifted themselves into fifth position in Division 2 leaving the Irish in anchor position as the only country without a point to their name.

Scores in Dublin were:  
C. Slevin lost to A. Griffiths -16, -14;  
K. Keane lost to N. Thomas -10, 19, -15;  
A. Leonard bt L. Tyler 15, 13;  
Keane/Slevin bt Griffiths/Thomas 19, 19;  
Slevin/Leonard bt Griffiths/Tyler 19, 14;  
Slevin lost to Thomas -17, -18;  
Keane lost to Griffiths -14, -10.

And, belatedly, the scores in Barcelona where Ireland were defeated 5-2 by Spain on Oct. 7 were:

- J.M. Pales bt M. Kinsella -18, 14, 17;
- I. Caymel lost to Slevin -18, 20, -11;

M. Sanahuja bt L. Gibson 11, 17;  
Caymel/Pales lost to Kinsella/Slevin -18, -16;  
Caymel/P. Lupon bt Slevin/Gibson 9, 12;  
Pales bt Slevin 19, -16, 15;  
Caymel bt Kinsella 21, 20.

Beating Switzerland 6-1 in Geneva on Nov. 7 carried Spain to their third successive win the scores being:

- T. Busin lost to Caymel 15, -19, -19;
- M. Hafen lost to Pales -16, -15;
- B. Witte lost to Lupon -13, -16;
- Busin/Hafen bt Caymel/Pales -18, 18, 14;
- Busin/Witte lost to Caymel/Lupun -19, 13, -17;
- Busin lost to Pales 9, -18, -22;
- Hafen lost to Caymel -19, -16.

Norway, with a 7-0 landslide victory over Luxembourg in Diekirch on Nov. 6, head the division having dropped only four sets in their three matches to date. Scores in Diekirch were:

- Y. Maas lost to T. Johansen -14, -15;
- A. Hartmann lost to P. Guttormsen -8, -22;
- C. Risch lost to T. Folkesson 15, -16, -19;
- Hartmann/Maas lost to Guttormsen/Johansen -11, -15;
- Hartmann/Risch lost to Johansen/Folkesson -14, -14;
- Maas lost to Guttormsen 17, -10, -20;
- Hartmann lost to Johansen -22, -17.

Scotland, following their 4-3 success against Switzerland, had a disappointing result against Belgium in Pepinster where they were beaten 5-2 after being 0-5 down. In the final two sets David Hannah beat Thierry Cabrera and Richard Yule accounted for Remo de Prophetis.

**SCORES**

- T. Cabrera bt R. Yule -16, 12, 14;
- R. de Prophetis bt D. Hannah 12, -20, 18;
- B. Lippens bt C. Dalrymple 14, 11;
- Cabrera/de Prophetis bt Hannah/Yule -19, 15, 16;
- D. Leroy/Lippens bt Yule/Dalrymple 19, 8;
- Cabrera lost to Hannah -18, -18;
- de Prophetis lost to Yule -13, -14.

**DIVISION 2 TABLE**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Norway	3	3	0	17	4	3
Spain	3	3	0	15	6	3
Belgium	3	2	1	14	7	2
Switzerland	3	1	2	10	11	1
Wales †	3	1	2	8	13	1
Luxembourg *	3	1	2	7	14	1
Scotland †	3	1	2	7	14	1
Ireland	3	0	3	6	15	0

† Promotees \* Demotees

Fixtures for the month of December are:

- Norway v Ireland
- Belgium v Switzerland
- Scotland v Luxembourg (Coatbridge, Dec. 5)
- Wales v Spain (Colwyn Bay, Dec. 12)

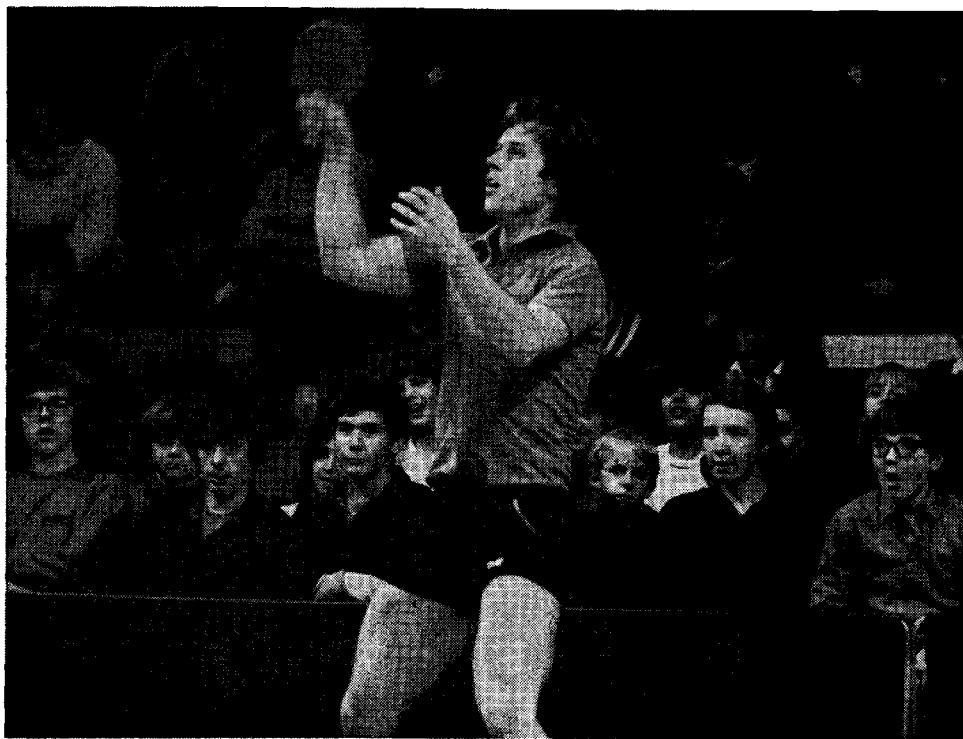
**CHINESE VISITORS**

China, who last visited England in 1979, are to participate in this season's Norwich Union English Open to be played at Crawley Leisure Centre from Jan. 6/9. The following players will represent them: Men - Jiang Jialiang (17), Teng Yi (19), Fan Changmao (19) and Chen Xinhua (21), Women - Chen Jieling (19), Chen Lili (18), Dai Lili (17) and Xie Xiaoyan (17).

Team Manager is Liang Lizhen and she will have the assistance of Mesdames Lun Shufen (Interpreter) and Li Henan (coach) and male coach Hua Zhengde.



The Editor and Staff of "Table Tennis News" wish all readers and advertisers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Milan Orlowski who, for Czechoslovakia, had success against Mikael Appelgren but lost to Stellan Bengtsson of Sweden in Bratislava.

Photo by Graham Duncan, London SW17.

# International Championships

9TH ITALIAN AND 17TH BELGIAN  
OPENS

by THE EDITOR

England had players competing in both the 9th Italian Open, played over Oct. 16/18 in the Palasport Comunale Mestre, Venice, and in the 17th Belgian Open played in the Sportcomplex Etterbeck, Brussels (Oct. 31/Nov. 2). Both events are included in the Norwich Union Grand Prix.

In Venice our men's team were eliminated at the semi-final stage when Douggie Johnson and Graham Sandley were beaten 3-2 by Hong Kong in the team events which saw our women's team of Karen Witt and Carol Knight beaten 3-0 by Hungary in the quarters. Poland (men) and Hungary were the eventual winners.

In the individual events Douglas and Sandley avenged their team defeat by getting the better of Hong Kong's Chiu Man Kuen and Vong Iu Veng to reach the final of the men's doubles only to be beaten in the final by Hungary's Janos Molnar and Zsolt Kriston.

Also prominent in doubles play, Karen and Carole, had a good quarter-final win over Federal Germany's Monika Stork and Gabriella Szabo of Hungary but bowed out to Kim Sung Ja and Ro Uen Ok of South Korea in the semis.

In the respective singles, Johnson progressed to Rd. 3 before going out in straight games to Andrzej Grubba, Poland's ever improving No. 1, who ultimately took the men's title by beating his compatriot Leszek Kucharski.

Sandley was ousted in the second round by Kucharski but, in the women's singles, Miss Witt reached the quarters, only to fall to Park Mal Yuen, the defeated finalist, whilst Miss Knight lost out to Miss Stork in Rd. 3. The title was won by Yoon Kyung Mi in an event dominated by the South Koreans.

The fancied Poles, Grubba and Kucharski, were beaten in the final of the men's doubles by Molnar and Kriston, the latter having previously won the mixed with Edit Urban. As in the singles the women's doubles were completely dominated by players from the Korean Republic.

## BIG GUNS

In Brussels the big guns were out in force but despite the presence of such notables as Tibor Klampar, Stellan Bengtsson, Dragutin Surbek and our own Desmond Douglas, the four top seeds, it was Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia who came through from Bengtsson's quarter to take the title with a final victory over Surbek.

Bettine Vriesekoop of the Netherlands was the winner of the women's singles, from the No. 2 seeded position, the top seed our own Jill Hammersley, falling to Yoon Kyung Mi, the Italian Open winner, in Rd. 3, the South Korean going on to contest the final.

Grubba and Kucharski came into their own once more by winning the men's doubles with a final victory over Jacques Secretin and Patrick Birocheau of France. South Koreans Park Mal Yuen and Yoon Kyung Mi carried on with the winning ways in Venice to again take the women's doubles in Brussels whilst Surbek and Branka Batinic of Yugoslavia took the mixed.

In the team events England had double

representation in both categories with Douglas and Paul Day representing England I in the men's and John Hilton and Johnson as the second string. After beating Spain 3-1 in the first round Day, following defeat at the hands of Surbek, was forced to pull out with neck trouble affording Yugoslavia a partial walkover.

It was also in the second round that England II were eliminated when beaten 3-1 by Sweden I represented by the unrelated Stellan and Ulf Bengtsson. Hungary were the eventual winners with Klampar, Jonyer and Gergely, the latter in doubles, beating Czechoslovakia's Milan Orlovski and Jindrich Pansky 3-2.

On the distaff side England I, Jill Hammersley and Linda Jarvis, saw off Hungary II, France I and Sweden I only to be beaten 3-0 by South Korea in the final. And it was again the Koreans who put paid to England II (Karen Witt and Joy Grundy) 3-0 in Rd. 2.

But there was plenty to cheer about for England's players in the individual events with both Douglas and Johnson reaching the quarter-finals of the men's singles, the latter really excelling in beating Kucharski, 24-22 in the fifth, and Gabor Gergely in straight games, 21-4 in the third!

Douglas went down disappointingly to Ulf Bengtsson -16 in the fifth after being 2-1 up. Hilton was a first round victim of Federal Germany's Hans-Joachim Nolten and Day, still suffering from neck trouble, withdrew.

In the women's singles both Jill and Karen went out in the second round to South Koreans with Linda going one round further before being stopped by Ann-Christin Hellman of Sweden. But all credit to Lancashire's Joy Grundy, making her first senior international appearance, by beating Kim Bok Hee of South Korea before losing to Sweden's Anneli Hernvall.

Des and Linda carried England's flag into

the semi-final of the mixed doubles, losing to Jonyer/Szabo, but, in the men's doubles our sole competing pair, Hilton and Johnson, took a first round fall to Klampar/Kriston.

Jill and Linda disappointed in the women's doubles in losing to Belgium's Barbara Lippens and Brigitte Thiriet of France but Joy, in partnership with Karen, further enhanced her future prospects by surviving two rounds before bowing out to Sweden's Hellman/Lindblad.

## RESULTS

### 9TH ITALIAN OPEN

#### Team Events

#### Men's Quarter-finals:

Hungary 3 Denmark 1 0  
Poland 3 Yugoslavia 0  
England 3 Italy 1 1  
Hong Kong 3 Czechoslovakia 2

#### Semi-finals:

Poland 3 Hungary 1  
A. Grubba lost to Z. Kriston 14, -19, -18;  
L. Kucharski bt J. Molnar 14, -9, 18;  
Grubba/Kucharski bt Molnar/Kriston -12, 15, 14;  
Grubba bt Molnar -16, 9, 10.  
Hong Kong 3 England 2  
Chiu Man Kuen bt G. Sandley 17, 15;  
Vong Iu Veng lost to D. Johnson -12, 20, -19;  
Chiu Man Kuen/Vong Iu Veng bt Johnson/Sandley 13, 15;  
Vong Iu Veng lost to Sandley -19, 8, -18;  
Chiu Man Kuen bt Johnson 17, 11.

#### Final:

POLAND 3 Hong Kong 0  
Grubba bt Vong Iu Veng 17, -20, 21;  
Kucharski bt Chiu Man Kuen 14, -29, 20;  
Grubba/Kucharski bt Chiu Man Kuen/Vong Iu Veng 11, 16.

#### Women's Quarter-finals:

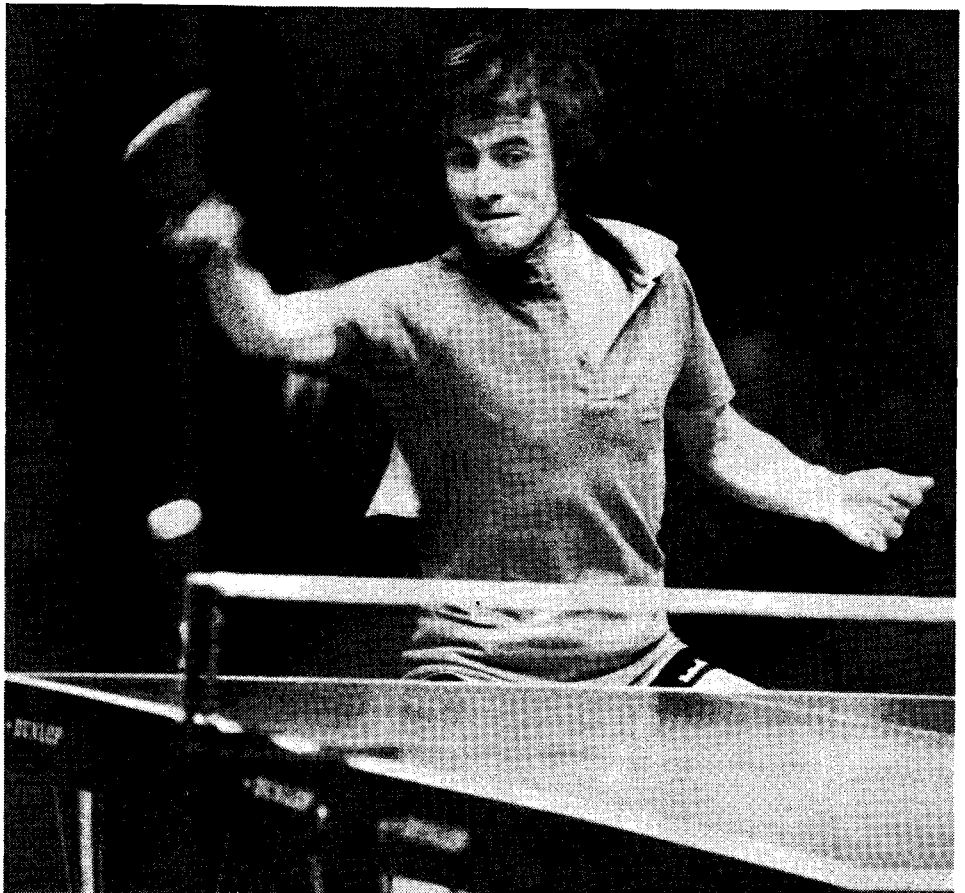
Korea RR 1 3 Denmark 0  
Czechoslovakia 3 Yugoslavia 0  
Hungary 3 England 0  
Korea RR II 3 Federal Germany 2

#### Semi-finals:

Korea RR 3 Czechoslovakia 1  
Park Mal Yuen bt A. Pelikanova 20, 20;  
Yoon Kyung Mi lost to M. Hrachova -15, -13;  
Park/Yoon bt Hrachova/Pelikanova -16, 10, 20;  
Park Mak Yuen bt Hrachova 18, -9, 13.  
Hungary 3 Korea RR II 1  
Z. Olah bt Ro Eun Ok 21, 12;  
E. Urban bt Kim Sung Ja 9, 9;  
G. Szabo/Urban bt Kim/Ro 17, -16, 15;  
Olah bt Kim Sung Ja 17, 10.

#### Final:

HUNGARY 3 Korea RR I 2  
Urban bt Park Mal Yuen 10, -15, 17;  
Olah lost to Yoon Kyung Mi 21, -10, -13;  
Szabo/Urban bt Park/Yoon 13, 14;



ANDRZEJ GRUBBA (Poland)  
Winner of the Men's Singles in Venice.

Photo by Graham Duncan, Tooting Bec, London SW17.

Olah lost to Park Mal Yuen -14, 18, -19;  
Urban bt Yoon Kyung Mi -19, 13, 19.

**Men's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
Chiu Man Kuen (HKG) bt J. Molnar (HUN) 12, -14, 15, 14;  
L. Kucharski (POL) bt E. Amplatz (AUT) 12, 18, 13;  
A. Grubba (POL) bt Z. Kriston (HUN) -16, 12, 10, 16;  
P. Stellwag (GFR) bt V. Broda (CZE) 13, 14, -17, -16, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Kucharski bt Chiu Man Kuen -17, 12, -19, 16, 17;  
Grubba bt Stellwag 8, 11, 14.

**Final:**  
GRUBBA bt Kucharski 14, -19, 19, -15, 17.

**Women's Singles Quarter-finals:**  
Yoon Kyung Mi (KRR) bt A. Pelikanova (CZE) 21, 20, -17, 15;  
Ro Eun Ok (KRR) bt M. Stork (GFR) 18, -18, -16, 19, 14;  
M. Hrachova (CZE) bt D. Fabri (YUG) 13, 19, 19;  
Park Mal Yuen (KRR) bt K. Witt (ENG) 18, -19, 19, -19, 15.

**Semi-finals:**  
Yoon Kyung Mi bt Ro Eun Ok 15, 15, 15;  
Park Mal Yuen bt Hrachova 19, 14, -14, 15.

**Final:**  
YOON KYUNG MI bt Park Mal Yuen -20, 20, 15, -18, 13.

**Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
D. Johnson/G. Sandley (ENG) bt J. Eng/P. Normandin (CAN) 13, 12, 10;  
Chiu Man Kuen/Vong Iu Veng (HKG) bt G. Bohm (GFR)/Stellwag 17, -17, -20, 11, 19;  
Molnar/Kriston bt Broda/J. Pansky (CZE) 11, 14, 17;  
Grubba/Kucharski bt S. Pero/A. Silveri (ITA) 14, 11, 15.

**Semi-finals:**  
Johnson/Sandley bt Chiu Man Kuen/Vong Iu Veng 11, 16, 15;  
Molnar/Kriston bt Grubba/Kucharski 17, -9, 21, 15.

**Final:**  
MOLNAR/KRISTON bt Johnson/Sandley 14, 19, -20, 14.

**Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
Hrachova/Pelikanova bt D. Hauth/A. Larsen (DEN) 13, 16, 8;  
Park Mal Yuen/Yoon Kyung Mi bt A. Olschewski/S. Wenzel (GFR) 11, 16, 19;  
Kim Sung Ja (KRR)/Ro Eun Ok bt Z. Olah/E. Urban (HUN) 18, -21, 10, 20;  
C. Knight/K. Witt (ENG) bt Surbek/G. Szabo (HUN) 18, 18, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
Park Mal Yuen/Yoon Kyung Mi bt Hrachova/Pelikanova -19, 20, 19, 10;  
Kim Sung Ja/Ro Eun Ok bt Knight/Witt 19, 7, -8, 8.

**Final:**  
PARK MAL YUEN/YOON KYUNG MI bt Kim Sung Ja/Ro Eun Ok -15, 8, 17, -12, 18.

**Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:**  
Kriston/Urban bt G. Bisi/M. Cergol (ITA) 9, 12, 8;  
Grubba/E. Pozniak (POL) bt Stellwag/Olschewski -19, 16, 11, 16;  
Kucharski/J. Szatko (POL) bt Bohm/Wenzel 19, -19, 18, -9, 17;  
Molnar/Olah bt Z. Basaric (YUG)/Fabri 6, 18, 17.

**Semi-finals:**  
Kriston/Urban bt Grubba/Pozniak 15, 18, -17, 18;  
Molnar/Olah bt Kucharski/Szatko 9, 13, 16.

**Final:**  
KRISTON/URBAN bt Molnar/Olah -18, 19, 20, -17, 16.

#### ENGLISH RESULTS

##### Team Events

##### Men

v Canada (won 3-0)  
D. Johnson bt P. Normandin 7, 15;  
G. Sandley bt J. Eng 10, -15, 18;  
Johnson/Sandley bt Eng/Normandin 14, 16.

##### v Italy I (won 3-1)

Johnson bt M. Costantini 9, 13;  
Sandley bt G. Bisi 21, 10;  
Johnson/Sandley lost to Bisi/Costantini -18, -18;  
Sandley bt Costantini 18, 18.

##### v Hong Kong (lost 2-3)

##### Women

##### v Belgium (won 3-0)

K. Witt bt K. van Kamp 15, 7;  
C. Knight bt B. Lippens -15, 16, 12;  
Knight/Witt bt Lippens/van Kamp 9, -17, 15.

##### v Hungary (lost 0-3)

Knight lost to Z. Olah 17, -14, -10;  
Witt lost to E. Urban -18, -16;  
Knight/Witt lost to G. Szabo/Urban -19, -18.

##### Individual Events

##### Men's Singles:

Johnson bt Bohm 13, 16, -20, 16;  
bt Pero 6, 9, 5;  
lost to Grubba -14, -17, -18.  
Sandley bt Silveri 16, 18, -20, -17, 6;  
lost to Kucharski -13, -17, -21.

##### Women's Singles:

Witt bt M. Sanahuja (SPA) 13, 7, 6;  
bt A. Olschewski (GFR) 12, 13, 14;

##### Quarter-finals:

lost to Park Mal Yuen -18, 19, -19, 19, -15.  
Knight bt C. Risch (LUX) -18, 12, -21, 10, 10;  
bt Cergol 11, 8, 20;  
lost to Stork 8, -12, -17, -17.

##### Men's Doubles:

Johnson/Sandley bt J. Barcikowski/T. Busin (SWI) -19, 17, 11, -20, 18;

##### Quarter-finals:

bt Eng/Normandin 13, 12, 10;

##### Semi-finals:

bt Chi Man Kuen/Vong Iu Veng 11, 16, 15;

##### Final:

lost to Molnar/Kriston -14, 19, -20, -14.

##### Women's Doubles:

Knight/Witt bt P. Bevilacqua (ITA)/Cergol 10, 6, 9;

##### Quarter-finals:

bt Stork/Szabo 18, 18, 17;

##### Semi-finals:

lost to Kim Sung Ja/Ro Eun Ok -19, -7, 8, -8.

##### Mixed Doubles:

Johnson/Knight lost to F. Klaus/E. Deistler (AUT) -12, 14, -19, 20, 19.

Sandley/Witt bt T. Cabrera/B. Lippens (BEL) -18, 20, 17, 11;

lost to Molnar/Olah -13, 10, -12, -16.

#### 17TH BELGIAN OPEN

##### Team Events

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

Hungary I 3 Sweden I 2  
Yugoslavia 3 England I 0  
France I 3 Poland 2  
Czechoslovakia 3 Sweden I 1

**Semi-finals:**  
Hungary I 3 Yugoslavia 2  
Czechoslovakia 3 France I 0

**Final:**  
HUNGARY I 3 Czechoslovakia 2  
T. Klampar lost to M. Orlovski -18, -16;  
I. Jonyer lost to J. Pansky -9, -18;  
G. Gergely/Jonyer bt Orlovski/Pansky 11, 14;  
Jonyer bt Orlovski 9, -13, 14;  
Klampar bt Pansky 17, -20, 12.

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

Czechoslovakia 3 Hungary I 0  
Korea RR I 3 Yugoslavia 0  
Sweden I 3 Netherlands 2  
England I 3 France I 1

**Semi-finals:**  
Korea RR I 3 Czechoslovakia 2  
England I 3 Sweden I 1

**Final:**  
KOREA RR 3 England I 0  
Park Mal Yuen bt J. Hammersley -16, 15, 19;  
Yoon Kyung Mi bt L. Jarvis 11, 14;  
Park/Yoon bt Hammersley/Jarvis 11, 3.

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

J. Secretin (FRA) bt T. Klampar (HUN) 18, -7, -19, 17, 15;  
D. Surbek (YUG) bt U. Carlsson (SWE) 10, 13, 10;  
U. Bengtsson (SWE) bt D. Douglas (ENG) 23, -19, -11, 16, 16;  
Z. Kalinic (YUG) bt D. Johnson (ENG) 15, 18, -19, 18.

**Semi-finals:**  
Surbek bt Secretin -13, 15, 14, 15;  
Kalinic bt Bengtsson 21, 15, 15.

##### Final:

KALINIC bt Surbek 15, -19, 18, -7, 20.

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

Yoon Kyung Mi (KRR) bt E. Urban (HUN) 18, 16, -14, 15;  
B. Kishazi (HUN) bt T. Krsnik (YUG) 8, 11, 9;  
B. Batinic (YUG) bt A-C. Hellman (SWE) -7, 15, 16, 17;  
B. Vrieskoop (NET) bt Z. Olah (HUN) 6, 11, 16.

**Semi-finals:**  
Yoon Kyung Mi bt Kishazi 15, 18, 13;  
Vrieskoop bt Batinic -19, 20, 19, 15.

##### Final:

VRIESEKOOOP bt Yoon Kyung Mi 10, -18, -19, 15, 20.

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

P. Birocheau (FRA)/ Secretin bt M. Orlovski/J. Pansky (CZE) 19, 16;  
Klampar/Z. Kriston (HUN) bt S. Bengtsson (SWE)/Bengtsson 19, -15, 18;  
A. Grubba/L. Kucharski (POL) bt C. Pedersen/K. Kartholm (DEN) 18, 11;  
C. Martin (FRA)/B. Mesaros (YUG) bt M. Appelgren (SWE)/Carlsson 19, -17, 20.

**Semi-finals:**  
Birocheau/Secretin bt Klampar/Kriston 15, 7;  
Grubba/Kucharski bt Martin/Mesaros 18, 12.

##### Final:

GRUBBA/KUCHARSKI bt Birocheau/Secretin 16, 16.

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

B. Lippens (BEL)/ B. Thiriet (FRA) bt J. Hammersley/L. Jarvis (ENG) -22, 13, 19;  
A. Hernvall/M. Weizades (SWE) bt Kim Sung Ja/Ro Eun Ok (KRR) -15, 20, 14;  
Hellman/M. Lindblad (SWE) bt J. Grundy/K. Witt (ENG) 15, 14;

Park Mal Yuen (KRR)/Yoon Kyung Mi bt Olah/Urban 12, 16.

##### Semi-finals:

Lippens/Thiriet bt Hernvall/Weizades 14, 15;  
Park Mal Yuen/Yoon Kyung Mi bt Hellman/Lindblad 20, 9.

##### Final:

PARK MAL YUEN/YOON KYUNG MI bt Lippens/Thiriet 15, 18.

##### Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

Surbek/Batinic bt Orlovski/A. Pelikanova (CZE) 16, 17;  
S. Bengtsson/Hernvall bt Martin/Thiriet 12, -14, 17;  
I. Jonyer/G. Szabo (HUN) bt Kucharski/J. Szatko (POL) 17, 12;

Douglas/Jarvis bt Appelgren/Lindblad 14, 16.

##### Semi-finals:

Surbek/Batinic bt Bengtsson/Hernvall 16, -17, 12;  
Jonyer/Szabo bt Douglas/Jarvis -19, 17, 16.

##### Final:

SURBEK/BATINIC bt Jonyer/Szabo 21, -11, 19.

#### ENGLISH RESULTS

##### Team Events

##### Men

##### England I

##### v Spain (won 3-1)

Douglas bt R. Casares 10, 11;  
Day bt I. Caymel 17, -19, 15;  
Douglas/Day conceded to Casares/Caymel  
Douglas bt Caymel 9, 11.

##### v Yugoslavia (lost 0-3)

Day lost to Surbek -15, -14.  
Remainder conceded.

##### England II

##### v Italy (won 3-0)

Hilton bt P. Bargagli 15, 13;  
Johnson bt R. Troilo 12, 7;  
Hilton/Johnson bt Bargagli/Troilo 16, 9.

##### v Sweden I (lost 1-3)

Hilton lost to S. Bengtsson 21, -11, -11;  
Johnson lost to U. Bengtsson -11, -19;  
Hilton/Johnson bt Bengtsson/Bengtsson 18, 11;  
Johnson lost to S. Bengtsson -19, -22.

##### Women

##### England I

##### v Hungary II (won 3-1)

L. Jarvis lost to G. Szabo -18, -15;  
J. Hammersley bt B. Kishazi 17, 5;  
Hammersley/Jarvis bt Kishazi/Szabo 13, 19;  
Hammersley bt Szabo 7, 20.

##### v France I (won 3-1) (Q.F.)

Hammersley bt C. Bergeret 12, 21;  
Jarvis lost to N. Daviaud 20 -15, -16;  
Hammersley/Jarvis bt Bergeret/Daviaud 10, 11;  
Hammersley bt Daviaud 18, 14.

##### v Sweden I (won 3-1) (S.F.)

Hammersley bt M. Lindblad 18, 8;  
Jarvis lost to A-C. Hellman -12, -19;  
Hammersley/Jarvis bt Hellman/Lindblad 13, -19, 15;  
Hammersley bt Hellman 14, 16.

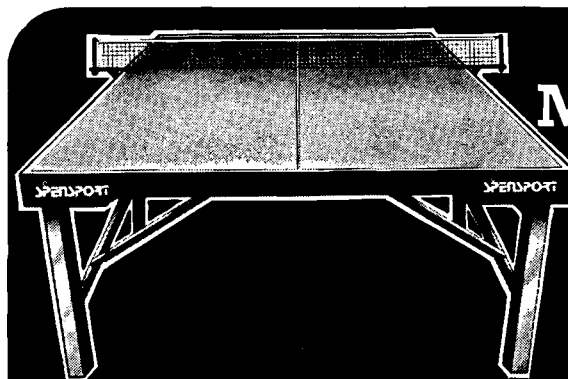
##### England II

##### v Luxembourg (won 3-0)

J. Grundy bt C. Risch 17, -7, 19;  
K. Witt bt N. Deltour 7, 11;  
Grundy/Witt bt Deltour/Risch 13, 19.

##### v Korea RR I (lost 1-3)

Grundy bt Park Mal Yuen -16, 22, 16;



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Witt lost to Yoon Kyung Mi 13, -17, -15;  
 Grundy/Witt lost to Park/Yoon -13, 20, -16;  
 Witt lost to Park Mal Yuen -19, 10, -16.

**Men's Singles:**

Douglas bt Mesaros 9, 17, 17;  
 bt R. van Spanje (NET) 13, 13, 16;  
 bt R. Wosik (GFR) 13, 14, 14;

**Quarter-finals:**

lost to U. Bengtsson -23, 19, 11, -16, -16.  
 Hilton lost to H. J. Nolten (GFR) -21, 10, -11, 15, -12.

**Day withdrawn.**

Johnson bt L. Dandoy (BEL) 16, 18, 22;  
 bt Kucharski 13, -20, 14, -12, 22;  
 bt G. Gergely (HUN) 11, 16, 4;

**Quarter-finals:**

lost to Kalinic -15, -18, 19, -18.  
 Potton lost to R. De Prophetis (BEL) 19, 16, -11, -12, -10.

**Women's Singles:**

Hammersley bt P. Germain (FRA) -19, 6, 14, 13;  
 lost to Yoon Kyung Mi -23, -14, -8.  
 Witt bt Weizades -16, 23, -18, 19, 17;  
 lost to Park Mal Yuen -20, -14, -18.

Jarvis bt M. Freiberg (GFR) -17, 17, -18, 12, 15;  
 bt Lippens 13, 13, 19;

lost to Hellman -23, -13, -15.

Grundy bt Kim Bok Hee (KRR) 17, 17, -19, 18;  
 lost to Hernvall -18, -17, -17.

**Men's Doubles:**

Hilton/Johnson lost to Klampar/Z. Kriston (HUN) 20, -18, -12.

Douglas/Day withdrawn.

**Women's Doubles:**

Hammersley/Jarvis bt Calinska/J. Szatko (POL) 9, 11;  
 lost to Lippens/Thiriet 22, -13, -19.

Grundy/Witt bt I. Karmi (ISR)/Kim Bok Hee (KRR) 17, 12;

bt M. Cergol/G. Zampini (ITA) 5, 11;  
 lost to Hellman/Lindblad -15, -14.

**Mixed Doubles:**

Douglas/Jarvis bt T. Busin (SWI)/Ro Eun Ok 17, 9;  
 bt B. Parietti (FRA)/Daviaud 17, -16, 12;  
 bt M. Appelgren (SWE)/Lindblad 14, 16; (Q.F.)  
 lost to I. Jonyer/Szabo 19, -17, -16. (S.F.)

Hilton/Hammersley bt S. Dryzsel (POL)/Lippens 19, 14;  
 lost to Orlowski/Pelikanova -16, -17.

Johnson/Grundy bt G. Wagner (LUX)/Deltour 14, 14;  
 lost to Grubba/Vriesekoop -12, -17.

Day/Witt withdrawn.

# European League

## A CHANGING, WANING ENGLAND AT WESTCLIFF

by Caroline Oldfield

An excited, expectant crowd created a bright and hopeful pre-match atmosphere at Cliff's Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea on Wednesday, November 11th. England were to play Yugoslavia and the corresponding match last season had been closely contested, with England scraping through in a 4-3 victory. The Yugoslavians were fielding Dragutin Surbek, an old favourite with the English crowd, and the prospect of a Jill Hammersley/Gordana Perkucin clash further heightened the tension.

Against the backdrop of a splendid venue the crowd settled in their seats and waited for the match to begin. However, as the house lights dimmed and the spotlights flooded the arena in light, a murmur ran through the crowd. On the periphery of the pool of light sat a pale and wan Jill. The worse fears were confirmed when the teams entered the arena and Jill remained firmly in her seat. After a few technical hitches the ceremonial commenced and the commentator announced the non-participation of an influenza-stricken leading Lady. With the knowledge that Paul Day would also be absent from the side because of a neck injury, hopes began to fade and minds to change.

Desmond Douglas took the table first to face Zoran Kalinic. Continuing his excellent record of success for England Douglas emerged a comfortable victor over the awkward-looking, lanky Kalinic; 8 and 19. Kalinic had difficulties with his forehand loop to the Douglas backhand in the first game and, despite leading 12-9 and 18-16 in the second, he was unable to contain Douglas, who simply switched into another gear to level at 19-19 and eventually take the game and the first set of the match for England.

As the next set was announced it became obvious why Peter Simpson had earlier been cagey over the team line-up and the match order because Graham Sandley and not

Dougie Johnston entered the arena to play Surbek. It was 19-year-old Sandley's European League debut and the crowd applauded him warmly. But surely it was too much to ask that he should beat Yugoslavia's most seasoned campaigner? Sandley got off to a sizzling start and lead 3-2 at the change of service. In patches he showed the same skill throughout the set but nerves got the better of him on several occasions, making him tense, taking the edge off his mobility and allowing Surbek a 14, 13 victory. However Sandley was far from being outclassed and must have bright England prospects in the future.

1-1 and the English camp looked worried. Karen Witt, fresh from a lightning dash across the country to replace Jill Hammersley, faced Gordana Perkucin in the women's singles and put up an excellent performance to go 14-9 up in the first. Unfortunately she seemed to lose her momentum at this point, Perkucin seized the chance, put on the pressure and finally took the game 21-19. In the second the Yugoslav coasted home to the tune of 10, helped by a series of backhands hit without enough conviction by Miss Witt.

With the match score at 1-2, the untried combination of Douglas and Sandley were pitted against the well-worn partnership of Kalinic and Surbek. Prospects looked grim for England. An uneventful first game went to Yugoslavia at 13. In the second Sandley began to find his feet and some thrilling table tennis ensued, but the Yugoslavians edged ahead at the end to win 19.

Douglas and Surbek returned to the table for the mixed, joined by Linda Jarvis and Branka Batinic. By dint of some good finishing and blocking by Linda, England took the first game and looked as if they would drag the match score back to 3-2. Then disaster struck — the England duo crashed 21-4 (!) in the following game and, despite a brave attempt to regain their form, went out with a whimper 16, in the third.

So then, the match had gone to Yugoslavia, the final sets were a mere formality and the brightness shown by the crowd in the early evening had waned. Nonetheless the light was rekindled momentarily by a stunning display by Douglas in beating Surbek by the fairytale score of 8 and 10 and moreover by another promising performance by Sandley against Kalinic.

Overall it was a well-deserved 5-2 victory for Yugoslavia over a luckless England team, beleaguered by illness and injury and definitely not at its best. Westcliffe left a nasty taste in the mouth after the triumph of last season and possibly posed the question of whether the England light can be kept burning in the Super Division this season. The 700 supporters at Westcliff hope that it can survive . . . perhaps the answer lies with France?

**SCORES**

D. Douglas bt Z. Kalinic 8, 19;  
 G. Sandley lost to D. Surbek -14, -13;  
 K. Witt lost to G. Perkucin -19, -10;  
 Douglas/Sandley lost to Kalinic/Surbek -13, -19;  
 Douglas/L. Jarvis lost to Surbek/B. Batinic 17, -4, -16;  
 Douglas bt Surbek 8, 10;  
 Sandley lost to Kalinic -19, -14.

Vic Bennett reports from . . .

**NORFOLK**

**SATISFACTION RECORDED**

The month of November was not too kind to our teams from the results angle, but satisfaction must be recorded for the number of new players coming into the teams, and a settling down period must be expected.

Team Manager Ray Hogg reports of Sally

Shaw's debut as — "just great" — linking with Jane Dainty to take the doubles set versus Herts II and just failing at -19 in the third of the singles. The match ended in a 7-3 win for the visitors after a score-line of 3-3. Doug Bennett won a singles and a doubles with Phil Logsdon, but the remaining four sets, despite being hotly contested, eluded the team.

At Buckinghamshire the Senior IT's just lost out at 4-6 with Paul Durrant, making a rare appearance, leading the team and playing well, but probably unlucky not to take at least one singles. Also on debut were Chris Anema and Dave Loveday who did enough for another outing. Anema did particularly well to defeat the experienced Les Wooding in a last set thriller.

Good news on the Junior front concerning the Closed Championships on Feb. 7, 1982. The event is to be sponsored by Barclays Bank Ltd. with a further sponsorship for 1983.

At a recent Norwich League meeting, Sec. Ken Edwards reported much progress on the table tennis centre project and it appears that developments have reached a stage of real optimism, bearing in mind all the "mis hits" in the past. If all goes well, it will be a decade of fulfilment for past secretary, now amenity fund officer, Len Miller who pioneered the "headquarters of our own" theme many seasons ago.

# Juniors Outstanding Down Under

Although Paul Pinkewich and Bob Tuckett fought out the final of the men's singles, and won the doubles title for the third time, the 1981 Australian Championships in Brisbane belonged to the brilliant juniors Adele Morrow and Gary Haberl. Adele, aged 16, has had a long list of successes in the junior ranks and won the women's singles title in Brisbane with a typically hard-hitting display against Ann Middleton in the final.

Gary Haberl, who will still be eligible for the U-17 titles next year, showed that he has "come of age" in the senior events by going through the men's team event without a loss and losing only to Pinkewich in the semis of the men's singles. Final results:

**Men's Singles:**

P. PINKEWICH bt R. Tuckett 12, 9, 20.

**Women's Singles:**

A. MORROW bt A. Middleton -5, 14, 18, 10.

**Men's Doubles:**

PINKEWICH/TUCKETT bt R. Javor/W. Vickery 17, -16, 9, 17.

**Women's Doubles:**

A. McDONNELL/J. TREGEA bt A. Strack/J. Whisson -20, 16, -19, 14, 14.

**Mixed Doubles:**

G. TEPPER/N. BISIACH bt N. Ward/Middleton 17, -15, 8, -4, 14.

**AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS**

**Men**

- 1 P. Pinkewich (NSW)
- 2 R. Tuckett (Vic)
- 3 G. Haberl (NSW)
- 4 G. Thomas (NSW)
- 5 R. Carlyle (Vic)
- 6 R. Javor (Qld)
- 7 G. Tepper (Vic)
- 8 N. Ward (SA)
- 9 J. Drew (WA)
- 10 J. Bartolo (Vic)

**Women**

- 1 A. Morrow (Vic)
- 2 A. Middleton (SA)
- 3 D. Millikan (Tas)
- 4 K. Thompson (Vic)
- 5 N. Bisiach (Vic)
- 6 S. Munday (Vic)
- 7 J. Trega (Qld)
- 8 S. Isele (Qld)
- 9 K. Fudge (SA)
- 10 M. Cannon (NSW)

# NORWICH UNION GRAND PRIX AND MASTERS 1981-82

by MICHAEL J. LAWLESS

Now that the 1981/82 season is underway I thought that I should afford you information about the Norwich Union Grand Prix and a number of changes being effected this season.

This season's circuit began last June in Toronto with the Norwich Union Canadian Open and continued with the Italian and Belgian Opens in Venice and Brussels. The other events in this season's Grand Prix are:

Dec. 3/6 Scandinavian Open (Vaxjo)  
Jan. 7/9 Norwich Union English Open (Crawley)  
Jan. 22/24 Federal German Open (Kiel)  
Feb. 26/28 Rumanian Open (Bucharest)

This season, in Europe, will be the first in which alternation between Open Championships of countries will be fully operative and whereas in previous seasons we have held the Norwich Union Trophy immediately following the Scandinavian Open and just prior to the French Open, thus suiting the players travelling from one Championship to another, it is not now possible and for 1981 only NO Norwich Union Trophy will be held.

At each Open Championships players are awarded Grand Prix points which are based for qualification for the prestigious and valuable Norwich Union Masters. The allocation of points is:

Winner	1000 points
Runner-up	800 points
last 4	600 points
last 8	400 points
last 16	200 points
last 32	150 points

In previous "Masters" the World Champion and the European Champion together with the 14 players leading the Grand Prix points table at the end of the circuit were qualified to take part, and although the venue and dates from the 1982 Norwich Union Masters have still to be finalised, I would like to tell you now about an important change in the method of deciding who will be eligible to compete.

Two places will continue to be reserved for the World Champion and the European Champion. Of the remaining 14 places, 12 will be allocated to the players leading the Grand Prix points table and 2 players invited by the Norwich Union as promoters.

Our experience over the last three years have convinced us that this change will be to everyone's benefit for it will allow consideration of the difficulties some players may encounter in participating in Grand Prix events, whatever the reasons, and the availability of players to travel to wherever the Masters may be held.

As the prestige of the Norwich Union Grand Prix has grown so has the prize money pool and the prize money for the Masters which was held in Hong Kong in June 1981 showed an increase of 80% over the previous year. We feel that we are continuing to move in the direction which is in the interests of the sport, the players and ourselves and that the original reasons for allocating a prize of £150 to the winner of each Open Championships are no longer valid. Consequently no such prize will be awarded this season.

With the increase in prize money we will no longer be paying the hospitality for a coach to accompany any player taking part in the Masters, but we will of course make available to coaches any reductions in cost of air fares or hotels which we may be able to effect. This is in line with the arrangements for the I.T.T.F. World Cup.

I mentioned the growth of the Grand Prix

and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those Officials and Associations whose support and interest have made this possible. We will continue to look at the enlargement of the Grand Prix and we would be delighted to hear from organisers of Open Championships in all parts of the world who would like consideration to be given to the inclusion of their event. Such letters should include all relevant information about the history and the proposed future plans for the event.

## FAMILIAR NAMES

With three of the seven Open Championships forming the 1981/82 Grand Prix having been played, China, not unexpectedly, has three players among the top ten places in the points table. All are familiar names and all are notable runners-up.

Li Zhenshi was runner-up to Dragutin Surbek in the first ever Norwich Union Masters in 1971, Cai Zhenhua lost to Guo Yuehua (the 1981 Norwich Union Master) in the World Championships in April whilst Xie Saike relinquished a lead of 2-0 to Tibor Klampar in the Citizen World Cup in August.

There can be no doubt that the current leader of the Grand Prix, Andrzej Grubba, is the most exciting European player — his recent matches with Guo Yuehua have been classics — and with Leszek Kucharski occupying fifth position, Poland is well represented.

Whilst Janos Molnar has steadily accumulated points at the three Championships and Douggie Johnson holds tenth place by virtue of superb victories in Belgium over Kucharski and former European Champion, Gabor Gergely, the biggest surprise so far has been Zoran Kalinic taking the title in the Belgium Open, where 18 of the top 20 players in Europe competed, giving him fourth place in the Grand Prix. It is interesting to note that apart from Li Zhenshi and Surbek, the leading players in the Grand Prix are all comparatively young.

The contest for places in the Norwich Union Masters will really heat up early this month at the Scandinavian Open and again in January, 1982 at the Norwich Union English Open, for already it is known that China will be sending players to both events which will also attract the leading European players.

Leading places in the current points table are:

Name	Country	Grand Prix Points
1 A. Grubba (Pol)		1200
2 J. Molnar (Hun)		1200
3 Cai Zhenhua (Chi)		1000
4 Z. Kalinic (Yug)		1000
5 L. Kucharski (Pol)		950
6 Li Zhenshi (Chi)		800
7 D. Surbek (Yug)		800
8 Chiu Man Kuen (HKG)		600
9 Xie Saike (Chi)		600
10 D. Johnson (Eng)		600
11 U. Bengtsson (Swe)		600
12 P. Stellwag (GFR)		600
13 J. Secretin (Fra)		600
14 Z. Kriston (Hun)		600
15 E. Amplatz (Aut)		550
16 R. Troilo (Ita)		500
17 P. Bargagli (Ita)		500
18 D. Douglas (Eng)		400
19 D. Seemiller (USA)		400
20 M. Broda (Cze)		400
21 E. Boggan (USA)		400
22 Bui Quang (USA)		400
23 U. Carlsson (Swe)		400
24 Ku Hee Dae (KRR)		400
25 T. Klampar (Hun)		400
26 R. de Prophetis (Bel)		350
27 M. Costantini (Ita)		350
28 J. Pansky (Cze)		350
29 K. Kartholm (Den)		300
30 S. Pero (Ita)		300

Yet a third English player, **Graham Sandley**, appears in the list, at No. 70 with 150 points.

# West Yorks. 2-Star Open

by STEVE NUNN

Tournament Organiser & Hon. Referee

## YET ANOTHER CLASH

Although once again these Championships, sponsored by the National Breakdown Recovery Club at the Richard Dunn Centre, Bradford on Sunday, November 8, clashed with a National League date, we had a very good entry, having to send back over 40 entries. This year we cut back on tables by two, and this did improve playing conditions, giving players a considerably longer run back, which seemed to be appreciated by all. These Championships did have something a little special and different as one player, Kevin Beadsley, played in a National League match on the same day. He had from 1.30 to 4.10 pm. free but with the Tournament running 30 minutes late it gave him until 4.45 p.m. to get back or be scratched. He made it just in time without inconveniencing the Tournament.

The only disappointment I had, as Referee, was the lack of co-operation from players to umpire. It does get rather annoying to everyone when Control is continuously calling for volunteer umpires. We did have some County Umpires present, but as willing as these good people are, they have to eat and rest. I would like these Umpires and Officials of the Bradford League to know that I think they did a marvellous job.

One of the high-lights in the men's singles was the achievement of Trevor Williams of Sheffield who must have had one of his best days, reaching the semi with victories over Frazer McEwen, Nigel Edgecock, Roy Priestley, before coming down to earth against the winner Alan Fletcher, who buried him deep 6 and 7. Alan also defeated top seed, Nigel Eckersley in the final.

The Women's Singles top seed, Melody Hill, came very close to picking up the £50 winning cheque when she led Anita Stevenson in the final by a game and 19-17, only to lose -22, -10. In the Girls' Event Christine Peacock took home the trophy and a cheque after fine victories against Tracey Lightfoot in the semis and Melanie Seaton, the No. 2 seed, in the final. She was probably helped by the non-appearance of top seed, Jean Parker (something Christine must have appreciated!), and took full advantage.

It was pleasing to have Mr. & Mrs. George Yates with us again, and I was also delighted to see the England Team Manager, Peter Simpson, pay us a visit. On behalf of the Bradford Management Committee I would like to thank the Managing Director, Mr. R. Slicer and his Co-Directors for sponsoring the £400 Prize Money. Without this generous help it would be very hard to run such a large Competition. My thanks to all players for supporting the Event, to the Staff at Richard Dunn Centre, to Teesport for assistance with tables, Malcolm Hartley of the Bradford Telegraph & Argus for publicity, and also Pennine Radio Local Broadcasting Authority for some excellent coverage of the Tournamnet.

## RESULTS

### Men's Singles:

A. FLETCHER (Y) bt N. Eckersley (Ch) 18, 14.

### Women's Singles:

A. STEVENSON (Le) bt M. Hill (Y) -8, 22, 10.

### Veterans' Singles:

L. D'ARCY (Y) bt N. Deakin (Ch) 19, -22, 17.

### Boys' Singles:

P. ASPINALL (La) bt F McEwen (La) -17, 18, 17.

### Girls' Singles:

C. PEACOCK (La) bt M. Seaton (Y) 16, 14.

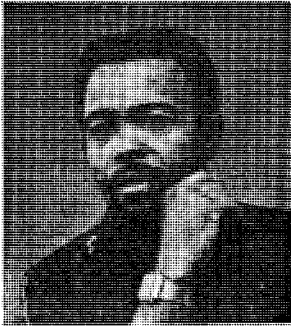
### Men's Doubles:

ECKERSLEY/BEADSLEY (Y) bt Fletcher/R. Priestley (Y) 13, 9.

### Women's Doubles:

STEVENSON/L. SMITH (Y) bt H. Shields (Y)/M. Hill 10, 13.

# THIS & THAT IN SURREY



by **MURRAY CORBIN**

## TSB SURREY JUNIOR CLOSED

This year, the total entry to this competition, over the two days, was about a hundred fewer than expected. Beside the financial loss involved, there was a lot of atmosphere lacking in the playing arena. It is important that we find out the true position for the weak attendance, because to be without Juniors is to be soon without Seniors.

The Under-14's paraded their talents on the first day and I observed that the standard of play was a little below that of last year. Our top Cadets — **GRAHAM VIGOR**, **DERREN HAMS** and **PETER GALICA**, should be at least six points stronger. Unfortunately, they are still too slow in movement; serving too deep into their opponents' area and above all, play from point to point without a plan in mind. I should not be surprised, and I am not, that they are not good enough to become nationally ranked. However, time is on their side.

I was more impressed with the very young ladies, particularly the red headed, hair, that is, **KAREN WILDE**. She is turning out to be a very competent little player. With the skills she has accumulated during her short time in the game, if she now concentrates on becoming a little more aggressive in play by the month, she could become much admired. **Maria HITCHCOCK** looks good and plays with some intelligence. **CHERYL BATEMAN** and **SUSAN VIGOR** are improving but they should, I think, be a little more skilful than they are at the moment. **MAXINE HILLS** from Mitcham should make another good prospect for Surrey soon.

### FINALS: DAY ONE

In the U-12 Boys' Singles, the much improved **Jonathon Page** was the unexpected winner over the energetic and promising **Richard Jones**. The U-12 Girls' Singles was decided in a play-off between **Cheryl Bateman** and **Susan Vigor**, with Cheryl becoming the eventual winner. **Graham Vigor** just managed to get the better of **Peter Galica** in the third game of the Cadet Boys Singles, while **Leslie Popkiewicz** struggled with **Karen Wilde** in the Cadet Girls. When one evaluates the experience and match play **Lesley** has had, this was a great effort from **Karen**, and it means that **Lesley** now has to keep looking over her shoulders, because this gap is going to be closed very soon. **Vigor/Galica** had a comfortable win over **Stephen** and **Graham Defries** in the Cadet Boys' Doubles, and as expected, **Lesley** and **Karen** stopped the few advances of **Jane Sutton** and **Maria Hitchcock**, in the Cadet Girls' Doubles.

### FINALS: DAY TWO

With **Nicky Hoare** to meet **Andrew Sexton**, and **David Dewsbury** confronting **Mike Hammond** in the semis, it was reasonable to assume a final between **Nicky** and **Mike**. **David**, however, was not of this opinion, and to prove it, he defeated the usually noisy "Good Boy" **Hammond**, just previous to **Nicky's** quick win against **Andrew**. A very

exciting final followed. In spite of **David** managing only to get a straight pair of sixteens, it was a game full of skill and speed, where **Nicky** is about 20% more efficient in these departments, than our other local lads. The Girls' Singles went to **Michele Hams** after a close encounter with **Jane Mills**. All credit here to **Jane** for losing only at 19 and 20, in spite of her ungainly and sometimes unattractive play. Either she has improved, or **Michele** has stagnated. Has anyone noticed that because **Jane's** forearm and backarm push are much too long or exaggerated, her bat recovery is therefore delayed? As a direct result, many returns from her opponent catch her unprepared. If her play could be tidied up, her performance would be enhanced. Well, this can not be bad, can it?

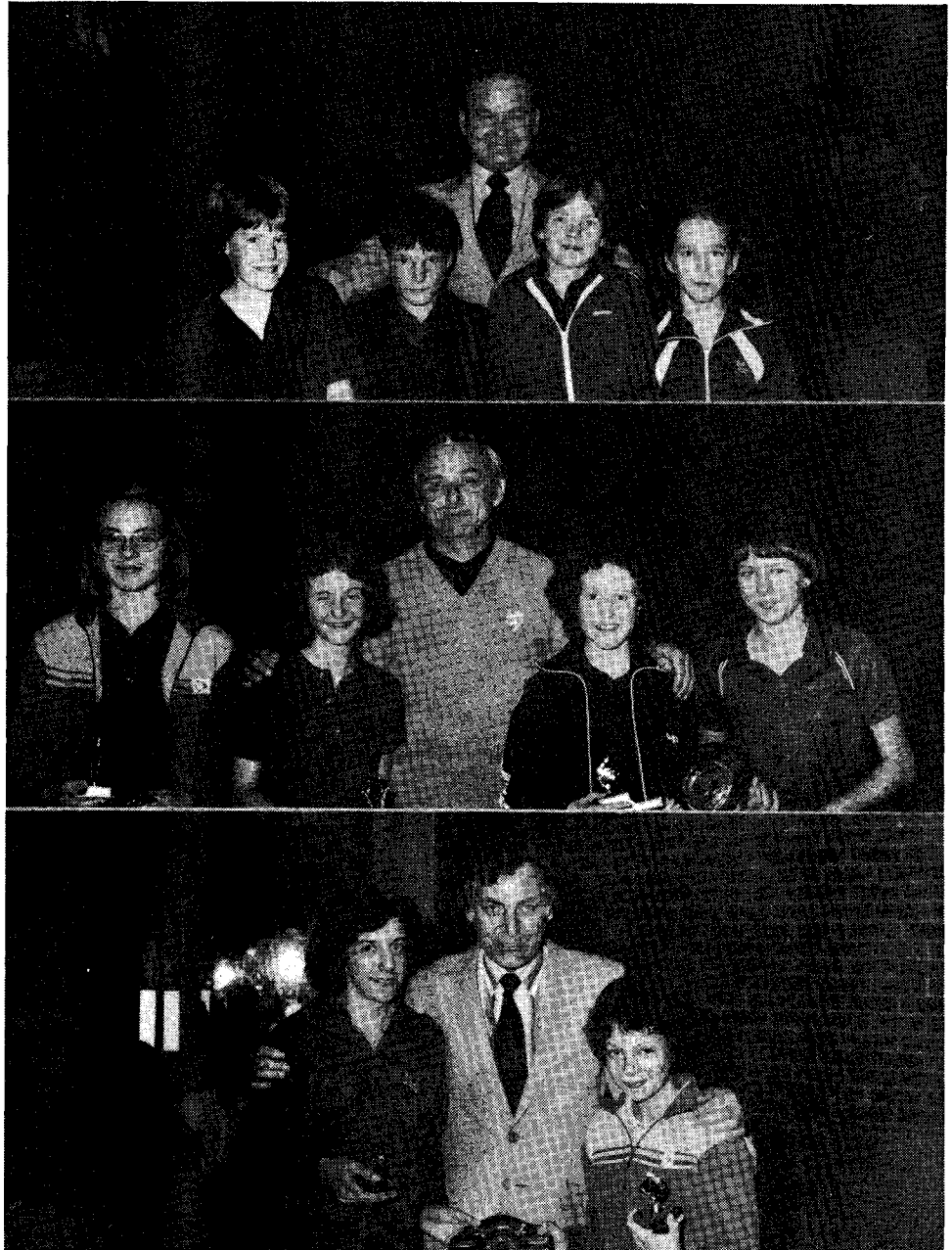
**Dewsbury/Hoare** were taken to three by **Sexton/Hammond** in the Boys' Doubles, but

their superiority on the day was never in doubt. **Jane Mills/Jane Barella** were unexpectedly victorious over **Hams/Popkiewicz** in the Girls' Doubles, while **Hoare/Hams** stopped the advances of **Sexton/Popkiewicz** in the third game of the Mixed.

Many thanks and much admiration are due to **ALAN GRANT** and his very able assistants for the efficient manner in which this two day event was run. Bravo! Perhaps I may record the appreciation of the Surrey TTA for the support the TSB has given to the Championships, once again.

### COUNTY MATCHES ROUND-UP

One Saturday, last month, our Senior Teams played Kent Senior Teams at Tweeddale School, Carshalton. The 2nd Seniors met in the afternoon, when our **David Harding**, **Brian Garroway**, **Nicky Hoare**, **Michele Hams** and **Kerry Merritt** recorded



Top: **JOHN MURDOCK**, Manager of the Walton-on-Thames TSB Branch, portrays a smile of satisfaction after he had presented the appropriate medals to **JONATHON PAGE**, **RICHARD JONES**, **SUSAN VIGOR** and **CHERYL BATEMAN**.

Middle: **MIKE KERCHER** is enjoying being flanked by the beauties, from our left — **JANE SUTTON/MARIA HITCHCOCK** and **KAREN WILDE/LESLEY POPKIEWICZ**, respective runners-up and winners of the Under-14 Girls' Doubles.

Bottom: **ERIC AUSTIN**, Head of PR Department, South East Division of the **TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK**, sponsor of the Championships, shares a moment of joy with **JANE MILLS** and **JANE BARELLA**, the unexpected winners of the Girls' Under-17 Doubles.



George Yates reports from . . .

## LANCASHIRE

### SWEEPING VICTORIES

Both Lancashire's second senior and junior teams maintained their title aspirations in the County Championships with the senior seconds beating Yorks II 9-1 at Bradford and Warwicks II 10-0 at Newton-le-Willows and the juniors overcoming Derbys 7-3 at Heanor and Cheshire 8-2 again at Newton-le-Willows.

In a tremendous victory over the "old enemy" at Bradford Paul Rainford, Keith Williams and Brian Carney reigned supreme with Jean Parker and Christine Peacock both successful in singles combat but in harness losing to Karen Burrows and Linda (Hrysko) Smith. This same team put the skids under Warwicks II whose Adrian Pilgrim twice went to three but without success, against Rainford and Carney.

Again it was the male section of the team that carried Lancs through in their junior encounter with Derbys Philip Hugon, Shaun Browne and Michael Mercer being unbeaten whilst Caroline Hemming and Wendy Worthington failed singly and together against Louise Forster and To Thuy Dung. Similarly, with the same team against Cheshire, Miss Hemming, lost to Tracy Lightfoot who, with Cheryl Clarke won the girls' doubles.

Due to maladministration the Lancashire and Cheshire League Closed Championships scheduled to have been run by the Burnley League on Nov. 29 had to be cancelled because of lack of entries. Moans around the county have centred on the non-receipt of entry forms.

Hoping for better luck Fleetwood are to conduct the Lancashire Closed on Sunday, Dec. 20, forms being available from Bob Wood at 4 Maurice Grove, Blackpool FY2 0QH ('Phone: Blackpool 57153).

Preston, represented by Donald Parker, Steve Turner and Paul Rainford, began their defence of the Div. 1 Lancs and Cheshire League title with a 9-1 win over Salford whose Billy Gleave was their only

winner against Turner. Gleave's teammates, Mark Hankey and David Sadler, failed to register a win.

Promotees Blackburn and Wirral shared the spoils in a 5-all draw as did Stockport and Manchester but Liverpool, represented by Keith Williams, Wayne Percival and Phil Thomson, beat Rochdale 8-2, Thomson losing to Tim Malkin and Jon de Pledge.

Preston, favourites for the Women's 1st division title and spearheaded by Joy Grundy and Jean Parker opened up their account by beating Salford 9-1, Wendy Worthington losing to Amanda Goodwin. Defending champions Stockport, now without the services of Di Johnson, were beaten 6-4 by Bury who subsequently drew 5-5 away to Fleetwood, whose Chris Peacock had a treble.

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

- December**
- 12 **European League, Division 2.**  
**WALES v SPAIN,**  
Colwyn Leisure Centre, Eirias Park, Colwyn Bay (7 p.m.).
- 12/13 **Silver Jubilee Middlesex 3-Star Open.**  
Picketts Lock Centre, Picketts Lock Lane, Edmonton, London N9 (Finals 7 p.m. Sunday).
- 16 **European League, Super Division.**  
**CZECHOSLOVAKIA v ENGLAND (Nachod).**
- 18/19 **Leinster Open (Dublin).**  
19 **County Championships (4).**  
20 **National League (6).**  
27 **National League (7).**
- January**
- 2/3 **County of Cleveland 8th 3-Star Open,**  
**Butterfly Cleveland International Team**  
**Championship,** Thornaby Pavilion, Town Centre, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.  
Team Event Final Saturday 8 p.m.  
Individual Finals Sunday 6 p.m.
- 5 **International Match.**  
**ENGLAND v PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**  
Odsall Recreation Centre, Craven Drive, Salford 5 (7 p.m.). Tickets (Price £5, £3.50 and £2.50 from Mrs. W. Walker, City of Salford Recreational Services Dept., 100 Chorley Road, Swinton, Manchester M27 2BB ('Phone: 061-793 3096).
- 6/9 **THE NORWICH UNION ENGLISH OPEN**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS,** Crawley Leisure Centre, Haslett Avenue, Crawley, West Sussex. (Finals 1.30 p.m. Saturday).
- 9/10 **37th Yorkshire 2-Star Junior Open.**  
Y.P.I. Ferens Recreation Centre, Chanterlands Avenue North, Hull. Finals Junior 6 p.m. Saturday, Cadets 5.30 p.m. Sunday.

- 10 **National League (Premier Division only) (8).**  
11 **European League, Division 2.**  
**IRELAND v SCOTLAND (Cork).**  
13 **European League, Super Division.**  
**POLAND v ENGLAND (Gdansk).**  
16 **Pontefract 1-Star Open.**  
16/17 **Kent 2-Star Open, Marine Pavilion, Folkestone.**  
17 **National League (8) 2nd and 3rd Divisions (9)**  
**Premier Division.**  
22/24 **Federal German Open (Keil) Norwich Union Grand Prix.**  
23 **County Championships (8).**  
24 **Lanarkshire Youth and Junior Open (Coatbridge).**  
24 **National League (9) 2nd and 3rd Divisions.**  
3/9 **COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Bombay, India).**
- February**
- 5/7 **European "Top 12" (Nantes, France).**  
6 **Lancashire 2-Star Open, Hawker Siddeley Dynamics, Lostock, Bolton (Finals 7.30 p.m.).**  
6/7 **TSB South of England 2-Star Junior Open, Woking Leisure Centre, Woking Park, Kingfield Road, Woking, Surrey. Cadet Finals 7.30 p.m. Saturday, Junior 5.30 p.m. Sunday.**  
7 **North Bournemouth 1-Star Open.**  
7 **National League (10).**  
10 **European League, Super Division.**  
**ENGLAND v SWEDEN (Macclesfield).**  
13 **Exeter 1-Star Junior Open.**  
13/14 **The 1982 Essex Open Championships,**  
Harlow Sports Centre, Hammaraskjold Road, Harlow Essex. Finals Sunday 6 p.m.  
18/20 **NORWICH UNION ENGLISH CLOSED**  
**(Basingstoke).**  
20 **Halton Junior 1-Star Open, Norton Recreation Centre, Castlefields Avenue East, Runcorn, Cheshire.**

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### CLEVELAND 3-STAR OPEN

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## Welsh Corner

by H. ROY EVANS

### THE CARDIFF "OPEN"

The Welsh European League team dominated this well-supported event, Alan Griffiths, Nigel Thomas and Lesley Tyler coming out best against a strong "outside" challenge.

Significant English contenders were Alan Fletcher, the much improved Steve Mills, Kevin Beadsley and Tony Isaac, together with some West Germans who came over with Griffiths. In the event none of these figured in the finals, and most of the Welsh prize money stayed in Welsh hands!

Beadsley was the first to go, a victim of the wily veteran George Evans who subsequently couldn't cope with Griffiths. No. 4 seed Fletcher after surviving narrowly against Tony Healan, was comprehensively beaten by Dave Welsman. Mills, the No. 3 seed, with his awkward looking but effective game, was taken to three by Mark Thomas and Brian Jeanes, and took the first game from Griffiths in the semi-final, but was comfortably beaten in the decider.

Meanwhile Nigel Thomas, sailing along convincingly, won the first game of the semi against Welsman, lost his way in the second, but came back strongly to win the third.

The final produced a fine match. Griffiths won the first against Nigel, but Nigel took the second, and it was only Alan's greater experience that won him the third and the title. But Nigel is getting ominously nearer Alan every time! Lesley Tyler won the women's title, her most serious challenge in an event depleted by the absence of Julie Ralphs, being in the semi-final when she faced Freia Runge from West Germany. Lesley really got her top spin forehand going in this match and she played one of her best sets to win in three. The final was a disappointment with Lesley having little real trouble against Cath Jones.

Not even in the doubles could the "foreigners" come through, and the youngsters Andrew Jones and Gary Wilkins repeated their Swansea Open results with a fine win over Griffiths and Welsman.

#### RESULTS

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

A. Griffiths (Wal) bt S. Mills (Y)

-18, 19, 10;

N. Thomas (Wal) bt D. Welsman (Wal)

14, -13, 13.

##### Final:

GRIFFITHS bt Thomas 16, -17, 17.

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

L. Tyler (Wal) bt F. Runge (GFR)

-17, 15, 17;

C. Jones (Wal) bt H. Cotter (Wal) -20, 12, 15.

##### Final:

TYLER bt Jones 15, 15.

##### Men's Doubles Final:

A. JONES/G. WILKINS (Wal) bt Griffiths/

Welsman 10, 19.

##### Women's Doubles Final:

COTTER/J. SULLY (Wal) bt S. Hall/

D. Symonds 15, -16, 14.

##### Boys' Singles Final:

ANDREW JONES bt Ceri Phillips 8, 16.

#### Girls' Singles Final:

JAYNE SULLY bt Heidi Cotter -20, 6, 12.

#### Consolation Boys' Singles Final:

ANTHONY JONES bt Stuart Bufton 11, 14.

#### Consolation Girls' Singles Final:

EVELYN WRIGHT bt Melanie Carey 10, 15.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Butterfly Cardiff continued their winning way in Division Two South, with a convincing 6-2 win against Graham Spicer at Cardiff. Strangely enough, Mark Thomas, who had played so well against Generation Two, lost both his sets and these were the visitors' only successes. Nigel Thomas, George Evans and Tony Healan all won.

Cranfield Colours crashed to their first defeat in Division Three South, going down 2-6 to Dagenham. Even the unbeaten Brian Jeanes tasted his first reverses, and John Bloomer also lost both. Gary Wilkins and Andrew Evans the Gwent team's only consolations.

### WELSH TRIUMPH IN DUBLIN

by Brian Everson

Wales recorded its first victory in this season's European League Second Division programme with a 4-3 win over Ireland in Dublin.

The first set saw a clash between the two No. 1's — Alan Griffiths for Wales and Colm Slevin for Ireland. Griffiths was always in command and dominated matters with excellent forehand top spin and controlled backhand counter attack to keep Slevin under pressure. Alan won 16, 14 to give Wales the lead. This was followed by the much improved Nigel Thomas versus Kevin Keane. Nigel got off to an excellent start and won the first game 10 using penetrating forehand and backhand top spin. He lost the second -19, allowing Keane to come back into the game, the Irishman taking the initiative. In the decider Keane started as he had finished the second and lead 10-9 at ends. It was at this stage that Thomas produced his best form and with a succession of forehand and backhand top spins went on to win 21-15.

With Wales now leading 2-0, it was the women's turn — Ann Leonard, returning to the Irish side after a long absence through a leg injury, against Lesley Tyler. Both girls were obviously nervous and this reflected in the standard of play, full of scrappy mistakes. Despite being at 15-all in the first

game, Lesley lost this -15, and the next at -13. Lesley knows that to win at this level she must use far more forehand top spin and she is working on this.

With the score at 2-1 in Welsh favour, the next event was the men's doubles, which Alan and Nigel lost to Colm and Kevin. This was not a good performance by the Welsh, who too easily allowed the Irish boys the chance to press home their win.

The mixed doubles showed once again our inability to win this event at international level. Alan and Lesley were just not in it, and they went down -19, -14 to give Ireland the lead.

With the reverse men's singles to come, and with Ireland 3-2 in the lead, it meant that Nigel had to beat Slevin, the latter having the support of a large crowd of enthusiastic Irish willing him to win. This proved to be a set in which Nigel really came of age in international match play, and he proceeded to play his best table tennis for Wales. Forehand and backhand top-spin flowed from his bat and he completely dominated the game to win 17, 18.

And so with the score at 3-all, it remained for Alan to play Kevin, and the Welshman showed a far superior class to Keane to win 14, 10 with comparative ease.

Well played Wales — an excellent game of table tennis supported by a fine crowd, who must have been as disappointed as we were elated.

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# IRISH NOTES

by WILLIE WALSH

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## WALES OVERCOME IRELAND

The Irish Table Tennis team suffered another set-back, losing by the odd set to Wales in a well-attended and exciting encounter in the E.S.B. Sportsco Complex, Dublin last month.

The Welsh men were dominant in the singles winning the four sets and only losing one game. Anne Leonard playing her first International match this season after a leg injury had a facile victory over the young Lesley Tyler and, teaming up with Colum Slevin, won the doubles. Slevin and Kevin Keane won the Men's doubles. In the first set, Alan Griffiths beat Slevin 16, 14. Nigel Thomas increased their lead beating Keane 10, -19, 15. In the 3rd game Keane and Thomas were neck and neck to 14-15 and then Thomas won 3 points in a row. Keane only won one more point and so the chips were down.

Ireland won the next three sets to get the large attendance excited in anticipation of an overdue Irish victory. Unfortunately Brian Everson and his team had rather different ideas — Thomas beat Slevin 17, 18, and Griffiths beat Keane 14, 10.

So Ireland has now lost three matches in a row and could be in serious trouble. With matches against Norway away in December, Scotland at home in January and Belgium away in February, one wonders where the necessary points are going to come from to avoid relegation.

## CONNACHT OPEN

Keane returned to the 'Big Time' in Galway when he beat Slevin in the Connacht Open final and Anne Leonard retained her Women's singles title. This is the first Connacht final I have missed in over 16 years and unfortunately I did not have a report in time for this issue.

## LUCOZADE OPEN

Slevin won three titles at the successful Lucozade Open in Bray beating Keane in the Men's final and teaming up with Keane in the Men's doubles and Anne Leonard in the Women's.

Anne Leonard returned successfully to tournament play proving her undisputed position as Ireland's No. 1 Woman in easily capturing the singles title as well as the Women's doubles.

## DALE FARM BENEVOLENCE

Dale Farm continue to be Ulster's fairy godmother with yet another season of generous sponsorship.

With prize money of over £2000 in days of recession, Ulster certainly are fortunate.

As well as an opportunity of picking up prize money for reaching the finals of tournaments, Ulster players will also receive points for reaching the last 16 in the Dale Farm events and so qualify for a further dividend of prize money awarded at the end of the season and allotted relevant to their final finishing position.

Well done, Dale Farm, and well done Ulster.

## IRELAND v PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By the time you read this article, The People's Republic of China will have played in Dublin and Belfast. Next month I will have a full report and who knows — maybe some player in Ireland may even scale the Great Wall of China. We must do something spectacular sometime!!

P.S. A friend of mine has a Stiga Robot for sale — £750. If you are interested, 'phone Limerick 51578.

## KENT JUNIOR 2-STAR OPEN

### TWO TITLES FOR SUSAN

Andrew Sexton of Surrey and Susan Collier of Berkshire pulled off the major singles titles at the Marine Pavilion, Folkestone over the weekend of Oct. 17/18, the Berkshire lass also winning the U-15 girls' singles for good measure her final victims being, respectively, Rebecca Russe of Avon and Alison Barker of Shropshire.

Sexton's final victim in the U-17 boys' singles was his county colleague Michael Hammond but the Surrey boys took their departure in the semi-finals of the boys' doubles going under to the Essex combination of P. Sayer and J. Sparks.

### RESULTS

#### Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:

P. Sayer (E) bt I. Doughty (Bd) 12, 15;  
A. Sexton (Sy) bt A. Longhurst (K) 10, -8, 15;

M. Hammond (Sy) bt M. Werner (Do) 16, 18;  
D. Dodd (K) bt P. Logsdon (Nk) 19, 18.

#### Semi-finals:

Sexton bt Sayer 15, 16;  
Hammond bt Dodd 18, -15, 17.

#### Final:

SEXTON bt Hammond 15, -12, 18.

#### Girls' Singles Semi-finals:

R. Russe (Av) bt A. Boxall (He) 16, 11;  
S. Collier (Bk) bt M. Williams (Mi) 18, 8.

#### Final:

COLLIER bt Russe 17, 14.

#### Boys' Doubles Semi-finals:

A. Barker/P. Hayden (E) bt R. Campbell/  
L. Faure (Sy) 12, -16, 19;

Sayer/J. Sparks (E) bt Hammond/Sexton  
-15, 17, 21.

#### Final:

SAYER/SPARKS bt Barker/Hayden 19, 18.

#### Girls' Doubles Semi-finals:

Collier/Williams bt J. Houghon/A. Woollven  
(K) 10, 8;

H. Bardwell (He)/J. Smith (E) bt Boxall/  
L. Popkiewicz (Sy) 15, -21, 13.

#### Final:

BARDWELL/SMITH bt Collier/Williams  
12, 19.

#### Boys' U-15 Singles Semi-finals:

Logsdon bt S. Dorking (E) 13, 17;  
Barker bt A. Syed (K) -13, 11, 14.

#### Final:

BARKER bt Logsdon 16, 16.

#### Girls' U-15 Singles Semi-finals:

Collier bt Popkiewicz 13, 15;

A. Barker (Sp) bt S. Scott-Pawson (Do)  
19, 17.

#### Final:

COLLIER bt Barker 8, 12.

## Boys' U-15 Doubles Final:

BARKER/DORKING bt C. Bartram/A. Dodd  
(K) 12, 20.

## Girls' U-15 Doubles Final:

BOXALL/POPKIEWICZ bt S. Hegarty (Do)/  
Scott-Pawson 11, 18.

## Boys' U-13 Singles Semi-finals:

A. Syed (K) bt T. West (E) 10, 18;  
M. Syed (K) bt K. Ball (K) 18, 17.

#### Final:

A. SYED bt M. Syed 18, 14.

## Girls' U-13 Singles Semi-finals:

L. Hayden (E) bt Houghton 6, 11;  
R. Knight (Mi) bt J. Cook (E) 25, 12.

#### Final:

HAYDEN bt Knight 19, 14.

## Boys' U-13 Doubles Final:

A. SYED/WEST bt Ball/M. Laming (K)  
16, 12.

## Girls' U-13 Doubles Final:

HAYDEN/KNIGHT bt K. Baker (Mi)/  
S. Hammond (Ha) 16, 8.

## Boys' U-11 Singles Semi-finals:

M. Syed (K) bt N. Pickard (Nk) 14, 15;  
M. Rutherford (K) bt D. Fulton (K)  
16, -18, 7.

#### Final:

SYED bt Rutherford 16, 17.

## Girls' U-11 Singles Semi-finals:

C. Bateman (Sy) bt K. Bennett (E) 8, 14;  
T. Scott-Pawson (Do) bt S. Vigor (Sy) 6, 19.

#### Final:

SCOTT-PAWSON bt Bateman 12, 12.

## RULE CHANGES

by TONY BROOKS

Secretary General, I.T.T.F.

ITTF Rule 1.15.2 states that amendments or additions to certain rules may be made at a meeting of the Council if two-thirds of the Council Members present approve. (The Council may make any changes EXCEPT amendments or additions to the Constitution (Chapter One of the Handbook), Disciplinary Regulations 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, or the Laws of Table Tennis (Chapter Three); these may be made ONLY at a Biennial General Meeting).

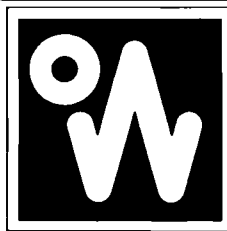
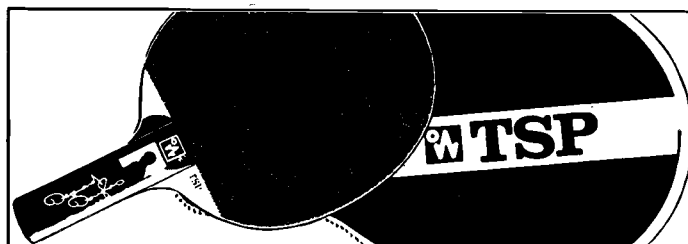
The Council will meet in China in May 1982, and many important matters will be discussed, some of them leading to changes in rules or World Championship directives.

All Associations are therefore invited to submit propositions for rule changes which may be authorised by the Council at this meeting. They should be sent to the ITTF Secretariat so that they arrive before 1st February, 1982; this will give time for them to be included in the Agenda for the Council Meeting.

You may if you wish request any Member of the Council to speak on your proposition or propositions when they are discussed by the Council. Alternatively, you may, when sending the propositions, add an explanatory note giving your arguments in favour of them.

I should remind you that any propositions submitted to the Council but not approved at the Council Meeting may be re-submitted to the BGM in Tokyo.

It is hoped that Associations who would like to see changes made in the rules will take this opportunity of bringing their views to the attention of the Council.



# COUNTY NOTES SUPPLEMENT

Iris Moss reports from . . .

## MIDDLESEX

### MORE THAN A LITTLE

My article in the October edition caused more than a little confusion for which I would like to apologise. Having said that we would have to cancel the Under-15 and Under-13 Open, I got a last minute offer from the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority to let us have a cheap booking as it was an event for youngsters and David Howes of Staines found some-one who was willing to sponsor the Prize Fund. Although I phoned the Editor it was too late to delete the paragraph and as a result players were getting entry forms and reading in Table Tennis News that the event had been cancelled. We hope that no-one was deterred from entering when they would have liked to do so. Perhaps it is because of the confusion, or the fact that the County Championships are being played that week-end, that has resulted in the entry being rather lower than last year. Nevertheless we have got 122 boys and 41 girls competing and we hope they will enjoy the tournament. We would like to express our appreciation for their help to Terry Phillips of Picketts Lock, who persuaded the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority that we were a worthy cause, and to Langdon and Twelftree Ltd. for their sponsorship of the Prize Fund. I hope to get a full report of the event into the next edition.

The first Ranking Lists of the season have now been issued and are as follows:

#### Men

1 G. Sandley, 2 M. Mitchell, 3 D. Wells, 4 C. Wilson, 5 J. Souter, 6 D. Tan, 7 J. Payne, 8 E. Gorniak, 9 T. Stark, 10 M. Les, 11 B. Tyler, 12 A. Lindsay, 13 M. Adedayo, 14 D. Smith, 15 M. O'Leary, 16 D. Jemmett, 17 N. Stratton, 18 C. Buckley, 19 C. Carder, 20 K. Thorne.

#### Women

1 Angela Mitchell, 2 Mandy Reeves, 3 Helen Williams, 4 Sarah Sandley, 5 Michelle Williams, 6 Laura Goldsmith, 7 Sarah Prowen, 8 Sheila Hamilton, 9 Marjorie Dawson, 10 Sue Dove, 11 Marilyn Sangster, 12 Mary Symes, 13 Kathy Nunn, 14 Eve Britton.

#### Veteran Men

1 A. Lindsay, 2 M. Adedayo, 3 D. Smith, 4 I. Redfearn, 5 W. Brookman, 6 G. Ailward, 7 J. Smith, 8 G. Muranyi, 9 E. Snook, 10 J. Morris, 11 M. Isaacs, 12 A. Marshall, 13 J. Schofield.

#### Veteran Women

1 Mary Symes, 2 Kathy Nunn, 3 Eve Britton, 4 Babs Blanch, 5 Molly Prowen, 6 Margaret Cherry, 7 Margaret Seilly.

#### Boys

1 Gorniak, 2 O'Leary, 3 D. Goode, 4 D. Topiwali, 5 N. Tyler, 6 K. King, 7 C. Herbert, 8 M. Hall, 9 M. Greenaway, 10 D. Smith, 11 M. Lubienski, 12 R. Johnston, 13 J. Goode, 14 P. Martin, 15 G. Phillips.

#### Girls

1 Michelle Williams, 2 Laura Goldsmith, 3 Yvonne Knight, 4 Rachel Knight, 5 Lesley Souter, 6 Kay Bussey, 7 Gillian Blanch, 8 Claire Knibbs, 9 Katrina Baker, 10 Joanne Solley, 11 Debbie Shaw, 12 Elaine Stone, 13 Justine Simpson, 14 Helen Ferrari.

#### Cadet Boys

1 K. King, 2 J. Goode, 3 C. Smith, 4 M. Ishmael, 5 P. Szekeres, 6 R. Lubienski, 7 N. Giraudel, 8 P. Matthews, 9 M. Thurston, 10 D. Elliott, 11 D. Rawlings, 12 G. Muranyi, 13 J. Harrison, 14 D. Wardell, 15 D. Donavon.

#### Cadet Girls

1 Rachel Knight, 2 Lesley Souter, 3 Claire Knibbs, 4 Katrina Baker, 5 Elaine Stone.

Despite our strength at the top, the first Premier Division week-end clashes with Ellenborough's commitment in the European Fairs Cup and as a result we will lose the services of 4 out of our top 6 men and will have to field a weaker team. But what they lose in ranking position they will make up with fighting spirit. So beware, opponents, you will have a fight on your hands from Middlesex.

Those of our teams who have played in the County Championships have won 5 out of their 6 matches and we hope to have an even better percentage of wins in the next round.

Arrangements are well under way for the Silver Jubilee event of the Middlesex 3-Star Open, which takes place at Picketts Lock on 12th and 13th December. Entries are coming in well and we hope to make this a bumper event. Because time will be very short, I might not get the report into the January edition, but I hope to get the results in even if the report has to wait. It you have not entered but want to see the Finals, they will start at 7.0 p.m. on Sunday, 13th December.

We had difficulties in arranging dates for our Closed Championships and eventually decided that our only course of action was to split the Senior and Junior events. Subject to confirmation from Aylestone School, they will take place on 30th and 31st January, 1982 (Senior) and 27th and 28th February (Junior and Cadet). We hope this will result in 2 good Tournaments; it will certainly enable us to have Cadet, as well as Junior, events.

Philip Reid reports from . . .

## LEICESTERSHIRE

### PARTLY ATONED

Not such good news on the County front I'm afraid. The first team travelled to Bradford and lost 7-3 to Yorkshire, although they partly atoned for this by beating Derbyshire 7-3. The home county lost the first two sets and the last one, but won the other seven in between. The star for the county was Chris Rogers who looks what he is — well nigh unbeatable at this level. The second team, unbeaten for the last three years, have had a disastrous start, losing to both Staffordshire and Cheshire. The Junior 1st team, after predictably losing to Yorkshire (7-3) drew with Gloucestershire in a match which Colin Jones and Susan Meredith starred. The Junior 2nd team made the long journey to Essex and lost 8-2 but hope springs eternal and these youngsters can only improve!

The Veterans team drew with Oxford in a Midland League encounter but Mike Jackson got this one about right. Two expedites, with one (Aldwinckle v Sandford) at 7-5 in the first game was his reward for coming from Cambridge and a fine maximum by rubber bat ageless Alf Davies. The Men's second team were engaged in a drawn match with Coventry where Kevin Pilgrim's maximum helped the visitors.

In the Leicester League Magpie (1), Barwell Liberals (2), Thurnby/Northwood (3), Thurnby/Northwood (4), Wadkin (5), Swithland Motors (6), Wyvern (7), Blaby Boys Club (8), County Hall (9), Wyvern (10), Gynsill (11), Oadby URC (12), North Evington WMC (13), Jones & Shipman (14), Guthlaxton (15), Leics Tele Area (16), Oadby URC (17) and Pollards (18) top the divisions with numerous people on 100% topping the divisional averages. I gather that the Rose Johnson Cup between Knighton Park and Magpie will decide the fate of this trophy.

No news to report, I'm sorry to say, on the Inter-Towns events, the Rose Johnson Bowl

or the Leicestershire Closed. I have been told to 'take things easy' and have done just that! It is hoped, however, that the Leicestershire Closed will go ahead, particularly after last season's debacle.

This year is the fiftieth of the Leicester League and to celebrate everyone who is fifty years old — and admits it — will be eligible for the 'Golden Oldies' tournament of teams of three. One team (blind spot permitting) will be Ron Emerton, Harry Ward and myself. Mind you, that has been declared unfair. Apparently I have a new stroke!

Gerald Green reports from . . .

## SHROPSHIRE

### SHORT OF CASH

Shropshire T.T.A. are facing a financial crisis which could not only involve bankruptcy by the end of the season but necessitate the withdrawal of teams from the County Championships.

Most of the last executive committee meeting was spent in discussing the association's financial plight, brought about chiefly by the long journeys involved in travelling away to county matches and its implications. Visits to such places as Cambridge, Buckinghamshire and Cumbria, plus increased charges for the hire of schools and village halls, in addition to providing refreshments for such games will take their toll of already seriously depleted capital.

Reluctantly the committee decided that each playing member of Senior and Junior County teams would be asked to contribute a nominal £1 for each game, although in principle everyone disagreed with players selected for County representation having to pay towards match costs. However, even with these contributions and affiliation fees due from the leagues in the association, the committee envisage a state of bankruptcy by the end of the season. It may still be necessary to withdraw a team or teams from the league and in view of the early results being obtained that would be a disaster.

### HAT TRICK OF HOME WINS

Following their useful start to the season all our teams did well in home matches played at Alexandra Road School, Market Drayton.

The Seniors comfortably disposed of Worcestershire II by 8-2. Malcolm Green, Ivan Smith, Alison Barker, and Colette Soan were unbeaten while Les Baker contributed a useful singles victory. Only the girls' doubles combination disappointed. Junior I beat Warwicks II by 6-4 with David Williams unbeaten and the girls Denise Boughey and Carol Wickstead comfortable and convincing winners in singles and doubles.

Junior II — Colin Wilson, Peter Hyde, Dean Pountney, Dawn Wickstead and Nicola Thorneycroft demolished Norfolk II by 9-1.

There may be a shortage of cash, but there is certainly no shortage of talent.

### BACK TO FORM IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Following the disappointment of Grove's defeat in the match against Ormesby the team made the long journey to Stockton, returning with a successful 7-1 victory.

Malcolm Green gave Grove a good start by beating Malcolm Corking, Tony Boasman continued the progress by accounting for Steven Souter while Mark Hankey, despite losing the opening game to Ian Plummer, came back strongly to take the third with ease. Terry Murphy had no answer to Phil Bowen's attacking strokes and the Grove took a commanding half way lead. Despite Tony's defeat by Corking, Phil playing better as the match progressed, demolished Souter and impressive attacking strokes by Malcolm saw the score reach 6-1 as

Plummer was dismissed in straight games. Mark concluded proceedings by beating Murphy despite an opening game lapse to ensure a deserved victory and underlining Grove's battle for honours in their first season.

### IMPRESSIVE OPENER

Grove made an impressive start in their Midland League campaign by beating a strong Derby side 6-4 in their opening match. Stan Deaking was the most successful player on view, being unbeaten whilst brother Joe added two wins. The pair then combined to win the doubles and clinch victory for the Market Drayton side.

### JUNIOR RANKINGS AT TELFORD

The Telford Junior Trials were held at Bennetts Bank and the following ranking list has been issued:

1 Richard Fettes, 2 Jamie Rea, 3 Robert Holding, 4 Nigel Chaplin, 5 Nigel Holding, 6 Ashley Grainger, 7 Alexander Johnson, 8 Christopher Hall.

### ENGLAND TRIO GET AWARDS

At the Shropshire Schools' Sports and Athletic Association's awards evening Table Tennis was well represented. Ivan Smith of the Mary Webb School, Pontesbury was awarded a trophy for representing England against West Germany in May this year, while David Williams and Alison Barker of the Grove School, Market Drayton also received awards for representing England. A special award was made to the Grove School quartet of David Williams, Sean Groom, Adrian Bloore and Graeme Walwyn, who set an all time national record in winning three consecutive titles in the English Schools Association's National Team Championships.

### OPEN SUCCESSES

Market Drayton sisters Carol and Dawn Wickstead enjoyed a tremendously successful week end at the North Yorkshire Junior Open at Boroughbridge. Dawn won the U-12 girls' singles title and Carol the U-17 doubles with Yorkshire's Rachel Brook.

In a strong field, Grove pupil Dawn reached the final without dropping a game. In a tense final she beat Tanya Hardman of Essex in three after trailing 18-20 in the second game and saving three match points. This was a fine victory for Dawn in an event which featured all England's top U-12 girls. Then Carol underlined the vast progress she has made by partnering Rachel Brook to win their doubles competition beating three England-ranked pairings on the way. The tournament was a whole string of good performances by Grove Association players. Tracey Lightfoot reached her final with nail-biting wins over England international Jean Parker and Lancashire's Christine Peacock before losing a close final to Melanie Seaton.

Colette Soan and Alison Barker reached the semi-final of the girls' doubles before losing narrowly to Seaton and Ryalls. An unfortunate Alison Barker reached the final of the Cadet girls' singles only to lose to Joanne Shaw in three.

In the Colgate North of England, Grove newcomer Tracey Lightfoot deservedly won the girls' singles event.

In the Junior Open at Basingstoke Alison Barker lost in the U-14 Singles final but then combined successfully with Surrey's Debbie Simonds to win the U-14 doubles.

Colette Soan and Carol Wickstead won the Girls' doubles title at Woodfield, Wolverhampton and in the singles Carol Wickstead reached the final before losing a close set to Amanda Hegarty.

Meanwhile in the Senior Open Hankey reached the semi-final of the men's singles and the Boasman/Bowen combination reached the final of the men's doubles before losing to Kevin Beadsley and Steven Mills.

All in all a very good series of results and I am sure there is even better to come.

Alf Pepperd reports from . . .

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

### SMALL COUNTY

As a new boy to this kind of work my first ever County report in T.T. News (November issue) must by comparison to other contributions seem very small. We Gloucs table tennis enthusiasts are however encompassed in what is now a very small County indeed since the highly controversial boundary changes of several years ago we have lost Avon and that in effect is roughly a third of our initial size (player-wise). In point of fact so small is Gloucestershire that only Gloucester City (with 30 clubs and 87 teams), Cheltenham (20 clubs and 64 teams) and finally Stroud with 23 clubs and 60 teams exist in direct affiliated terms. We are, however, I would like to think, a progressive County. Which is most important, to have a small number of top flight players or to have plenty of people at all levels enjoying table tennis? A very hypothetical question and one really that is difficult to answer because in both aspects both are desirable but in some instances not attainable.

Glynn Lloyd the 32-year-old Newent (Glos) paraplegic table tennis, billiards, snooker, "You name it" player who plays table tennis in the 3rd Div. of The City League recently came back from Stoke Mandeville where he had been competing in The All England Championships. Two years ago at S.M. he won the Gold Medal in his own respected state of disability but this year he went out of the table tennis championships in the first round to the ultimate winner but won the Snooker Championship outright. For any man paralysed from the waist downwards to even attempt to play at this level just commands sheer admiration from all and sundry.

Official Rankings in the County:

#### Men

1 Darren Griffin, 2 Paul Jackson, 3 Graham Slack, 4 Richard Russell, 5 Andrew Golding, 6 Paul Gleed.

#### Women

1 Nina Tsakarissanos, 2 Cathy Robb, 3 Julie Towie, 4 Jean Golding, 5 Vanessa Cruwys, 6 Wendy Ruffle.

#### Boys

1 Jackson, 2 Griffin, 3 Stuart Beattie, 4 David Smith, 5 Arron Beckett, 6 J. Greenwood.

#### Girls

1 Tsakarissanos, 2 Jenny Ellery, 3 Clare Symonds, 4 Heather Colwill, 5 J. Evans, 6 C. Hughes.

In the Cotswold Ladies' League, Cheltenham's team of June Hall, Cathy Robb and Julie Bearcroft beat Malvern 10-0. Malvern were a wee bit out of their depth but as this is their very first venture into the League they could well be permitted a few excuses. Hard luck Mesdames Lena Foot, Carol Milnes and Jenny Ahern and better results in your next encounter.

In the County Championships the Juniors held Leicestershire to a draw.

### RESULTS

D. Griffin lost to S. Grew 15, -14, -20;  
S. Beattie lost to S. Wilford -11, -14;  
P. Jackson bt C. Jones 14, -19, 18;  
N. Tsakarissanos/J. Ellery bt J. Heath/  
S. Meredith 11, 18;  
Griffin/Jackson lost to S. Grew/C. Jones  
15, -18, -17;  
Griffin bt Wilford 13, 23;  
Jackson bt S. Grew 13, -10, 12;  
Ellery lost to Meredith -14, -14;  
Tsakarissanos bt Heath 6, 13;  
Beattie lost to Jones -18, -17.

Seniors v Cornwall. Gloucestershire's team of Andrew Golding, William Dawe (Junior), Graham Slack, Nina Tsakarissanos and Julie Towie were in the driving seat all the way and although the brave Cornishmen

put up a good fight they had no alternative but to succumb to a more experienced team a long drive home and only two sets to their credit.

Nina playing in both Senior/Junior matches came through with 100% honours in her singles and doubles. Gloucs 8 Cornwall 2.

### RESULTS

A. Golding bt B. Cornelious 15, 10;  
W. Dawe lost to I. James -15, -17;  
G. Slack bt J. Williams 16, -17, 17;  
N. Tsakarissanos/J. Towie bt S. James/  
S. Collins -13, 19, 16;  
Slack/Golding bt Cornelious/Williams  
19, 11;  
Golding bt James 15, 18;  
Slack bt Cornelious 16, 18;  
Towie lost to Collins -19, -18;  
Tsakarissanos bt James 13, 12;  
Dawe bt Williams 14, 10.

The Gloucestershire T.T.A. express their appreciation to the Central Electricity Generating Board for their kindness in providing playing facilities for these County matches.

Mary Rose and

Ray Barton report from . . .

## WARWICKSHIRE

### DOUGGIE SHINES IN BRUSSELS

Birmingham professional Douggie Johnson gave his hopes of a place in the European rankings a huge boost at the Belgian Open last month. The England player chalked up shock wins to reach the quarter-final stage of the men's singles before losing to the eventual winner, Zoran Kalinic of Yugoslavia.

Johnson's first scalp of note was that of Poland's No. 2 Leszek Kucharski in a thrilling set which went to five games with the Birmingham man getting home 24-22 in the fifth! He then reached last eight when disposing of the famous Hungarian, Gabor Gergely, a former European champion, 11, 16 and 4! But his hopes of reaching the semis ended when he fell to Kalinic -15, 18, -19, -18.

Warwickshire's other top player, Desmond Douglas, had his hopes of a first international open win shattered when he was beaten in the quarters by the up-and-coming Ulf Bengtsson of Sweden who won 23, -19, -11, 16 and 16.

The Warwickshire men's ranking list reads:

1 Douglas, 2 D. Johnson, 3 Hayward, 4 B. Johnson, 5 Bertie, 6 Munt, 7 Judd, 8 A. Pilgrim, 9 Glynn, 10 Wisdom, 11 Gunnion, 12 I. Smith, 13 Green, 14 P. Gunn, 15 Cockerill, 16 Rudge, 17 Morgan, 18 Hughes, 19 Tanner, 20 I. Gunn.

Steven Bertie of Birmingham, who plays for Colebride in the B'ham League, had his first major tournament success by winning the boys' singles event at the Woodfield 1-Star Open. Although entry for this event had been seriously affected by the English Junior Ranking tournament being played on the same weekend, it was still a fine performance by Steven which should give him confidence for the future.

In the final he beat S. Wilford from Leicester. Bertie was partnered in the boys' doubles by Wilford and were firm favourites for the title. But Bertie's brother, Stuart, paired with Andrew Young from the West Warwicks club in B'ham, had other ideas and the Bertie/Young combination sent the favourites tumbling out of the competition. Unfortunately, they lost in the semis but it was a very good effort from two of our youngsters.

### WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

This competition is once more to be run on the Round Robin system, probably over

three Sundays beginning at the West Warwick club, Olton, Solihull on Dec. 13. This season's competition includes two extra teams — Rugby and West B'gham — together with usual entrants of South B'gham, last season's winners, Leamington, Stratford, Nuneaton, B'gham Business Houses and East B'gham.

### B. MACKIE CUP

The Warwickshire Club Competition has once more attracted a large entry with first round matches to be played by Nov. 22 and 2nd round matches by Dec. 20.

### COACHING

The first coaching rally has now taken place at Washwood Heath Comprehensive School on Oct. 11. There was a good response from our juniors especially from the girls. A date has not yet been set for the second rally as it is getting very difficult to arrange venues large enough and financially viable. John Taylor, the Coaching Chairman, is working hard trying to arrange future sessions.

### MIDLAND LEAGUE

Birmingham battled to a 5-5 draw with Derby in the Midland League. Lester Bertie and Carl Morgan each won two sets and together took the doubles.

John Prean reports from . . .

## THE ISLE OF WIGHT

### MORE CONTROVERSY

The footnote to my last article on the growing isolation at the grass-roots from the E.T.T.A. leadership has met with a response that both encouraged and saddened me. As I travel the country more and more people have come to me and said "Yes, that is how it is. Please keep writing".

We pay more and more (280% more in two years I read). What do we get? In what way are we advancing our Sport? What progress has it made during those two years?

I am a small official of a small County, League and Club, no more. I can only pose the question, others will have to find the answer.

One article that answered nothing was that of Mr. Ron Crayden in the November issue of "Table Tennis News". In the October issue appeared an excellent article on the European Youth Championships in Topolcany. It was both moderate and extremely constructive. The reply was not. Instead of answering detailed points Mr. Crayden saw fit to launch a personal attack on our County Secretary and National Councillor who is also my wife, and so demonstrated once again how our "leadership" had lost touch with the rank and file. I had hoped to hear the thinking behind the organisational masterpiece of having Juniors arrive in the middle of the night in preparation for their biggest tournament.

Instead we were treated to some patronising commentaries ("the good lady"), irrelevant adjectives ("destructive" etc.) and other unhelpful phrases ("hasty judgements" . . . "obvious chip on her shoulder against officialdom" etc.). Hard though it is to find out exactly what we are getting for our money, one service we do not require is to have energetic and efficient Local Officials insulted by the "leadership" who function as a result of our votes and what we contribute in terms of time and money at the grass-roots.

My wife will no doubt reply to Mr. Crayden in due course if she so wishes, in the meantime our "leaders" may ponder that it is good for their soul as well as for the Sport if they are occasionally questioned. That is how things work in a democracy and that is often how progress is achieved. Heaven knows, a Sport that has lost so much ground in such a short time

cannot be perfect and it is time for re-appraisal and soul searching and new ideals beyond the present one of cutting costs to balance the books.

Our County team has played its first two matches. The one against Berkshire II ended in a 5-5 draw, a rousing match watched by quite a good crowd, the latter contributing as much to the afternoon as the players, who also produced some stirring stuff. Pride of place to Janice Badcock who made her County debut and won her set. Two from Carl, one from Jim Daly and the Men's Doubles gave us our five.

The eagerly awaited match against Hampshire ended in a 7-3 defeat for us. Brian Lamerton in his usual excellent broadcast from Radio Solent was more than kind to our team when he indicated that at times we were near to a 5-all draw. We had our moments, but I think Hampshire were good value for their win. Carl won two and he and Jim won the Men's Doubles. As I study the careers of good players, one common thread emerges. All practice and play for many hours per week at one stage of their careers. We have only two such players and the road of the twice-a-week player at County level will always be a hard one. Nevertheless the tremendous progress of Isle of Wight Table Tennis should not be overlooked. It seems only yesterday when we were struggling in the Hampshire Inter-Town League.

Contrary to what is happening in many other Leagues we did again manage to increase our membership from 79 teams to 81, a remarkable tribute to our Management Committee which has contributed much towards an ever increasing membership despite so much competition from other sports which often seem more professional and glamorous and for top players more profitable.

Our 1st Division is settling down to an interesting contest. Wroxall 'A' were top of the League, at any rate when these notes were written. Many people had them listed as relegation candidates when the season started. The history of the Wroxall Club is a fascinating one, master-minded by Bill Kittle whose efforts have done so much to make this village Club the biggest on the Island. It is a heart-warming story, much of it due to one man, a splendid organiser, fund-raiser and Coach.

Interest was heightened, however, when last season's Champions Columbia were defeated 6-4 by Sandown 'A' despite the usual three by Carl and Ryde now look set to recapture their title. With a supreme sets average they will be hard to catch. Columbia need to beat them twice to hold the title and they are unlikely to do that. It should be mentioned that Ryde have a match in hand and victory would put them in the top spot.

Carl has signed for Generation II Gosport in the 2nd Division of the National League. The signing was extremely well publicised in the local press and local radio, Radio Victory, where Tim Manhire has an excellent weekly spot. The Gosport Club were rewarded by a record crowd and Carl won his two sets on his debut against Gunnersbury Triangle. His association with the Soham Club last year was a very happy one, but the travel involved was too long for a boy of his age bearing in mind that he has to be at school on Monday mornings. The Gosport Club is an extremely progressive one and I am impressed by their "dynamic duo" Tim Manhire and Charlie Childs. They seem to me to do everything in the right, professional way in keeping their Club "on the road" to higher things. They are a credit to Hampshire and to the Game as a whole.

Jim and Carl made the trip to the 4 T's tournament in Southampton where they reached the Quarter-final of the Doubles and looked the good pair they have since proved in County matches.

I note that there was some criticism of the 4 T's tournament which Carl won at both Junior and Senior level against a field that included six National Premier League players and two England Internationals. I hope my generally rosy view will not be attributed entirely to what was a very happy day for us.

The Organisers were criticised for "over-running". This, however, was due to their heart being in the right place, i.e. they did not wish to scratch players who were late, but had travelled a long way. Despite this they brought the tournament to a reasonably early conclusion, not always the case in more highly-rated tournaments, and once things got under way and everybody had arrived, Officials worked extremely hard to keep things moving. The main problem was the lack of Umpires, losing players overlooking that responsibility amidst the disappointment of having lost the previous match. It was the search for Umpires that caused the main delays for which the Organisers were hardly to blame. They have been running a very successful tournament for many years about which I have heard many good reports during the years in which we did not compete and generally the tournament compares very favourably with others I have attended, including 2 Stars.

This was Carl's first Senior Tournament win on the mainland. He won the first Junior Ranking Tournament of the season which again incorporated the controversial "no coaching" regulation during the statutory one minute interval. The purpose of this has always eluded me and I was sorry to see it yet again, contrary to what happens everywhere else from Local League to World Championships. It was nevertheless an exciting affair to the very end as the 40 invited Juniors were split into four groups of ten from which emerged the four winners in a Final Pool. In this Carl lost to Lindsay Taylor (Cleveland), but defeated Adrian Moore (Sussex) and his European team mate and friend Billy Gleave. Having won the first game, he led 20-18 in the second and lost, was 20-17 down in the 3rd and won. It could, to put it mildly, have gone either way with Adrian and Carl notching two victories each. Carl won by virtue of having defeated Adrian.

Despite Carl's victory, I thought Adrian the best player on view. What a tribute to his late father, Jim whom I liked so much. He was a great chap with whom I spent many happy hours talking about the game as we followed our sons on the tournament circuit. We shall all miss him terribly.

Ray Simpson reports from . . .

## DURHAM

### REALITIES OF ECONOMICS

The realities of table tennis economics have forced the County's Tournament Committee to hold the 1982 County Open on a single day, instead of over two days as in 1981. The reasons for the change are perhaps not unfamiliar with other tournament organisers who have been in the same position — administration and hall hiring costs, funding of prize money, low entries and the lack of sponsorship. It was decided, therefore to hold the County Open on Sunday, March 7 at Easington District Leisure Centre, Peterlee, containing the following events; MS, MD, WS, WD, BS, BD and Mixed Class 2 Singles. Entry forms are now available from Mr. Don Charlton, "Eldon", 17 North Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear. (Phone: Hetton-le-Hole 262380).

The date of the 1982 County Closed has also been decided upon, and this will be held at Lowhills Road Sports Centre, Peterlee on Sunday, January 31. Entry forms are now available.

South West Durham continue to find the

National League going hard, having lost their last two matches 8-0 against St. Neots and March. Coupled with this, Australian signing Greg Horne has decided to return home, mainly due to the disillusionment of living and working in London, and the inability to find a job in the North-East. However a plus for SWD has been the form of David Blackburne, who has played well and been unlucky not to win at least one set in the last two matches.

On the schools scene, the Durham secretary, Glyn Thatcher has decided to call it a day and has announced his intention not to stand for re-election at the next County Schools AGM. Glyn has lately found his secretarial duties difficult to combine with his increased interest in his tutorial subject. Hopefully, Glyn will still find time to coach the youngsters at Bishop Barrington School, Bishop Auckland — something which he has already been doing for many years.

Our congratulations go to the county's junior 'hot property' Darren McVitie, who was once again invited to the ranking tournament, at Brent in October. Darren is certainly one to watch for the future, and will probably cause plenty of surprises on both the local and national scene.

Our best wishes go to County life member Norman Henry who at the time of writing is recovering in Bishop Auckland General Hospital after a serious operation. Norman, up to his hospitalisation, was still active in the Bishop Auckland League, both as Chairman and Treasurer. We hope that he makes a good recovery.

Regional Development Officer Maureen Goosey attended the October meeting of the County Executive and she provided an outline of her aims and achievements to date. A project has already started in Washington with her advice, to convert a disused chapel into a suitable table tennis venue.

All match secretaries in the County Leagues are asked to note that I have now become County Registrar following the resignation of Mr. Paul Smith. All scorecards, relevant correspondence should be sent to me at 65 Albert Street, Shildon (Phone: Shildon 4456).

Jack Chalkley reports from . . .

## STAFFORDSHIRE

### SAME OLD WEAKNESS

First of all, make a note of March 14th for the County Closed Tournament, which again will be held at the Northwood Sports Centre in Stoke. Entry forms will be available from league secretaries and County representatives.

Staffs continued their County Championships programme with a good win away to Cambridgeshire, a strong team which had already gained a win over Yorks II. Mark Evans (Potteries) came in for his first appearance for the 'A' side and performed creditably with a victory over Geoff Davies, but once again it was the three wins by our women which clinched the match. Andrew Bellingham took both his singles, but we still show the same old weakness in not being able to put it together in the men's doubles.

#### RESULTS

Bellingham bt Richardson 18, 20;  
bt Harper -19, 11, 19.  
Rich lost to Richardson -12, -15;  
lost to Davies -8, 18, -17.  
Evans lost to Harper 9, -17, -13;  
bt Davies 19, -15, 12.  
Jill Harris bt A. Judd 18, 15.  
Janet Dunning bt Palmer 16, 10.  
Harris/Dunning bt Judd/Palmer 13, 21.  
Bellingham/Rich lost to Richardson/Harper 11, -6, -9.

In the other County matches, the senior 'B' side travelled to Lincoln and came back

with both points although rather displeased by the fact that they had to lodge a complaint about the playing conditions, particularly the lighting, which I am told was not even up to club standard — and yet there was a National official present apparently accepting the situation. It is essential that all counties ensure that proper conditions are provided, in order to re-assert the status of the championships. The senior 'C' side, an additional team this year, entertained Wiltshire 'B' and drew 5-all. John Hancock (Potteries) was unbeaten in both his singles and in the men's doubles, Eddie Wilkes and David Hanney each won a singles, but the women, Joanne Chubb and Pat Brookes, were unable to add what would have been the winning set. The Junior 'B' team experienced the first defeat for a County side this season losing 3-7 away to Northants.

Entries for the County League this year remain high with 32 teams split into five divisions. Wolverhampton have entered 5 teams, Stafford 5, Potteries and Lichfield 4 each, Leek, Stone and Walsall 3 each, Cannock 2 and Bridgnorth, West Bromwich and Tamworth 1 each. Match dates are Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 20 and Apr. 3.

Despite the cramped conditions, the Woodfield Tournament was again highly successful, although junior entries suffered because of the clash with the Junior Ranking Tournament. On the female side, Staffs players did well, Amanda Hegarty beating Carol Wickstead (Grove) 22, -15, 15 for the girl's title; Jill Harris beat Suzanne Hunt 21, 16 for the women's title — after just pipping Janet Dunning on "deuce" in the third in the semi-final — and Jill and Suzanne then won the doubles event with a 14, 14 defeat of Janet Dunning and Shirley Cain in the final. Amanda Hegarty and Stephanie Hadley lost to Wickstead and Colette Soan 16, 15 in the girls' doubles final. Unfortunately, Staffs males were unable to match this. Only Matthew Harvey, partnered by Colin Hardman (Manchester), in the boys' doubles, was able to pick up a winners trophy when they beat Antony Devitt and Jamie Rea 11, 19. In the men's singles, Andrew Bellingham reached the semi-final where he lost to Kevin Beadsley, who then lost the final to his fellow Yorkshireman, Steve Mills -13, 11, -17. The Yorkshire pair took the men's doubles -19, 12, 12 against Tony Boasman and Phil Bowen. Paul Chester had a moment of glory when he beat Boasman in the singles, and partnered by Ray Williams they nearly repeated the dose against the losing finalists.

Whilst at the Woodfield, we heard the splendid news that Wolverhampton cadet, Jill Powis, had come out on top at the National Ranking Tournament. Congratulations to Jill and also to her coach, Colin Pearce, who naturally was cock-a-hoop over her success.

Congratulations also go to Jim Hayward who has this year been promoted to the 3-star coaching level, the highest coaching award. Jim has been involved with table tennis for 43 years. In his playing days he was Wolverhampton champion in the early 'forties and played representative table tennis for the town and for South Staffs. When the Staffordshire TTA was formed he became the first County Coach, a position he held until last year when he was elected a Life Member. Jim has been a qualified coach since 1954 and was awarded his second star in 1973. He devoted most of his time to coaching in the County, but more recently he has concentrated his efforts on Highfields, helping to produce a continuous flow of top juniors from the Wolverhampton area. He is President of the Woodfield Club Table Tennis Section, and a Life Member of the Wolverhampton Association. Needless to say, his wife Joyce is another hard-working table tennis enthusiast. She won the first Staffs ladies title, winning the title three times in all in the 'fifties.

Joyce gave up competitive playing 20 years ago, but remains an active administrator, particularly at the Woodfield Sports and Social Club where she is chairman. Jim was the County non-playing captain for over ten years from the start, handing over to Alan Deeley in the early 'sixties. His administrative duties now extend to Region 4 where he is chairman of the region's National Coaching and Schools Committee.

Altogether, a tremendous record of service to the sport, and certainly deserving of his latest award.

Whilst on the subject of coaching, but in a completely different light, I hear that the enthusiasm of some coaches within the County is becoming misplaced and leading them into foolish indiscretions. Despite the rule of no coaching during ranking trials, they have set a bad example to their junior proteges by ignoring the rule, and they must realise that this can only lead ultimately to penalising the junior concerned. I have also heard that at some club matches coaching goes on even between points, much to the annoyance of the opposition. I can only recommend that league committees take a hard line when such misconduct is brought to their attention.

Roy Williams reports from . . .

## NORTH WALES

### BEATEN AT MILLOM

Clwyd's return to County table tennis in the Veterans Div. 3A resulted in a good opening match which lasted four hours against Cumbria at Millom. The Cumbrians gained their revenge with a 7-2 triumph having been beaten in North Wales on their previous encounter.

Jim Bishton and Roy Williams each won a men's singles for Clwyd. A feather in the Cumbria county's hat for conditions were first class including surrounds, an umpires table with scoring machine and two dedicated umpires in John and Colin Taylor who umpired all 9 sets and would continue for their next match with Durham in the evening.

The N.W.T.T.A. in a bid to unite our players and leagues hold the North Wales Closed Championships at the Colwyn Leisure Centre, Colwyn Bay on Sunday, Feb. 14/'82. Entry forms will be available from league secretaries shortly.

The North Wales Club Championship for the G. S. Radcliffe Cup 1st round draw is: St. Mary's 'A' Holyhead v Sealink Holyhead, Gwersallt WMC v QPOB 'A' and Caergwile BB v Malfas. The remaining teams have byes. First round results are required by me by Dec. 31. In December the first matches will commence in the North Wales Counties Inter-League competition. John Hook is the secretary.

In the Angelsey League Wylfa PS have now opened up a 5 pts. gap on second-placed Llangefni Sealink Holyhead are in third place followed by St. Mary's 'A'. In Div. 2 Llangefni 'B' just top Wylfa PS 'B' with Bangor GPO and Gwynedd Tech. in close contention.

Llandudno's first division has Colwyn Bay Cricket Club and Lansdowne both unbeaten. The cricket club's Roy Williams lost his unbeaten record to Junction's Ken Highfield. Cricket Club 'B' top Div. 2 and Dave Galley lost his record to Jeff Nicholls who was in fine form. Hotpoint 'A' and Fire Station 'A' occupy the next two places.

Llandudno Junction YC 'A' dropped their first point of the season but Paul Hulme remains the only third division player with a 100% record. Sharing the top spot are Llandrillo Tech. 'B' followed by Friendship Club despite the first defeat of Mike Williams.

Llandrillo's 'C' team have a 100% record in Div. 4 with Tele Comms 'B' and Fire Stn.

'B' equal second both being unbeaten. Woodlands School, newcomers to the league, are setting the pace in Div. 5 with Hotpoint 'D' and Doetra 'C' in pursuit. The committee accepted a late application to join the league from the Colwyn Bay Endeavour Club for the disabled. They will play all their matches at home and arrange to see off their backlog of matches.

Visitors for the first match were Llandudno YC (Kath and Karen Ashton with Gina Wynne) who won 10-0 against Endeavour's Brenda Perry, Judy Shacklady and Yvonne Davies who were all in wheelchairs yet gave creditable performances.

Clwyd 'A' and Schooner 'A' still dominate Div. 1 in Rhyll even though John Hook, injured in a rugby match, was not playing. With a reserve of the calibre of Steve Strange it made little difference to the result. Div. 2 is also a 2-horse race with Clwyd 'C' ahead of Rhyll Labour 'A'. The Clwyd Club have a problem in that their venue, Coventry Co-op Holiday Camp, is due to be re-built.

Wrexham League Secretary Christine Watkins (Railway Club) had the beating of Caergwrlle's BB Simon Roberts and Justin Evans in a recent match in a night of glory. She also won the doubles with Mike Jones. Gwersallt WMC are the only unbeaten club in Div. 1 and lead the table from Malpas, Caergwrlle and Llay.

Wales who in their European League match beat Ireland 4-3 in Dublin are faced with a tough test against Spain at Colwyn Bay Leisure Centre, on Saturday, Dec. 12/81. It is hoped Wales will have good support in their quest for another point and so stave off the threat of relegation to Div. 3.

Local fans hope to see spearhead Alan Griffiths in action with Rhyll's Mark Thomas and Caergwrlle's Julie Ralphs, making a welcome return after leg operations, being considered for selection. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Ian E. McKelvey reports on the ...

## MIDLAND LEAGUE WELL UNDER WAY

Most divisions are now well under way, although eleven teams have yet to start their programme. Men's Division 1 is presently headed by Chesterfield 'A', who look increasingly likely winners of this section for the first time. They visited Birmingham and won 6-4 with Alan Cooke taking an excellent three with some comfort. Gloucester and Nottingham have yet to start, but of the rest only Chesterfield have yet to drop a point. Derby have dropped just one, to Birmingham, and have beaten an extraordinarily weak Bristol side 10-0. The extreme variability in strength of Bristol teams over the last few years does seem a pity, as it can distort considerably a division in which each team plays only seven matches.

Only the two Potteries teams are unbeaten after two matches in Men's Div. 2, and it is far from inconceivable that this division will result in a Potteries one-two. Most likely team to prevent this would be Birmingham 'B', but Potteries 'A' have already beaten them. Steve Rowe won three then, with support from Craig Bakewell's two. Bakewell took three off Coventry 'A', with Rowe and Greg Hallam two each, in Potteries other 8-2 win. The 'B' team beat Cheltenham 8-2 (Eddie Wilkes 3, Mark Evans 2, John Hancock 2) and Leicester 'B' 6-4, Evans shining this time with three. Cheltenham 'A' and Nottingham 'B' are in trouble after losing their first two matches. Nottingham were promoted with Stroud after these two finished level on points and sets in Div. 3 last season, but Stroud won this season's encounter 6-4, mainly due to

three from Alan Giles. The first seven sets went to three in Birmingham 'B's 6-4 away win over Stroud. Ian Smith's maximum just giving the visitors the edge.

Even that was not as close as the Veterans Div. 2 match between Nottingham 'B' and Leicester 'B' in which nine sets went the distance. Phil Overend broke the sequence in the ninth, recording his third win of the evening in straight games to give Leicester a winning lead. Oxford 'B' and Leamington are setting the pace in this division, with four points each. Oxford also had a 6-4 win over Nottingham, coming back from 1-3 down with a Tony Wilkes treble, and their other win was a comparatively easy 9-1 over Coventry 'B'. Leamington recorded the same score against Coventry 'B', and added a 7-3 win over Nuneaton. John Earles being unbeaten in both these matches, and John Finlay winning five.

Junior Div. 1 looks one of the most interesting this season. Gloucester, Wolverhampton and Birmingham 'A' have each won twice and should be the principal contenders. Gloucester have Paul Jackson and Darren Griffin, as last season, but David Smith seems able to give better support at number three than last season's occupant of that position. They have had 7-3 wins over Birmingham 'B' and Coventry 'A', Jackson being unbeaten. Wolverhampton have gained young Murray Jukes from West Bromwich, and he has taken six in 8-2 wins over Oxford and Shrewsbury. Adrian Dixon and Anthony Devitt have given fine support with two each in both matches. This is a very young side and, if they do not win the division this season should surely do so in the future. Birmingham 'A' have two 9-1 wins, over Oxford and Shrewsbury. David Rudge and Rob Lewis are unbeaten in this team. Nottingham had probably the best win of this period, an outstanding 10-0 result over Chesterfield 'A'. On this form Richard Tilford, Lee Neil and Dave Billings would be a threat to any of the teams.

The new Junior Div. 5 is not very far progressed, but Leamington will clearly do well. They beat Pontesbury 'B' 9-1, including in their team David Earl, a former Coventry player in Div. 1. He won three, as did Colin Aston. Walsall 'B' beat their 'C' team 9-1, and Stratford beat Worcester 'B' 7-3 in the only other match played so far. Steven Swallow taking three for the winners.

Market Drayton may do well in Men's Div. 4, including the former Potteries players, the brothers Stan and Joe Deakin in their 6-4 win over Derby 'B'. These won all six between them, three to Stan, two to Joe and the doubles. Derby 'B' also lost 4-6 to Loughborough, for whom Mick Meredith shone with an excellent maximum including a good win over Steve McCarthy. Without Meredith, however, Loughborough lost 4-6 to Lichfield.

Champions Birmingham are again setting the pace in Veterans Div. 1, with wins over Cheltenham 10-0 and Gloucester 8-2. Terry Bache and Arthur Sutton are unbeaten. Main opposition should come from Nottingham 'A', who demolished Walsall 10-0, only the doubles needing three games. The corresponding match last season was a draw and indeed the two teams were joint runners-up, so this was a remarkable performance. Ron Bolton and Alf Saunders retain their 100% records. Leicester actually top the division at the moment, with two wins and a draw. Their latest win was over Oxford 'A', achieved despite Alf Davies taking three and sharing in a doubles win. Coventry 'A' have not done as well as expected. Roy Thomas took three in a 3-7 defeat by Walsall, but unusually none at all in a 2-8 defeat by West Bromwich, for whom Les Williams won three.

Another Nottingham team to have made a good start is their Junior 'B' team in Div. 2. They had a second win, over Coventry 'C' by 8-2. Albrighton also played their second

match against Coventry 'C', and they won 6-4 with two each from Martin Tuffit, Jamie Rea and Richard Fettes. The other unbeaten team is Leicester, who started with a 6-4 win over Coventry 'B'. Simon Griew won three, and should prove very difficult to beat at this level.

Derby and Nottingham each have two wins in the Women's division. Both have beaten new entrants Leamington, although Lynn Brison has salvaged five sets for Leamington. Her teammates are very young, and this Leamington side could show improvement as the season goes on. Birmingham 'A' have beaten their 'B' team in their only match so far, and Wolverhampton are a fourth unbeaten team. They beat Market Drayton 'B' 9-1, and with Janet Dunning and Vicki Bellingham have a strong side.

Oxford and Shrewsbury fought out a closely contested draw in Men's Div. 3. Sets were won in exact alternation, with Oxford repeatedly going one up and being pegged back. Les Baker won three for Shrewsbury. These two teams should be in contention at the end, both having won a further match. Shrewsbury 9-1 over Chesterfield 'B' and Oxford 6-4 over Rugby. Wolverhampton 'B' could also do well, having started with a win 8-2 over Cheltenham 'B'.

It must be Market Drayton 'A' to take the title in Junior Div. 3. They beat Birmingham 'C' 8-2, and Sean Groom, David Williams and Colin Wilson would seem very strong for this division. Birmingham themselves have two wins, a 10-0 over Walsall 'A' and a 6-4 over Pontesbury 'A', despite Roger Morris taking three and the doubles for Pontesbury. Even without Morris, Pontesbury beat Chesterfield 'B' 7-3 and Nuneaton beat Hinckley 10-0 in the only other match so far, but the Hinckley team cannot be described as strong.

Not much indication, however, as to how Div. 4 will develop. Stroud have drawn with Worcester 'A' and beaten Rugby 9-1, and Bromsgrove have had heavy defeats by Loughborough and Market Drayton 'B'. Mansfield have yet to start.

Les D'Arcy reports from ...

## YORKSHIRE SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUES

### Huddersfield

At inter-league level all the Huddersfield sides are undefeated. Probably the best performance was the men's first team's 8-2 win over Bradford 'C' in the Premier Division. After winning the Yorkshire Veterans' 2nd Division Championship last season, Huddersfield have entered a second team into the veterans' section: Ex-international Raymond Hinchliff, G. Smith and B. Squires look capable of winning promotion to Division 1 in their first season.

Brook Motors 'A' and 'B' teams lead the local Division 1 with Huddersfield Polytech. (C. Lo, H. Dacton, S. White and T. Milnes) way out in front of Div. 2, after progressing from the lower divisions. R. Thwaites, R. Jessop and R. Gleadall have joined forces and as Broad Oak have become a formidable force in Div. 3. They share top place with Battyford 'A' on points. B. Kitchenman, M. Rowlands and P. Sangster are Battyford's very strong and youthful trio.

### Bradford

Hermits T.T.C., one of Bradford's leading clubs, could soon become an example to other clubs throughout the county for sheer enterprise and effort, if Club Chairman Dick Coulson and his Committee keep up their present progress. Ron Hart, a great worker for table tennis in the area, founded the club in 1946. A £5000 purpose built building was erected on land owned by the Chairman in 1973. This month, with £2600 interest free loans from some of the eighty members, a Sports Council Grant of £4600 and a £1000 loan from the Bradford League also

interest free (in return for which inter-league matches will be staged at the club free of charge), the new £10,500 extensions should be completed and five tables accommodated.

On the National League front the Club is delighted to be sponsored by the Wharfedale Speakers and have signed former Yorkshire No. 1, Kevin Beadsley to spearhead their attack in Division 3 North. Kevin, who is training to become a fireman proved too hot for Unity 'B's top pair in the recent N.L. clash. He defeated Tony Sanderson 9 and 12, then, after disposing of Steve Sharpe 12 and 10 to help his team to a 6-2 victory, he was rushed away by Dick Coulson to continue playing in the West Yorkshire Open at Odsal, eight miles away, and arrived just as his name was being called and finished the day winning the men's doubles with Nigel Eckersley, defeating Alan Fletcher and Richard Priestley 13 and 9 in the final.

Dick Coulson was full of praise for Kevin's heroic exploits — which included playing for the club, in spite of blistered knees from his firefighting training. The future is beginning to look brighter for Kevin who is happy with this enthusiastic band of players and officials.

#### County Matches

Lancashire 2nds were too strong for Yorkshire 2nds at the Bradford T.F.D. Centre and were convincing winners 9 sets to 1. Yorkshire's win came in the women's doubles which was won by Karen Burrows and Linda Smith over Jean Parker and Chris Peacock.

The Junior 2nds were in brilliant form against Bucks at Milton Keynes and won 9-1 with only one set going to three. Richard Whiteley, Martin Firth and Jeff Thatcher each won two singles in straight games. Rachel Brook and Lesley Broomhead were unbeaten in the girls' events.

The boys' doubles went to Bradbury and Silcott, who overcame Whiteley and Thatcher 12 in the third.

#### Sponsorship

Two of Yorkshire's promising young players: Joanne Shaw (14) the county's No. 1 cadet and England No. 9 has received a sponsorship from Butterfly and Karen Burrows, the county's 17-year-old No. 3, was given a two years sponsorship contract by former England International, Alan Hydes, on behalf of Dunlop Sports. Joanne from Normanton and Karen from Castleford both represent Wakefield Women at Yorkshire inter-league.

I had the pleasure recently of taking part in a training session with Steve Mills and David Illingsworth under the direction of Alan Hydes. Steve, who was testing out some bats and rubbers for the Dunlop Company, was as sharp as ever, after finishing a season of coaching and table tennis exhibitions at several holiday camps. Now with Sealink Ormesby, and Donald Parker in the squad to look at his game. Steve should soon be moving up from his National No. 10, with a spin-off benefit to his Yorkshire Premier team colleagues. (Leagues wishing to feature in the "Spotlight on Leagues" please contact me - 0924 366420).

#### CLUBS K.O.

##### Yorkshire Clubs Knockout Competition

1st Round Results (Men)  
Barnsley Wanderers 7 Fulford Road WMC 3  
York Railway Inst. 6 W.L.D. Textiles 3  
Yorkshire Region H.A. 4 Selby Sturges 5  
Hermits Bradford 3 H'sfield Brook Motors 6  
Barnsley North End 0 Y.M.C.A. Leeds 9  
Unity 'B' Bradford 4 Hermits 'B' Bradford 5

The winners join the following teams in the second round: Hermits 'C', Yeadon C.C., Victoria Leeds, Middleton Park Leeds, Harrogate Wanderers, St. George's C.S., Muston Filey, Huddersfield Brook Motors 'B', Barnsley North End 'B', and Unity Bradford.

Shock result in the 1st round was Brook Motors' 6-3 decision over National League

side, Hermits. Tim Dyson was outstanding for the winners with three wins, Stuart Sykes (2) and Steve Brailsford (1). Hermits county trio: Tony Bottomley (2), Mike Stead (1) and Mike Stephenson (0) will want to forget this match.

In spite of a hat-trick of wins by Geof Brook (Unity 'B') and a victory by D. A. Hirst over county No. 1 junior, David Rook, Hermits 'B' held on to win 5-4. Richard Priestley (2), S. Kosmowsky (2), D. Rook (1).

Another commendable performance was Sturges 5-4 result over Yorkshire Region Health Authority, M. Wilcockson (2), N. Thorn (2) and M. Emmerson (who recently added the Hartlepool Junior Boys' Singles to his growing list) (1) being just a little too consistent for Y.R.H.A., N. Pennock (2), R. Whiteley (1) and D. Weatherhead (1).

#### YORKSHIRE LEAGUE RESULTS

##### Premier

Bradford 6 Doncaster 4  
Sheffield 5 Bradford 'B' 5  
York 8 Barnsley 2  
Bradford 'C' 2 Huddersfield 8

##### Division 1

York 'C' 1 Wakefield 9  
Harrogate 7 Sheffield 'B' 3  
Leeds 3 Dewsbury 7  
York 'B' 8 Barnsley 'B' 2

##### Division 2

Halifax 'B' 4 Harrogate 'B' 6  
Rotherham 0 Hull 10  
Hull 'B' 5 Leeds 'B' 5  
Wakefield 'B' 5 Halifax 5

##### Division 3

Doncaster 'B' 4 Selby 6  
Barnsley 'D' 3 Castleford/Pontefract 7  
Sheffield 'C' 2 Leeds 'C' 8  
Huddersfield 'B' 6 Barnsley 'C' 4

##### Division 4

Harrogate 'E' 3 Wharfedale Airedale 7  
Dewsbury 'E' 1 Harrogate 'C' 9  
Selby 'B' 6 Harrogate 'D' 4  
Wakefield 'C' 5 York 'D' 5

##### Division 5

Ryedale 4 Northallerton 6  
Selby 'C' 5 North Yorks 5  
Wharfedale Airedale 'B' 7 Doncaster 'C' 3

##### Women's Division

Leeds 2 Bradford 8  
Barnsley 3 Wakefield 7  
Bradford 10 Harrogate 0  
Hull 7 Sheffield 3  
Hull 'B' 1 Hull 9  
York 7 Hull 'B' 3  
Harrogate 5 Harrogate 'B' 5

##### Veterans Division 1

Barnsley 7 Bradford 3  
York 5 Castleford/Pontefract 5

##### Veterans Division 2

Doncaster 0 Halifax 'B' 10  
Halifax 'B' 2 Wakefield 8  
Wakefield 6 Barnsley 'B' 4  
Harrogate 7 Leeds 'B' 3

Pauline Long reports from . . .

#### NORTHUMBERLAND

##### DISAPPOINTMENT FOR CLARE

The junior County team made up for their 4-6 defeat against Cheshire by beating Cumbria 6-4 at Byker Community Centre on November 7.

The first three sets all went to three games, with Martin Tate narrowly losing to Tim Pachul, Alan Matthewson just beating Ian Sharp, and Neil McMaster eventually overcoming David Hillbeck. Both doubles were won in straight games, then Tate easily beat Sharp and Christine Burke had an equally convincing victory over Claire May to give Northumberland a 6-1 winning lead. Cumbria, however, fought back to take the last three sets, and it must have been very disappointing for England No. 4-ranked cadet Clare Mouzon to lose out to Debbie Soothill, who is ranked seven places below her.

More news from the County front concerns a slight amendment to the No. 1 position in the women's ranking list published in the November issue of "Table Tennis News". At the time my notes were sent for publication, I was not aware that Barbara Kearney had decided to join the ranks of the married women, and is now Mrs. Young! Belated best wishes go to Barbara and her new husband from all her friends in Northumberland for a long and happy married life.

Mayfair Wallcoverings are still struggling to find their feet in the Premier Division of the National League after losing out 3-5 to fellow strugglers Bristol and West Investments. Last season the Newcastle team had two convincing victories over Bristol, but since then the western outfit have found a sponsor and have strengthened their team by the addition of England-ranked Max Crimmins and Dave Constance. Keith Paxton played brilliantly to beat both Crimmins and Ian Kenyon in straight games, and Chu Van Que also scored a victory over Crimmins, but lost to Constance in three. Andrew Clark lost to Kenyon after being a game and 20-16 up, and the other three-ender involved Ian Robertson against Constance, but again the set went Bristol's way. This defeat still leaves the Newcastle team with only one point, and a win in their next match is essential.

However, Robertson and Paxton both performed well in the Hartlepool 1-Star tournament on Oct. 31/Nov. 1. They revived their National League pairing from last season to win the men's doubles, beating Scotland's Keith Rodger and Cleveland's Tony Martin in the final. Both players reached the semis of the men's singles, Robertson losing to Rodger and Paxton going out to Malcolm Corking, who surprisingly went on to win the event. No. 2 ranked junior Martin Tate reached the final of the boys' singles.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND CLOSED

##### CHU RETAINS TITLE -

##### FIRST SENIOR WIN FOR CLARE

Chu Van Que retained his men's singles title at the Northumberland Closed tournament on Nov. 14, which this year moved to another new venue at Scotswood Sports Centre in Newcastle. His final victim was Andrew Clark, who had a comfortable win over Nigel Jobling in his semi-final to reach this stage. Chu did not have matters all his own way, however, as Ian Robertson fully extended him to 18 in the third in the other semi before losing.

In the absence of Barbara Young, the women's singles produced the youngest-ever winner in No. 4 England-ranked Cadet Clare Mouzon. Clare produced a quite brilliant performance to score easy victories over first Shirley Laver — who in the previous round had scored a notable victory over Kit Cheung — in the semi-final, and then fellow junior County team member Christine Burke in the final. Christine had reached this stage by defeating top seed Caron Buglass in her semi, but after taking an early lead she was eventually overwhelmed at the last hurdle by the eventual champion, who incidentally was using a new combination bat which she had acquired only two days before! It is incredible to believe that although Clare has made the breakthrough at national cadet level, she has yet to win a singles in a junior County match. However, this particular breakthrough cannot now be long in coming, and it is also pleasing to hear that she is now being sponsored by Butterfly.

The men's doubles was won as expected by Chu and Clark, who beat the Durham pair Cliff Olsson and Tom Robson in the final. The women's doubles title, however, changed hands when the holders Caron Buglass and Christine Burke lost their title to Clare Mouzon and Pauline Long, who had in fact only played together once before!

Christine, however, gained some consolation in the mixed when she partnered Neil McMaster to an excellent win via some strong pairings over Julie Hobson and Neil Smith, the Cumbria County player now studying at Newcastle University.

At the other end of the age scale, Larry Cartmell had an impressive win in the veterans' singles over Terry Wilkinson in the final, with notable names such as Arnold Warents and Jim Jackson failing to reach this stage. The League handicap event this year was divided into two sections — Premier Div. 1 and Div. 2/3/4 — with the former event producing a very tight match between the eventual winner, Dave Allison, and the runner-up, Maurice Cheek. Pat Tindale, who won the men's singles title way back in the 1959-60 season, and who has made a welcome return to table tennis only this year, gained a most popular victory in the Div. 2/3/4 handicap when he wielded his Barna bat to good effect against Derek Williamson, the eventual runner-up.

#### RESULTS

##### Men's Singles:

CHU VAN QUE bt A. Clark 17, 14.

##### Women's Singles:

C. MOUZON bt C. Burke 16, 7.

##### Men's Doubles:

CHU/CLARK bt C. Olsson/T. Robson 17, 15.

##### Women's Doubles:

MOUZON/P. LONG bt Burke/C. Buglass 18, 20.

##### Mixed Doubles:

N. McMASTER/BURKE bt N. Smith/J. Hobson 13, -18, 19.

##### Veterans' Singles:

L. CARTMELL bt T. Wilkinson 17, 21.

##### League Handicap Premier/Div. 1:

D. ALLISON (+7) bt M. Cheek (+9) -19, 20, 19.

##### League Handicap Div 2/3/4:

P. TINDALE (+5) bt D. Williamson (+2) 12, -17, 12.

the junior first team who beat Norfolk 6-4 at Soham. There was little to choose between the teams and it was set for set to 4-4. Julian Wheel with two singles and Jamie Frost with one, plus the doubles from this pair, had brought the match to this stage. Then Ruth Hunter took the girls' singles and a very cool Tim Ashman clinched the match by beating Chris Moffett to notch his first singles in the first team.

The junior second team are the only one not to have scored a point so far and they were again well beaten 8-2 by Hampshire II. Peter Holliday continued to impress with another singles win while Paul Holmes, who played in the final match last season against champion Huntingdonshire, celebrated his recall with the other win.

Although the county so far are not having the success of the past under the new pyramid formation I must say it is nice to see a few new faces. Already we have entertained teams from Shropshire, Staffordshire, Sussex and Hampshire, rare opponents indeed under the old system.

With all four teams at home on Nov. 7 life proved a bit hectic for the few hard-working Cambridgeshire officials and a big thank you is extended to all who did their bit. It was made more difficult by the clash of the European Cup match between English champions Soham and Austrian champions Reiffeisen Kuchl which was held at the Kings' School, Ely. Soham did the county proud with a 5-2 win despite having Paul Day suffering from a troublesome neck injury.

Day, however picked up two wins along with Kenny Jackson, while Dave Wells won the other. Soham now have to travel to Gdansk, Poland for what looks like a difficult third round match. Day's run of 32 consecutive National League matches came to an end the next day against Unity (Bradford) when he had to withdraw because of his neck trouble. Soham still came out fairly comfortable 5-3 winners to keep their place at the top. Jackson kept up his unbeaten record in the league this season but the luckless Dougie Bennett, replacing the injured Day, was unable to open his league account.

The Cambridge League men's teams have not made a very auspicious start in the St. Neots Winter League.

The 'A' team beat Kettering 6-3 thanks to three wins from John Thurston, two from Gerald Coteman and one from Clive Woollard. In their second match however they crashed heavily 8-1 to Bedford. Obviously they missed Thurston, who did not play, and Woollard was their sole winner. The 'B' team lost both their opening matches going down 5-4 to Northampton 'A' and 6-3 to St. Neots 'A'. The Cambridge team had a somewhat Wesley flavour about them with all four players in the matches coming from that club. Against Northampton the Dane Lars Knudsen won two with Martin Livermore and Tim Wootton winning one each. In the St. Neots match Knudsen, Wootton and David Leader won one each.

In the Wilmott Cup Cambridge have a bye in the first round and will play the winners of Leighton Buzzard and Norwich in the second. In the Carter Cup Cambridge have drawn March at home.

#### Leslie Constable reports on the ...

### ST. NEOTS WINTER LEAGUE

In the Senior Division of the league, Bedford have asserted their superiority in the opening matches and hold a two point lead over Northampton 'A'. St. Neots, R.A.F. and Kettering are also in a good position. Although the league is in its early stages it looks as if Bedford and Northampton will take some catching but there is also the threat of teams such as North Herts and

Cambridge who can spring surprises in the later stages.

In the Junior Division North Herts 'A' have not yet dropped a point but are very closely followed by Hunts Central and Wellingborough who are only one point behind. Dunstable have yet to obtain a point in this division.

In the Veterans Division, North Herts again have not dropped a point after two matches and their nearest rivals Cambridge are 4 points behind followed by St. Neots 'A' a further two points behind. Peterborough teams have yet to play in this division at the time of going to press but I am sure that they will soon get into their stride as the season progresses.

#### Forthcoming Fixtures

##### SENIORS

Sunday, Jan. 3, 1982

1.30 p.m.

St. Neots v Northampton 'A'  
North Herts v Cambridge 'B'  
Cambridge 'A' v Northampton 'B'  
Peterborough v Kettering  
Bedford v R.A.F.

##### JUNIORS

Sunday, Dec. 20, 1981

9.30 a.m.

St. Neots v N. Herts 'B'  
Northampton v N. Herts 'A'  
Peterborough v Kettering  
Dunstable v Hunts Central  
Bedford v Wellingborough

1.30 p.m.

N. Herts 'A' v St. Neots  
Hunts Central v Northampton  
N. Herts 'B' v Kettering  
Bedford v Peterborough  
Wellingborough v Dunstable

5.30 p.m.

St. Neots v Northampton  
N. Herts 'A' v Kettering  
N. Herts 'B' v Bedford  
Peterborough v Dunstable  
Wellingborough v Hunts Central

##### VETERANS

Sunday, Jan. 3, 1982

5.30 p.m.

St. Neots 'A' v N. Herts  
Cambridge v Northampton  
Bedford v Peterborough 'B'  
Peterborough 'A' v St. Neots 'B'

Note: All matches are played at the St. Neots Table Tennis Club.

#### Mick Miles reports from ...

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### DOUBLES WIN OF NOTE

Jackie and Lisa Bellinger have made most of the Bedfordshire headlines since my last report. Their doubles victory in the Humber-side 3-Star over Jill Hammersley and Linda Jarvis caught the eye of our local press and they gave it some coverage.

Lisa was undefeated in the Southern Junior Ranking tournament. Jackie was seventh and Julie Dimmock had a good day finishing 12th.

Beds veteran woman, Audrey Robinson, organised a coaching day in Luton, at half term, with National Coach, Peter Hirst, which was well supported by local school-children and helpers from the league, who included one of our top juniors Colin Luscombe, who is always prepared to give up his time to help other players of any standard (Well done, Colin).

Both our county teams were victorious on the second Championships weekend. The seniors maintained their 100% record by beating Oxfordshire 7-3. This match was played at Dunstable and, I am told, was well organised and well publicised by County Coaching Secretary Keith Thompson which resulted in a large crowd of spectators. Let's hope this is a continuing trend.

The senior team, with a very youthful

#### Geoff Waters reports from ...

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

#### TOUGH ON THE WOMEN

The county women are finding life tough in the new divisions of the County Championships and in the latest series of matches there were no wins in the senior matches from this section of the teams.

The first team were hosts to Staffordshire, in the Premier Division last season, and were beaten 6-4. Keith Richardson, Mick Harper and Geoff Davies all picked up a singles and Richardson and Harper also won the men's doubles against the two Andrews, Bellingham and Rich, by the remarkable score line of -11, 9, 6. The set of the match was between Richardson and Bellingham with the Staffs man getting home by the narrow margin of 18 and 22.

Jill Harris and Janet Dunning proved too strong for Mandy Judd and Joanne Palmer and this gave Staffs the edge and the match. However, the women won't find the opposition so strong in all matches and there is no need for despondency.

The second team lost their first match since January 1979 when they were beaten 7-3 by Sussex II in Cambridge. A late withdrawal by Robert Swift, who has injured his knee and likely to be out of the game for a month, weakened the home county and probably cost them at least one point. Andy Withers was in a class of his own and won both his singles in straight games, while Tony Holmes picked up the other. Again the women were up against strong opposition with England-ranked junior Teresa Moore having the better of Jane Hunter. Alison Edge set off like a house on fire against Sheila King leading 13-1 in the first to eventually win 21-12. She was unable to keep it up losing -16 and -13.

The only win of the weekend came from

look once again got off to a magnificent start when junior, David Sharpe, beat Indian international, Sanjay Kathuria, 16 and 16. Richard Denbow levelled it for the visitors immediately by defeating Ian Doughty. But, from then on, it was Beds all the way. Gavin Booth beat Peter Jones who lost to Doughty, Jackie and Lisa Bellinger clinched the women's sets and Sharpe got his maximum.

The junior 2nd team collected their first points of the season when they defeated Herts II 6-4. This match was nip and tuck all the way with Herts taking the lead at 4-3. Andrew Conquest got us on our way with a straight games win over David Osborn but Michael Gaunt pulled it back against our No. 3 Lee Holmes.

Then our No. 2, Andrew James, had a surprisingly comfortable win over Herts No. 1 Mark Papworth. Both doubles sets went to Herts in three, with a remarkable deciding leg in the boys' where we led 17-11, and then failed to get another point! Holmes scraped home for us, "deuce" in the third, against penholder Osborn and tied the match again. But Tracy Malloy put Herts in front once more by beating Lisa Robins in three.

This left us needing the remaining three sets for victory and this was achieved by Conquest and James notching up their maximums and Julie Dimmock defeating Anita Jermyn in three. Our thanks to Herts officials Neil Hurford and John Jermyn for their excellent hospitality and to our umpires Brian Edwards and Marc Lyons who were pleased to have their umpiring services used.

Doug Moss reports from . . .

## WORCESTERSHIRE

### SAD NEWS

The Association received some sad news at the outset of the season with the tragic death of Mick Hawkins at age 47. Mick was a player of class who had a seemingly nonchalant attitude and brought some humour to the game. This often had a disarming effect on opponents. Mick played 88 times for County teams and won 18 County and 15 Worcester City titles. Mick's wife, Ann, also played for the County as did his sister-in-law Molly Hough. Molly does a great deal of work for juniors in the City and County and her daughter, Debbie, has advanced from County Junior to playing for the County II team this season.

The start of the season coincided with the opening of a £1 million Sports Centre in Worcester, in which table tennis intends to be represented. Leading players gave an exhibition on the formal opening day together with representatives of other sports.

The Association deliberated on the venue for the County Closed Championships. These had been held quite successfully last season in the delightful surroundings of the Winter Gardens, Malvern. The first factor to consider was a doubling of the charge for the Winter Gardens. Although the cost of the Worcester Perdiswell Sports Centre was even £50 higher than the Winter Gardens it was decided this was the best bet and in the interest of table tennis, opportunity should be taken to present table tennis in the best way at the new Sports Centre. This will take place on Sunday, Feb. 14, 1982 and 12 tables will be in use. Sponsorship is now being negotiated.

The County I team has comprised Simon Claxton, Jeremy Duffield and Trevor Washington with Mandy Mytton and Lynda Reid. Jeremy, still a junior, but the Worcestershire Senior Champion has taken over the No. 1 spot. The team lost to Leicestershire 3-7 with Jeremy and Trevor each winning a singles and Claxton teaming up with Duffield to win the men's doubles. The team was without Claxton against Warwickshire

and Derek Baddeley stepped in at short notice. The team lost 4-6 but there was an excellent performance from Washington who won both his singles.

The II team in their first match v Bedfordshire had Simon Gray at No. 1 with Steve Dunning and Mike Sykes. The girls were Alison Westwood and Debbie Hough. It was a close fought match being lost 4-6 with Sykes losing the last event -16, 24, -23. He won his other set at 22-20 in the third and the same result was obtained by Dunning and Gray in the men's doubles.

The junior team, with Murray Jukes at No. 1 lost their first match but beat Herefordshire 10-0. Murray also played for the County II team in their match at Shropshire. The Association is very pleased to see Jukes at No. 3 in the Cadet National Ranking list and Duffield at No. 5 in the National Junior Ranking list. The junior girls have made a good start to the season — both being new to County Championship play. They are Sandra Roden, who has obtained release from Staffordshire, and 12-year-old Louise Davies.

The Veterans put up a good fight in their first match against Dorset. They lost 4-5. Janet Hunt who was unbeaten in County Veteran Singles matches last season, lost on this occasion to Joyce Coop, with whom there have been some very close battles in the past.

The County League continues with just one Division but it does include most of the top players. Dudley are not participating this season, which is rather disappointing especially as it seemed due to the lack of someone to organise the team. However, Bromsgrove have joined in to make 6 teams in the Division.

Peter Bird has again got the County (Club) Team Knock-Out organised. There are 2 separate competitions with a Scratch event and a Handicap Competition. Unfortunately there is a smaller entry for the Handicap event, there being less teams from Kidderminster, who have usually given good support. One often feels that this situation arises from a lack of communication with the Clubs.

The Worcester League Division I has again attracted top players from Birmingham, Hereford, Gloucester and Kidderminster. Steve Moreman is not in the League this season, because of pressure of business, and Richard Tanner (Birmingham) is not registered. However, Michael Owens (Hereford), having returned from College, has joined the formidable Droitwich Hardware team. Murray Jukes, playing with Paul Osman and David Newbould, has also made his debut in Worcester, which should widen his experience. Remarkably he beat the County No. 1, Simon Claxton, at 14 in the third. Another great performance by a young player was that of Darren Griffin (Gloucester), who playing for Saucerers (Lea and Perrins!) won all 3 singles against Droitwich Hardware. This gave him victories over Owens and Lester Bertie, in straight games and Mark Owen at 15 in the third.

Laurie Selby reports from . . .

## WILTSHIRE

### PROFITABLE BUSINESS

Unaccustomed as they are to playing in public, some Swindon youngsters found it a profitable business.

They took part in a knock-out team tournament in a shopping arcade as part of Swindon's Shopping Spree Week.

The winning team, Northside 'A' (Jon Hook, Darren Embling and Helen Wilson) shared prize money of £45 and runners-up Sandford 'A' netted £30.

There may be some truth in the rumour

that one harassed housewife watching the proceedings commented: "That's the best service I've seen all day!"

It's hoped to make the tournament an annual event.

After victories in their opening matches, the Wiltshire senior and junior first teams both went away pointless in County Championship matches.

The seniors went down 3-7 to Sussex and the juniors lost 4-6 to Essex.

There can be little argument that Sussex took their chances better and a 7-3 win was just reward.

Wiltshire wins came from Kevin Satchell and Janet Parker (née New) in the singles and Mrs. Parker and Claire Maisey in the women's doubles.

The juniors launched a rearguard action against Essex, pulling back from 1-5 to 4-5.

But in the end they paid for their bad start when Steve Dettmar beat David Richards in the final rubber.

Singles wins by Steve Davies, Helen Wilson and Brenda Lee plus a doubles victory from Darren Embling and Davies were the Wiltshire successes.

Beat this for a family affair. One son (14) wins men's singles, another son (12) wins junior singles. Both sons and Dad play together to win the team title.

It happened to the Oxley family from Calne when they competed in the British Horological Sports Association tournament at Barnet.

Andrew Oxley became the youngest men's singles winner since the tournament began in 1938 — beating his Dad, Michael, on the way.

Michael Oxley (junior) became the youngest winner of the junior singles — beating brother Andrew on the way.

And, with Dad, they became the first family to pick up the team award. They played as Blick International for whom Michael Oxley senior works.

Fred Jennings took his first umpiring jaunt abroad when he officiated in the France v Poland match.

Fred, from Swindon, became an international umpire last year.

Another Swindon umpire in the news is Nunzia Costanziello who, at 20, has just qualified as the youngest umpire in the county.

## Woodfield 1-Star Open

### ALL-YORKSHIRE FINAL

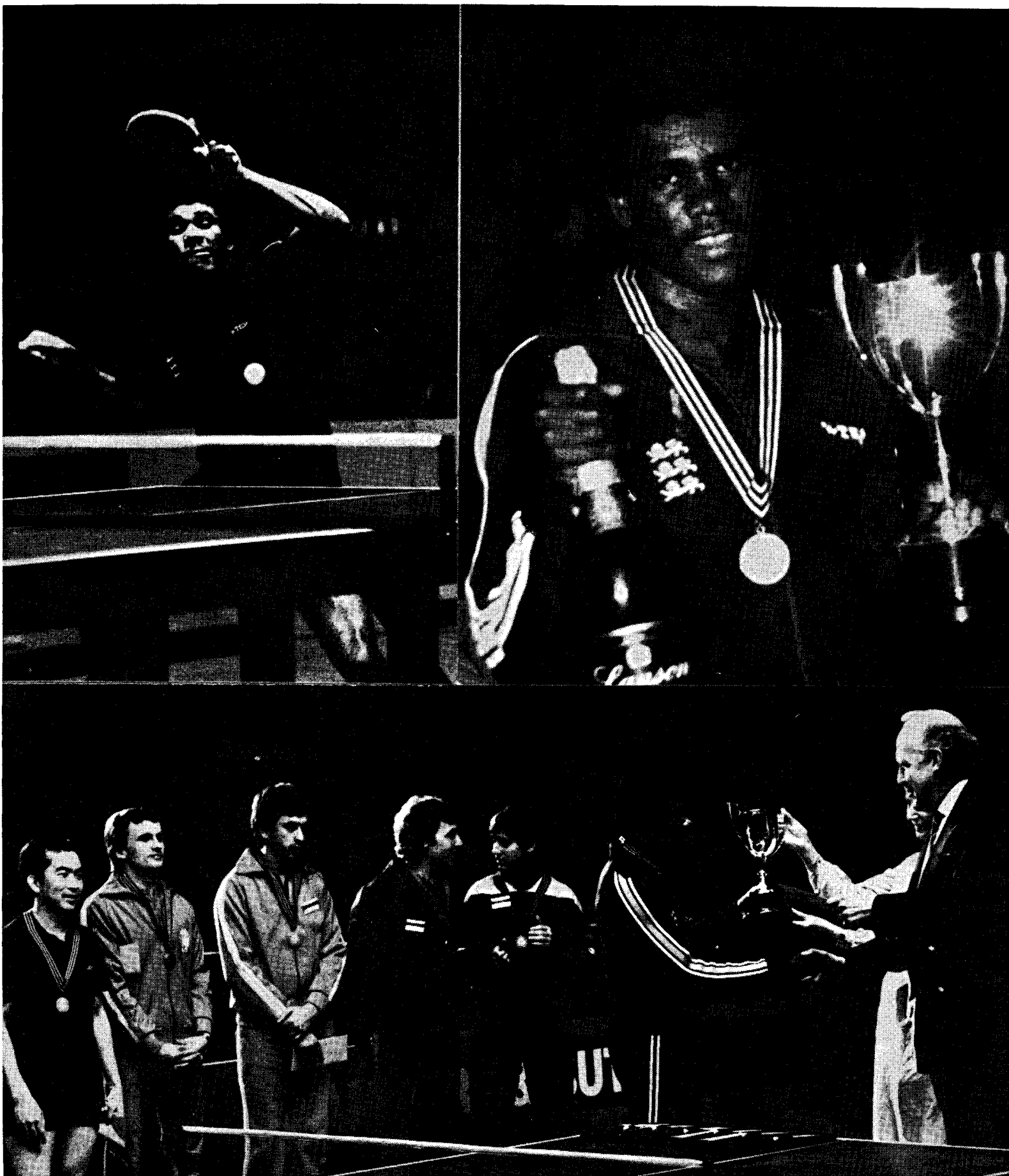
The White Rose county had it all to themselves in the final of the men's singles event in the Woodfield 1-Star Open at Wolverhampton on Nov. 1 with top seed Steve Mills beating Kevin Beadsley 18, -13, 17. In the semis Mills disposed of Mark Hankey (Ches) 18 and 11, and Beadsley knocked out the No. 2 seed Andy Bellingham (Staffs) 12 and 16.

Again it was success for the top seed, Jill Harris of Staffs, in the women's singles, the losing finalist being Suzanne Hunt of Lincs, the scores 21 and 15.

Beadsley and Mills combined to take the men's doubles beating Tony Boasman and Phil Bowen in the final whilst, in the women's doubles Miss Hunt and Miss Harris emphasised their superiority by beating Shirley Cain and Janet Dunning in the final 14 and 14.

Steve Bertie of Warwicks won the boys' singles and Amanda Hegarty of Staffs the girls' whilst Eddie Griffiths of Cheshire became the veterans' champion.

# LAMBERT AND BUTLER CHAMPIONSHIP



England's Desmond Douglas in action (top left) and with the spoils of victory (top right) and in receipt of the trophy (bottom) from Mr. Peter Dyke, Sponsored Events Manager of Messrs. W.D. & H.O. Wills. And in the line-up (l to r):- Liang Ge Liang, Andrzej Grubba, Tibor Klampar, John Hilton and Stellan Bengtsson.

## A TRIUMPH FOR DESMOND

by George R. Yates

An English victory, by Desmond Douglas, at the second Lambert and Butler Championship held at Wembley Conference Centre on Sunday, November 2nd, not only netted the English champion a record English cash prize of £1,600 but afforded the game in this country a tremendous shot in the arm.

In all some £3,550 was at stake with six invites, initially split into two groups with the winners and runners-up contesting the semi-final and final stages. England's European champion, John Hilton, and Sweden's former world champion, Stellan Bengtsson, were the two players to be eliminated after the group play-offs.

Hilton suffered defeat at the hands of Liang Ge Liang of the People's Republic of China and now playing for Plaza Altena in the Federal German Bundesliga. With three World titles and three team gold medals to boast of the 30-years-old Chinese player was the perfect choice to please the crowd if not Hilton who also lost to the defending champion Tibor Klampar of Hungary.

Probably acknowledged as the best set of the day was that, in the group, between Liang Ge Liang and Klampar which saw the Hungarian race away to a 21-7 opening game win only for the Chinese ace to come back and take the next two. It was tremendous stuff to which the crowd of 1,300 reacted vociferously.

In the other group, Douglas, Bengtsson and Andrzej Grubba of Poland all finished winning one set and losing one. But on games difference Douglas, despite his loss to Bengtsson, came out top winning 3 games against two, to Grubba's 2-2 and Bengtsson 2-3.

As the winner of Group 1, Douglas then beat Klampar, the runner-up in Group 2, and Liang Ge Liang, the winner of Group 2 disposed of the very real threat imposed by Grubba who only went down -19 in the third game of a storming set.

Then, in a fluctuating final, Douglas brought off his first-ever win over Liang Ge Liang, losing six match points, 13-20 to 19-20, before securing victory over the Chinese ace whose contribution to the proceedings brought delight to a memorable day in a memorable setting.

No doubting the success of the venture nor of the satisfaction afforded by the victory of Douglas which, from a sponsor's point of view, must have occasioned Messrs. W.D. & H.O. Wills the utmost satisfaction as it did us all.

All credit too to Mike Watts (Organiser) Albert Shipley (Master of Ceremonies), Robert Oldfield (Press Liaison), John Wright (Referee) and umpires Doreen Stannard (Leader), Fred Groom, John Jermyn and Jack Melnick.

### RESULTS

#### Group 1

D. Douglas (ENG) bt A. Grubba (POL) 15, 9;  
Grubba bt S. Bengtsson (SWE) 11, 16;  
Bengtsson bt Douglas 15, -13, 13.

#### Group 2

Liang Ge Liang (CHN) bt J. Hilton (ENG)  
14, 14;

bt T. Klampar (HUN) -7, 17, 18;  
Klampar bt Hilton 10, 11.

#### Semi-finals:

Douglas bt Klampar -13, 17, 18;  
Liang Ge Liang bt Grubba 18, -14, 19.

#### Final:

DOUGLAS bt Liang Ge Liang -17, 9, 19.

Photo montage on previous page  
by Murray Corbin, Wimbledon, SW19 8JZ.

## IMAGINARY WINDMILLS

What an extraordinary letter from Vice-Chairman Crayden (November issue). Don Quixote like he tilts at his imaginary windmills, searches for red herrings, misses most points of my article and ignores the rest.

What I will not do is try to match his patronising attitude ("the good lady"), his personal rancour ("an obvious chip on her shoulder against officialdom"), his sweeping non sequiturs ("destructive qualities" . . . "promotional exercise" . . . "wonderful foreign teams are secretly studying OUR methods"). "Alice in Wonderland" as well as "Don Quixote".

I can only take the letter in sequence: "Bad Draw"? Oh yes, we supporters had a "bad draw" alright — but it wasn't bad luck. It was because OUR E.T.T.A. to whom we have given so much time and money over the years REFUSED to give us a letter of introduction "because we don't approve of parents going" as an eminent figure told me.

Mr. Crayden professes mystification on the Diane Rowe Story. SHE was "given permission" by the all-powerful ones to spend her rest day with her parents. Our children, on THEIR rest day were not. They spent it in the 90° -plus heat by a swimming pool (at least two getting sunburned). Part of the preparation, presumably, which Mr. Crayden advises the foreign teams to study.

Now to his other points:

1. **Practice with Seniors:** My "talented son" did indeed spend 7 days (not 10 as stated by Mr. Crayden) with Donald Parker. I thought this was a private visit, not a publicity hand-out. I therefore propose to treat it as private, but I was of course grateful for the invitation and am glad to say so yet again.

Where Mr. Crayden gets his five times 2 hours from I do not know. Carl's matches with seniors consisted of three best of three sets. He also played with Don.

Some Seniors are more than helpful, others less so. Mr. Crayden knows this as well as I do. Please contrast what we did in this respect with what the Czechs did. My article told the story. Reservations on this topic were general. One junior asked why the Seniors played so little with them and was told some of the juniors had been rude to the Seniors and that was why. Whether this confirms Mr. Crayden's sums of 10 hours, others must judge. No one can doubt that the junior game is the poor relation of the senior one.

2. **Video Equipment:** I wrote "videos were in frequent use" as of course they were. Not only Videos but T.V. Cameras (there was excellent coverage on Czech television). Not only were there videos on the floor, but in the gallery where we sat. If Mr. Crayden's sources had looked up to say "Good Morning" they too would have seen them. I did know that the E.T.T.A. too had video. May I ask why it was not brought and used? I expect someone would have been glad to carry and operate the equipment even if it meant relinquishing their place in the leper colony.

3. **Spectators on Team Benches or in the Arena:** Wrong Mr. Crayden, I can think of 6 without looking at the official list, who waved cheerily at their "untouchable" British counterparts in the gallery.

I really have no interest as to what bureaucratic procedures were undergone. One assumes that THEY got a letter from THEIR Association.

Our players, as Mr. Crayden so rightly says, were "under strict surveillance and control" glued to their benches, ruining their eyesight, forbidden to talk to their parents and having to explain each few minutes' absence.

Unfortunately the "strict surveillance" did not extend in other directions such as arriving in the middle of the night (2.30 a.m.) for the most important junior tournament of the season — a planning triumph on which Mr. Crayden is remarkably silent.

4. **Captains/Coaches:** There follows the "pedantic" point that Donald Parker, not Peter Simpson was the team leader. I had assumed in my innocence that the senior man, the England Team Manager would fill that function. Logical this might be, but not to Mr. Crayden who sees further villainies; "The good lady is not over concerned about facts". Forgive me. I should not have assumed the obvious.

According to Mr. Crayden, my factual article by one who was there, according to one who was not, was a "promotional exercise". Even he should know that to cross swords with the Vice-Chairman/Selection/Coaching, will hardly "promote" one's player's career. That thought had of course occurred to me but nevertheless I took that risk, because there is a wider issue which is the future of English Junior Table Tennis.

In the closing lines Mr. Crayden descends into smugness. Well, we did win four medals, but there were thirty-six to be won. I have already warmly congratulated the medalists, but let Mr. Crayden be under no illusion; it was a triumph over our system, not one of our system.

I have pinpointed a few of the things that are wrong in the wilderness which is our Junior Game. There are only two possible responses. One is to react in a highly personal way which achieves nothing, the other is to listen and to try and put things right.

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## CALLING THE SCORE IS NOT ENOUGH

On the day when Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe were making headlines and receiving fines and suspensions for their behaviour in the Benson and Hedges tennis tournament at Wembley, the umpires calmly called the score and flipped the cards whilst one of England's national team players swore and later threw her bat in temper in the semi-final of the Women's Singles in the Midland 3-Star Open.

From across the room it was evident that this was a heated encounter between Karen Witt and Alison Gordon. But Karen's behaviour towards the end of the third game did nothing to enhance her reputation, while it did set a bad example to the youngsters in the audience. The consensus of opinion in the area where I was standing was that after the first offence Karen should have been warned, and then disqualified immediately on the second occasion. Warnings, fines and suspensions after the event apparently do no good at all. In my opinion it would be in the best interests of all, particularly the players themselves, to curtail their bad behaviour on the spot.

Table tennis is having a hard enough time interesting the public and sponsors as it is. Good, sportsmanlike play is what people want to see, not this kind of spectacle by leading England players.

On this occasion I complained to the Referee, not about the player (presumably she will be reprimanded by the members of the Selection Committee who were there), but about the lack of control by the umpires.

### ENFORCE THE RULES!

Apparently the rules state that in cases of unsportsmanlike behaviour, the umpire may stop the play and call the Referee, who

presumably will give a warning and then disqualify a player if the bad behaviour persists. Is this strong enough at the present time? In order to stamp out immediately this unbecoming trend, I have two suggestions for consideration. Either a recommendation that Referees suspend a player on the spot without a warning, or allow umpires the authority to deduct immediately 5 points from a player who swears or commits an unsportsmanlike offence, together with a warning of disqualification at the next offence during the championship.

Only by administering drastic punishment will the problem be eradicated and it is my view that the shock of on the minute penalties will help to bring the offending players to their senses.

Players with personalities can do a lot for the sport, but table tennis is not going to gain headlines through the misdemeanors of its members. Rather it will only serve to bring the game into disrepute with the few spectators and sponsors who support it now.

**DELIGHT**

That having been said, may I now say what a pleasure it was to watch Maurice Billington in action in Walsall, not because he beat Billy Gleave and Paul Rainsford in the Class 2 Singles after a lengthy layoff from the sport, but for his pure ability to play such a great game of table tennis. I would also like to commend the sporting, professional conduct of Jill Hammersley as she lost to young Lisa Bellinger, no matter how she might have been feeling inside.

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**JOHN PREAN ON 'STAMPING'**

The foot-stamping controversy must be seen as yet another chapter in the combination bat saga.

It cannot be denied that many combination bat players stamp very hard on playing any shot in order to disguise the side of the bat they are using and so deprive their opponent of the chance of judging the spin or lack of it by sound.

Current thinking has been caught on the hop because there seems to be nothing in the rule-book that specifically forbids this ruse, though I am told that some Umpires have been giving warnings in respect of "ungentlemanly conduct".

The habit is not without humorous side-effects as, for instance, plaster has been seen falling off walls in some of our more ancient venues and not all stamping is well co-ordinated, taking place before and after the ball is struck or pushed, adding a Chaplin touch.

That it is irritating to opponents cannot be in doubt, spectators (if any) dislike it because of the noise. Some players regard it as a virility symbol to stamp really hard and in opposition to each other the noise can be deafening as they compete to see who can stamp the loudest.

So, leaving aside the ethical considerations, three main reasons must be advanced against the habit.

1. It will further reduce spectator appeal — because of the noise factor.
2. The young men involved are likely to suffer permanent physical damage if they keep slamming their foot down hard thousands of times. Falling arches, cartilage trouble and later arthritic hips seem inevitable. In terms of eventual damage to their own bodies they could give the matter some serious thought. Few will bounce to the table like my own favourites Pete D'Arcy, George Evans and the inimitable Stan the Bat when they reach the fascinat-

ing veteran stage of their careers.

3. The rule change (different colours on the two sides of the bat) which already has much support will become fact if they antagonise their colleagues and that change will wipe them out as serious contenders for anything.

This would be a pity because in my view (already a minority one in Europe) the combination bat adds more to the appeal of the Sport than it subtracts, but nevertheless I cannot see how legislators, encouraged by their members, can tolerate indefinitely what is an uncivilised gambit and, of course, very short-sighted and foolish as well.

My advocacy of the defensive player as an essential ingredient of wider spectator appeal is well known and defenders have had much to complain of since sponge and since they lowered the net. A whole generation of "choppers" was virtually wiped out, certainly deprived of major international honours. The combination bat has brought them back to a relative place in the sun. It would be tragic if they 'stamped' themselves back into the oblivion of a twilight skill, much admired by me and other minorities, but internationally cannon fodder for the 3rd, 4th and 5th ball attacks which remain the real enemy of Table Tennis as a mass Spectator Sport.

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**Hartlepool 1-Star Open**

**CORKING CONQUERS**

Cleveland's Malcolm Corking was the winner of the men's singles title in the Hartlepool 1-Star Open played on Oct. 31, the counterpart women's event providing Carole Knight with an easy victory.

Top seed in the men's singles was Scotland's Keith Rodger who reached the final but Keith Paxton, seeded No. 2, went out to Corking in the semis. Miss Knight's final

victim was Julie McLean of Yorkshire which county provided the winner of the boys' singles in the person of M. Emmerson of Selby.

**RESULTS**

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

K. Rodger (Sco) bt S. Brunskill (Cv) 13, 12;  
I Robertson (Nd) bt K. Green (Cv) 15, 20;  
M. Corking (Cv) bt A. Sanderson (Y) 16, 13;  
K. Paxton (Cv) bt W. Reay (Du) 14, 12.

**Semi-finals:**

Rodger bt Robertson 10, 16;  
Corking bt Paxton -12, 16, 19.

**Final:**

CORKING bt Rodger 17, 17.

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

C. Knight (Cv) bt K. Burrows (Y) 13, 9;  
J. Woodcock (Cv) bt D. Armstrong (Du) 14, 7;

J. McLean (Y) bt C. Montague (Cv) 7, 10;  
H. Shields (Y) bt A. Wattis (Cv) 7, 13.

**Semi-finals:**

Knight bt Woodcock 4, 7;  
McLean bt Shields 14, -19, 5.

**Final:**

KNIGHT bt McLean 15, 17.

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

Paxton/Rodger bt P. Camerson (Du)/ Sanderson 14, 10;

A. Martin (Cv)/Rodger bt M. Hodgson (Cv)/ Brunskill -28, 17, 12.

**Final:**

PAXTON/ROBERTSON bt Martin/Rodger 15, 15.

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

Knight/Shields bt Armstrong/L. Wilson (Du) 4, 8;

Burrows/McLean bt Montague/Wallis 18, 14.

**Final:**

KNIGHT/SHIELDS bt Burrows/McLean 20, 5.

**Boys' Singles Quarter-finals:**

R. Whiteley (Y) bt C. Render (Y) 16, -19, 13;  
G. Skipp (Cv) bt A. Wattis (Cv) 17, 19;

M. Tate (Nd) bt D. Blackburne (Du) 16, -15, 16;

M. Emmerson (Y) bt J. Chan (Cv) -18, 17, 16.

**Semi-finals:**

Skipp bt Whiteley 16, -15, 21;  
Emmerson bt Tate 18, 18.

**Final:**

EMMERSON bt Skipp 18, -17, 15.

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# NATIONAL LEAGUE

by Robert Oldfield

## DAY'S INJURY HITS SOHAM

National League champions, **Soham**, looked set for a shock on 8th November when captain, Paul Day failed to make the match against Unity. Suffering from the troublesome neck injury that had caused him to withdraw whilst representing England in the Belgian Open, Day had turned out for his club in the previous day, in the Europe Club Cup against SV Ralfeissen of Austria, but wisely decided to rest when it came to the National League.

Day was hospitalised the following week, undergoing a type of physiotherapy that had him calling for more. But, he admitted reluctantly, 'I'm still not 100% fit — although I don't need to wear a neck support any more' and this nagging neck strain, coming after his superb performance against France in the European League, could wreck Soham's hopes of retaining the National League title as well as those of remaining in the Europe Clup Cup. By chance a six week gap in the fixtures could save the club before the weekend of 19-21 December, when they face AZS Gdansk of Poland — in Europe — and Ellenborough — their nearest National League rivals.

In the end, against **Unity**, Soham's fears diminished as Kenny Jackson, playing superbly, maintained his 100% record — despite taking Day's No. 1 position. But not before Unity's Skylet Andrew had threatened to upset both this and Soham in a thrilling first set — won by Jackson at 21-18 in the third. 'I don't think Kenny's playing as well as he can do' said Day, 'but, in the National League, what more can we ask?' Indeed! — Jackson the only regular player in the Premier Division who is undefeated.

Andrew then put his mind to inflicting the first defeat upon John Souter and, at 19, is showing greater maturity in his play and concentration now that he is part of a regular team. Billy Gleave continues to provide the back-up support as the No. 4 and his 60% record keeps Unity in the middle of the table.

## ELLENBOROUGH DROP A POINT

Thus, Soham survived. Not so the second-placed **Ellenborough**. The Enfield club visited **Omega** on the same day and two sets from the home club's Philip Bradbury, bought the loss of their first point. Bradbury put his club into a 2-1 lead by spoiling the record of Ellenborough's hero from the two previous matches, David Tan, and then, at 3-all, won a tense battle with the luckless John Kitchener. Andy Wellman continues to play well (60%) and his win over Colin Wilson gave Omega their third draw of the season.

## SEALINK ALMOST FLOUNDER

Meanwhile, at Larkhall, **Sealink Ormesby** were finding the competition far from plain sailing, particularly with their bottom half. On 8th November Steve Mills lost to the improving 15 year old, David Dodd, but redeemed himself with the closest of victories over Peter McQueen at 2-3 in Ormesby's favour. Parker then took his second victory of the afternoon to save an embarrassing position for Sealink.

If Sealink are having problems with their bottom half, **Bristol & West Investments** have the opposite complaint, and their pre-season signings of Max Crimmins, David Constance and Ian Kenyon having so far failed to live up to their reputation. Crimmins 40%; Constance and Kenyon 25%; only the 'home-grown' Kevin Satchell, with 50%, is enjoying any consistent success. 'Max hasn't been playing well', admitted the Bristol & West boss, Roy

Smith. 'He had a bad Midland 3-Star which, for someone ranked No. 8 in the country, must be disappointing. And he hasn't entered the Middlesex 3-Star so perhaps there's some significance in that. But all our top players have been very disappointing and we just don't know how to resolve the problem. Perhaps the new rankings will affect the order of the players to our advantage'. And perhaps Bristol and West will be tempted to experiment with their other local players — Martyn Smith and Andy Creed.

Others have problem areas. **Mayfair Wallcoverings** just have problems. The Newcastle club desperately needed an away win against Bristol & West but, ironically, only Keith Paxton was able to gain two sets. Chu Van Que managed his third win of the season but lost to Dave Constance and the match left all four of the Mayfair Wallcoverings players with an average of 30%, to illustrate their lowly position. The club must win against Unity on 20th Dec. if they are to have a chance of avoiding the drop.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

### PREMIER DIVISION

8th November, 1981

**Larkhall 3 Sealink Ormesby 5**  
David Newman lost to Donald Parker 18-21, 20-22.

Peter McQueen lost to Duggie Johnson 17-21, 9-21.

Richard Jermyn bt Keith Rodger 21-11, 15-21, 21-10.

David Dodd bt Steven Mills 21-20, 18-21, 21-18.

Newman lost to Johnson 10-21, 7-21.

McQueen lost to Mills 23-21, 20-22, 20-22.

Jermyn lost to Parker 13-21, 21-19, 13-21.

Dodd bt Rodger 21-16, 19-21, 21-16.

**Soham 5 Unity 3**

Kenny Jackson bt Skylet Andrew 21-15, 17-21, 21-18.

David Wells bt Chris Rogers 21-17, 21-12.

John Souter bt Billy Gleave 21-12, 21-13.

David Bennett lost to Steve Turner 10-21, 17-21.

Jackson bt Rogers 22-20, 21-15.

Wells bt Turner 21-18, 21-10.

Souter lost to Andrew 17-21, 20-22.

Bennett lost to Gleave 14-21, 17-21.

**Omega 4 Ellenborough 4**

David Barr bt John Kitchener 22-20, 21-7.

Andrew Wellman lost to Graham Sandley 21-15, 15-21, 15-21.

Philip Bradbury bt David Tan 21-18, 15-21, 21-15.

David Reeves lost to Colin Wilson 14-21, 21-19, 11-21.

Barr lost to Sandley 12-21, 11-21.

Wellman bt Wilson 21-11, 21-16.

Bradbury bt Kitchener 21-17, 23-21.

Reeves lost to Tan 19-21, 14-21.

**Bristol & West 5 Mayfair Wallcoverings 3**

Max Crimmins lost to Keith Paxton 19-21, 16-21.

David Constance bt Chu Van Que 20-22, 21-19, 21-14.

Ian Kenyon bt Andrew Clark 16-21, 25-23, 21-17.

Kevin Satchell bt Ian Robertson 21-10, 21-18.

Crimmins lost to Chu Van Que 20-22, 19-21.

Constance bt Robertson 11-21, 21-12, 21-17.

Kenyon lost to Paxton 20-22, 16-21.

Satchell bt Clark 21-16, 21-17.

### Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Soham	5	5	0	0	33	7	10
Ellenborough	5	4	1	0	25	15	9
Sealink Ormesby	5	4	0	1	29	11	8
Omega	5	1	3	1	17	23	5
Unity	5	1	1	3	16	24	3
Bristol & West Inv.	5	1	1	3	13	27	3
Larkhall	5	0	1	4	15	25	1
Mayfair Wall'ngs	5	0	1	4	12	28	1

### 2nd DIVISION NORTH

March 8 S. W. Durham 0  
Grove 6 Salford 2

**MBS St. Neots 8 Stockton 0**  
**Sealink Ormesby II 5 Tarmac W'hampton 3**

### Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tarmac W'ampton	5	4	0	1	28	12	8
Grove	5	4	0	1	28	12	8
Sealink Ormesby	5	3	1	1	23	17	7
March	5	2	1	2	22	18	5
MBS St. Neots	5	2	0	3	23	17	4
Salford	5	1	2	2	19	21	4
Stockton	5	2	0	3	14	26	4
S. W. Durham	5	0	0	5	3	37	0

### 2nd DIVISION SOUTH

8th November, 1981

**Generation 7 Gunnersbury Triangle 1**

**Larkhall II 1 Dolphins 7**

**Graham Spicer 2 Butterfly Cardiff 6**

**Dunlop Birmingham 5 Lansdown Medway 3**

29th November, 1981

**Butterfly Cardiff 6 Lansdown Medway 2**

### Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Butterfly Cardiff	6	5	1	0	33	15	11
Generation	5	4	0	1	26	14	8
Dunlop B'ham	5	3	1	1	28	12	7
Dolphins	5	3	1	1	26	14	7
Larkhall II	5	3	0	2	21	19	6
Graham Spicer	5	1	0	4	13	27	2
Gunnersbury T'gle	5	0	1	4	9	31	1
Lansdown Medway	5	0	0	6	12	36	0

### 3rd DIVISION NORTH

8th November, 1981

**Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln 1 South Yorkshire 7**

**Unity II 2 Wharfedale Hermits 6**

**Salford 6 Billingham J. D. White 2**

**Sealink Ormesby III 2 Tarmac W'hampton 6**

### Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wh'dale Hermits	5	5	0	0	28	12	10
South Yorkshire	5	3	1	1	28	12	7
Unity II	5	3	1	1	22	18	7
Salford	5	2	1	2	21	19	5
Sealink Ormesby III	5	1	1	3	17	23	3
Tarmac W'pton II	5	1	1	3	16	24	3
Ruston Bucyrus	5	1	1	3	14	26	3
B'ham J. D. White	5	1	0	4	14	26	2

### 3rd DIVISION SOUTH

8th November, 1981

**Pengeley Sports Torbay 4 Crippenham 4**

**Dagenham F.C. 6 Cranfield Colours Gwent 2**

**Gillette Reading 2 SIB Bath 6**

**South Bank 6 Prudential Ibis 2**

22nd November, 1981

**Gillette Reading 0 Dagenham F.C. 8**

### Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dagenham	6	6	0	0	39	9	12
SIB Bath	5	3	1	1	25	15	7
Cranfield Colours	5	3	1	1	25	15	7
Gillette Reading	6	3	1	2	22	26	7
Pengeley Sports	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
South Bank	5	1	0	4	15	25	2
Prudential Ibis	5	0	1	4	12	28	1
Crippenham	5	0	1	4	11	29	1

## NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

13th December, 1981

### 3rd Division North

South Yorkshire v Wharfedale Hermits

20th December, 1981

### Premier Division

Sealink Ormesby v Omega

Larkhall v Bristol & West

Ellenborough v Soham

Unity v Mayfair Wallcoverings

### 2nd Division North

Stockton v March

Grove v MBS St. Neots

South West Durham v Sealink Ormesby II

Tarmac Wolverhampton v Salford

### 2nd Division South

Dolphins v Generation

Larkhall II v Dunlop Birmingham

Gunnersbury Triangle v Graham Spicer

### 3rd Division North

Billingham J. D. White Group v Unity II  
 Salford v Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln  
 Wharfedale Hermits v Sealink Ormesby III  
 Tarmac W'hampton II v South Yorkshire

### 3rd Division South

Cranfield Colours Gwent v Gillette Reading  
 Dagenham F.C. v South Bank  
 SIB Bath v Pengeley Sports Torbay  
 Cippenham v Prudential Ibis

27th December, 1981

### Premier Division

Omega v Larkhall  
 Mayfair Wallcoverings v Ellenborough  
 Soham v Sealink Ormesby  
 Bristol & West v Unity

### 2nd Division North

March v MBS St. Neots  
 Salford v South West Durham  
 Sealink Ormesby II v Stockton  
 Tarmac Wolverhampton v Grove

### 2nd Division South

Generation v Larkhall II  
 Lansdown Medway v Gunnersbury Triangle  
 Graham Spicer v Dolphins  
 Dunlop Birmingham v Butterfly Cardiff

### 3rd Division North

Unity II v Salford  
 Sealink Ormesby III v B'gham J. D. White  
 Tarmac W'hampton II v Ruston Bucyrus

### 3rd Division South

Gillette Reading v Dagenham F.C.  
 South Bank v Cippenham

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#### Fairs Cities Cup

**Nikon (Holland) 5 Ellenborough (England) 4**

In a tense and exciting match lasting six hours, Ellenborough narrowly lost to Nikon on 28th November. Former National League player, Bob Potton demolished Graham Sandley in his third victory of 21-12, 21-14 to put Nikon 4-3 ahead. Mark Mitchell levelled the score with his second win of the night and, surprisingly, it was David Tan who, a game and 9-0 down, failed to convert his recovery to 19-20 up and ended the match without success.

#### SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

#### GENERATION WIN BUT HEAPS LOSES

The second division's most successful player, Simon Heaps, finally lost on Sunday, 8th November. Generation were leading Gunnersbury Triangle by 6-0 after Carl Pream had made his successful debut when Heaps faced the 17 year old Antony Stark. 'Not the sort of game we'd expect Simon to lose' said Generation Press Officer, Tim Manhire, 'but all credit must go to Stark. Simon used all his guile and experience, bringing in his infinite variety of strokes but the young lad matched everything that was thrown at him' — 25-23 in the third dropped Heaps' average to 90%.

Elsewhere, in a home match against Lansdown Medway, Barry Johnson equalled Heaps and brought the improving Dunlop Birmingham their third win. Dunlop have a settled team of Sanjay Kathuria, Barry Haywood, Johnson and Derek Munt and could yet challenge Butterfly Cardiff, who extended their lead at the top of the table by a 6-2 win over Lansdown Medway on 29th November. The two clubs meet at Birmingham on 27th December and the other fixture not to be missed is the Dolphins - Generation clash on the previous Sunday. Dolphins will be fielding their two most successful players — Adrian Moore and Peter Pudduck, both with eight wins out of ten, in their last-chance bid for the Second Division South title.

#### SECOND DIVISION NORTH

#### TARMAC SHOW THE WAY

In Second Division North, Tarmac Wolverhampton's first team leads Grove — but only by an advantage of four games after a surprising away defeat to Sealink Ormesby II. Two sets from Lindsay Taylor, both won in the third, brought Sealink to

their winning 5-1 lead — only Andy Rich emerging with two for Tarmac. Rich leads the division's averages with 90% — his only loss being to Peter Taylor of MBS St. Neots and MBS are continuing to move up. Paul Randall made his debut in their 8-0 drumming of Stockton on 8th November.

Grove are in second place — their No. 4, Mark Hankey, preserving an 80% record when he turns out against MBS, at home, on 20th December. But Grove's evenly balanced team of Tony Boasman, Malcolm Green and Phil Bowen will have to be on top form the following Sunday when they travel to Tarmac Wolverhampton for a match that could decide the division. But Sealink Ormesby II, lead by Linda Jarvis, with 40%, could be top by the New Year with two easy matches to finish the first half.

#### THIRD DIVISION NORTH

#### LO JOINS WHARFEDALE HERMITS

Following a 6-2 away win over their former closest challengers, Unity II, the neighbouring Bradford club announced their surprise new signing — pen holder Clement Lo — the next weekend. Lo is out of touch claimed Wharfedale Hermits and ranked him at No. 5. National League Committee, with an eye on Lo's impressive record as former Yorkshire and British Universities' champion, said otherwise and placed him behind Wharfedale's top player, Kevin Beadsley. Beadsley remains undefeated after two matches and team mate Mick Stead has just the one defeat, to Salford's veteran, Peter D'Arcy, in his 90% record.

Just before playing Sealink Ormesby III, South Yorkshire completed the transfer of Alan Cooke from Unity for an undisclosed fee and, on 8th November, Cooke repaid their investment with another two sets — this time against Ruston Bucyrus Lincoln. South Yorkshire are expecting a full-house on 13th December when they host Wharfedale Hermits.

#### THIRD DIVISION SOUTH

#### SIB BATH BLUNT GILLETTE

Formerly lying third, Gillette Reading crashed to successive defeats in Third Division South in November and first to blunt their edge was SIB Bath on 8th

November. Now leading Cranfield Colours Gwent on game difference, SIB Bath's stars were Jeremy Musselwhite and the young Paul Jackson, who both took two sets in the 2-6 victory. Then, on 22nd November, Dagenham F.C. kicked them when they were down. Eight-nil, eight-nil, eight-nil, eight-nil (to the familiar tune).

Dagenham look certain favourites for promotion, having disposed of Cranfield Colours Gwent earlier in the month. Kevin Caldon, their leading player, is still undefeated after playing all five matches, and he smashed the record of Brian Jeanes — 19-21, 21-13, 21-14 — in the Cranfield Colours match. The Welsh club now look forward to Gillette Reading on 20th December with the advantage of the home venue.

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by David Lomas

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by **TOM BLUNN**  
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## SPONSORSHIP

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What do we mean by "sponsored" and who are the people we expect to be "sponsors".

By "sponsored" we mean a sponsor or a number of sponsors bearing a major proportion of the cost on the grounds that otherwise the event would not be possible.

But who do we expect to be the "sponsor". Usually in the first instance we have not the faintest idea. The sponsor is only a description waiting for a name to be added.

The emergence of sponsorship is a comparatively recent occurrence and certainly there was very little for table tennis between the wars. I can only remember the Daily Mirror competitions as sponsorship for table tennis, all other commercial support was in the form of advertising or equipment royalties.

The growth of television and commercial radio has produced sponsors for all kinds of events though many minor non-televised events now attract sponsorship. We have all been sponsors in the past few years in one way or another. The sponsored walk, the sponsored swim, the sponsored marathons, all these sponsored events designed to raise money for many worthwhile causes. But these are only small fry compared with the international sporting events which can attract amounts reaching up to a million pounds. In between these two extremes are sponsorships of all types and amounts which ensure that the sporting and cultural life of the nation continues to function. And from this we all benefit, either as participants, audiences or viewers.

What does a sponsor expect for his money. There is one aspect that is perfectly clear, a sponsor does not give money away for nothing — he buys what he considers to be useful to him. Even the donor to the sponsored walk is paying for participation in a form of competition; the local trader considers the use of his name as a particular form of advertising; the large sponsor considers it worthwhile to project his name or brand name over a period of time.

It took "Hoover" and "Thermos" many years to identify themselves with a vacuum cleaner and a vacuum flask respectively but in these days of sponsorship they can do it in record time. A new product can be launched in a matter of weeks by the use of commercial television and the manufacturer's name or the product brand on the television screens at a popular sporting event is considered to be a comparatively cheap form of advertising. The television

companies are alive to the possibility of exploitation and require the sponsor to have a genuine interest in the sport concerned. So we now have certain commercial concerns becoming identified with a particular sport. In our case we have the Norwich Union, cricket has (or had) Gillette, darts has the breweries, snooker the cigarette manufacturers and so on.

Sponsorship therefore is a true partnership between the commercial and the sporting interests with both parties striving to produce an event which is attractive to the viewers and spectators and acceptable to the television company.

Our first real contact with television sponsorship was the Coca-Cola events in 1968-69 when we obtained a contract for the televising of the whole home programme of the European League. We had very little idea what was required of us and we soon lost contact with Coca-Cola. It was not until Norwich Union came along a few years later that we realised what sponsorship was all about — they made sure we knew what we had to provide in return for the sponsorship.

Before these two sponsorships we had promoted many televised events without the backing of a sponsor. Even the Worlds in 1954 and the European in 1966 had no televised sponsorship attachment. I can remember the Lancashire Open being televised for 3½ hours one foggy Saturday and the Middlesex against Kent County match made it on a Sunday afternoon! The television companies used to ask us to put on a special international match to fill in the odd spot on a Saturday afternoon and they paid the fares and all promotion costs, with the E.T.T.A. just taking the gate money. We once staged an event over the New Year at a few days notice using just our own squad players. So we got the idea that televised table tennis was just putting on the screens what we as fanatics considered to be good entertainment. There was no realisation in those days that we had something to sell and tremendous scope for improving our own promotional ability.

It was inevitable that we would fade into the background if we failed to take advantage of the use of television. Horse racing was probably the first sport to really get into the homes, followed by football and cricket. Then came show jumping followed by golf, athletics and swimming. In recent years since the introduction of colour there is now snooker and darts with badminton, basketball and almost every major and minor sport lining up for viewing time to be sold off to a sponsor.

So the demand for sponsorship is growing very quickly with the television time available remaining static. The competition is tremendous and table tennis is not very far up in the queue. The reason, we are informed, is that we do not attract enough viewers; the ratings are simply not good enough. During the Worlds in 1977 the ratings advanced dramatically almost overnight but that impetus has gradually fallen away and our viewing time is now strictly limited.

We are in regular contact with both television companies and put proposals to them whenever we get the opportunity but we are not given much hope for any additional national coverage for the time being. We did not obtain any television time for the recent Japanese team tour and we have no promise yet for the proposed Chinese tour in the New Year or for the European Top 12 event in 1983.

The response from the television companies is to keep talking to them and let them know what we have to offer but they advise us to make every effort to maintain what we have got already. That is the annual international invitation event (the Lambert and Butler) and the two Norwich Union championships, the English Open and the English Closed. The competition for

televised events is very strong and is growing stronger each year with more sports coming forward and more special events being created to obtain television time.

All this does not mean that the prospects for table tennis sponsorship are poor, far from it. The extent of sponsorship for non-televised events is growing and is only restricted by the national trade recession. The National League and many local tournaments have obtained sponsorship which would have been impossible a few years ago. The equipment manufacturers are signing up young players with some potential, and providing them with equipment and assistance towards their travel costs. More and more local league officials are learning the value of sponsorship and the art of negotiation. The E.T.T.A. is anxious to help in every possible way and has already provided very valuable assistance to members seeking sponsorship.

The important point to remember is that the sponsor should be encouraged to participate and he should be seen to be satisfied that he has received good value for his money.

## Wharfedale Hermits

In 1948 HERMITS was founded by RON HART, (HERMITS short for Her Majesty's Inspector of Taxes), set up their tables in the usual variety of Sunday school rooms, warehouses and attics, until Richard Coulson took an interest in the game.

Richard's unquenchable enthusiasm led rapidly to his gift of a plot of land and then the building of a clubhouse tailored for the purpose of table tennis, financed by a Sports Council and Bradford Council grant and largely funds £3,000 raised by Club members.

That was 10 years ago, and then corridor central heating cost £3,000, and now an extension has been added to accommodate three more tables increasing the club's capacity to five. Finance has been raised £6,000, entirely by the efforts of club members, and £4,260 from Sports Council Grant. Quite a formidable task!

How was it done? Hermits believe it was due to the efforts of the committee which is deliberately large in numbers, using the principle of "one man, one job", so that everyone has something to do, without becoming over-worked.

When the National League was formed the club scoured the area for a sponsor, but in vain. The economic recession had hit the West Riding of Yorkshire very hard indeed, and whilst many companies listened sympathetically, none felt that the time was right for such a venture, and the project had to be abandoned for the 1980-81 season.

This season fortune smiled upon them in the shape of the well-known local firm of Wharfedale Speakers Limited, who have combined with them under the name of WHARFEDALE HERMITS to enter the Third Division North.

Unfortunately, before negotiations were completed two of Hermits junior star players, David Rook and Martin Firth, signed for another local team, Unity in the same division.

Despite the setback, the combination of Mick Stead, Tony Bottomley, Mick Stephenson, Nicky Davies, and Steve Kosmowsky under the management of Jim Yeats, are proving difficult to beat, and star signing Kevin Beadsley should certainly strengthen the side.

Wharfedale Hermits are determined that they will not enter into an unscrupulous scramble for players to buy "Instant success".

# 53rd MIDLAND COUNTIES 3-STAR OPEN

## LISA PROVIDES THE SHOCK OF THE SEASON

by Geo. R. Yates

Sponsored by Dunlop Sports at the Alumwell Centre, Walsall over the weekend of Nov. 14/15, it was Dunstables Lisa Bellinger who provided the major shock in the 53rd Midland Counties 3-Star Open when, in the second round of the women's singles, she despatched no less a personality than top seed and reigning English champion, Jill Hammersley, 21-17, 21-18!

It was a win that took the Bedfordshire junior into the quarter-finals but there was to be no repeat performance as she was outthit by Anita Stevenson, the losing finalist. Alison Gordon was the eventual winner, emerging triumphant from the No. 5 seeded position, eliminating her Berkshire teammate and No. 2 seed, Karen Witt, as well as the third-seeded Linda Jarvis.

Angela Mitchell, seeded No. 4, was removed by her Middlesex colleague Helen Williams who, in the quarters, was ousted by Gina Pritchard, Miss Stevenson's victim in the semis.

Paul Day, top seed in the men's singles, was a non-starter, being hospitalised on traction with neck trouble. In his absence it was the No. 2 seed Dougie Johnson who won but not without a struggle. The local star was taken to a deciding game on no less than three occasions — firstly by Phil Bowen, then by Dave Wells and, in the quarters, by Dave Constance who was only beaten 10, -19, -21!

Kenny Jackson, seeded No. 3, was ousted by David Barr whilst Donald Parker, seeded No. 4, had his run rudely terminated by Mark Mitchell. Skylet Andrew was the player to come through in Day's quarter with victories over India's Sanjay Kathuria, Kevin Satchell, Andy Wellman and, in the semis, Mitchell. But Johnson had it all too easy in the final.

Although still not fully recovered from the 'flu bug which caused her withdrawal from the England v Yugoslavia European League match, Mrs. Hammersley perked up sufficiently to share two doubles titles. Firstly it was the women's, with Mrs. Jarvis, and a final win over the Bellinger sisters Lisa and Jackie, to be followed by success in the mixed which gave Johnson his third title of the tournament.

Earlier, in the men's doubles with Graham Sandley, the dapper Brummie had recovered from an opening game deficit to account for Andrew and Constance.

In the Class II men's singles Maurice Billington of Chesterfield had shown the youngsters a thing or two in disposing of the likes of Billy Gleave and Paul Rainford but, in the end, it was youth that triumphed with final victory going to Mark Illingsworth of Yorkshire.

The two J. Parkers in the Class II women's singles, Jean of Lancs and Janet of Wilts (nee New), both reached the semi-final stage with Jean beating Janet Dunning and Janet losing to the eventual winner Elaine Short of Plymouth.

Seemingly, as ever, E.T.T.A. President, Maurice Goldstein, O.B.E., quietly pounded his beat, pipe aglow, whilst Referee Doug Young from Worcester took it all in his stride. Tournament Committee Chairman, John Devey, had his usual band of helpers and doubtless he would thank them all at the conclusion of yet another successful affair which attracted more than the usual number of supporters.

## RESULTS

### Men's Singles Quarter-finals:

S. Andrew (E) bt A. Wellman (Bk) 18, 15;  
M. Mitchell (Mi) bt D Parker (La) 14, 9;  
D. Barr (Bk) bt K. Jackson (E) 17, 13;  
D. Johnson (Wa) bt D. Constance (Do)  
-10, 19, 21.

### Semi-finals:

Andrew bt Mitchell -12, 18, 17;  
Johnson bt Barr 14, 10.

### Final:

JOHNSON bt Andrew 17, 12.

### Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Stevenson (Le) bt L. Bellinger (Bd) 16, 9;  
G. Pritchard (Dv) bt H Williams (Mi) 26, 10;  
A. Gordon (Bk) bt L. Jarvis (Sy) 19, 14;  
K. Witt (Bk) bt J. Harris (St) 19, 17.

### Semi-finals:

Stevenson bt Pritchard 9, 14;  
Gordon bt Witt -6, 17, 15.

### Final:

GORDON bt Stevenson 18, 11.

### Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:

Andrew/Constance bt Barr/S. Turner (La)  
17, 20;

I. Kenyon (K)/D. Newman (E) bt Parker/  
C. Wilson (Mi) -13, 18, 19;

J. Kitchener (Sk)/Mitchell bt G. Baker  
(Sy)/S. Moore (Sx) 18, 18;

Johnson/G. Sandley (Mi) bt K. Beadsley  
(Y)/A. Bellingham (St) 11, 15.

### Semi-finals:

Andrew/Constance bt Kenyon/Newman  
19, -15, 19;

Johnson/Sandley bt Kitchener/Mitchell  
14, 12.

### Final:

JOHNSON/SANDLEY bt Andrew/Constance  
-13, 13, 16.

### Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:

J. Hammersley (Bu)/Jarvis bt C. Maisey  
(Wi)/Pritchard 9, 13;

M. Reeves (Bk)/Williams bt F. Elliot (St)/  
Stevenson -13, 19, 18;

J. Grundy/J. Parker (La) bt A. Mitchell/  
S. Sandley (Mi) -17, 17, 13;

J. Bellinger (Bd)/L. Bellinger bt Gordon/  
Witt -11, 14, 19.

### Semi-finals:

Hammersley/Jarvis bt Reeves/Williams  
20, 18;

Bellinger/Bellinger bt Grundy/Parker  
18, -12, 12.

### Final:

HAMMERSLEY/JARVIS bt Bellinger/  
Bellinger 13, 17.

### Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

Johnson/Hammersley bt P. Bradbury (Bu)/  
Mitchell 10, -19, 9;

Sandley/Gordon bt Parker/Grundy  
-11, 13, 19;

Newman/M. Smith (Bk) bt P. Gunn (Wa)/  
Elliot 16, 17;

J. Kennedy (K)/Witt bt Kenyon/Reeves  
11, 16.

### Semi-finals:

Johnson/Hammersley bt Sandley/Gordon  
15, 14;

Newman/Smith bt Kennedy/Witt -16, 19, 8.

### Final:

JOHNSON/HAMMERSLEY bt Newman/  
Smith 10, 14.

### Veterans' Singles Quarter-finals:

T. Donlon (Ch) bt T. Wilson (Mi) 17, -19, 19;

D. Schofield (Ch) bt D. Marples (Dy) 15, 11;

P. D'Arcy (Ch) bt R. Smith (Av) 10, 17;

G. Evans (Wal) bt T. Moran (Dy) 15, 10.

### Semi-finals:

Schofield bt Donlon 18, 14;

Evans bt D'Arcy 15, 15.

### Final:

SCHOFIELD bt Evans -14, 12, 10.

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

M. Billington (Dy) bt W. Gleave (Ch)  
19, -14, 19;

P. Rainford (La) bt T. Healan (Wal) 16, 16;

B. Johns (Ch) bt Schofield 12, 19;

M. Illingsworth (Y) bt C. Bakewell (St)  
17, 17.

### Semi-finals:

Billington bt Rainford 19, -19, 13;

Illingsworth bt Jones 12, -6, 18.

### Final:

ILLINGSWORTH bt Billington -9, 11, 19.

### Class II Women's Singles Quarter-finals:

E. Short (Dv) bt S. Sinanan (Ha) 16, 21;

J. Parker (Wi) bt J. Revill (Le) 16, 16;

J. Parker (La) bt J. Bellinger -17, 17, 18;

J. Dunning (St) bt Elliot 20, 19.

### Semi-finals:

Short bt Parker 17, -16, 19;

Parker bt Dunning 18, 19.

### Final:

SHORT bt Parker 13, -21, 19.



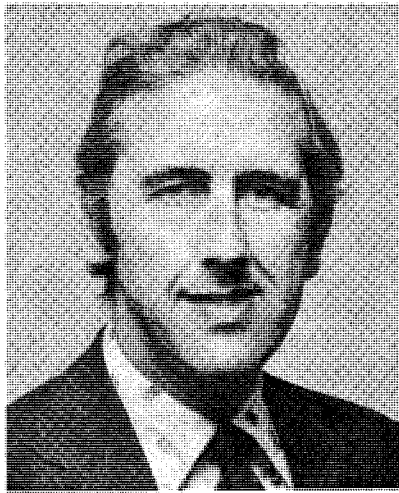
SKYLET ANDREW  
(Essex)

## MIDLAND BANK SPONSORS JUNIOR SPORT

Midland Bank have stepped in with a generous offer to sponsor the Halton One Star Junior Open Table Tennis Tournament which is to be held at Norton Recreation Centre, Runcorn on Saturday, 20th February 1982. The deal means that Midland Bank will provide the trophies for winners and runners-up in all events as well as contributing to other costs of staging this prestigious Tournament. Entries from competitors living within the Borough of Halton are being encouraged by awarding annual and individual trophies for the best local performance in each age group. Again Midland Bank have very kindly agreed to supply these awards. The Organisers are particularly pleased that Midland Bank have come forward as the high standards which were set the previous year can be maintained.

Although last season was the first time the Tournament had been given official status by the English Table Tennis Association, there were over 300 entries in the under-14 and under-17 age groups — and organisers are expecting an even greater number for the 1982 Tournament. Entry forms have already been widely circulated all over the country and entries are starting to arrive from as far South as Essex and as far North as Cumbria. It is also hoped that a large contingent from Wales will be crossing the not too distant border to take part in this event.

The Tournament comprises of singles and doubles events for boys and girls under-14 and under-17. Entry forms and further information can be obtained from the Organiser, Mr. S. Phillips, c/o Norton Recreation Centre, Castlefields Avenue East, Castlefields, Runcorn, Cheshire (Tel. Runcorn 76796).



from **ALBERT SHIPLEY**  
General Secretary, E.T.T.A.

### OFFICER ELECTIONS

At the Annual General Meeting of the ETTA in July, a point was raised that there seemed to be insufficient time given for leagues to consider their nominations and voting for the elected officer positions within the E.T.T.A.

Although it is impracticable to extend the periods given within the Election Calendar, it was felt that by giving notice of the dates between which nominations and voting will take place, leagues would be able to make arrangements accordingly.

Therefore, would you please note the following dates in your league diary: Officer nomination papers will be sent out on: Monday, Feb. 1/82 and are to be returned by: Monday, Feb. 15/82. Ballot papers (or notice that no ballot is necessary) will be sent out on: Friday, Feb. 26/82 and are to be returned by: Friday, Mar. 12/82.

### LAW BOOKLETS

We were hoping by now to have the 1981/83 version of these useful booklets but our sponsors, Norwich Union, have found the current cost of printing a large supply rather prohibitive. However, we are investigating ways of reducing these costs and every effort will be made to secure publication of these useful booklets. In the meantime, a full updated version of the laws, copied from the 1981 I.T.T.F. Handbook, can be obtained from us, price 5p each.

### TABLE HIRE SCHEME

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The Sports Council have produced some attractive posters which would be useful for advertising and County League/Club promotions. They are in two sizes, A.4 and A.2 (15in. x 20in.) edged in pale blue with the words "Table Tennis . . . a Sport for All" at the bottom and plenty of space for your own wording. These can be provided for just the cost of post/packing and for two or three copies of each size this would be about 50p. Larger quantities would cost

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## Humberside 3-Star Open

by Rea Balmford  
'ALL CHANGE' AT HULL

Sponsored by the Humberside County Council Leisure Services Committee and a number of local commercial and business organizations, the Humberside Three-Star Open at the Ferens Recreation Centre in Hull attracted its usual top class entry. In addition to fourteen of the top twenty men and the top eighteen women in the E.T.T.A. list, Scotland sent a strong contingent and, so popular were the senior events which attracted no less than 252 players, that the two Junior events and the Veteran Singles had to be cancelled.

The top prize went the way of the No. 1 seeds in the two singles events and, with the doubles titles also changing hands, it was a case of 'all change'. There was, however, a marked contrast in the way in which the singles champions made their way to the titles for, while Jill Hammersley was rarely seriously troubled en route, Paul Day had twice to prove his character as he edged home at 19 in the third.

### RESULTS

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

P. Day (Ca) bt N Eckersley (Ch) 14, 13;  
D. Johnson (Wa) bt M. Crimmins (Sy)  
-17, 15, 5;

D. Parker (La) bt K. Beadsley (Y) 22, 12;  
S. Andrew (E) bt M. Mitchell (Mi) 11, 23.

### Semi-finals:

Day bt Parker -11, 18, 19;  
Johnson bt Andrew 13, 15.

### Final:

DAY bt Johnson 12, 10.

### Women's Singles Semi-finals:

J. Hammersley (Bu) bt A. Gordon (Bk) 8, 7.  
K. Witt (Bk) bt C. Knight (Cv) 18, 7.

### Final:

HAMMERSLEY bt Witt 12, 19.

### Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

K. Jackson (E)/Day bt A. Wellman (Bk)/  
P. Bradbury (He) 9, 19;  
Johnson/G. Sandley (Mi) bt Eckersley/  
Beadsley 18, 13.

### Final:

JACKSON/DAY bt Johnson/Sandley 17, 21.

### Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

J. Grundy/J. Parker (Ja) bt J. & L.  
Bellinger (Bd) -20, 14, 17;  
A. Stevenson (Le)/Knight bt Gordon/Witt  
18, -7, 14.

### Final:

GRUNDY/PARKER bt Stevenson/Witt  
-10, 18, 20.

### Class 2 Mixed Singles Quarter-finals:

A. Moore (Sx) bt G. Roberts (Y) 9, 10;  
B. Gleave (Ch) bt J. Green (Wa) 14, 16;  
A. Cooke (Dy) bt A. Sanderson (Y) 20, 13;  
P. Bowen (La) bt S. Scowcroft (La)  
19, -18, 17.

### Semi-finals:

Moore bt Gleave 18, -15, 18;  
Bowen bt Cooke -19, 16, 18.

### Final:

MOORE bt Bowen 22, 11.

Peter Taylor reports from . . .

## LINCOLNSHIRE

### SURPRISE RESULT

Scunthorpe produced a surprise result in the Haigh Cup when they beat Grimsby 6-4. Having declared Grimsby favourites in my last report makes this result even more embarrassing. My only consolation is that despite what everyone has been telling me SINCE I know that on paper we did have the best chance.

Grantham now look the only team capable of beating Scunthorpe and their encounter should be interesting. Grantham are being led this season by Simon Pullen whose results have been very impressive. Simon has always been a very talented player but has never really been as successful as his early career suggested. He seems to have matured quite a lot over the past



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few months and his results reflect this. He finished first in the individual averages of the Summer League and is at present unbeaten in the Haigh Cup. His scalps include that of Brian Allison 17 and 13. His teammates Richard and Simon Brown are also putting in some fine results and with Chris Bryan available Grantham will be laying their challenge for the championship.

In the Butlin Cup, Grimsby continued their unbeaten run with wins over Scunthorpe and Spalding. The match against Spalding produced some very interesting results. Gillian Sharpe for Grimsby took her 3 singles and combined well with Connie Moran to beat Jean White and Mary Burgess in the doubles. Connie lost to Jean -19, -19 who then lost to Pauline Hale -25, -11. Mary beat Pauline for Spalding's only other set making the final score 8-2 — a good result for the Grimsby side.

Only two sides in the Butcher Cup still have 100% after the 4th round of matches — Lincoln and Grimsby. Lincoln have always been in the title race over the past few seasons and the trio of Peter Mackie, Russell Hodson and Andy Burwell look hard to beat — BUT THEN, we all know how good I am at predictions! Gainsborough also look promising but the points dropped against Boston may be costly to their chance.

Louth won their first point in the Veterans against Grantham, Brian Allison winning his 3 singles. Playing in both Haigh and Veteran matches for Louth is certainly keeping Brian busy.

#### COUNTY MATCHES

The county teams continued their losing run with only the Junior 1st able to win their two matches. The seniors went down to Staffs II 2-8 with only the women, Gillian Sharpe and Jane Wingad causing the opposition any problems. Gillian had a fine win over Fiona Elliot and combined well with Jane to win the doubles, thus preserving their unbeaten doubles record at county level.

Dennis Millman reports from . . .

#### NORTHANTS

##### EXCELLENT START

Northants Juniors take the honours for November with an excellent start to the County Championship programme in which they have gained three successive victories.

In the matches against Staffs II and Bucks II, the talented trio of Graeme McKim, Steve Kendall and Ian Hawes maintained a 100% record in singles and doubles, with the first two named, yet to taste defeat this season. Against Bucks, Jane Nicoll and Sue Nannery also came into their own to complete a landslide 10-0 success which augurs well for the future.

Meanwhile First Team results have steadily declined, with the consistent play of Mandy Wallis the saving grace, as she has been on the winning side in all six of the rubbers in which she has participated. Her efforts, together with those of Steve Lyon, who notched his first double since the 1977-78 season, were chiefly responsible for the draw against Herefordshire, in which Keith Nicoll added a fifth point, while Miss Wallis and Gary Alden contributed to all four of Northants wins against Shropshire. The highlight of this encounter, and possibly of the whole season, was the stupendous epic between Alden and Shropshire's Malcolm Green, won 18, -18, 19 by the Northants No. 1, and voted the best set ever seen within the county boundaries by many of the spectators present. Mention should also be made of the valuable part played in the women's doubles wins, by the experienced, but still enthusiastic, Dorothy March, who has done much for local table tennis since her arrival from Watford some years ago.

The next major event on the County

scene will be the County Closed to be staged at Lings Forum, Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1982, and again sponsored by Golden Wonder Limited. Entries for this event must be received by organiser Phil Slade, by Saturday, Dec. 19, and will not include Keystone's northern imports, unless they are able to make themselves available for county selection.

However, subject to availability, and the Kettering selectors, there seems to be little to prevent the quartet of Steve Mills, Graham Lynch, Trevor Williams and Alan Cooke from representing Kettering in the County League, later in the season, but the good news here is the sponsorship offered by the Midland Bank, which should give a further uplift to a competition which con-

tinues to grow both in stature and in spectator interest, in the capable hands of Christine Price.

Meanwhile the Kettering League Committee has met and reservedly accepted the registration of Keystone's talented acquisitions. The immediate result was the resignation of Cup Competition and Tournament Organiser Rod Markham, and consequently the possible loss of the Kettering Closed. Rod, who always has the interests of the Kettering League at heart, will be hard to replace, as will Rothborough's elder statesman and Hon. Secretary, Tom Tye, who has been a major influence in the development of many of the County's top players, and who feels the import of ready made stars, can only prove a retrograde step.

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# County Championships Round-up

by PHILIP REID

## STRONG YET WEAK

In Division 2A Yorkshire proved too strong for Leicestershire yet too weak for the old enemy Lancashire. Chris Rogers starred for Leics, being unbeaten in both his singles sets but Ivor Warner (Derbys) recorded his first-ever win over Paul Randell — at last! Staffordshire the only 100% team in this division, thanks to Andy Bellingham with a cracker of a win over Keith Richardson of Cambs. Trevor Washington's two insufficient for Worcs against Warwicks, for whom Kevin Pilgrim outstanding.

## RESULTS

Yorkshire II 6 Leicestershire 4  
Cambridgeshire 4 Staffordshire 6  
Yorkshire II 1 Lancashire II 9  
Leicestershire 7 Derbyshire 3  
Warwickshire II 7 Worcestershire 3

## Division 2B

Dorset 9 Devon 1  
Surrey 3 Kent 7  
Essex II 4 Hertfordshire 6

Wiltshire 3 Sussex 7

Mrs. Short secured Devon's only win. Kent men's trio of Joe Kennedy, John Burleton and Paul Namdjou (particularly the latter) too strong for Surrey. Malcolm Francis' 15, -16, 18 victory over Kevin Satchell vital.

## Division 3A

Cumbria 1 Durham 9  
Lincolnshire 2 Staffordshire II 8  
Cheshire II 8 Leicestershire II 2

Alan Fay's win over David Svenson was Cumbria's only crumb of comfort. Staffs' men (G. Hallam, W. Bridgeman and C. Bakewell) carried too many guns for Lincs.

## Division 3B

Avon 6 Berkshire II 4  
Somerset 3 Dorset II 7  
Gloucestershire 8 Cornwall 2  
Hampshire 7 Isle of Wight 3

A good win for Hants, only Carl Prean (IOW) proving the stumbling block. Andy Creed and Chris Ross devastating for Avon. Barry Reeves two in vain for Somerset. Jason Creasey took two for Dorset. Gloucs' young team too good for Cornwall — Nina Tsakarisanos particularly impressive.

## Division 3C

Oxfordshire 4 Huntingdonshire 6  
Shropshire 8 Worcestershire II 2  
Herefordshire 5 Northamptonshire 5  
Huntingdonshire 5 Buckinghamshire 5

Oxon led 3-0 and 4-2, but lost! Malcolm Green way above this class for Salop. M. Owen (Herefords) and Steve Lyon (Northants) the stars of their drawn match. K. Willett Hunts' lone winner.

## Division 3D

Surrey II 7 Kent II 3  
Cambridgeshire II 3 Sussex II 7  
Middlesex II 8 Norfolk 2  
Hertfordshire II 5 Suffolk 5

Brian Garraway and David Harding too powerful for Kent. First defeat for Cambs since Jan. 1979! Andy Withers in a class of his own for Cambs. Tony Stark a competent No. 1 for Middlesex. Stuart Palmer in three of Suffolk's five wins.

## Division 4A

Hampshire II 6 Avon II 4  
Staffordshire III 5 Wiltshire II 5

Two close matches in this division — Clive Ellison on form for Avon, John Hancock the Staffs' saviour.

## Division 4B

Norfolk II 3 Suffolk II 7  
Suffolk II 7 Buckinghamshire II 3  
Northamptonshire II 5 Oxfordshire II 5

Russell King undefeated for Suffolk in their two good wins. Arthur Chilvers outstanding for Oxon.

## Junior 2A

Cleveland 7 Durham 3  
Buckinghamshire 1 Yorkshire II 9  
Huntingdonshire 3 Lincolnshire 7  
Gloucestershire 5 Leicestershire 5  
Yorkshire II 7 Leicestershire 3

Yorkshire cruising comfortably in this division thanks to the unbeaten Richard Whiteley and Lesley Broomhead. Lincs' trio of boys (Chris Bryan, Stewart Worrell and P. Mackie) held all the aces against Hunts; P. Jackson starred for Gloucs.

## Junior 2B

Wiltshire 4 Essex 6  
Devon 5 Berkshire 5  
Dorset 2 Glamorgan 8  
Avon 0 Hertfordshire 10

Herts made the long journey to Yate a fruitful one. Essex, with Steve Dettmar and Peter Hayden the stars, too good for Wilts but nearly let it slip after leading 4-0. Gary Lambert the best player on view in drawn match Devon v Berks. Similarly Andrew Jones on form for Gloucs.

## Junior 3A

Lincolnshire II 1 Cheshire 9  
Derbyshire 3 Lancashire 7  
Nottinghamshire 8 Cleveland II 2  
Northumberland 6 Cumbria 4

Cathy Bryan prevented Cheshire "white-wash". Girls (To Thuy Dung and Louise Forster) kept Derbys in it against Lincs. Richard Tilford continues to command respect in Notts ranks. Two by Tim Pachul enabled Cumbria to recover from 1-6 down against Northumberland.

## Junior 3B

Buckinghamshire II 3 Oxfordshire 7  
Worcestershire 10 Herefordshire 0  
Shropshire 6 Warwickshire II 4  
Northamptonshire 7 Staffordshire II 3  
Oxfordshire 9 Herefordshire 1

R. Neill helped Oxon to win. Worcs overwhelmed Herefords. In local "derby", Oxon chalked up another win against Herefords, winning after losing the first set (N. Hughes to P. Mace). Mark Randle's two couldn't bring Warwicks victory against Salop. Graham McKim and Steve Kendall helped Northants to victory.

## Junior 3C

Cornwall 1 Middlesex II 9  
Avon II 2 Berkshire II 8  
Somerset 1 Hampshire 9  
Dorset II 1 Surrey II 9  
Cornwall 1 Surrey II 9

Mark James and John Woollins prevented Cornwall "whitewash" against Middx and Surrey respectively. Andrew Nash on form for Berks. W. Payne saved Somerset from 0-10 in 9th set, as did T. Scott-Pawson for Dorset.

## Junior 3D

Cambridgeshire 6 Norfolk 4  
Suffolk 6 Sussex II 4  
Essex II 6 Kent II 4  
Hertfordshire II 4 Bedfordshire II 6  
Hertfordshire II 7 Norfolk 3

Julian Wheel steered Cambs to victory. G. Chandler's duo for Sussex in vain. John Sparks consistent for Middx. Andrew Conquest helped Beds to win and G. Turner steadied Herts in their battle with Norfolk.

## Junior 4

Essex III 8 Leicestershire II 2  
Shropshire II 9 Norfolk II 1  
Cambridgeshire II 2 Hampshire II 8

Salop's boys (C. Wilson, D. Pountney and P. Hyde) looked good. Tony Mogg easily best for Hants in their first-ever encounter with Cambs. Andrew Dorking and Andrew Barker showed promise for Essex.

## Veterans Premier

Huntingdonshire 0 Middlesex 9  
Lincolnshire 4 Essex 5

## Worcestershire 4 Dorset 5

Middlesex already look champions — again! Matt Sheader on form for Lincs. Brian Belcher's two futile against Dorset.

## Veterans 2A

Oxfordshire 6 Avon 3  
Cheshire II 5 Nottinghamshire 4  
Hertfordshire 5 Buckinghamshire 4

M. Baker took two for Avon but Oxon, with WS, MD and XD went from 2-1 to 5-1. Peter Hancock the pick of the Cheshire side. Geoff Bax and doubles decisive for Herts.

## Veterans 2B

Hampshire 5 Middlesex II 4  
Kent 6 Essex II 3  
Sussex 6 Berkshire 3  
Wiltshire 2 Dorset II 7

Hants just home against Middx to keep in contention Henry Buist and Ron Etheridge immaculate for Kent. Brian Halliday's two for Berks to no avail v Sussex. Gwen Hazell Wilts' lone winner WS and XD.

## Veterans 3A

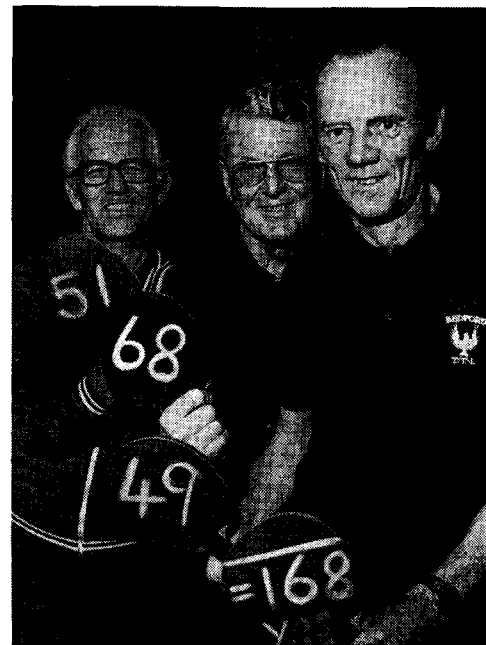
Cumbria 7 Clwyd 2  
Hertfordshire II 1 Leicestershire 8

Welcome back Clwyd! Cumbria, spear-headed by Eddie O'Hara led his team to victory. Herts lost to Leics, Colin Truman and Allan Crowson enjoying veterans' play.

## Veterans 3B

Sussex II 7 Somerset 2  
Berkshire II 3 Hertfordshire III 6  
Wiltshire II 1 Hampshire II 8  
Hertfordshire III 7 Wiltshire II 2

Dave Levene Sussex star. The twin spear-head of David Seaholme and M. O'Leary too much for Berks (v Herts). Mrs. Morse (v Mary Clegg) Wilts' lone winner v Hants. P. Stevens best for Herts in their match with Wilts.



## VETERAN SUPREMOS

A trio whose combined ages total 168 years are so far still unbeaten in the Bedford and District Table Tennis League. They are Harold Dynes (51), Frank James (68) and Doug Ayres (49).

They play for a Bedford team, Cryselco. Harold Dynes started playing in a youth league in 1945 and has represented Bedford at all levels. Frank James' career dates back to 1937 and he was instrumental in forming the Cryselco team.

Doug Ayres is the new President of the Bedford League and he has gained many representative honours.

Left to right: Harold Dynes, Frank James and Doug Ayres.

**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES  
TO 26th NOVEMBER**

**Seniors**

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leicestershire	4	3	0	1	24	16	6
Lancashire II	3	2	1	0	24	6	5
Staffordshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Cambridgeshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Yorkshire II	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Warwickshire II	3	1	0	2	11	19	2
Derbyshire	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	9	21	0

Division 2B	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorset	2	2	0	0	15	5	4
Sussex	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Kent	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Wiltshire	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Hertfordshire	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Essex II	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Surrey	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Devon	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

Division 3A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cheshire II	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Staffordshire II	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Derbyshire II	2	2	0	0	12	8	4
Durham	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Leicestershire II	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Lincolnshire	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Cumbria	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

Division 3B	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hampshire	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Dorset II	2	2	0	0	13	7	4
Gloucestershire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Avon	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Somerset	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Berkshire II	3	0	1	2	12	18	1
Isle of Wight	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Cornwall	3	0	0	3	10	20	0

Division 3C	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shropshire	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Bedfordshire	3	2	1	0	18	12	5
Northamptonshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Huntingdonshire	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Buckinghamshire	3	1	0	2	17	13	2
Oxfordshire	3	1	0	2	14	16	2
Worcestershire II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Herefordshire	3	0	1	2	10	20	1

Division 3D	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sussex II	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Middlesex II	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Hertfordshire II	3	1	2	0	17	13	4
Surrey II	3	2	0	1	14	16	4
Suffolk II	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Cambridgeshire II	3	0	1	2	10	20	1
Kent II	3	0	0	3	8	22	0
Norfolk II	3	0	0	3	8	22	0

Division 4A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hampshire II	2	2	0	0	14	6	4
Wiltshire II	2	1	1	0	14	6	3
Avon II	3	1	0	2	13	17	2
Staffordshire II	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Somerset II	2	0	0	2	4	16	0

Division 4B	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Suffolk II	3	3	0	0	21	9	6
Buckinghamshire II	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
Oxfordshire II	2	0	1	1	8	12	1
Northamptonshire II	1	0	0	1	5	5	1
Norfolk II	2	0	0	2	7	13	0

**Juniors**

Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Surrey	3	2	1	0	22	8	5
Bedfordshire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Kent	3	1	2	0	16	14	4
Yorkshire	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
Sussex	3	1	1	1	12	18	3
Warwickshire	3	0	2	1	12	18	2
Staffordshire	3	0	1	2	13	17	1
Middlesex	3	0	1	2	11	19	1

Division 2A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cleveland	3	3	0	0	20	10	6
Yorkshire II	4	3	0	1	26	14	6
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	0	19	11	5
Leicestershire	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
Lincolnshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Durham	3	0	0	3	11	19	0
Huntingdonshire	3	0	0	3	9	21	0
Buckinghamshire	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

**Division 2B**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hertfordshire	3	0	0	0	24	6	6
Essex	3	3	0	0	22	8	6
Devon	3	2	1	0	17	13	5
Glamorgan	2	1	0	1	12	8	2
Wiltshire	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Dorset	3	0	0	3	10	20	0
Berkshire	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Avon	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

**Division 3A**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lancashire	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Northumberland	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Cheshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	1	17	13	3
Derbyshire	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Cleveland II	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Cumbria	3	1	0	2	10	20	2
Lincolnshire II	3	0	0	3	6	24	0

**Division 3B**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Northamptonshire	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Oxfordshire	3	2	0	1	19	11	4
Warwickshire II	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Staffordshire II	3	2	0	1	16	14	4
Worcestershire	3	1	0	2	16	14	2
Shropshire	2	1	0	1	10	10	2
Buckinghamshire II	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
Herefordshire	2	0	0	2	1	19	0

**Division 3C**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Surrey II	3	3	0	0	28	2	6
Middlesex II	3	3	0	0	25	5	6
Hampshire	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Berkshire II	3	2	0	1	20	10	4
Dorset II	3	1	0	2	9	21	2
Avon II	3	0	0	3	7	23	0
Cornwall	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Somerset	3	0	0	3	2	28	0

**Division 3D**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex II	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Cambridgeshire	3	2	0	1	17	13	4
Hertfordshire II	3	1	1	1	16	14	3
Bedfordshire II	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Kent II	2	1	0	1	11	9	2
Sussex II	3	0	2	1	14	16	2
Suffolk	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Norfolk	4	1	0	3	13	27	2

**Division 4**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex III	3	3	0	0	23	7	6
Shropshire II	3	2	0	1	22	8	4
Hampshire II	1	1	0	0	8	2	?
Leicestershire II	3	0	2	1	12	18	2
Cumbria II	1	0	1	0	5	5	1
Cambridgeshire II	3	0	1	2	8	22	1
Norfolk II	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

**Veterans**

Premier	P	W	L	F	A	P
Middlesex	3	3	0	23	4	6
Cheshire	2	2	0	15	3	4
Essex	3	2	1	15	12	4
Dorset	3	2	1	12	15	4
Worcestershire	2	0	2	6	12	0
Lincolnshire	2	0	2	5	13	0
Huntingdonshire	3	0	3	5	22	0

**Division 2A**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hertfordshire	2	2	0	12	6	4	
Nottinghamshire	3	2	1	19	8	4	
Cheshire II	2	2	0	10	8	4	
Oxfordshire	3	2	1	16	11	4	
Buckinghamshire	3	1	2	11	16	2	
Avon	3	0	3	9	18	0	
Northamptonshire	2	0	2	4	14	0	

**Division 2B**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sussex	3	3	0	22	5	6	
Hampshire	3	3	0	18	9	6	
Essex II	3	1	2	15	12	2	
Berkshire	3	1	2	12	15	2	
Kent	2	1	1	10	8	2	
Middlesex II	2	1	1	10	8	2	
Dorset II	3	1	2	9	18	2	
Wiltshire	3	0	3	2	24	0	

**Division 3A**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leicestershire	2	2	0	16	2	4	
Bedfordshire	2	1	1	10	8	2	
Clwyd	2	1	1	8	10	2	
Cumbria	3	1	2	11	16	2	
Hertfordshire II	3	1	2	9	18	2	

**Division 3B**

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Sussex II	3	2	1	16	11	4
Hampshire II	2	2	0	13	5	4
Hertfordshire II	2	2	0	13	5	4
Kent II	2	2	0	12	6	4
Berkshire II	3	0	3	11	16	0
Somerset	2	0	2	4	14	0
Wiltshire II	2	0	2	3	15	0

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# TRANSATLANTIC SCENE

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## 1981 CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION OPEN

September 3-6, Toronto, Ontario

There were 340 participants in the CNE this year, and for the first time the Canadian players outnumbered those from the U.S.

### International Team Matches:

#### Men's USA 5 Canada 2

Eric Boggan d. Joe Eng 17, -19, 13.  
Dan Seemiller d. Errol Caetano 20, 18.  
Rick Seemiller l. Zoran Kosanovic -19, 16, -24. Rick missed his own serve when up match point in the third game!  
Dan Seemiller d. Eng 13, -8, 17.  
Boggan d. Kosanovic -11, 17, 11!!!  
Rick Seemiller l. Caetano -19, -15.  
Dan Seemiller d. Kosanovic 17, 11!

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

Gloria Hsu d. Shelia O'Dougherty 20, 14.  
Julia Johnson l. Cheryl Dadian -17, -14.  
Hsu-Becky McKnight d. Dadian-O'Dougherty 20, 15.  
Johnson l. O'Dougherty 21, -18, -9.  
Hsu d. Dadian 19, -9, 20.

#### Junior Men's: Canada 5 USA 3

Pierre Parulekar l. Fu Lap Lee 10, -16, -13.  
Chi Chong Wong d. Lee Ross 17, -16, 18.  
Jean Emond d. Steven Mo 19, -16, 14.  
Wong l. F. L. Lee -15, 19, -13.  
Parulekar l. Mo -15, -12.  
Emond d. Ross 21, 14.  
Wong d. Mo -14, 16, 15.  
Emond d. F. L. Lee 20, -13, 18.

The Junior Women's match was cancelled because the USA did not field a team.

In the finals of the individual events, the rabbit auction in a nearby area, complete with loudspeakers, once again provided a continual distraction.

### Men's Singles: Final

In the first game, "Zoki" Kosanovic led Dan Seemiller 17-8, then 18-10 — then Danny tied it at 20-all with some very aggressive hitting! Then Zoki got aggressive and won it 22-20! Zoki won the second game 21-19 scoring the last point on a net trickler. Dan won the third 21-15. Zoki had an 18-14 lead in the 4th, but Danny again charged back to a 19-all tie — Zoki went ahead 20-19 on a net trickler, and Danny then missed a routine block! An excellent match, worthy of the final.

### Semis

Kosanovic d. Eric Boggan -19, 17, 10, 19. Eric wasn't moving and hitting quite as well as he did in the team match, and Zoki's immediate loops and/or kills of any slightly soft ball are devastating. Eric's short anti-spin block is usually very effective — Zoki killed several of them with his backhand!

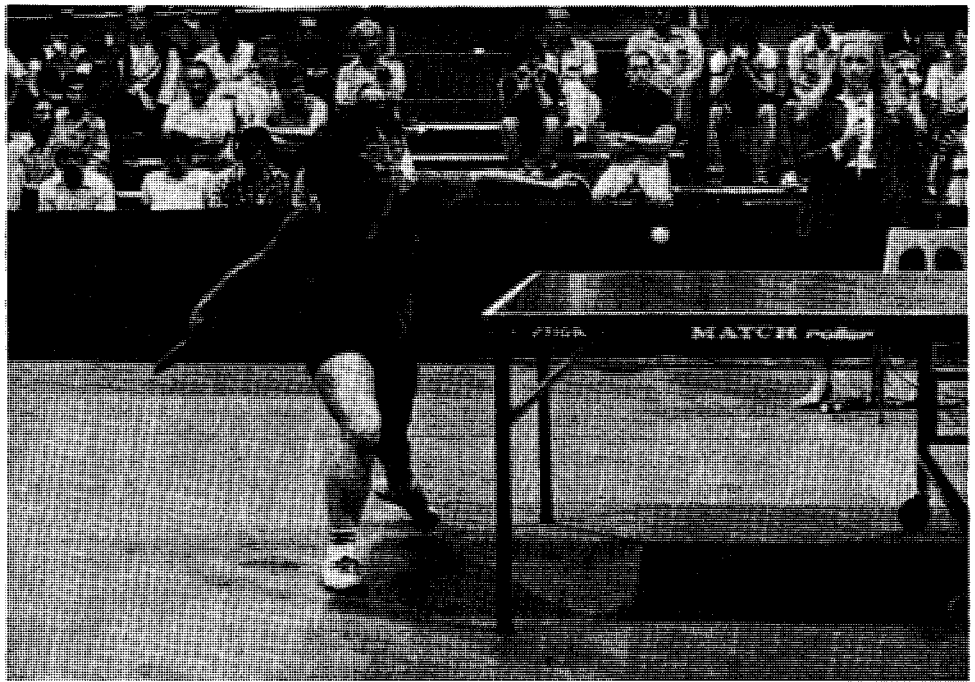
Dan Seemiller vs. Rick Seemiller — a routine match for Danny to win? Not anymore! Danny did win it -19, 3, -20, 16, 17, but the outcome was in doubt — Ricky missed several setups at the end of the 5th game.

### Quarters

Dan Seemiller d. Ming Yuan (Toronto) 18, 15, 9.  
Rick Seemiller d. Errol Caetano 19, 16, -14, 16.  
Eric Boggan d. George Brathwaite (New York) 14, 21, 10.  
Kosanovic d. Lim Ming Chui (Boston) 20, 12, 11.

### Women's Singles: Final

Gloria Hsu's speed was too much for Becky McKnight 16, 15, 16.



**GLORIA HSU**  
Winner of the Women's Singles in Toronto.

Photo by Malcolm Anderson.

### Semis

Hsu d. Birute Guhl (nee Plucas) -21, 12, 9, 17.  
McKnight d. O'Dougherty 13, -15, 13, -21, 19.  
**Men's Doubles: Final**  
Eric Boggan-George Brathwaite d. Dan & Rick Seemiller -9, 20, -13, 16, 16.

### Semis

D. & R. Seemiller d. Caetano-Derek Wall 12, 9, 18.  
Brathwaite-Boggan d. Kosanovic-Eng 9, 12, 20.

### Women's Doubles: Final

Hsu-McKnight d. O'Dougherty-Dadian -18, 17, 10, 16.

### Semis

Hsu-McKnight d. Guhl-Suzanna Kavalleriou 18, -16, -16, 15, 15.  
O'Dougherty-Dadian d. Colleen and Julia Johnson 13, 11, 18.

### Mixed Doubles: Final

Eng-Hsu d. Dan Seemiller-O'Dougherty 13, 19, 8.

### Semis

D. Seemiller-O'Dougherty d. Brathwaite-Guhl 10, 12, 13.  
Eng-Hsu d. Rick Seemiller-Dadian 15, 15, 22.

### Senior Men's Singles (over 40):

Houshang Bozorgzadeh d. George Brathwaite -14, -16, 7, 18, 20.

### Senior Women's Singles:

Marie Kerr d. Gloria Lipton 19, -15, 15.

### Men's Youth Singles (under 21):

Eric Boggan d. Yuan Ming 18, 11.

### Women's Youth Singles:

Becky McKnight d. Colleen Johnson 12, 13.

### Esquire Men's Singles (over 50):

Tim Boggan d. Norman Schless 15, 11.

### Boys' U-17 Singles:

Chi Chong Wong d. Steven Mo 14, 15, 17.

### Girls' U-17 Singles:

Becky McKnight d. Daiva Koperski 4, 7, 11.

### Boys' U-15 Singles:

Vaibhav Kamble d. Pierre Parulekar -16, 11, 18, -14, 16.

### Girls' U-15 Singles:

Jennifer Rothfleisch d. Michelle Qurrey 15, -18, 18, -17, 15.

### Boys' U-13 Singles:

Bill Lipton d. Chi Sun Chui -18, 13, 19, 19.

### Girls' U-13 Singles:

Michelle Qurrey d. Alina Tse 17, -18, 12, 8.

### Boys' U-11 Singles:

Peter Ng d. Chi Ming Chui -17, 18, -12, 9, 9.

### Girls' U-11 Singles:

Monica Thimian d. Macole Mantel 8, 14.

Two of Canada's First Ladies were conspicuous by their absence — Marg Walden

was in hospital for treatment of complications following her cataract operation, and Mariann Domanok is in Germany playing in the Bundesliga. Good luck to both of them.

## INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS DATES

1981

December

16 European League, Czechoslovakia v England (Nachod).

1982

January

2/3 Cleveland 3-Star (Thornaby).

5 England v China (Salford).

6/9 Norwich Union England Open (Crawley).

13 European League, Poland v England (Gdansk).

February

6/7 Europe Top 12 (Nantes, France).

10 European League, England v Sweden (Macclesfield).

March

10 European League, Hungary v England (Budapest).

April

17/25 European Championships (Budapest, Hungary).

May

15/16 English Junior International Championships.

July

2/4 Stiga Schools International Championships (Gloucester).

## GLEAVE DISQUALIFIED

For the second time in his short career Cheshire's Billy Gleave was disqualified from a tournament when, in the Cleveland Junior 'Select', played at Eston over the weekend of Nov. 28/29, he received his marching orders when contesting the semi-final of the boys' singles against Adrian Moore of Sussex.

At the time Moore was leading in the second game, after winning the first, the Sussex boy going on to win the title with a final victory over David Dodd of Kent. Lisa Bellinger, with a victory over Jill Hanimersley to her credit this season, was the winner of the girls' singles, her final victim being Jean Parker of Lancs. A report with full results will appear in the January issue.